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## Five country students amongst state's top SACE achievers

Five country students are amongst the top achievers in the state in this year's South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE).

The five have been named as Governor of South Australia Commendation recipients, and are amongst the 25 most outstanding Year 12 students in South Australia.

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 Paul Kilvert has congratulated the five students.

"These young people have excelled in both their SACE studies and in the SACE capabilities of communication, learning, personal development, citizenship, and work," he said.

The number of country students who completed at least one SACE Stage 2 subject this year was 5,217 – an increase of 533 on last year.

Eighty-six regional students achieved a subject merit for outstanding achievement in at least one of their SACE subjects this year.

Of these, 1 received three subject merits, 11 achieved two subject merits, and 74 achieved one subject merit.

The five regional recipients of the Governor of South Australia Commendation, and the 86 country students who achieved a subject merit, will be invited to the SACE Merit Ceremony at Government House on 12 February next year.

"These strong results are due to the dedication and commitment of students to their SACE studies, and also to the support these students receive from their teachers, families and communities," Dr Kilvert said.

"We look forward to acknowledging all of these outstanding students at the SACE Merit Ceremony in February," he said.

The five regional recipients of the Governor of South Australia Commendation were:

- Elizabeth Alexander of Mount Gambier
- Joel Byrth of Littlehampton
- Eleanor Garrard of Loxton
- Jordan Hamann of Balaklava
- Georgina Morphett of Kadina