

Community Service Awards

Thomas MacLachlan – Brindabella Christian College

Thomas was an inaugural member of the college's technical support team, where he provided ongoing technical support over a number of years. He was engaged with volunteer work for Oxfam, St John's First Aid and the Lifeline Book Fair. Thomas is applauded for his willingness to support people in need.

Ewan McArthur – Burgmann Anglican School

In the wider community, Ewan has organised and participated in charity and fundraising events such as the 40 Hour Famine and the Anglicare Winter Sleep Out. Within the school community his involvement has included choir, band, lead roles in school musicals and as a coach in junior basketball. As an elected student leader, Ewan was a mentor to younger students, enthusiastically organising various activities, including school socials.

Katherine Rankine – the Canberra College

Kate served on the school board, was team leader for the Student Leadership subcommittee and was elected as principal for a day in 2013. She started the student study help library and initiated a peer support program. Kate was a member, master of ceremonies, mentor and narrator for the 2013 Youth Parliament on Sustainability at the ANU and was a representative at the UN Youth Conference and the Youth Leadership Forum 2013.

Phyllida Behm – Canberra Girls' Grammar School

Phyllida has been a member of the Safe School Committee, the chair of the Student Representative Council and a representative in debating and public speaking. Beyond school Phyllida has represented UN Women, and spoken as a student ambassador in Gallipoli on Anzac Day as well as at The Hague. Phyllida is an eloquent orator, displays empathy towards others and is an exemplary role model for young women.

Benjamin Naufahu – Canberra Institute of Technology Year 12

Ben has been a very active member of the Student Leadership Group throughout 2014. He volunteered in the Year 12 Community Garden, organised fund raising barbeques and worked on the student year book. Ben has had considerable community involvement including as a member of the ACT Youth Advisory Council and ambassador for the Pasifika Australia program in 2014.



Haydn Andrews – Daramalan College

Haydn has been an outstanding and inspirational Community Service Captain in 2014. He established programs including Relay for Life and Beans for Brain Injury. Haydn is a positive role model to junior students and inclusive in all that he does. He acts with compassion towards others and demonstrates initiative, passion and commitment.

Hajira Mohamed – Dickson College

Hajira has played an integral role in the college refugee bridging program and is an excellent advocate for refugees and for young Muslim women. She has been a reliable and consistent mentor to other students in the program, focussing on those new to the school. Hajira represented the ACT at the Multicultural Youth Forum in Sydney. She understands the value of community and is a strong advocate for Multicultural Youth Services and Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services.

Romana Peckham – Erindale College

As a member of the College Board, Romana has demonstrated that she is a capable advocate for students, whilst appreciating significant operational aspects. She represented Australia at the Asia-Pacific Young Student Leaders' Congress in China in 2013. Romana has been involved in college productions and activities and provided support for students who were experiencing difficulties, helping them to resolve concerns and find assistance.

Claire O'Connor – Gungahlin College

Claire always volunteers to assist others. She has made a significant contribution through her participation in open nights, transition events, Remembrance Day and musical performances. Claire has been an active member of the Green team, applying for grants and participating in the Frog Watch Program.

Corey Kettmann – Hawker College

Corey has been actively involved in the Student Leadership Group, master of ceremonies at a number of college events including college year meetings and a key contributor in charity fund-raising activities.



Abiah Bull – Lake Tuggeranong College

Abiah was president of the Student Representative Council and represented the college in the National Day of Action against Violence. She organised the college Battle of the Bands and trivia night. She also represented the ACT in gymnastics and coached younger gymnasts. Abiah's profile as a musician includes college productions of *Chicago* and *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying* and in college arts festivals.

Keeran Sritharan – Marist College

Keeran has demonstrated natural leadership ability. This is exemplified in his role as house captain and his work with the St Vincent de Paul Group. In addition Keeran contributes to projects such as Marymead games nights, fundraising for House Charities and participating in Clean Up Australia.

Emily Fakavamoeanga – Melba Copland Secondary School

Emily is a regular volunteer at her local church, assists at a breakfast program for the homeless, sings in the choir and represented the church as a delegate to Christian and Tongan conferences. At school her contribution has revolved around the school's Pasifika Celebrations. Emily was a lead organiser, running the program of events and taking responsibility for the catering.

Taylor Gallagher – Merici College

Taylor has been an enthusiastic participant in house activities and charity work. She has been a positive role model for younger students and a great support to teachers through teaching sessions at a local primary school and active leadership on Year 7 camp. Taylor was involved in organizing and making the Year 12 leavers video, and supported other students as needed.



