

## Media Release

## Catholic school students top the state in 16 HSC subjects in 2020

Catholic school students achieved outstanding results in this year's Higher School Certificate exams, with 15 students receiving First in Course awards for 16 subjects.

Catholic Schools NSW Chief Executive Officer said these students should be especially proud of their achievements this year.

"These students should feel a real sense of accomplishment from their efforts this year, completing the HSC in a year like no other."

He added that all students who completed their HSC this year have not only gained a valuable credential, but would be well placed to manage other challenges in the years ahead.

"This has been a challenging year but you should be proud of the way you have navigated these challenges," Mr McInerney said.

He "These impressive first in course results are a testimony to the outstanding efforts of all students, their teachers and their families."

"On behalf of the Catholic sector, I also extend my congratulations to students in all school sectors for their outstanding achievements."

Mr McInerney also said that he was grateful for NESA's handling of the HSC this year.

"The HSC is a world recognised, end of school credential and I'm pleased that NESA was able to maintain the integrity of the exams, they should be congratulated" he said.

Catholic schools NSW represents the state's 599 Catholic schools and their 255,000 students.

SUBJECT	STUDENT	SCHOOL
Drama	Paula Kahwajy	Cerdon College (Merrylands)
Earth and Environmental Science	Sarah Sharp	St Columba's Catholic College (Springwood)
Investigating Science	Nathaniel Fletcher	St Paul's College (West Kempsey)
Music 1	Coda Cox	Xavier Catholic College Ballina (Skennars Head)
Studies of Religion I	Dean Jacobson	Parramatta Marist High School (Westmead)
Studies of Religion II	Constance Koh	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College (Kensington)
Chinese Beginners	Jasmine Burrows	Brigidine College Randwick
Polish Continuers	Veronica Serafin	Magdalene Catholic College (Narellan)
Construction Examination	Zara O'Mahony	St Patrick's College Sutherland
Human Services Examination	Nathan Galindo	Good Samaritan Catholic College (Hinchinbrook)
Tourism, Travel and Events Examination	Taylah Pye	St Patrick's College Sutherland
Visual Arts	Alice Knox	Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College (North Sydney)
Chinese Continuers	Matthew Barry O'Dea	St Ignatius' College (Lane Cove)
Chinese Extension	Nicholas William Rattigan Leonard	St Ignatius' College (Lane Cove)
Italian Continuers	Jemima Kingston	Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College (North Sydney)
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