16 August 2019

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2020 DIOCESAN CEREMONY
FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS OF 2019

Dear Year 12 Students & Parents,

In a few short weeks 537 Year 12 students from schools in the Diocese of Bathurst will complete their studies associated with the Higher School Certificate. I would like to offer my personal and prayerful support to all Year 12 students at this time and it is my hope that this time is a rewarding experience.

I would like to inform all 2019 Year 12 students and your parents that next year we will again host a ceremony to acknowledge academic excellence in the Diocese of Bathurst. This ceremony will be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 5th February 2020 at the Orange Civic Centre.

This ceremony will acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding academic achievements of the Year 12 Class of 2019 from across the Diocese of Bathurst, and once again also include Year 12 students from St. Stanislaus’ College in Bathurst. Each Year 12 student achieving a Band 6 listing, or achieving an ATAR of 90+ will receive an invitation in late December to attend this ceremony with his or her family.

We will also acknowledge the VET Student of the Year and the Indigenous VET Student of the Year, these students are selected from a nomination list put forward by each of the secondary schools to a panel of selectors who make the final decision, taking into account exceptional skill, commitment and achievement while undertaking a Vocational Education Training in Schools program, such as TAFE VET or a School-based Apprenticeship or Traineeship as part of their HSC.

One student will be awarded with a medal and a Scholarship on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst to the value of $2000 to assist with furthering their education. This award will be given to the student who receives the highest Diocesan ATAR score for the 2019 HSC. Medals will also be awarded to students who achieve the highest Diocesan score for Studies of Religion I and II.

The ceremony will include liturgy, musical performance, keynote address and the acknowledgement of academic excellence. The details of the Diocesan Ceremony for Academic Excellence will be included in the letter of invitation that will be sent to eligible students after the release of the results in December. Casey Mutton, a student from MacKillop College Bathurst 2017 commented after attending the 2018 ceremony “Our hard work, dedication and commitment finally transformed into pride, recognition and satisfaction. It was a night that allowed us not only to give ourselves a humble pat on the back, but also enabled us to commend our peers for their own hard-won fantastic results.”

The purpose of this letter is to provide students and parents with advance notice to assist in planning for 2020. On behalf of everyone associated with Catholic education in the Diocese of Bathurst please accept our prayerful support for each Year 12 student and their family as they approach the final stages of their studies associated with the Higher School Certificate.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jenny Allen
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