

## Media Release

### Catholic Schools Celebrate big gains in HSC 2021

Catholic school students have performed incredibly well in the 2021 HSC, with 24 students finishing first in course – an increase of 50% from 2020.

Catholic Schools NSW Chief Executive Officer Dallas McInerney highlighted it was pleasing to see so many students from Catholic schools in those “LGAs of Concern” from 2021.

Catholic Schools had students who attended school West Hoxton, Merrylands, Westmead, Fairfield, Rosemeadow, and Marayong finish First in Course.

“For a student to top their subject in ordinary circumstances is a huge achievement but to do so while being locked down for so long is just incredible. This is a testament to the resilience of each of these students but also their teachers and families that have supported them over the last year.”

“These students should be incredibly proud of their efforts over the last year, 2021 was a difficult year for many but you have shown that you were able overcome these difficulties to achieve outstanding results.”

Mr McInerney added that it was particularly satisfying to see a strong representation of Catholic School students in Mathematics, with five First in Course recipients in those subjects.

Catholic Schools NSW Represents the State’s 594 Catholic Schools and 259,000 Students.

COURSE	STUDENT	SCHOOL
Biology	Diana Vlahos	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College (Kensington)
Business Services Examination	Sophie Vo	Cerdon College (Merrylands)*
Construction Examination	Tony Khattar	Clancy Catholic College (West Hoxton)*
Construction Examination	Oliver Wells	Aquinas Catholic College (Menai)
Construction Examination	Brock Wilson	Aquinas Catholic College (Menai)
Design and Technology	Lucrecia Carter	St Benedict's Catholic College (Oran Park)
Drama	Tara Thai	Brigidine College St Ives
Drama	Matteo Persechino	St Leo's Catholic College (Wahroonga)
French Continuers	Emma Gwenaelle Briand	Kincoppal - Rose Bay School of the Sacred Heart
Information and Digital Technology	Trisha Shaileshbhai Pathak	St Andrews College (Marayong)*
Italian Beginners	Brent Macaraeg	Patrician Brothers' College Fairfield*
Mathematics Advanced	Lydia Mae Colla	Loreto Kirribilli

Mathematics Advanced	Max David Leo	St Pius X College (Chatswood)
Mathematics Standard 1 Examination	Corina Choy	Bethany College (Hurstville)
Mathematics Standard 2	Luke Morley	St Augustine's College Sydney (Brookvale)
Mathematics Standard 2	Cedric Castelino	Parramatta Marist High School (Westmead)*
Music 1	Miranda Quantrill	Mount St Patrick College (Murwillumbah)
Primary Industries Examination	Emma Watson	St Columba's Catholic College (Springwood)
Retail Services Examination	Caleb Baker	St Paul's Catholic College (Booragul)
Science Extension	Ian Burton	Xavier High School (North Albury)
Spanish Beginners	Leon Palacio	Waverley College
Studies of Religion I	Kashia McGrath	MacKillop College Port Macquarie
Studies of Religion II	Hannah Cook	Oakhill College Castle Hill
Visual Arts	Toby Harland	John Therry Catholic High School (Rosemeadow)*

**\*Denotes student who attended school in a LGA of Concern**

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