



National Award Recipients 1999 – 2000



Coral Swan

PRIMARY

**Hambledon State School
Edmonton Queensland**



Coral receiving her Awards in Melbourne from Dr David Kemp, Minister of Education

Step into Coral's Year One classroom at Hambledon State School and there is print everywhere – big books, small books, papers, whiteboards, chalkboards, computers, sentence beginnings, alphabet cards, numbers, reminders, rules, student work, a word wall and a calendar wall. Coral believes in immersing her students in words, talk, reading aloud, conversations and in creating unity through appreciating and celebrating diversity. Keywords are "try", "show and tell" and in this dynamic environment, the "teachable moments". Parent nominators write of children who are "comfortable" but "eager to learn". Coral receives her Commonwealth prize and a NEiTA for "excellence in literacy teaching".