Gabriela Freeman – Narrabundah College

Gabriela has volunteered at Questacon, directed and participated in the 40 Hour Famine at the college, participated in the Colour Run for the Canberra hospital and Relay for Life to raise money for cancer, mentored and organised activities for Venturer Scouts and participated in the United Nations Youth Association debating team to raise awareness about global issues.

Liam Braithwaite – Radford College

Liam has been instrumental in the YMCA's recreational activities for people with intellectual disabilities program. He has been a tutor and mentor for younger peers for the last two years. Liam co-ran an awareness session for prevention of violence against women and he has worked in indigenous service projects in northern NSW.

Ashleigh Simpson – St Clare's College

Ashleigh has been the driving force behind many initiatives at the college. She has used her organisational skills and eloquence to facilitate a wide range of activities, from the celebration of International Women's Day to raising awareness for Caritas charities and in refugee advocacy. Her personal commitment to justice and equity has been evident to all.

James Kenny – St Edmund's College

James has assisted in numerous liturgical and youth ministry activities at the college. He spent ten days on an immersion trip in India, assisting with several charities. James was also involved in an eight day outreach program that ran in Darwin and the Tiwi islands. He has assisted in numerous fundraising initiatives around Canberra and been involved directly in assisting in a number of school functions.

**Lauren Caskie – St Francis Xavier College**

Lauren is an enthusiastic, community minded student. She has been a key member of the Year 12 Leadership Group and she has actively organised and encouraged her fellow students to participate in a variety of community building activities. Lauren's involvement in college youth ministry has enabled her to be a positive and supportive influence to other students.

Hayley Ngametua – St Mary MacKillop College

As College Sports Captain, Hayley has shown an authentic concern for younger students. Her leadership in extra-curricular activities includes sports coaching and competitions, membership of the Student Representative Council and her role in cross-campus mentoring.

Zoe Taylor – Trinity Christian School

Zoe played a significant role in running the Student Representative Council. She conducted fundraising for the school's mission trip and was a valued member of the team that visited and delivered books and sporting equipment to several schools in Uganda. Zoe also coaches and umpires netball, visits Goodwin Village, assists at her church, plays with the college concert and jazz bands, and assisted with the school music tour in 2013.

Lachlan Champion – UC Senior Secondary College, Lake Ginninderra

As a member of the Australian Navy Cadets, Lachlan has contributed to the wider community. He supports active and retired members of the defence forces, Legacy Week fundraising and representation at memorials, such as those for HMAS Canberra and the WRANS. Not only has he been pivotal in raising significant funds, Lachlan has helped to raise the profile of the Australian Navy Cadets in Canberra.

Jack Eljuga-Bundock – The Woden School

Jack has been a member of the Student Representative Council. He took a leadership role as an active and enthusiastic member of the School Car Wash Team and participated in charity fundraisers, such as Prada Willie Day, Biggest Morning Tea and Pyjama Day. Jack obtained his White Card which provided him with the skills and knowledge to operate on a construction job site safely and he assisted in the ongoing maintenance of the school building. Jack also obtained his Certificate I in Kitchen Operations and he has used his skills to support others at the school in practical kitchen routines and food preparation including as a voluntary member of the catering crew for the Cranleigh Art Show and in maintaining a hygienic and clean student common room area.

Vocational Studies Awards

Amy Oster – Brindabella Christian College

Amy achieved both Certificate I and II Hospitality (Kitchen Operations). Not only was her work product outstanding, so too was her work ethic, as evident in the significant number of events she catered for over the last two years. These included major functions at the college, coffee services and three course meals. Her attitude and dedication to this vocation are outstanding.

Bradley Roughton – Burgmann Anglican School

Bradley competently combined his commitment to his Australian School Based Apprenticeship in Plumbing with his academic requirements. Having undertaken a Certificate III in Plumbing, Bradley continues to develop his skills through ongoing employment. Bradley was involved in various activities, including school sports carnivals, and parent information evenings, at which he presented an address to parents of prospective students.

Jack Connor – the Canberra College

Jack has achieved a Certificate I and II in Hospitality as well as a Certificate I in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) and many of the competencies for the Certificate II in Kitchen Operations, while studying Hospitality at school. He has completed the Certificate II in Kitchen Operations while being employed as an Australian School Based Apprenticeship student. Jack is currently undertaking a Certificate III in Commercial Cookery at a local restaurant.

Sylvan Lawrenz – Canberra Institute of Technology Year 12

Sylvan is a hardworking, dedicated student who has overcome many challenges throughout the last three years. After completing the Access 10 program at CIT Sylvan then enrolled in Year 12. As part of his Year 12 studies, he has completed a Certificate II in Horticulture and gained a Statement of Attainment in Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology.

