

Congratulations to Yasodai Selvakumaran ^[1]

Rooty Hill High School teacher Yasodai Selvakumaran, who featured in an ALL Joy and Data ^[2] case study and video, has been named a finalist for the \$1m Global Teacher Prize.

Recognised nationally as an outstanding teacher and leader, Yasodai has achieved consistently high results and, in a career of only eight years, she has influenced the careers of over 200 teachers. She says her passion for education stems from the fact that she can transform young lives through her work.

Her work, alongside her colleagues at Rooty Hill HS is testament to the impact that joy and data can make in driving success. In 2016, the cohort of Year 10s was below average on literacy and numeracy measures when they arrived at Rooty Hill HS in Year 7. Forty percent of this cohort were below Grade 4 standard, in Year 7. However, by the end of 2016 over 70% of this cohort had reached state average on a key external measure, the NSW VALID science examination which assesses all ACARA capabilities.

?Working towards a common vision in education can create ripple effects that flow beyond individuals,? Yasodai said.

The prestigious Prize, which attracted more than 10,000 nominations and applications from 179 countries around the world, is offered by the Varkey Foundation and highlights the important role that teachers play in society.

Rooty Hill High School has been named as one of Australia?s 40 most innovative schools in 2016 and 2017, and in 2017, Yasodai was recognised as one of 30 Rising Stars under the age of 35 in Australian education by The Educator Australia magazine.

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