

Media Release

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YOUNG VCE LEADERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

Victoria's next generation of leaders have been recognised at the annual VCE Leadership Awards, celebrating the outstanding achievements of eight students from across government, independent and Catholic schools.

Minister for Education Ben Carroll today congratulated the award recipients, including the overall 2024 VCE Leader of the Year, and acknowledged the meaningful impact they have had in their schools and communities while studying for their VCE.

Now in its 27th year, the awards have extended to also recognise students pursuing a vocational pathway following the expansion of VCE to include the VCE Vocational Major.

This year's finalists included active leaders who champion student voices, promote inclusion and diversity and make a difference in their communities and beyond.

Applications were accepted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) with finalists chosen by a dedicated panel.

A three month application and interview process was conducted to get to know the students and their achievements underpinning exemplary leadership and innovative community work.

The students received their VCE Leadership Award at a ceremony at Treasury Theatre attended by their families and special guests.

More information about the awards is available on the [VCAA website](#).

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education Ben Carroll

"The VCE Leadership Awards embody everything the Education State stands for – achieving excellence and giving every student the best opportunity to succeed, regardless of background or circumstance."

"These young leaders' achievements show that Victorian students are part of a global community and that our world-class education system is enabling them to grow, inspire and give back to their school and wider community."

Quote attributable to Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority CEO Kylie White

"These awards highlight the fact that the VCE enables students to reach their full potential and make a meaningful difference in their communities, regardless of the pathway they take."

2024 VCE Leadership Award recipients

- Isabelle Cooke, Marian College Myrtleford (VCE Leader of the Year 2024)
- Georgia Kaminis, Mount Waverley Secondary College
- Hannah O'Loughlin, Padua College
- Myeesha Mohammed, Fitzroy High School - Wurun Senior Campus
- Niamh Coffey, St Helena Secondary College
- Raghad Yousif, Brentwood Secondary College
- Ruby Streit, Westbourne Grammar School
- Tajwyn Corben, Bairnsdale Secondary College

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