Teagan Day – Daramalan College

Teagan has achieved a Certificate I and II in Business and a Certificate I in Hospitality. Her work demonstrates an eye for detail and a professional finish. She is loyal, entirely reliable and a great team player. Teagan values the methodology by which vocational education has taught her a range of employability skills and is an advocate of vocational education.



Courtney Lyons – Dickson College

Courtney has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to her vocational studies in two industry areas, completing Certificate II in Community Services and Certificate II in Hospitality. She has undertaken structured workplace learning in disability, youth work and hospitality. She has also mentored students in the college disability education program developing barista, communication and customer service skills.

Stephen Rees – Erindale College

Stephen has completed the Certificate II in Sport and Recreation. He is a conscientious young man who has demonstrated a dedication and commitment to his vocational studies. He has excellent time management skills, and is a great communicator who seeks constructive feedback and acts upon that feedback.

Bianca Osztrenkovics – Gungahlin College

Bianca has achieved six vocational certificates during her time at Gungahlin College – Certificate II and III in Business, Certificate I and II in Hospitality, Certificate II in Kitchen Operations and Certificate II in Tourism. She has given a large amount of her time to hospitality events in the college and has been a willing participant.

Brianna Warden – Hawker College

Brianna has achieved Certificate II and III in Sport and Recreation. She has demonstrated exceptional expertise and commitment, particularly in the management of the Ben Donohoe Run and Walk for Fun. Her commitment and leadership to these events, making such a large event successful, is testament to her passion and resolve.

Olivia Colquhoun – Lake Tuggeranong College

Olivia is an outstanding student and has been nominated for the Australian Vocational Student Prize. She has completed a Certificate III in Disability, while based at Malkara School with the intention of becoming a teacher. She has provided outstanding support to the students and teachers she worked with and was a valuable asset to the entire unit.



Michael (Zac) Eldridge – Marist College

Zac is an outstanding example of a vocational student who has worked consistently in his information technology courses and received exceptional reports from his Australian School Based Apprenticeship employers. He has achieved his Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology. Zac was a finalist in the ACT Training and Excellence awards and was an Australian Vocational Student Prize nominee.

Eylish Perry – Melba Copland Secondary School

Eylish completed an Australian School Based Apprenticeship at Cranleigh School completing a Certificate III in Disability. She won the ACT Training Excellence Awards School Based Apprentice of the Year. She attended the Australian Training Awards in Adelaide, where she received the national award. She has since commenced a Certificate IV in Community Services.

Samantha McGilvray – Merici College

Samantha has achieved a Certificate II and III in Business, a Certificate II and III in Hospitality as well as a Certificate II in Kitchen Operations. She has undertaken structured work placements in the Merici Trade Training Centre to improve her culinary skills in the restaurant. Samantha has been offered a traineeship in Certificate III in Commercial Cookery.

Georgina Nott – Narrabundah College

Georgina determined her career goal early in year 11 and planned her pathway carefully. She undertook part time work and then an Australian School Based Apprenticeship in early childhood care. Georgina attained a Certificate III in Children's Services and a Certificate II in Business.

Daniel Tedeschi – Radford College

Daniel undertook an Australian School Based Apprenticeship, successfully completing a Certificate III in Children's Services. He recognises the value of vocational education and intends to complete a Certificate III in Education Support, having secured post-school employment in a local preschool.

Caitlin Meany – St Clare's College

Caitlin has completed a Certificate III in Business, via an Australian School Based Apprenticeship (ASBA). She also completed her Certificate II in Applied Fashion Design and Technology. Caitlin has displayed a mature attitude towards her studies and career planning using her ASBA experience to make decisions about her future career.



James Risby – St Edmund’s College

James has achieved excellent results in construction pathways and furniture construction. His focus has been impressive throughout, and his 60th Anniversary Hall Table gift to the school is an excellent example of his work.

Larissa Caston – St Francis Xavier College

Larissa has completed her Certificate II in Live Production, Theatre and Events. She participated in a partnership between the college and the Canberra Theatre Centre and honed her skills in audio, lighting, media, visual and front of house operations. While working with professional companies at the theatre she demonstrated her initiative, commitment and willingness to contribute at all levels in this environment.

Reece Inkpen – St Mary MacKillop College

Reece completed a Certificate II in Hospitality and an Australian School-Based Apprenticeship in Certificate III in Commercial Cookery with a local restaurant. Reece was a finalist in the ACT Vocational School Student category at the ACT Training and Excellence Awards.

