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Cunderdin agriculture school in contention for WA Training Award 2009

A Wheatbelt school has been named as a finalist in the prestigious WA Training Awards 2009.

The Western Australian College of Agriculture – Cunderdin is one of three schools competing in the WA VET in Schools Award sponsored by Apprenticeships Australia.

Judges praised the college's provision of quality education and training through a combination of secondary school courses and national training packages.

Principal Bernard Beatty said staff ensured they taught today's students to meet the needs of tomorrow's workforce.

"Liaising with local industry has been important to the college because we want to ensure we are meeting industry needs," Mr Beatty said.

"Our main focus is to provide our students with the best possible experience and our broad curriculum, dedicated staff and links to further education ensure this.

"We won this award in 2006 and it was such a good experience we had to enter again."

Department of Education and Training Director General Sharyn O'Neill said the WA Training Awards recognised the very high quality and standards of the training system in Western Australia.

"A highly skilled workforce is essential for our economic and social prosperity," she said.

"The high calibre of the finalists across all the award categories shows how flexible and innovative training delivers results for industries, employers, communities and training providers."

Winners of the WA Training Awards 2009 will be announced on Friday 4 September.

The winner of the WA VET in Schools Award will have the chance to compete against the best in Australia at the Australian Training Awards in Canberra in November.

The WA Training Awards 2009 are a joint initiative of the Department of Education and Training and the State Training Board.

For more information visit: trainingawards.det.wa.edu.au.

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