

Media Release

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TOP STUDENTS CELEBRATED AT PREMIER'S VCE AWARDS

The Andrews Labor Government is incredibly proud of the outstanding effort our top performing VCE students of 2022 and has celebrated their success at the Premier's VCE Awards.

Finishing the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) is a huge step for thousands of students across the state – and their hard work and dedication we applaud - as they take the next steps after year 12.

Our best and brightest from 2022 were recognised for excelling through the once-in-a-lifetime challenges of VCE and performing at the top of the state academically - in one or more subjects.

Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins congratulated our highest VCE achievers, which include a saxophonist from Rowville Secondary College now studying music at Monash University and a Melbourne High School student who was inspired by the pandemic to study medicine.

A student from Mallee P-12 College who founded a local 'youth sanctuary' for young people to connect and find support in the wake of the 2020/21 Black Summer bushfires has also been recognised for their achievement.

The top performing students received their Premier's VCE Awards during a prestigious ceremony at the Melbourne Convention Centre - in front of their families and special guests.

A total of 300 students received 331 awards across 88 subjects: including 294 Study Awards, 34 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.

Our \$115.5 million Student Excellence Program investment is equipping schools with the resources, tools and professional learning opportunities needed to support high-ability students and make sure they have the tools they need to follow their passions and talents.

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

A full list of the Premier's VCE Awards is available at www.vic.gov.au/premiers-vce-awards

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins

"Our top performing VCE students deserve enormous congratulations for their commitment and hard work – receiving outstanding academic results and making Victoria proud."

"Supporting students to achieve their full potential is part of how we're making Victoria the Education State – and these award winners demonstrate the commitment, adaptability and excellence of Victorian students and schools."