

# ORDER OF EVENTS



- 6:00 PM** Pre-ceremony drinks and canapes, sponsored by ACCCO
- 6:30 PM** Formal proceedings commence  
Welcome to Country  
The Hon Sabine Winton MLA, Minister for Early Childhood Education  
Tina Holtom, CEO of Child Australia
- 7:00 PM** Keynote Presentation by Nicole Talarico, sponsored by Meerilinga
- 7:20 PM** Break | Live Music & Mingle, sponsored by ACCCO
- 7:40 PM** Awards Presentation  
Presentation by 2024 Award Winner
- Outstanding Early Childhood Educator, sponsored by REED
  - Family's Choice Outstanding Educator, sponsored by Goodstart
  - Excellence in ECEC Leadership, sponsored by Edu Tribe
  - Service excellence in Partnerships with Families, Communities and Schools, sponsored by The Y WA
  - Excellence in Best Practice, sponsored by CTAS Education
  - Excellence in Supporting Child Development, sponsored by Mercycare
  - Outstanding Commitment to Reconciliation and Cultural Responsiveness, sponsored by Wanslea
  - Excellence in Outdoor Learning, sponsored by Xplor Education
- 8:35 PM** Formal proceedings conclude  
Toast to the evening with live music, drinks and canapes, sponsored by ACCCO
- 9:00 PM** Event concludes

# MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

**Connection over Compliance: Emotionally Literate Classrooms** by Nicole Talarico

When children dysregulate, the environment can be a powerful buffer. Nicole's SRF program helps create environments that foster calm, connection and felt safety for children.

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# 2025 WA ECLD SECTOR AWARDS



CHILD AUSTRALIA PRESENTS  
**Early Childhood**  
Learning & Development  
SECTOR AWARDS



The 2025 WA ECLD Sector Awards is sponsored by:



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# AWARDS

# FINALISTS

## Outstanding Early Childhood Educator

Sponsored by Regional Early Education & Development Inc (REED)

**Ciara Conran** Kidz Galore  
**Leanna Holland** Goodstart Eaton  
**Sunita Cheryan** Wanslea St Peter and Emmaus



## Excellence in Best Practice

Sponsored by CTAS Education

**Sally Whitaker** Leederville Early Childhood Centre  
**Carmen Castillo-Cortez** Goodstart Carlisle  
**Lynne Scotland** Goodstart Banksia Grove



## Family's Choice | Outstanding Educator

Sponsored by Goodstart Early Learning

**Belle Bombardieri** Aussie Early Learning  
**Petina Nightingale** Ngala Airport  
**Naomi Anderson** Brockman House Children's Services



## Excellence in Supporting Child Development

Sponsored by Mercycare

**MercyCare Early Learning Service Ballajura**  
**Ifeoma Ikejiaku** Goodstart Mount Nasura  
**Pooja Aren** Wanslea Susan Teather Early Learning and Development



## Excellence in ECEC Leadership

Sponsored by Edu Tribe

**Jade Paget** Meerilinga Children and Community Services  
**Rista Chutoo** Buttercups Childcare and Early Learning Centre Northbridge  
**Hayley Couch** Busy Bees at Byford Central



## Outstanding Commitment to Reconciliation and Cultural Responsiveness

Sponsored by Wanslea

**Canning Vale Prekindy Inc.**  
**Goodstart Early Learning Stratton**  
**Clarrissa Bennett** Goodstart Canning Vale Campbell Road



## Service Excellence in Partnerships with Families, Communities and Schools

Sponsored by The Y WA

**Buttercups Childcare and Early Learning Centre Northbridge**  
**Meerilinga Kingsley**  
**Brockman Community House**



## Excellence in Outdoor Learning

Sponsored by Xplor Education

**Eco Early learning and Bush Kinder**  
**Gillian McAuliffe** Nature's Atelier  
**Tammy Dodd** Mercy Care Early Learning Centre Landsdale

