

Bishop Joseph Grech Youth Scholarship 2021

For the second year in a row, the Bishop Joseph Grech Scholarship Awards Ceremony was held online following a Victorian state lock down.

Ten worthy recipients joined Executive Director of Catholic Education Sandhurst, Mr Paul Desmond on Wednesday July 21 at a virtual awards ceremony to mark the occasion.

Mr Paul Desmond said that the Bishop Joseph Grech scholarship was one of his favourite events of the year. "To speak with these incredible students and to get a sense of the calibre of young people in our schools is truly inspiring," he said.

"Each year I have the privilege of speaking with the Bishop Joseph Grech Scholarship recipients and I am always richer for the encounter. These young people are truly amazing, they stand up for what is right, they look for opportunities to make their communities better places and they instil a sense of confidence in me that the future of our world is in very good hands," said Mr Desmond.

The scholarship recognises exceptional young people in Sandhurst Secondary Schools who contribute to the life of their Colleges through their commitment to their faith and to social justice.

"The Bishop Joe Scholarship enables Catholic Education Sandhurst to continue his legacy to the young people of the Sandhurst Diocese and gives recipients the opportunity to flourish as leaders within their schools, and in the wider community," said Paul.

This year's scholarship winners have identified a diverse range of programs and immersions that the Bishop Joseph Grech scholarship will enable them to attend once the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

Congratulations to the Bishop Joe Scholarship winners for 2021!



Darcy Backway - St Augustine's College Kyabram (Year 11)

'A kind and humble young man who may not see himself as a leader yet but is in fact a wonderful role model for other students.' **Brayden Stone - Principal**

Program: Reach Foundation



Henry Rotherham – Catholic College Wodonga (Year 10)

'I am inspired and somewhat in awe of young people, like Henry, who are so highly motivated, capable and wanting to assume leadership roles that will equip them to lead other young people.' **Fr Dennis Crameri – Sandhurst Priest**

Program: Navigator Youth Development Program



Zara Bodsworth – Marian College Myrtleford (Yr 10)

'One of Zara's many strengths has been her ability to manage her many commitments and continue to succeed in all areas. She is a natural leader and inspires those around her to follow.' **Stuart Thompson – Deputy Principal**

Program: Father Bob Maguire Foundation



Jiya Patel - Catherine McAuley College Bendigo (Yr 11)

'Jiya is an amazing young person who has a passion in many areas of our community including the wellbeing of others. This is evident in her relationships and inclusive approach to everything she is involved in.' **Trish Schofield – Deputy Principal**

Program: CMC Wellbeing Program



Jordyn Aldred - Catherine McAuley College Bendigo (Yr 10)

'Jordyn has a demonstrated capacity to lead through our SRC, coordinating and voicing the sometimes-difficult conversations that her peers may be uncomfortable to raise.'

Kym Wilton – Yr 10 Level Learning Leader

Program: CMC Racism activism & awareness Program



Jack Osbourn – Catherine McAuley College Bendigo (Yr 10)

'Jack has the kindness and empathy that shows his true character in every conversation he holds with both students and staff.' **Lee Cogan – Teacher**

Program: CMC Wellbeing Program



Ella McCormick – St Joseph's College Echuca (Yr 11)

'Ella is someone who will take the skills that she learns into the future and will use them well to benefit herself and those whom she encounters along the way.'

Kirilee Westblade – Catholic Identity Leader (St Joseph's College Echuca)

Program: Youth Leadership Development Camp



Simone Herzina - Catholic College Wodonga (Yr 10)

'Simone contributes positively in a group situation, and is always willing to listen to others – a skill that is often difficult to master.'

Steve Demamiel - Religious Education Learning Coach

Program: Youth Residential Immersion at 'La Maison de Ste Claire'



Grace Kennedy – St Mary of the Angel's College Nathalia (Yr 11)

'I have watched Grace mature into a confident young woman who shows leadership both in the classroom and on the sporting field. She is passionate and enthusiastic and is able to instil these values in those whom she shares her time with.'

Michaela Brooks – Senior School Team Leader

Program: Student leader on the SMOTA Year 9 Indigenous Immersion



Eva Gephart – Galen Catholic College Wangaratta (Yr 11)

'Eva embodies the spirit of Galen's motto of "Faith and Integrity". She carries herself with genuine respect and dignity and is well liked and much respected by her peers and her teachers.' **Bernard Neal – Principal**

Program: Ignite Catholic Youth Conference