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Tasmanian teachers top national awards

Two University of Tasmania staff who have made a long-standing contribution to the quality of student learning will be formally recognised at the Australian Learning and Teaching Council, Awards for Australian University Teaching at a ceremony in Canberra today.

Dr Lisa Butler (International Student Support Program) and Associate Professor Susan Jones are located at the UTAS Hobart campus.

They will receive their awards from Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education, Hon. Julia Gillard MP, along with \$25,000.

UTAS Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew, who is a member of the Board of the Australian Learning and Teaching Council, said the awards recognised a wide range of contributions to teaching and learning.

“The recipients have already been recognised by the University for their outstanding contributions to learning and teaching and we are very proud to see them recognised nationally as well,” Prof Le Grew said.

“This is an outstanding result for both Dr Butler and Assoc Prof Jones, as well as for the University.”

Assoc Prof Jones’ teaching award is in the field of biological sciences, health and related studies. It identifies her as one of the nation’s most outstanding university teachers in her field and acknowledges her contribution to enhancing the quality of learning and teaching.

“I am thrilled to receive this national recognition of my contributions to teaching and to the scholarship of teaching,” said Assoc Prof Jones.

“But no-one can teach in isolation. This is also a tribute to the many wonderful students and colleagues with whom I have shared the journey and the excitement of learning.”

Dr Butler and the International Student Support Program will receive a Program Award for Services Supporting Student Learning. This award recognises support programs and services that enhance learning and teaching and that make an outstanding contribution to the quality of student learning and the quality of the student experience.

“This really validates the hard work that everyone has put into developing the program over the past 15 years” Dr Butler said.

“It is a tremendous accolade for all who have supported the program and participated in its development. It also gives even further encouragement and support to our international students.”

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