Ethan Cathie – Trinity Christian School

Ethan completed the Certificate II in Applied Fashion Design and Technology. He has an exceptional flair for creativity and design using textiles and his ability to perceive a creation, make his own patterns and bring garments to life is outstanding. In the 2014 Royal Canberra Show, Ethan’s garment won student champion. His exceptional drawing and rendering skills, demonstrated at a recent workshop, have resulted in a scholarship to the Whitehouse School of Design.

James Kumar – UC Senior Secondary College, Lake Ginninderra

James has completed the Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation and has gained high level competence in a wide range of activity areas including risk management and emergency response. He has displayed a professional level of communication, decision making, time management, critical thinking and initiative. He can be relied on to think ahead in challenging situations and take an influential role in the achievement of a group’s successful outcomes.

Performing / Visual Arts Awards

Aleksandar Draskovic – Brindabella Christian College

Aleksandar made a significant contribution to the college arts program. He performed with excellence in Media and Drama, and was involved in the college musical, *The Wizard of Oz*. In 2014, he played a lead role in a performance of *Arsenic and Old Lace* and performed in commedia & Greek tragedy.

Chloe Robbins – Burgmann Anglican School

Chloe was a key member of the choirs which performed regularly at school assemblies, concerts and formal functions. In the wider community, Chloe has sung at synod, floriade, festivals and carols. Chloe played the lead role in the school's production of *The King and I*. She was invited to perform at The Chief Minister's Reading Challenge Award Ceremony at The National Gallery. Chloe has won a prestigious scholarship with Opera Australia.

Ryan Stone – the Canberra College

Ryan performs at a professional standard and has toured internationally with the Quantum Leap 2 Youth Dance Ensemble. He has achieved at a high standard in all areas of dance performance, composition and appreciation. Ryan is a committed creative artist who pushes the boundaries of this art form, dedicating himself to a significant rehearsal schedule for his extra-curricular dance commitments.

Nicole Johnson – Canberra Girls' Grammar School

From playing rock drums in the inaugural rock concert at the school to fully organizing and mounting the first House Arts Extravaganza in 2014, Niki has shown herself to be dedicated to not just the usual activities, but ones that will bring new talent and flair to the students. Niki was selected as one of the top performers in the ACT for the *ACTent Concert 2014*.



Natalie Whalley – Daramalan College

Natalie was involved in Ausdance ACT Dance Festival and with the choreography for the school production *The Little Mermaid*. She actively participated in college theatre productions including *Installation Ark* and *The Taming of the Shrew* where her performance of Kate was exceptionally strong. Natalie has shown excellent leadership qualities as Performing Arts Captain.

Risa Craig – Dickson College

Risa's performances at music concerts are a highlight, her films conceived and executed brilliantly, and her performance in the college's drama production sophisticated and skilful. She contributed to the Ausdance ACT Dance Festival both as a choreographer and dancer. Risa often engages in mature discussions and debates across the arts disciplines.

Madison Wallace – Erindale College

Madison is a musician with many creative talents. She is a composer and singer and plays piano and keyboard. Madison studied Music at tertiary level as well completing a Certificate II in Music supported with work placements at the National Folk Festival. She has made significant contributions to the arts showcases, music and open nights at the college. Madison recently performed at the Tamworth Country Music Festival and completed an album containing all of her own compositions.

Claire Warren – Gungahlin College

Completing courses across the visual arts, Claire has developed confidence expressed through her work and her participation in events such as *College Express*. Claire won an award for best Live TV Production at *Reel ACT*. She has been a major contributor to college groups such as *Artpreneurs* and she was chief photographer for the production of *Fame*. She received the People's Choice award at the college's film festival. Claire exhibited works at the *Step into the Limelight* art exhibition in 2013 and 2014.



Jeremy Platt – Hawker College

Jeremy displays consistent academic excellence in music. He has played with the Instrumental Music Program Big Band for a number of years and is a highly proficient pianist. His composition skills are outstanding as is his ability to improvise over different forms. Jeremy has played across a wide range of styles and genres in the course of his studies at the college.

Alice Turner – Lake Tuggeranong College

Alice's visual art works are exemplary, and her technical skills in drawing and painting continue to improve and impress. She continually reflects on others' work within the industry to inform her own work. Alice works in a determined way to improve on previous results and is unfaltering in her pursuit of skills and knowledge to achieve her intended result.

William Murphy – Marist College

Will won awards at the recent annual College Art Show. He also developed the highly professional promotional materials for the show, including posters, banners, invitations, award certificates and online materials. Will's photography work was selected to appear in *SNAP*, an exhibition by ACT senior secondary photography students.

