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## LOCAL STUDENT ENVIRONMENTALISTS MAKE THEIR MARK

Recently back from competing internationally for their environmental initiatives, students from the Holy Family Primary School at Merewether have now been selected as finalists in the Westpac Landcare Education Awards for a school or youth group.

The Holy Family Primary School has been involved in many local Landcare initiatives, including the concept of "learnsapes", where a landscape is designed to allow learning to interact with the resulting environment.

Students also operate their own school nursery for native plants, growing "forests of biodiversity", and have participated in the Merewether Beach Coastal Dune Management Programme.

Ms Sharon Grierson MP, the Federal Member for Newcastle, congratulated the students on their wonderful achievement and wished them the best of luck at the National awards presentation in Parliament House.

It is always fantastic when young people from Newcastle are recognised on a national scale, but it is particularly pleasing when it is for looking after our environment.

We live in a very special part of the world and it is great to see that students and staff from a small school can play such a big role in looking after the Newcastle environment.

The national winners of the Westpac Landcare Education Awards for a school or youth group will be announced at Parliament House tonight.

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