



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## LOCAL STUDENT HONOURED IN PREMIER'S VCE AWARDS

A local student in the Altona District been recognised alongside the state's best performing VCE-students in the Premier's VCE Awards.

Member for Altona District Jill Hennessy today congratulated Nicole-Hazel Parulan on their outstanding achievement.

Nicole-Hazel, of Mount St. Joseph Girls' College was recognised with an award in Music Performance.

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 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](https://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."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Altona District Jill Hennessy

*"Congratulations to Nicole-Hazel Parulan on your outstanding efforts. It's wonderful see your hard work recognised with a VCE Premier's Award".*

*"Nicole-Hazel's success is a credit to not only their hard work and abilities, but also to the supportive school community at Mount St. Joseph in Altona."*