Melissa Heckenberg – Melba Copland Secondary School

Melissa has been involved in all the school musicals, playing the leading role in the past three. She has acted in all the student drama productions. Melissa has been a consistent high achiever in both Drama and Media over the past two years. In addition, she has participated in a number of NIDA workshops and local amateur productions.



Jordan Muthukumaraswamy – Merici College

Jordan was nominated for a 2013 Canberra Area Theatre Award for her contribution to choreography. She has performed in and choreographed a variety of dance styles for many college productions. Jordan has shared her passion and skills with dancers both at school and in her community involvement promoting opportunities to students and parents.

Lauren Arthur – Narrabundah College

Lauren has shown a significant aptitude across a number of the visual arts, particularly art and architecture, and a desire to extend her abilities. She has taken a rigorous approach to completing complex art projects to the highest level. Lauren undertook a major role in the organisation of the Narrabundah Art and Photography Graduating Students Exhibition.

Stephanie Calver – Orana Steiner School

Steph's work in the performing arts has been consistently outstanding. She is a gifted actor, singer and dancer who has generously shared her passion for performance through her work with the school's junior students and in her role as a Canberra Youth Theatre Ambassador.

Dougal Mordike – Radford College

Dougal has a talent for using his knowledge, skills and expertise from media, photography, dance, technical theatre and acting to create complex artistic works in a variety of fields. This combination has produced exemplary performances of the highest standard. He has created remarkable multimedia presentations, organized publicity and managed senior drama productions.

Nicholas Hayes – St Edmund's College

Nick has been an integral part of every performance while at the college including eisteddfods, open days and charity events. He led by example, making sure the younger students know what is expected in terms of effort, behaviour, attendance and standard of playing. Nick participated in the music leadership exchange course in Launceston and Canberra.



Katherine Berry – St Francis Xavier College

Katherine performed a lead role in the college musical *Bugsy Malone* and has sung at liturgies, masses and assemblies, mentoring younger students in the choir. Katherine has also displayed excellent acting skills, performing in college plays, recital nights and concerts. She is a passionate dancer who performs at a high level in competitions and exhibitions.

Nakiesha Rodgers – St Mary MacKillop College

Nakiesha has achieved consistent results in Dance for the past two years, and performed at the Ausdance ACT Dance Festival. She has also excelled in the performing arts through her successful audition and involvement in Quantum Leap.

Carly Wilson – Trinity Christian School

Carly is a talented musician and actor, who is an important member of the school's jazz and worship bands. Her other achievements include lead roles in two college musicals and membership of the Woden Valley Youth Choir. She has been offered a position in a Brisbane theatre company.

Cara Bessey – UC Senior Secondary College, Lake Ginninderra

Cara is a talented performing artist in the areas of music, drama and dance. Her outstanding commitment to the arts is evident in her performance in the lead role in two years of college musicals and plays. She won the college's annual talent quest. Cara is a member of the Canberra Philharmonic Society, and has recently sung at a concert with the Canberra Symphony Orchestra.

Emerald Sims – The Woden School

Emerald has been an enthusiastic member of the Woden School Dance Troup performing at the *Step into the Limelight Festival*. She successfully completed ASDAN Units including creativity, photography, printing, performing arts, pottery and ceramics and music. Her completed artworks are displayed around the school. In particular she has produced and displayed beautiful and unique pieces pottery/ceramic and paint mediums.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards

Tayla Brister – Brindabella Christian College

Tayla is community minded and inclusive of all. She consistently went out of her way to build community across the college where she worked particularly well with younger students. Tayla received a Country Women's Association scholarship which she used to pursue and complete her schooling. Tayla's perseverance and positive attitude are outstanding.

Kylie Beutel – Burgmann Anglican School

Kylie's commitment to her studies and her genuine curiosity and desire to learn saw her achieve excellent academic results, particularly in Global Studies and Legal Studies. She was also heavily involved in community issues and was a keen participant in UN Youth debating in which she showed highly developed skills in team work. Kylie also volunteered as a tutor for the Program for After School Studies refugee mentoring program.

Emma Murphy – the Canberra College

Emma has been an exemplary student during her time at the college, achieving excellent results in Sociology and Psychology. She has worked extensively with the school's Student Leadership Group, taking on a mentoring and support role. Emma has managed to form strong bonds with the entire school community and has demonstrated resilience and determination in all her undertakings.

Paulina Sili – Canberra Institute of Technology Year 12

Paulina developed clear learning goals and identified the barriers she needed to overcome to achieve those goals. She has consistently demonstrated her willingness to challenge herself and her achievements have been noteworthy. Paulina has a clear vision for her future which includes further study at university.

