

MEDIA RELEASE



San Sisto College student wins a top QLD resources award

Year 12 student and school captain at San Sisto College Jemma Donovan has taken home a prestigious Queensland Resources Council (QRC) and Women in Mining and Resources (WIMARQ) award, in the category 2022 Exceptional Female – Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA) Student.

Announced at an International Women’s Day breakfast yesterday morning at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Jemma was recognised in front of a 1000-strong crowd celebrating women at the top of their game in the resources sector across Queensland.

Jemma said she was honoured to be a finalist let alone take home the award.

“I am so proud to have been recognised with this award alongside so many other inspiring women and am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to celebrate the role of females in the mining and resources sector,” Jemma said.

As a current Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA) Ambassador, and previously a University of Queensland Science Ambassador for 2021, Jemma said the opportunities through the College and these roles have provided her with a platform to share her passion for science and become a leader in learning for young women like herself who are considering career in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

“My involvement with the QMEA has been fantastic for my personal and professional growth, as it has allowed me to connect with industry professionals who will assist me in my future career path.

“I have had the opportunity to interact with like-minded individuals who share similar passions to myself, growing my knowledge of the mining and resources sector.”

To provide progressive, real-world experiences, San Sisto College partners with leading universities and institutions, including the University of Queensland, Monash University, Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA) and technology providers.

San Sisto College Principal Shelley Hamilton said the College embraces agile and innovative education and pedagogical practices that equip students with 21st century attributes.

“Our dedicated teaching team pursues leading-edge, best-practice pedagogy to maximise learning, and prepare students for occupations in the future that do not currently exist,” she said.

“We believe we provide dedicated and committed teaching, wellbeing and support staff who work to create a vibrant learning environment that nurtures and supports each student. We place great value on this holistic approach to educating young women.”

After completing her secondary studies at San Sisto College, Jemma hopes to continue this path by studying a Bachelor of Engineering.

“This award as well as the connections through the College and involvement with the QMEA has opened my eyes to the wealth of career paths and opportunities available in the mining and resources sector, consolidating my goal of being a process and environmental engineer in the industry,” Jemma said.

“One day, I hope to combine my passion for engineering and love for the environment by working on ways to create more sustainable mining and energy production practices, within the mining and resources sector.”

For more information on award winners visit see Jemma’s profile, visit [Queensland Resources Council](#).

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San Sisto student Jemma Donovan accepting her award on International Women’s Day

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