

Media Release

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TOP STUDENTS RECOGNISED IN PREMIER'S VCE AWARDS

Victoria's best performing VCE students have been recognised with Premier's VCE Awards, celebrating their outstanding efforts and achievements in their final year of schooling amidst the challenges of 2020.

Minister for Education James Merlino congratulated the high-achieving students, which include a young musician with her sights set on the world stage, a creative designer who won a competition creating an outfit she designed for vision-impaired teenagers, and a profoundly deaf student now studying to become a teacher for deaf children.

A total of 297 Victorian students received 323 awards across 90 subjects, including 297 Study Awards, 23 Top All-Round VCE High Achiever Awards and three Top International Student Awards.

The Top All-Round VCE High Achiever awards recognise those students who achieved study scores of 46 or higher out of 50 in at least five VCE subjects, while Study Awards recognise the best performers in individual VCE subjects.

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering on its promise to build the Education State so every Victorian student can get a great education.

The Labor Government's \$60.2 million investment Student Excellence Program is equipping schools with the resources, tools and professional learning opportunities needed to support high-ability students.

Every government school now has a high-ability practice leader to coordinate their school's participation in these programs and to support their high-ability students.

A full list of the Premier's VCE Awards recipients is available at education.vic.gov.au/vceawards.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

"A massive congratulations to our top-performing 2020 VCE students who worked incredibly hard to achieve these amazing results in their final year of school – I hope you are all so proud of your achievements."

"These award winners are a testament to how well Victorian students, teachers and school communities adapted to the challenges of a global pandemic, and still produced outstanding results."

"We're delivering on our promise to build the Education State, making sure every Victorian student in every community across the state has the opportunity to achieve their best."