

Gillen Primary School Celebrates Edtech Success

Trans-Tasman Schools Battled it Out in Promethean Grant Competition

Gillen Primary School in Alice Springs has beat off competition from Trans-Tasman schools to become one of the 17 successful winners of the Promethean Grant 2018. With entries from both Australia and New Zealand, Gillen Primary School impressed the panel of judges and won a state-of-the-art education technology package worth \$5,000AUD.

To participate in the Promethean Grant, schools were encouraged to submit a video entry to explain why they would benefit from winning an ActivPanel. Judged on three criteria, pupils had to display creativity, explain their need for the technology and the impact that it would have on their school if they were successful. A total of 17 winners have been chosen out of over 60 entries.

Global education technology provider launched the Promethean Grant in Australia and New Zealand in 2017. Following the success of the 2017 Grant, Promethean recognised an opportunity to offer schools a chance to once again get their hands on the technology, despite facing increasing budgetary pressures.

In their video entry, Gillen Primary School talked about the problems they were experiencing with their existing technology and how they would benefit from more interactivity in teaching and learning.

Heather Pedrotti, Teacher at Gillen Primary School said: "When our Principal heard about the Promethean Grant competition, it gave us a great incentive to start looking at how best to make our learning space more interactive and collaborative.



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The competition was a timely opportunity - we knew that having a Panel would make such a difference to the changes that we want to make."

Alistair Hayward, Head of UKI and ANZ Markets at Promethean, commented: "Schools are facing increasing financial pressures and at the same time are expected to create and maintain successful learning environments. We are incredibly passionate about education and believe that all schools should be able to access the latest technology to enhance learning and teaching experiences. We saw an opportunity to help schools receive these Edtech packages whilst encouraging them to embrace their creativity."



The ActivPanel acts as an immersive and collaborative learning centre, which will help teachers and pupils alike with their lessons. With the ability to connect with other learning devices, such as laptops and tablets, pupils will be able to share their work with the class and peer-assess, alongside being able to utilise the multi-touch functionality for small groups. Promethean is looking forward to developing a partnership with the winning school to help them get the most out of the technology.

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