

# Tassie teachers are top of the class

**A** MIDST the hubbub of reforms to Tasmania's education system, teachers are still going about the business of schooling.

Two Hobart teachers were last week honoured in the Australian Awards for Teaching Excellence.

Claremont College science teacher Jane Dobson has been named the Most Outstanding Beginning Teacher in Australia, while Rosny College's Christiane Conesa-Bostock was highly commended in the Excellence by a Teacher category.

Both received their awards from Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard in Canberra.

Arriving from the UK with a Masters Degree in Physics, Jane Dobson went on to complete a Bachelor of Teaching with Honours at the University of Tasmania. She started work at Claremont College in 2006.

Ms Dobson believes all students can be scientists and she works to ignite scientific imagination.

In 2007 she took part in an expedition to Antarctica. This year she worked with NASA scientists in South Australia.

Year 12 student Daniel Wood said Ms Dobson's classes were exciting. "She goes beyond the standard course work and shows us examples that make physics a lot more interesting," Daniel said.

"We sometimes work out our own experiments to relate the theory to real life. When we studied projectile motion we tested model rockets and then designed graphs and equations to examine their performance.

"Jane has motivated me to stick with science. Next year I'm studying engineering at uni."

Distinguished leadership in teaching French contributed towards Christiane Conesa-Bostock's award. She makes enjoyment the cornerstone of her teaching, using innovative techniques to bring French language and culture to life.



**OUTSTANDING:** National award-winning Claremont College teacher Jane Dobson in the classroom with Year 12 student Daniel Wood.

Ms Conesa-Bostock fills her students with such enthusiasm that they excel and often pursue careers using their second language skills.

Her distinctive, engaging style contributes to the refinement of students language skills and their confidence in creative writing through her mix of high expectations and generous support.



**NATIONAL HONOUR:** Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard congratulates Rosny College teacher Christiane Conesa-Bostock.