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Agricultural science teacher wins top science award

The Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia wishes to congratulate Scott Graham for his outstanding dedication to agricultural education, which has now been recognised nationally.

Scott Graham was last night announced as the winner of the Prime Minister's 'Excellence in Science Teaching in Secondary Schools' prize for 2021. Scott joined six other leaders and innovators, who were each recognised for their exceptional contributions to science by the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources.

Scott is the head of Agriculture at Barker College in Sydney's northern suburbs and has been awarded for his remarkable contribution to agricultural science. Scott is passionate about agriculture and dedicated to shaping the future of the next generation of Australians.

Determined to change the way agricultural science is taught to secondary students, Scott has driven an innovative teaching program at Barker. Scott's program has inspired record numbers of students to find their own passion in agricultural science, with many following on to tertiary education in the agriculture space.

Scott's quest is to change the image of agriculture, and in turn, shift the mindset of young Australians by exposing them to the many diverse career pathways and opportunities available, both in a rural and urban setting.

"For every student that completes an agriculture degree at university, there are around four to five jobs to fill", said Mr Graham. "My passion is to see more students studying agriculture to fill these jobs".

Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia are thrilled to join Scott's many supporters in celebrating his well-deserved win. Scott is an active supporter of PIEFA's mission and has participated in an online forum and other PIEFA activities to help increase the interest in food and fibre education across Australia.

This prize is a fitting acknowledgement of Scott's efforts, and a reflection of the importance of agriculture-based teaching and education, and the integral role agriculture plays in our nation and to our future.

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