



Media release

Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations
The Honourable Grace Grace

Queensland's top Year 12 graduates announced

Education Minister Grace Grace has today congratulated the state's top Year 12 graduates from the class of 2018 at the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) Achievement Awards.

"These annual awards are a fantastic opportunity to recognise the hard work and achievement of our top students, as well as the teachers and families who supported them," Ms Grace said.

"In 2018, close to 49,000 young Queenslanders received a QCE. They have now turned their focus to entering university, starting a trade or moving straight into the workforce," Ms Grace said.

Ms Grace said the top award of Outstanding Academic Achiever went to Maya Lamont who attended Indooroopilly State High School. Maya received a certificate, trophy, and \$5000.

"Maya's extraordinary Year 12 results placed her ahead of more than 51,000 of her peers," Ms Grace said.

"She achieved exceptionally highly in all her school subjects, the Queensland Core Skills Test, tertiary entrance ranking, and in a philosophy subject at university.

"Maya hopes to work in environmental law or government in the future and advocate for causes she's passionate about.

"This year Maya will study Arts and law at The University of Queensland.

"I congratulate Maya and commend the wonderfully supportive learning environment at Indooroopilly State High School that helped her to flourish."

QCAA chief executive officer Chris Rider said the awards highlighted the strength of senior schooling in Queensland.

"The award winners attended 23 different state and non-state schools," Mr Rider said.

"Queensland's broad curriculum supports pathways to further education, training and work for all Year 12 students, while challenging the most academic to reach the highest standards.

"All of today's award winners should thrive at university and go on to make valuable contributions in careers ranging from robotics engineering and medicine to education, law, journalism and veterinary science."

The QCE Achievement Awards are sponsored by Griffith University, Queensland University of Technology, The University of Queensland and University of Southern Queensland.

The award criteria and prizes can be viewed at:

<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/certificates-qualifications/qce/qce-achievement-awards> (external site) (
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2018 QCE Achievement Award winners

Outstanding Academic Achiever:

- Maya Lamont, Indooroopilly State High School

Highest Achievement by an Aboriginal Student or Torres Strait Islander Student:

- Jayden Webster, Mount Gravatt State High School

Highest Result on the Queensland Core Skills Test:

- Grace Kennett, Somerset College

Distinguished Academic Achievers:

- Emily Appleby, Brisbane School of Distance Education
- Georgia Bartley, All Hallows' School
- Daniel Butcher, Genesis Christian College
- William Chen, Brisbane State High School
- Jisu Choi, Brisbane State High School
- Aidan Demmers, Mount Gravatt State High School
- Yishu Ding, Brisbane State High School
- Ava Disney, St. Rita's College, Clayfield
- Marc Eksteen, Somerset College
- Zoe Hulme-Peake, Downlands College
- Maya Lamont, Indooroopilly State High School
- Phillip Le, Brisbane Grammar School
- Adelene Luong, Brisbane State High School
- Phoebe McAuliffe, St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School
- Javan McGuckin, Bremer State High School
- Grace Nakamura, Lourdes Hill College
- Arwen Nugteren, Centenary Heights State High School
- Max Orchard, Grace Lutheran College
- Benedict Panizza, St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace
- Flynn Pearman, Padua College
- Georgia Perry, Brisbane Girls Grammar School
- Dominic Previterra, St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace
- Deren Teo, Brisbane State High School
- Luke Waldie, Brisbane State High School
- Thomas Waldie, St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace
- Alec Walsh, Kilcoy State High School
- Maximilian Windsor, Brisbane Boys' College
- Samuel Wong, Brisbane Grammar School
- Olivia Wormwell, Redeemer Lutheran College
- Claire Zemek, Lourdes Hill College

Highest Achievement by an International Student:

- Enle Yin, Citipointe Christian College

Highest Achievement in the International Baccalaureate:

- Serena Chen, Queensland Academy for Science, Mathematics and Technology

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