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## Greatest number of subject merits ever awarded at SACE Merit Ceremony

The greatest number of subject merits ever achieved in the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) will be awarded at the SACE Merit Ceremony today at Government House.

The event will see 828 students awarded with 1117 subject merits for outstanding achievement in SACE Stage 2 subjects.

In addition 29 students with the highest overall achievement will be presented with the Governor of South Australia Commendation.

His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Governor of South Australia, will present this award.

This includes the presentation of the Governor of South Australia Commendation – Aboriginal Student SACE Award to the highest overall Aboriginal achiever, Ms Carissa Young.

SACE Board Chief Executive Dr Neil McGoran has congratulated all students receiving merit certificates and awards.

“Students have worked long and hard throughout their SACE to achieve these outstanding results, and they, along with their families and teachers, deserve to be recognised for their achievements,” he said.

The Minister for Education and Child Development, Hon Jennifer Rankine MP, will present the Tennyson Medal for English Studies.

The award dates back to 1901 when the former Governor of South Australia, Lord Tennyson, established the medal to encourage the study of English literature.

This year the medal is being awarded to 18-year-old Ms Dione (Dee-own-ee) Jones of Magill who is also one of the students to receive a Governor of South Australia Commendation.

Today Dione will be awarded subject merits in Biology, Chemistry, English Studies and Mathematical Methods. In 2012 she was awarded merits in Solo Performance and the Research Project.

Dione enjoyed all her Year 12 subjects and said English Studies helped her to better structure and write reports for her maths and science subjects.

“I particularly enjoyed studying Henrik Ibsen’s *A Doll’s House* and *The Book Thief* which I read for my own individual study,” Dione said.

Dione intends to study medicine this year and is presently considering two university offers.

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