

# Year 12 students receive Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards

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Congratulations to Year 12 students, Trisha Chari and Scarlett Deas, for completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a highly respected program that requires participants to take on activities that develop their leadership, perseverance and communication skills. The Gold Award is the highest and most challenging of three levels of achievement in the program and requires participants to improve their physical wellbeing, volunteer in their community and experience a team adventure in a new environment.



Scarlett Deas and Trisha Chari

To complete her award, Trisha participated in fitness and strength training to complement her gymnastics training. She learnt the electric guitar and played in a rock band for her skill component and volunteered at her local Vinnies for her volunteer service.

As a competitive swimmer and water polo player, Scarlett swam for her physical activity and undertook training to become a fully qualified water polo coach for her skill component. For her voluntary service, Scarlett assisted at the Women's and Girl's Emergency Centre, which supports women and children who have been impacted by homelessness, domestic violence and social disadvantage.

To complete the Gold Award, students must also complete a five-day residential activity. The Gold Residential Project offers unique experiences that broaden participants' horizons and challenges their outlook. Participants must undertake a purposeful experience with people who are not their usual companions, working towards a common goal. Scarlett attended a CRU study camp, learning study skills to assist with her HSC preparation whilst expanding her understanding of the Christian worldview through talks and daily discussion groups. Trisha attended the National Youth Science Forum Year 12 Program where she learned about different professions in STEM and gained experience working with different people and technology.

Both girls will receive their certificates and badges from the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, at a ceremony in December. Congratulations to Trisha and Scarlett on this excellent achievement.

## **Mrs Claire Marsh**

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