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Three students recognised for achieving excellence in SACE Modified Subjects

Three students are about to be recognised for achieving excellence in their studies while completing a modified SACE curriculum designed for students with intellectual disabilities.

Angus Morton from Glossop High School, Brenton Evans from Kensington Centre and Grantley Byrne from Murray Bridge will be presented with the SACE Excellence in Modified Subjects Award today, (Friday 9 May 2014).

SACE Board Chief Executive Dr Neil McGoran said students with intellectual disabilities have been able to complete the SACE using modified subjects since 2011.

“South Australia is the only state where students with intellectual disabilities can access the same senior secondary certificate, through modified subjects that allow for individual learning goals,” Dr McGoran said.

“This empowers students to develop their capabilities and demonstrate their learning through a range of educational experiences.

“Angus Morton, Brenton Evans and Grantley Byrne have demonstrated outstanding achievements while undertaking SACE modified subjects, and are worthy recipients of this award.

“Angus Morton undertook a school-based traineeship last year and gained units towards a Certificate I in Automotive. He so impressed his employer that he was offered a permanent position and is continuing to increase his knowledge about motor vehicles.

“Brenton Evans achieved his SACE while undertaking a number of work placements including at Bedford Industries and at the Kensi Café at Kensington Centre. He also represented his school on a number of occasions, including at a Government House reception.

“While completing his SACE, Grantley Byrne gained a Duke of Edinburgh Award – Bronze, and First Aid skills from St John Ambulance.

“He also excelled in his school-based traineeship at a local nursery, and is continuing to work for the nursery while working towards a Certificate II in Horticulture.

“Angus, Brenton and Grantley are exceptional young men and I wish them well as they continue to grow and develop beyond school.”

Last year 98 students completed their SACE by studying at least one modified subject. The modified SACE curriculum is available across a range of subjects and is delivered in schools and specialist institutions.