LOCAL SOMERVILLE RESIDENT WINS OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Local Somerville resident Jayden Alexandrou, won the Outstanding Vocational Student category at the Holmesglen annual Awards Dinner held on Friday 22 March 2013. The Awards Dinner was the culminating event of Holmesglen’s 16th Annual Awards Festival. The two week festival celebrates, recognises and rewards outstanding achievement and excellence by students and staff.

Alexandrou was recognised for his hard work during 2012 while studying the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) at Holmesglen and took home a $1,500 cash prize.

Alexandrou always knew he wanted to be a tradesman and did not want to pursue his VCE. His Career Counsellor told him about the Vocational College at Holmesglen and so using this as a stepping stone to the trades, he enrolled in the VCAL program.

The Vocational College model provides students with the opportunity to try a range of trades during their VCAL program. Attending classes in mechanical services, furniture making and joinery, Alexandrou demonstrated real leadership qualities, creativity, enthusiasm and initiative. He organised a community project for seniors that involved working closely with the local council and Southern Autistic School. Alexandrou has also worked with SYN FM, was chosen to display his work at the Holmesglen Open Day, and took part in other community based projects. Alexandrou’s depth of knowledge, his willingness to throw himself into projects and maturity to consistently apply himself throughout the year in all aspects of the senior VCAL program earned him the reputation of a young man wise beyond his years.

Alexandrou said studying with the Vocational College was the best choice he could have made. ‘The way Holmesglen Vocational College teaches you makes you want to go to school’, Alexandrou said. He plans to complete a Certificate III in Engineering (Metal Fabrication) and go on to work in the mines in Western Australia.

Running since 1998, the Holmesglen Awards Festival, celebrates, recognises and rewards outstanding achievement and excellence by students and staff. In a turbulent time for the TAFE sector, the Holmesglen Awards Festival is a demonstration of the positive impact the vocational education and training has on the lives of its students.

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Caption: Holmesglen Outstanding Vocational Student winner, Jayden Alexandrou

Caption: Jayden Alexandrou with Holmesglen Chief Executive, Bruce Mackenzie

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Offering over 600 programs across ten study areas, including graduate diplomas, degrees, graduate certificates advanced diplomas, diplomas, certificates, pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships, short courses and the Vocational College, offering an alternative to VCE.