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**Family Planning Queensland congratulates
teachers for high quality sexuality and
relationships education in schools**

FPQ is proud to announce the winners of its lesson plan competition celebrating outstanding sexuality and relationships education practice. Teachers and pre-service teachers from around the state submitted sexuality and relationships lesson plans in four categories: Pre-service, Primary, Secondary and Special education.

“We have been very pleased with teachers’ enthusiasm to participate in the competition,” commented FPQ’s Director of Education and Community Services, Cecelia Gore. “Entries cover a wide range of sexuality and relationships topics, from feelings to decision making. Queensland teachers continue to demonstrate real commitment to supporting their students’ learning in this important area.”

Competition winners are as follows:

- Pre-service teachers (all specialities)
 - 1st Place: Nikki Bischof, University of Queensland
 - Highly Commended: Emily Enright, University of Queensland
- Primary (Prep – Year 7)
 - Joint 1st Place: Tania Stewart, St Andrews Lutheran College, Tallebudgera
 - Joint 1st Place: Angela Burgess, Kilcoy Primary School, Kilcoy
- Secondary (Year 8 – Year 12)
 - 1st Place: Jonathan Gill, Glenmore State High School, North Rockhampton
 - Highly Commended: Karin Downing, Browns Plains State High School, Logan
- Special education contexts
 - 1st Place: Aaron Sheppard, Geebung Special School, Geebung
 - Highly Commended: Marcia Erdeljac, Woody Point Special School, Woody Point

A panel of schooling, tertiary and sexuality and relationships education experts from across the education sector came together to judge competition entries. Judging panel members commented that many lessons had clear links to the essential learnings, pointing out how easy it is to fit sexuality and relationships education lessons in as an important contribution to student learning.

FPQ also convened a panel of young people to hear their views on the most effective lessons and approaches to boost students' knowledge of sexuality and healthy relationships. The 'young people's choice' winner was Jonathan Gill.

"We were delighted to be able to come together with this panel of experts, including young people, to celebrate the wonderful work teachers do, and to affirm the importance of sexuality and relationships education for all Queensland school students," said Ms Gore. "These teachers play an important role in improving both health outcomes and decision making skills of students."

This January, FPQ launched a pilot professional development project to support teachers delivering sexuality and relationships education in schools. The project is slated to expand in the coming year. The lesson plan competition was run as part of this project. Select winning entries will be available for review on the FPQ website www.fpq.com.au in the coming weeks.

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FPQ's Teacher Resource Centre supports teachers to develop and implement sexuality education programs with a range of on-line resources and information.

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