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Camden students flying the flag for local apple growers

The NSW Farmers' Association has congratulated Camden Public for being named Australia's Healthiest School, following the announcement this morning of the Aussie Apples competition.

The NSW Farmers' Association Horticulture Committee Chairman Peter Darley is delighted a school from this state has won.

"I'm proud to see students from New South Wales learning more about local produce in a fun and interactive way," Mr Darley said.

"The competition has given students the chance to understand more about where their food comes from," Mr Darley said.

Schools across the country were asked to present a 60 second video featuring local apples, explaining why their school should be named the healthiest.

To congratulate the winners, NSW Farmers' Association donated 350 apples to Camden Public.

"We had three growers at the school this morning handing out apples," Mr Darley said.

Orange-based growers Guy Gaeta, Michael Cunial and Peter West made the trip to Sydney to show their appreciation to the students for promoting the fruit.

"Hopefully what they take away from this experience is an increased awareness about the food chain, helping bridge the gap in the city country divide," Mr Darley said.

The initiative compliments the NSW Farmers' Association's Families needing Farmers campaign launched last month, educating consumers in metropolitan areas about where their food comes from.

The Aussie Apples competition was run by Horticulture Australia from July 19 to August 6, asking schools to produce a short film to be in the running to become Australia's Healthiest School. Each film was required to feature Aussie apples to be in the running for the grand prize of \$25,000.

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