

MINISTRY OF TEACHING PRIZES

(AUC-Secondary, NZPUC-Primary, SPD-Early Childhood)

Purpose of the Prize

Three prizes to be known as the Ministry of Teaching (Secondary), Ministry of Teaching (Primary) (est. 1989) and Ministry of Teaching (Early Childhood) (est. 2008) may be granted each year to a teacher education graduating student in recognition of outstanding performance and good citizenship.

Selection Criteria

The prize will be given on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Effort and skill in the preparation of teaching resources.
2. The capacity to create a learning environment that is both stimulating and intellectually rewarding.
3. The capacity to present and model Avondale's values for faith and Christian education in an attractive and persuasive manner.
4. A professional approach to teaching and the capacity to maintain all relationships in a mature and responsible manner.

Administration of Prize

1. Each year the Prizes Coordinator will confer with the sponsor regarding continuing sponsorship.
2. Any changes to the criteria will be forwarded by the Prizes Coordinator to the Scholarships and Prizes Committee, and once approved, will be uploaded to the Avondale website.
3. Nominations for the prize shall be made by the Head of School in consultation with the education lecturers and will include a review of the nominee's academic record.
4. In the event of one or more students equally qualifying for the prize, the prize may be shared between students.
5. The name/s will be presented to the Learning and Teaching Committee for final approval.

Sponsorship

Each of the three prizes shall be provided by way of a pre-paid gift card to the value of \$1000, and are sponsored by the Adventist Union Conference, New Zealand Pacific Union Conference and South Pacific Division education departments respectively. Avondale will invoice each of the above entities for this amount.

Presentation of Prize

The prizes will be presented during the year-end graduation ceremony.

Citation

The MINISTRY OF TEACHING (*SECONDARY, PRIMARY, EARLY CHILDHOOD*) PRIZE

is awarded in recognition of effort and skill in:

- the preparation of teaching resources;
- the capacity to create a learning environment that is both stimulating and intellectually rewarding;
- the capacity to present and model Avondale's values for faith and Christian education in an attractive and persuasive manner; and
- demonstration of a professional approach to teaching and the capacity to maintain relationships in a mature and responsible manner.

These prizes have been generously sponsored by:

Australian Union Conference (Secondary)

New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (Primary)

South Pacific Division (Early Childhood)

