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South Australia's country students excel in the SACE

Eight country students are among the top performing students across the State in this year's South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) – two more than last year.

The students were named as Governor of South Australia Commendation recipients, and are among 26 of the State's most outstanding Year 12 students.

The Governor of South Australia Commendation recognises outstanding achievement in Year 12 subjects and in the qualities young people need for community life, citizenship and work.

SACE Board Chief Executive, Dr Neil McGoran, said: "These students have excelled, both in their SACE studies and in the SACE capabilities of communication, learning, personal development, citizenship, and work. They are to be commended for their outstanding achievements."

The number of merit grades achieved by country students increased significantly this year – 124, up from 92 merits in 2013.

"It's inspiring to see so many country students striving and succeeding with their studies, and they all deserve to be extremely proud of their achievements," Dr McGoran said.

"Importantly, teachers and high schools across the State deserve a great deal of recognition for supporting students to reach their personal goals during what can be a challenging time," he added.

The eight students that attended country schools who received commendations are: Amy Borg (Waikerie), Brooke Capewell (Kingscote), Emma Gard (Angle Vale), Kaden Lange (Gawler East), Christine Ong (Evanston), Andrew Vonow (Crystal Brook), Laura Zdanowicz (Loxton) and Antoinette Wichmann (Mount Gambier)

SACE Board data also reveals that in 2014:

- A total of 3703 country students achieved the SACE.
- A record 250 Aboriginal students completed their SACE – the highest ever number – with 80 attending schools in country areas.

SACE results were posted online from 8.30am on Thursday 18 December; results and certificates were also posted to students' homes. Eligible students received their Tertiary Entrance Statement and supporting SATAC information in a separate envelope.

Further information and support relating to SACE results is available on the SACE website, and in an information booklet included in results envelopes. Specific queries can be answered via the Results Enquiry Line on **(08) 8373 0599** or for country students on **1800 652 230**.