

### **Jaye Radisich Achievement Award**

**Jaye Amber Radisich** (29 March 1976 – 17 March 2012) was an Australian politician. She was a Labor Party member of the Western Australian Legislative Assembly from 2001 to 2008 and was the youngest woman and the second youngest person, to be elected to the Western Australian parliament.

Jaye attended Mount Lawley Senior High School. In Year 12, she was appointed as School Prefect, Caltex All-rounder, and Belle of the Ball. Jaye was also a member of the Senior Debating Team and a participant on numerous committees.

Jaye went on to study arts, law and commerce at the University of Western Australia, became involved in student politics while at university, and served as a member of the National Union of Students executive, and the Vice-President (Asia-Pacific) of the International Union of Socialist Youth. In her final year of her degree she won pre-selection to contest the theoretically safe Liberal seat of Swan Hills as the Labor candidate for the 2001 state election. Jaye successfully won the seat, becoming the second youngest person, and youngest woman, to be elected to the Western Australian Parliament.

Due to her involvements at school and achievements after school, Mount Lawley Senior High School honoured her by being inducted as a Lawley Legend.

In 2002, Jaye was diagnosed with adult wilms tumour, a rare form of cancer. She had treatment but it then reappeared in 2010. She travelled to China for alternative treatments but these were not successful. She passed away at the age of 35.

It was Jaye's wish that part of her estate would fund research into cancer treatments and support for cancer sufferers. The Jaye Radisich Foundation was established to carry out Jaye's wishes and is dedicated to making a difference in the fight against cancer.

The Jaye Radisich Foundation (JRF) has partnered with Mount Lawley Senior High School to create the Jaye Radisich Achievement Award for outstanding young people who are seeking to contribute to the broader community. A sum of \$1000 is awarded annually.

The award is in alignment with the second objective of the Jaye Radisich Foundation of:  
“(ii) The general education and advancement of youth, especially young women, in the civic and business life of their community”.

The award guidelines are:

- a. A year 10, 11 or 12 student
- b. Preferably, but not necessarily, a female student
- c. A student who demonstrates a contribution to the broader community via organisation of, and involvement in, community improvement activities
- d. A student who is involved with extracurricular activities at the school (e.g. Prefect, Councillor, House Captain, Board member, involvement in committees and groups, sporting teams etc.)
- e. A student who demonstrates dedication to their education and academic achievement

Students who wish to nominate for the award should submit the attached application by the due date.

The process that applies to this award is:

- Applications close 3.00 pm Friday 19 September (Term 3, Week 9)
- A panel will shortlist and decide upon the recommended nominee
- Recommended nominee is forwarded to the Jaye Radisich Foundation in Week 1, Term 4
- If a Year 12 student is the recipient, the award will be presented at the Awards Night ceremony. If a Year 10 or 11 student is the recipient, the award will be presented at the first assembly available.



