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## STUDENTS IN CASTLE HILL ACHIEVE TOP MARKS

Students in Castle Hill who have obtained first place in a 2020 Higher School Certificate courses have been acknowledged for their extraordinary academic achievements.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said students studying the HSC in 2021 have succeeded during a challenging year experiencing bushfires, drought and a global pandemic.

"In a normal year finishing first in a HSC course is an outstanding achievement, and to do so in a year like 2021, is a credit to the dedication and talent of the students recognised today," Mr Williams said.

"A huge congratulations to the young people who achieved top marks this year. I am sure your teachers, family and friends are incredibly proud of you.

"To see students come out of the HSC with these results is incredible, particularly those who achieved to such high standards," Mr Williams said.

Students in Castle Hill who received a first in course achievement are:

- Sarah Wilson from The Hills Grammar School first in course for Geography.
- Akane Kunita from Castle Hill High School first in course for Japanese and Literature.

"Thank you to the experienced and dedicated Castle Hill teachers, who along with family and friends have supported and encouraged these young people to achieve at the top of their class in a year like no other," said Mr Williams.

Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell said the 2021 cohort of students were inspiring and congratulated them for rising to the occasion.

"The First in Course award recognises student's intellect, perseverance and a passion for learning that will hold them in good stead for the future," Ms Mitchell said.

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