# **QCE Achievement Awards**

2021 winners share their stories

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### Introduction

The Honourable Grace MP Minister for Education Congratulations to the 47 students that will receive our high achievers' academic awards for the Queensland Certificate of Education.

As Minister for Education. I'm very proud of what they've been able to achieve.

### Winners' share their stories

Elijah Wong Brisbane Grammar School

Jasmine Armstrong

Mt St Michael's College

I am currently studying the Doctor of Medicine at Griffith University.

In the future, I intend to specialise in orthopaedic surgery.

Throughout high school, I was particularly passionate about mathematics and science. These subjects were very problem-solving based.

I would like to thank my family for supporting me, and although they do sometimes nag me, but this is all for the best.

I was fortunate enough to achieve provisional entry into medicine at UQ, so I plan on studying for the next seven years.

My motivation is my dream of studying and practicing medicine.

As an Indigenous woman, I can see pretty plainly the disparities that are present in our society and I want to give back to my community.





ि (रे) For all Queensland schools Hayden Lloyd Padua College

Emma Nipperess

Southport State High School

Diane Nguyen Brisbane State High School I am currently studying the Bachelor of Engineering and Master of Engineering program at UQ.

I'd like to create positive change in the world, be it working towards environmental sustainability or creating better equity in the world.

My greatest inspiration is my mum, as she is a woman who's very hard working, but has had to overcome a number of obstacles to reach the success she has in her life.

I'm completing an electrical apprenticeship in the elevator industry, and I'm a first year this year.

I'm passionate about progressing my future career into a place that I'm comfortable, a place that allows me to do the things outside of work that I like to do.

For me, becoming an electrician is something that guarantees a stable and prosperous career. And something that will allow me to balance my activities with other things outside of work I enjoy, as well as being able to enjoy the work that I do on a day-to-day basis.

I'm currently studying a Bachelor of Computer Science with a Masters of Data Science at the University of Queensland.

My favourite subject was definitely maths.

I'm motivated to just achieve the best that I can for myself.

I would like to thank all my teachers, because they put in just so much effort, especially preparing us for those final exams.

This year, I'll be commencing a dual degree in Law and Humanities, majoring in Western Civilization at the University of Queensland.

I'm unsure as to where this degree will take me but I plan to specialise in either human rights or international law.

I'd like to thank my parents, peers and teachers and all the members of the State High community.

#### Winners' advice for current students

Jasmine Armstrong Mt St Michael's College

Zoe Cumming Moreton Bay College

Hayden Lloyd Padua College

Diane Nguyen Brisbane State High School

**Emma Nipperess** Southport State High School

Elijah Wong Brisbane Grammar School My biggest advice for current students is to choose subjects that you enjoy.

Just keep doing the things that you love, because that's the way that you'll get the best academic results you can.

To keep your options open. If you find that you don't enjoy something, don't push yourself to enjoy that.

One thing that really worked for me was separating work and leisure and finding the balance between those two things.

Just listen in class and pay attention to what the teacher is saying.

It is ultimately up to you to make a difference in your future.



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