

Double Success as WA School Of The Year And Stem Leadership Award Winner

John Curtin College of the Arts has won the WA Secondary School of the Year Award in the WA Education Awards, following on the heels of winning the Governor's School STEM Award for Leadership Excellence in a Secondary School.

The annual WA Education Awards are an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate WA's best teachers, principals and support staff who give students the best possible education.

Principal Mitchell Mackay said that this was an award for everyone and a confirmation of how the whole school community feels.

"It is for all the staff, parents and children who, over many years, have made this a wonderful school that cares for children and makes school a safe and enjoyable place to be," said Mr Mackay.

"Our students and staff love coming here. Our parents are involved. We are a school of first choice for parents and children because the Arts motivates students and this engages them as committed, dedicated and passionate students in all aspects of their schooling."

More than 750 people attended today's presentation breakfast at Crown Perth. Back at school, students and staff were watching on via a live YouTube feed.

The college has previously won the Secondary Teacher of the Year and was a finalist for Principal of the Year but this is the first time winning School of the Year.

Year 12 student and Student Council Vice President, Yeshe Monaghan said she was immensely proud of her school.

"It is such a positive environment at our school and the energy from our community is there from the minute we walk in to school until we're home again," said Miss Monaghan.

This week the college was also acknowledged as winners of the 2016 Governor's School STEM

Award for Leadership Excellence in all secondary schools across WA.

The Governor's School STEM Awards recognise and celebrate Western Australian schools that demonstrate excellence in leadership, advocacy, engagement and achievements in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education.

"These awards acknowledge our collaborative approach to science, technology, engineering and mathematics education programs and how they are integrated and supported throughout learning areas across the college," Mr Mackay said.