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## Country students among state's top SACE achievers

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

The six have been named as Governor of South Australia Commendation recipients, and are among the 29 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 Neil McGoran has congratulated the six students.

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

"Each year, country students are among the state's outstanding achievers, and these young people, their families and teachers can be rightfully proud of their efforts," Dr McGoran said.

The number of country students who completed at least one SACE Stage 2 subject this year was 5,439 – an increase of 222 on last year.

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

Of these, two students achieved three subject merits, 10 achieved two subject merits, and 78 achieved one subject merit.

The six regional recipients of the Governor of South Australia Commendation, and the 90 country students who achieved a subject merit, will be invited to the SACE Merit Ceremony at Government House on 11 February next year.

"We look forward to congratulating the six regional recipients of the Governor of South Australia Commendation and the 90 country students who achieved a subject merit at the Merit Ceremony on February 11," Dr McGoran said.

The six regional recipients of the Governor of South Australia Commendation are:

- Lachlan Arthur of Hewett
- Vanessa Barry of Balaklava
- Thomas Bristow of Lyndoch
- Maximilian Donaldson of Mount Gambier
- Andrew Henderson of Caltowie
- Jordana McCallum of Tumby Bay