Smart Geelong Research Awards 2006

The Department of Education & Training Barwon South West Region Teaching & Learning Award went to Helen Hatzis and Kay Saunders from Geelong Gardens Cluster, Geelong High School for their project “Pedagogical transformation ‘Show me how’”.

Research and learning projects were saluted on Saturday 19 August at the Smart Geelong Network Researcher of the Year Awards Dinner held at Sladen House. The Awards Dinner attended by the Honourable John Brumby, Minister for Innovation, awarded 10 Geelong researchers with a total prize pool of $64,000. “The Researcher of the Year Awards is certainly the highlight of the Smart Geelong Network’s Research and Learning Expo that ran from 13 to 20 August. This year’s Awards have shown the high calibre of research that is coming out of the Geelong region. It’s an absolute credit to the researchers and the organisations they represent,” said Sue De Gilio, Chair of the Smart Geelong Network.

$5,000 was awarded to Helen and Kay for developing a process of planning that leads teachers to develop richer learning methods for students in the Geelong Gardens Cluster. Their work around researching, developing and trialling an integrated inquiry approach to curriculum planning is being used by a number of teachers in the cluster. This project was developed as a result of the first round of Teacher Professional Leave.

Helen Hatzis and Kay Saunders with Glenda Strong (Barwon South West Regional Director) and Bernadette Uzelac (Director of People @ Work).