“The Education Excellence Awards celebrates our business managers, our teachers, our education support staff, our principals, who are doing such brilliant work in schools right across Victoria.”

“We’re thrilled. It’s such an acknowledgement of all the hard work we’ve done, and the making sure that we’re doing the sort of things that make a difference to the outcomes of students in our schools. So it’s a real buzz.”

“I’m absolutely rapt; I honestly didn’t think I was going to win. I’m really, really excited and excited to bring that back to the school community.”

“It’s an extraordinary privilege to win a – well, two awards in fact – this evening, and it’s such a great feeling to get such recognition for the work that we do in education.”

“It’s really important to not just celebrate success but showcase success in our schools sector.”

“What a spectacular celebration of the excellence, passion, caring and ability to learn and turn that into good things for kids that we saw here tonight – it was wonderful.”

“I actually think it’s a shared community award, it’s something that our whole school can take pride in. Teachers do not develop in silos, we work together, we are collaborative by nature, so I think it’s a really positive reflection on our school and our community and the culture we’ve developed over the past couple of years.”

“An award like this gives you an opportunity to take a step back and really put in context the work that you’re doing, and it will enable me to share it with others and I think that’s incredibly powerful.”

“It will be a wonderful resource as well, the funding, to support our staff to continue the work around looking at what’s effective at education and then embedding that in our school.”

“The winners, the nominees, they’ll go back to their school communities, they’ll be celebrated as the great educators that they are, and they’ll inspire their fellow colleagues, other schools and their students.”