Bryce Lee – Daramalan College

Bryce has made a significant contribution to the college and broader community through his role as a rugby coach and player. As a member of the college rugby team that toured the UK and France in 2013, Bryce demonstrated excellent leadership qualities and an appreciation of cultural diversity. Bryce displays a deep pride in his heritage and was named captain of the Australian Indigenous Under 18 Rugby Team in 2013.



Tatjana Baum – Dickson College

Tatjana is a proud Indigenous student. She has demonstrated on many occasions her inclusive and supportive leadership. An intelligent and articulate individual she has made a significant contribution to the life at college and is often called upon to be a spokesperson. Tatjana has been a mentor to other Indigenous students and has assisted at many events such as the Inner North Community Indigenous Partnership Agreement celebration.

Liam French – Erindale College

Liam has been a wonderful role model for students, encouraging them to utilise the programs and pastoral care available through the Mindyigari Centre for students of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds and providing advocacy for his peers. Liam is an engaging young man who volunteers his time to support cultural and school related activities. He was selected to attend a Royal Australian Air Force Indigenous Youth Program.

Nakiya Smith – Gungahlin College

Nakiya has demonstrated a commitment to attaining a strong and varied Year 12 Certificate, and has shown a particular passion for Sport and Business Studies. One of her strengths is as a cultural performer in Indigenous dance, and she has shown the ability to be an effective leader in an array of school sports. Nakiya was awarded the Indigenous Health Scholarship.

Vanessa Farrelly – Hawker College

Vanessa has demonstrated a high level of leadership and contribution to the student voice at the college. She is the convener of Gaia Group, a student initiated group promoting sustainability, climate change awareness and the adoption of responsible waste recycling strategies, resulting in implementation of a new system at the college.

Hayden Ross – Lake Tuggeranong College

Hayden has maintained a high level of achievement across all of his classes at college. He has a studious approach to his learning and provides positive contributions to his classes. Hayden has also actively contributed to the college theatre productions and music performances, often volunteering his time and talent to perform at college events.



Thomas Evans – Marist College

Tom is a kind, generous young man who has been an excellent role model and mentor to the younger students. His exemplary work ethic has been demonstrated both in his academic work and on the sporting field. Tom's input, leadership and encouragement has enhanced events, including meetings, social activities, liturgies and celebrations and has had a positive impact on the junior boys. An outstanding athlete, Tom has been a valued member of the college rugby union team.

Alexandra Black – Narrabundah College

While at college Alex has completed her Year 12 Certificate whilst simultaneously undertaking study at CIT. She was part of a collaborative reading/mentoring program with young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at a local primary school. Alex is planning to continue her education with further courses in beauty therapy, photography, or possibly the automotive industry.

James Morgan – St Edmund's College

James played an integral role in setting up and maintaining links between his Indigenous community in Darwin and the college. He participated in the Northern Territory Youth Ministry Immersion program. In this role he helped to foster and build positive and lasting connections between the college and schools in the Northern Territory and Tiwi Islands. James's personal ties to the Darwin community have enabled the Youth Ministry project to grow and develop close and lasting ties that have cemented this reconciliation project.

Tyler Jones – St Mary MacKillop College

Tyler was awarded a prestigious scholarship through Charles Darwin University to attend the Asian Science Camp in Singapore as one of six students in the Australian delegation. As leader of the astronomy club, Tyler has been an inspirational mentor to young students.

Academic Studies Awards

John Parson – Brindabella Christian College

John exhibits excellence in essay writing and has a sophisticated understanding of the creative arts. He has achieved the highest results in the college for Media, Photography and Religious Studies and has also performed very well in English. John's dedication to research and textual analysis is excellent and the level of creativity seen within his work is exceptional.

Elvin Yip – Burgmann Anglican School

Elvin excels in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics. He was involved in various school activities, including school sports carnivals, the ANU Mathematics Day and the college karaoke night. He also supported the broader community by participating in the Anglicare Winter Sleep Out and the 40 Hour Famine.

Mia Huang – Burgmann Anglican School

Mia excels in Physics and Specialist Mathematics. Mia also undertook studies in Advanced Classical Music at the Australian National University. Her skill as a musician has led to formal performances at various embassies and interstate functions. Mia also participated in a variety of co-curricular activities including the senior choir, school musicals, stage band and as a yearbook coordinator.

Jiheng Xu (Sunny) – the Canberra College

Sunny has completed an extensive and challenging academic program including Specialist Mathematics, English, Chemistry and Physics as well as Biology, Visual Art and Food for Life. She gained high distinctions in the Australian Mathematics Competition and credits in UNSW Mathematics competitions. She has completed the Qwestacon training program.

