

# Award winners share their stories

## QCE Achievement Awards

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### When I found out I'd won an award....

Tamara Bohler  
St Peters Lutheran College

I was tremendously excited. I ran and told my parents and said look, look. And they were really excited for me too.

Callum Woods  
Kenmore State High School

When I usually get mail, its bills or not good things but then this award came in the mail saying that I had to go to an awards ceremony and get a trophy and a certificate. It was just incredible.

Elizabeth Baldwin  
Mt St Michael's College

I screamed and I did a happy dance. I was so excited.

Ishvar Nedunchezhian  
The Southport School

I told my parents, told my mum and dad and they were really happy as well.

Rebecca Marshall  
Loreto College

I was extremely happy with my OP and all my university offers and things that had come out of that and I sort of thought they had all ended. Like all of the accolades and that sort of thing had ended and then I got this in the mail and I was really surprised and very excited.

David Menczer  
Nerang State High School

I felt pretty happy with myself.

### I'd like to thank...

Elizabeth Baldwin  
Mt St Michael's College

Well my family first and foremost. And also of course my teachers.

David Menczer  
Nerang State High School

I'd thank my teachers. I'd thank them because they put so much time and effort into helping all their students really focus on their studies and help them get through everything.

Rebecca Marshall  
Loreto College

I also think my parents because all throughout grade 12 and my whole entire schooling they've been so supportive of my education.

Callum Woods  
Kenmore State High School

My parents. And I would also like to thank my teachers because they've always encouraged me as well.

Ishvar Nedunchezhian  
The Southport School

I'd firstly thank my parents because they were always supportive of me throughout my whole schooling especially in Grade 12 –

whenever I needed help they were there and also my teachers because without them I wouldn't be where I am now.

## The secret to my success...

Rebecca Marshall

Loreto College

My school and the teachers at my school played a huge part in my academic success. I also think a lot of my peers were really great.

Ishvar Nedunchezhian

The Southport School

I just try to keep myself balanced at school. I know it's nearly impossible to be academic the whole time, to be studying looking at text books would be pretty boring so I used sport as a relaxing method.

Elizabeth Baldwin

Mt St Michael's College

I basically just did subjects I love. I know that sometimes there's a bit of an expectation that people who do well academically do a lot of science and maths subjects but I've always loved humanities so I just went with geography and ancient history and I had a great time in Year 11 and 12 so I'd definitely recommend that.

Tamara Bohler

St Peters Lutheran College

I think my parents definitely played a major role. And definitely also the school and my teachers who continued to support that love of learning and my desire for knowledge.

## My plans for the future...

David Menczer

Nerang State High School

I want to be an engineer. Someone who solves problems and figures out all these technological questions.

Rebecca Marshall

Loreto College

I'm going to be a doctor.

Ishvar Nedunchezhian

The Southport School

The plan for this year is I'm doing a Bachelor of Medical Science at Griffith University which is a two year undergraduate program.

Callum Woods

Kenmore State High School

I'm starting a dual arts law degree at UQ

Tamara Bohler

St Peters Lutheran College

I'm moving down to Canberra to study at the Australian National University and there I will do a Bachelor of Science and then medicine after that.

Elizabeth Baldwin

Mt St Michael's College

I'm doing an Arts/Law degree this year and I hope to go into a social justice or international relations sort of field after that.

## What drives me to achieve...

Callum Woods

Kenmore State High School

In Grade 8, I missed out on getting an academic award at awards night because I hadn't worked as hard as I could have that year and I guess at that point I realised that that I really did want to do well.

Elizabeth Baldwin

Mt St Michael's College

I'm a bit of a perfectionist. So I can't help but do my best with all of the assignments that I put in.

Rebecca Marshall

Loreto College

Part of it is that I know how fortunate I am to be afforded such opportunities that I've been afforded in my senior year. Even the opportunity to go to school. In other countries that's something that's not necessarily a given so I definitely value my education so that inspires me to make the most of any opportunities that I am given.

David Menczer

Nerang State High School

My motivation for studying so hard is just trying to be the best person I can be, try and do the best I can and get the best result I can.

Tamara Bohler

St Peters Lutheran College

I like to strive to achieve my best and I'm not satisfied unless I know I've put in my best effort.

Ishvar Nedunchezhian

The Southport School

You're at school to learn and do the best you can so I tried to push myself further and see what I could actually achieve while I was at school. It worked out pretty well at the end so I was pretty happy with it.