



**Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence**  
**Denise Milne**  
**Biography**

Denise Milne is a teacher at Ebus Academy in Vanderhoof.

Within the distributed learning environment, Denise has made significant contributions to student achievement, and to special education students in particular. For example, Denise has developed a 'wrap around' approach to education by ensuring collaboration by a range of geographically dispersed professionals. She has also developed an online program specifically for children with autism.

Denise also strives to use the best of online communication tools to effectively engage students, parents and service providers on a regular basis. She holds and moderates regular online special education team meetings with parents, teachers, counselors, health officials and other individuals. Denise also creates online resources for students and parents. Furthermore, Denise's work in special education has led to work with groups that support at-risk teenage girls in Victoria – collaborating to improve their life chance as they work towards high school completion.