Vanessa Ma – Canberra Girls' Grammar School

Vanessa is an exceptionally talented student whose results have always been outstanding. She has a willingness to engage with new knowledge and push the boundaries. Vanessa has a mature approach to study and has often coached other students to assist them with understanding work.



David Humphrey – Canberra Institute of Technology Year 12

David is a focused student who has worked very hard at completing and understanding all facets of his Year 12 courses. He is an active participant in all classes. David is keen to study Japanese at university.

Benjamin Cherian – Daramalan College

Benjamin is a diligent student who is devoted to achieving high standards and has won numerous academic excellence awards at the college, including recently in mathematics and the sciences. Benjamin excels in English, Chemistry, Physics and Specialist Mathematics.

Harry Dalton – Dickson College

Harry Dalton is a dynamic writer, clever analytical thinker and a lover of classical literature. He is a dedicated historian whose research into historical events demonstrates amazing maturity and understanding.

Jordan Smith – Erindale College

Jordan has excelled in Specialist Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, English and Theory of Knowledge. Jordan is a role model to his peers, is meticulous and conscientious in his studies, and is very generous with the assistance he provides to his classmates. Jordan is a quiet achiever who demonstrates a passion and curiosity for his studies that motivates him to achieve outstanding outcomes.

Christian Fobister – Gungahlin College

Christian has studied three languages, German, Italian and French while at the college. He is a highly motivated, hardworking and dedicated student who has continued to challenge himself throughout his studies, leading to constant improvement in his academic results. He intends to study Linguistics at ANU.



Nicholas Chan – Hawker College

Nicholas has achieved excellent academic results with particular strengths in Specialist Mathematics and Chemistry. He is diligent, courteous and driven by a strong sense of curiosity. He has a record of involvement in sports, music and with mentoring others both at school and outside.

Callum Feint – Lake Tuggeranong College

Callum's program included English, Music and Psychology. He works collaboratively with others and is genuinely pleased when his peers succeed. He is responsive to feedback and has a focus on detail. As a performer, Callum has shown a strong interest in a range of genres and a willingness to tackle complex pieces. He has been an active participant in the college music ensemble and tutors and mentors beginning piano students across the ACT.

Bradley Pascoe – Marist College

Bradley undertook a challenging package of courses in his senior years including Specialist Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. Bradley was a supportive house senior in his house group and was always available to help younger students. He also participated in fund raising activities for charity organisations that were supported by his house.

Michael de Looper – Melba Copland Secondary School

Michael is an excellent all round academic performer. In conjunction with his ATAR, Michael has completed the International Baccalaureate Diploma. He has excelled across many of the sciences - Specialist Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry and also in French.



Elizabeth Zoneff – Merici College

Elizabeth is an exceptional student who has consistently applied herself to achieve her maximum potential in all her subject areas. Elizabeth has excelled in English, Chemistry, Specialist Mathematics and Religious Studies. She is a dedicated member of the college community, representing it in competitions and supporting events.

Prince Sebastian – Narrabundah College

Prince is a highly motivated, dedicated and intelligent student who has undertaken a challenging and rigorous program of studies which included English, Specialist Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and ANU Secondary College Physics. His excellent academic results are due to his determined approach, natural ability, diligence and an intelligently selected study program.

John Holmes – Orana Steiner School

John can best be described as a scholar and a gentleman, attentive to both the rigours of his academic pursuits and his social responsibilities. John's fine results come from hard work and perseverance and are certainly a credit to him.

Rosemary Kirk – Radford College

Rosie is an exemplary role model and student who has contributed to a range of activities in her time at the college, including as a chorister, debater and orator, basketballer, cross country athlete and prefect. Her senior studies include English, Specialist Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Japanese and Physical Education.

Ella Papandrea – St Clare's College

Ella has achieved outstanding results particularly in Specialist Mathematics, Italian and Chemistry. Ella is a conscientious student who accepts challenges and approaches them with determination. She displays good personal resilience and her spirit and enthusiasm are admirable.



Jacob Buddee – St Edmund's College

Jacob has achieved exceptionally well in all of his subjects and he has set a standard to which all students at the college can aspire. Jacob has an impeccable work ethic and he has attained a National Leaders Scholarship to assist with his future study.

Andrew Zeller – St Francis Xavier College

Andrew is an outstanding student who has achieved excellent results in English, Religious Studies, Specialist Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. Andrew has participated at a high level in the ACT Schools Chess Competition and ANU Mathematics Day. He is a passionate advocate for the environment and is an active member of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition.

