

The Top Scholar Awards For 2019.

Ella Hussey: awarded 2nd Mathematics and the Taranaki Mathematics Association award for Interest and Enthusiasm in Mathematics: 1st English, Fabric Technology, French, History, Science, Ella receives the Hermann Family Trophy for Best Year 11 Academic Student.

Keren Whareaitu: awarded Diligence- English; Star Health Sciences Level 4; Distinction; Music: 3rd-Chemistry, Mathematics: 2nd Art
Keren is receiving 'Te Kai Poutama Whetu': top academic Maori Student in the senior school.

Samantha Perrett: awarded 3rd-English: 2nd-History: 1st-Accounting, Art and Photography; the 6th Form Art Award Best Year 12 Art Student and the LeGrove Family Visual Arts Award All-round Excellence in Visual (Practical) Art
Samantha receives the Cusack Cup for Academic Excellence Year 12.

The Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award.

This year we have a special award: The Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award.

This award started this year. The purpose of the award is to recognise and celebrate the achievement of secondary students enrolled in vocational programmes, and to raise the status of vocational education so that more people see vocational education and training as an attractive option when they leave school.

Vocational education is education and training that helps students develop the skills, knowledge and attributes they need to perform a specific role and build a career in an industry.

The award rewards the top Year 12 or 13 student enrolled in a vocational programme. The award is a monetary prize of \$2000 dollars.

The recipient of this year's award is **Sam Witeri**. Sam took part in the Gateway BCITO Building Programme.

The Roodbeen trophy

This trophy is given to the best all round senior student who shows dedication and commitment to the general life of the school.

This year's recipient has been involved in a wide and varied range of activities. It would take less time to list the things that he has not been involved in. He has taken an active role organising the Year 13 assembly regarding the school environment and the PB4L assembly concerning cyber safety. He stepped up in supporting the school with the tribute assembly after the Mosque attack. He put together a proposal and identified young Maori boys needing mentoring and initiated a Mau Raku programme to guidance to these students. He meets with and tutors these boys each Friday. This has led to him volunteering to work with the Blue Light group run by the local police. He has been a mentor and role model on a project where a number of students have worked alongside the police to create a bike stand for the local skate park.

He has spoken at the ANZAC service, chaired the HEART committee and spoken at a local primary school, encouraging others to "follow in his footsteps". He is always visible around the school greeting staff and students alike. Painting the lounge, making props for the ball, involving himself in sporting, interhouse or cultural events. He is always positive, happy and humble. He is a young man with great mana around the school.

All of this has given this young man a high profile both in and outside of the school.

He is a conscientious young man who has a great sense of social responsibility- he has proven herself to be a person who, if there is a job to do, he will get on and do it.

He is certainly dedicated and committed to our school and has been an outstanding ambassador for Stratford High School and a worthy recipient of this award.

The winner of the **Roodbeen Trophy** for 2019 is **Sam Witeri**.

We now come to the final two awards-

Hollie Bruce awarded Diligence; Physics: 3rd History: 2nd Calculus, English: 1st Accounting
She receives the Raewyn Lightoller Accounting Award for Commitment, Contribution & Competency in Year 13 Accounting.

Maria Kowalewski awarded 1st Geography, History, Home Economics

Hollie and Maria are jointly awarded the **Sextus Family Trophy** for Proxime Accessit 2019.

Ashleigh Stanners awarded Distinction in English and Calculus: 1st Biology and Chemistry. She receives the H.C. Johnson Memorial Challenge Trophy for Senior Mathematics & Science.

Ashleigh has received, an \$8500 Priscilla Sandys Wunch Scholarship and The Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship for \$6000.

The final awards that **Ashleigh** receives are the **2019 Stratford High School PTA Dux Medal and the University of Otago Dux Scholarship.**