



About the Annual Alan Shinkfield Awards for Excellence

At the end of each school year, the Committee members of the Prahran Mechanics' Institute visit six schools in the Stonnington area (Malvern, Armadale, Toorak, South Yarra, Stonnington Primary Schools and the Victorian College of the Deaf) to present Shinkfield awards to one Grade 6 student from each school.

This has been happening every year since 1984!

Who was Alan Shinkfield?

Alan Rodgers Shinkfield (1914-2000) attended the Prahran Technical School when he was growing up. His father, a local dairy farmer, sent him there to improve himself, and to gain the skills to enable him to get a job.

The Prahran Technical School was started by the Prahran Mechanics' Institute in 1915, and operated in Prahran for the next 65 years. Presently the site is occupied by Swinburne University's Prahran Campus.

Alan Shinkfield led a very active and enjoyable school life, and never forgot the encouragement he received from many of his teachers to always do his best. He succeeded in his studies and went on to become an engineer.



After his retirement he served as a Committee member of the Prahran Mechanics' Institute from 1980-2000.

In 1984 he instigated the presentation of awards to Grade 6 school children in the local area. He believed in the importance of encouraging and rewarding the efforts of young students who try their best, and make a positive contribution to the life of their schools and classmates.

See the next page for a list of past recipients of the awards from primary schools in the Stonnington area.

Annual Alan Shinkfield Award for Excellence

South Yarra Primary School

1984 - Athena Au
 1985 - Fletcher Hulks
 1986 - Keegan Steele
 1987 - Edward Zamruno
 1988 - Redmond Lloyd
 1989 - Robert Atkins
 1990 - Amiel Courtin-Wilson
 1991 - Andrew Burns
 1992 - Helena Butterworth
 1993 - Hannah Stephens
 1994 - Sarah Thyssen
 1995 - Dylan Fletcher
 1996 - Natasha Karos
 1997 - Tyson Dee
 1998 - Alex Darbyshire
 1999 - Courtney Mitchell
 2000 - Rebekah Berger
 2001 - Anita Chen
 2002 - Lillian Meighan
 2003 - Humi Fleurisson
 2004 - Alice Khau
 2005 - Maria Halkias, Ben Ellis
 2006 - Helen Whitehead

Stonnington Primary School

(formerly Prahran & Windsor Primary Schools)

1984 - Naomi White, Mary Tsourekis, Vicki Markis, Dini Benjamin
 1985 - Binh Vi Ly, Natasha Jemmeson
 1986 - Sophie Kesoglidis
 1987 - Imogen Good, Tracy Ann McKay
 1988 - Tina Giaghos, Despina Koutroubelis
 1989 - Cam Tu Luong, Sara Bradley
 1990 - Kate Hautu, George Hronopoulos
 1991 - Paul Kotinis
 1992 - Carola Lauer
 1993 - Sally-Ann Cornelius
 1994 - Kellie Rout
 1995 - Thomas Boucher
 1996 - Nicolas Warren
 1997 - Peter Khun
 1998 - Melek Mustafaoglu
 1999 - Xie Hang
 2000 - Siddharth Padmanabhan
 2001 - Thomas Wang
 2002 - William Chen
 2003 - Jelena Ljubisic
 2004 - Margaret Bolshinsky
 2005 - Georgia McKaskill
 2006 - Zoe Lorenzin

Toorak Primary School

1984 - Justin Stewart
 1985 - Selene Ng
 1986 - David Weeks
 1987 - Georgina Orr
 1988 - Nina Zisserman

1989 - Sara Faccioni
 1990 - Andrew Bond
 1991 - Katja Webb
 1992 - Maria Lancaster
 1993 - Coralie Jocin
 1994 - Robert Canning
 1995 - Kathleen Moffat
 1996 - Elisabeth Lancaster
 1997 - Willa Sautu
 1998 - Claudia Cameron
 1999 - Brian Leo
 2000 - Alexander Hughes
 2001 - Andrew Ebert
 2002 - Zoe Knox
 2003 - Claire Wong
 2004 - Nicholas Holmes
 2005 - Sara Webber
 2006 - Tram Tran

Victorian College for the Deaf

1995 - Alan Vete
 1996 - Amy Hynes
 1997 - Peter Lalor
 1998 - Warwick Toohey
 1999 - Simon O'Neill
 2000 - Ravi Vasavan
 2001 - Avni Dauti
 2002 - Julia Murphy
 2003 - James Vea
 2004 - David Grant
 2005 - Idelia Lay
 2006 - Ebony Sanford

Malvern Primary School

1997 - Andrew Quine
 1998 - Anastasia Dean
 1999 - Michael Phillips
 2000 - Sam Teague
 2001 - Laura Tagell
 2002 - Rosie Holden, Megan O'Neill
 2003 - Alexandra Lam
 2004 - James Campbell, Louise Kelly
 2005 - Will Abbey, Harrison Stobie
 2006 - Emily Phillips, Cameron MacFarlane

Armadale Primary School

1984 - Benjy Edwards
 1985 - Joseph Szentmartoni
 1986 - Simon Maas
 1987 - Toby Handfield
 1988 - Kate Chong
 1989 - Amy Clerehan
 1997 - Natasha Vickers
 1998 - Jacqui Lucas
 1999 - William Lee
 2000 - Maryam Teimoori
 2001 - Sarah Clark
 2002 - Jessica Campbell
 2003 - Anna Roberts
 2004 - Amber Somerville, Gary Galenson
 2005 - Patrick Clarkson
 2006 - Ruby Vadiveloo