Claudia Holland – St Mary MacKillop College

Claudia has been an outstanding leader in the school both as college captain, and as a role model for academic achievement. She has excelled in English, and also achieved outstanding results in Religious Studies and Psychology.

Kyle Steemson – Trinity Christian School

Kyle is a talented student who has achieved a highly laudable result. Consistently applying himself to his academic work while simultaneously fulfilling the role of college captain, he has achieved excellent outcomes by making effective use of his aptitude for organisation and reasoning.

Nathan Elazar – UC Senior Secondary College, Lake Ginninderra

Nathan has embarked on journey of continual improvement at college with his best results, in all of his subjects, being in year 12. Nathan has been particularly outstanding in mathematics where he has been willing to support others and in computer programming where he has shown great creativity in his program development with complex solutions demonstrating high level programming skills and a great depth and breadth of knowledge.

International Schools

These schools deliver ACT Year 12 certification

Coronation College, Lae

Community Service – Anthony Aila

Anthony has been an active member of the college debating team and he is also a member of the National Youth Against Corruption Association and has actively participated in campaigns against corruption. He has visited local orphanages and organised photographers to assist with the school year book photographs. Anthony compiled a video presentation for the graduation reception.

Academic Studies – Jeremiah Panapen

Jeremiah has demonstrated a highly consistent performance for the last two years. Jeremiah is quick to comprehend, shows initiative and expresses his ideas logically and clearly. Jeremiah takes pride in his work. He is a competent, analytical speaker for the school debating team.



Port Moresby International School

Academic Studies –

Deborah Charlesworth

Deborah has been completing both the ACT and the International Baccalaureate Diploma. She has been active on stage as a lead in the school musical and during the United Nations Concert, which showcases the cultural diversity of the school. Deborah has been an active supporter of the school's charity work through the Interact Club which assists those less fortunate both in Port Moresby and the adjoining area.

Andrew Mapai

Andrew is the first native born Papua New Guinean to top ACT rankings at the school. He has completed a triple qualification in the ACT Year 12 Certificate, International Baccalaureate Diploma and Papua New Guinea programmes which has been very challenging. Andrew's special talent is for Mathematics.



Sekolah Cita Buana, Jakarta

Academic Studies – Katherine Austin

Katherine has completed courses in English, Mathematics, Physics, Biology, Economics, Visual Arts and Indonesian to achieve this excellent result.



Australian International School, Indonesia

Community Service – Syasya Fadhil

Syasya is an empathetic student with a warm and genuine heart. Her compassion towards others was shown consistently over two years as demonstrated through her commitment to Clean-up Jakarta, re-decorating and painting a mural at Kampung Kids and also cooking for the orphanage children at Lestari Orphanage.

Performing/Visual Arts – Hyesu Kim

Hyesu has consistently showed depth and breadth in her contextual understanding of visual and media arts, using this understanding to create unique and innovative artwork over the past two years. In addition, she acted as curatorial assistant and helped set up several art shows. Hyesu works collaboratively, and leads by example.

Academic Studies – Faresa Reno Hendrawan

Reno has applied himself consistently and diligently in his studies to achieve outstanding results throughout years 11 and 12. He has demonstrated a great deal of creativity and initiative and has shown outstanding problem solving skills in a variety of disciplines. He is a gifted writer, an accomplished mathematician and an excellent magician. Reno would like to pursue a career as an aeronautical engineer.



International School Suva

Community Service – Maraia Pickering

Maraia has great compassion towards the less fortunate in society and has initiated a number of volunteer efforts over the last two years which will create a lasting legacy for future generations. She has volunteered weekly at the Home of Compassion retirement home, joined the Learn to Swim Program to help visually impaired children, and initiated and overseen an arts and literacy club for Na I Nui Children's Charity Trust Fund amongst other school based service activities.

Performing/Visual Arts – Hannah Naiyaga

Hannah has contributed immensely to the school and the wider community both as a respected student and as school captain. Her contributions include directing the 2014 school production *Creepy Addams*, acting in *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* and *Aladdin and the Magic Lamp* and as both choreographer and dancer in *Tadra Kahani 2013*, *Fijiwood Dance Competition* and *Amen* a local community performance. Hannah also sang in the *Plugged In* band competition amongst secondary schools in Suva.

Academic Studies – Maraia Pickering

Maraia has achieved excellent results in English, Physics, Chemistry, History, Theory of Knowledge and French. In addition, Maraia has a keen interest in science, science fiction, medical research and innovation. She also helps voluntarily at a local retirement home and participates in other charity work. Maraia is a meticulous worker, confident speaker and an inspiration to others.

