Premier Kristina Keneally today congratulated 25 NSW teachers who have secured a 2010 Premier's Teacher Scholarship – recognising their commitment to quality education in the State.

Since 1999, more than 300 teachers across the State have received Premier’s Teacher Scholarships.

In 2010, more than 220 teachers applied for the 25 scholarships worth a total of $350,000.

The scholarships are awarded across 15 curriculum areas including English, Science, Special Education, Rural and Remote Education, Environmental Education and TAFE Vocational Education.

All New South Wales teachers from government and non-government schools and TAFE NSW Institutes are eligible to apply for the scholarships.

“Most of us can still recall the special teachers we had when we were in school – those who sparked our imagination and inspired us with their enthusiasm and passion,” Ms Keneally said.

“This program is about helping to make our best teachers world leaders in their field.

“The Premier’s Teacher Scholarships program offers our top educators a unique opportunity to undertake international study tours in some of the world’s best schools and centres of education.

“They return to their classrooms professionally inspired and reinvigorated, ready to share new knowledge, teaching methods and skills with their students and their colleagues.”

Premier Keneally also thanked the corporate partners involved in the program.

2010 NSW Premier’s Teacher Scholarships sponsors include:

- Westfield
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- Country Energy
- New South Wales TAFE Commission Board
- Adobe
- The Honourable John Brown

“These organisations have given their support to this important program, and in doing so have demonstrated their commitment to our teachers, students and the broader community,” Ms Keneally said.

“Without their generosity, this program would not have been possible.”

For further details about the 2010 NSW Premier’s Teacher Scholarships and recipients visit www.det.nsw.edu.au/awards or contact the NSW Department of Education on (02) 9561 8501.
Premier's Adobe Information and Communication Technologies Scholarship ($15,000)
Miss Michelle Cooney, Minerva School, Sutherland

Premier's Agriculture Scholarship ($15,000)
Mr Stephen Maginnity, Alstonville High School

Premier's Anika Foundation Youth Depression Awareness Scholarships ($15,000 each)
Mr Daniel Haesler, Emanuel School, Randwick
Ms Karen Spitzer, North Sydney Girls High School

Premier's Country Energy Indigenous Education Scholarship ($15,000)
Mrs Dyonne Anderson, Cabbage Tree Island School

Premier's EnergyAustralia Environmental Education Scholarships ($15,000 each)
Mr Francesco Calabria, Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre, Oakdale
Mr Branimir Lazendic, Newtown High School of the Performing Arts
Mr John Kinniburgh, The Kings School, Parramatta

Premier's English Scholarship ($15,000)
Ms Stacey Quince, Campbelltown Performing Arts High School

Premier's Kingold Chinese Language Teacher Scholarship ($15,000)
Mrs Georgina Cunich, Bulahdelah Central School

Premier's Kingold Chinese Creative Arts Scholarship ($15,000)
Ms Luise Guest, Loreto, Kirribilli

Premier's Macquarie Capital Science Scholarships ($15,000 each)
Mr John Behrens, Asquith Girls High School
Mrs Catherine Munro, Nowra High School

Premier's The Royal Bank of Scotland Business Studies, Economics Scholarship ($15,000)
Mrs Robyn Menkes, St Leo’s Catholic College, Wahroonga

Premier's Special Education Scholarships ($10,000 each)
Mr Timothy Byatt, Alice Betteridge School, North Rocks
Mr Matthew Johnson, Student Welfare Directorate, Oxford Street State Office, New South Wales Department of Education and Training

Premier's TAFE Scholarships ($10,000 each)
Mrs Kerry Little, TAFE New South Wales – Sydney Institute
Mr Antonio Auciello, TAFE New South Wales – Sydney Institute
Mr Rodney Ziems, TAFE New South Wales – Riverina Institute

Premier's Valemus Mathematics Scholarship ($15,000)
Mrs Laurinda Lomas, Newport Public School

Premier's Westfield History Scholarship ($15,000)
Mr Cameron Nunn, St Paul’s Grammar School, Cranebrook

Premier's Xstrata Coal Rural and Remote Education Scholarships ($15,000 each)
Mr Sean O’Keefe, Lithgow High School
Mr Stephen Clayton, Richmond River High School
Ms Joanne Woodrow, Centre for Learning Innovation
Miss Kathryn Pryor, Wilcannia Central School