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THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
CITIZENSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION

2012

Parliament House, Brisbane  
The Old Legislative Council Chamber  
(The Red Chamber)

**Friday, 21 September 2012**

Commemorative plaques presented by  
**The Honourable Justice Margaret A. McMurdo AC,**  
**President, Court of Appeal,**  
**Supreme Court of Queensland.**

Certificates of Community Service  
presented by  
**John Honeycombe, Founder, Honeycombes Property Group,**  
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*Compered by Howard Ainsworth AM*

*Music by The Anglican Church Grammar School String Ensemble*

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Our outstanding winning students for 2012 with the award presenters – from L to R **Kayla Walker** (Mareeba State High School); **Sarah El Sayad** (Alexander Hills State High School); **Kathryn Brewster** (Ormiston College); **Jake Durrington** (Merrimac State High School); **Christopher McRae** (St Luke's Anglican School); **Mikkayla McLeod** (Kirwan State High School); **John Honeycombe** (Honeycombes Property Group – our generous sponsor); **The Honourable Justice Margaret McMurdo AC** (Guest of Honour); **Benjamin May** (Noosa District State High School); **Kimiora Hartley** (Yeronga State High School); **Chelsea Ryan** (St Michael's College); **Olivia Hill** (Cleveland District State High School); **Fergus Poropat** (Cannon Hill Anglican College); **Richard Niu** (Glenala State High School).



# 2012 Commemorative Plaque Winners

## Student Profiles



**Kathryn Brewster**  
**Ormiston College**

Kathryn's story is a classic example of how a student does not require a formal leadership title to show true leadership. When a teacher at Ormiston College suffered an accident that left her a quadriplegic, Kathryn had a vision to coordinate the efforts of the College community to assist the teacher and her family. The results have been amazing with over \$30 000 raised to provide transport and other services for the teacher on a daily basis.



**Jake Durrington**  
**Merrimac State High School**

**School Prefect**

As part of the Senior Leadership team at Merrimac State High School, Jake has demonstrated exemplary leadership through the school's Peer Mentoring Program and the community-focussed Merrimac Leos Club of which he was the President. Jake was one of the 42 students Australia-wide selected to be a National Delegate at the Rotary Adventure in Citizenship program held in Canberra.

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### **Sara El Sayad**

**Alexandra Hills State High School**

**School Captain**

Sara is a tireless worker for the community. In this regard, some of her pursuits include weekly after-school tutoring or groups of Year 8 students with literacy difficulties and performing musical items every week at a local senior citizens centre. In addition, Sara is the coordinator of 'Youth Without Borders: Master Chef Meets the Streets' – a program whereby senior students cook and distribute food to Brisbane's homeless.



### **Kimiora Hartley**

**Yeronga State High School**

**School Captain**

Through her enthusiastic engagement in an array of school-based and community-focussed activities, Kimiora has gained enormous respect from staff and fellow students at Yeronga State High School. When Kimiora's level of engagement is combined with her cheerful, fun-loving and very ethical character, Yeronga High considers itself fortunate to have such an outstanding student leader in 2012.

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**Olivia Hill**

**Cleveland District State High School**

**Student Council Executive Officer**

Olivia is a young woman with a passionate commitment to making our world a better place. To that end, she has been particularly active in environmental campaigns to save endangered species such as the orang-utans in Borneo and to preserve wilderness areas from deforestation. In submitting Olivia's nomination, her school principal wrote, "*Olivia's positive attitude to life and determination to make positive changes in the work has inspired me beyond words.*"



**Benjamin May**

**Noosa District State High School**

**School Captain**

Ben's involvement within his school and the wider community has been extensive. In addition to his formal commitments at school, he has worked hard to set a fine example to his peers and to the younger students for whom he is an excellent role model. Ben's participation as a Board Member of the Cooroy Lower Mill Committee is worthy of special note for it is here that he has been particularly active in raising matters of local community importance.

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**Mikkayla McLeod**

**Kirwan State High School**

**School Captain**

Mikkayla possesses a passion to improve the lives of others in her community. At Kirwan High, she had utilised her leadership role to lead Student Voice meetings whereby matters of concern to the student body can be heard and subsequently addressed with the administration. She has facilitated many fundraising activities for charity and coordinated in a range of community-based programs such as the assembling of Zonta Birthing Kits for mothers in countries with poor birthing conditions. A highly talented musician, Mikkayla has also greatly enriched the school's life with her commitment and example.



**Christopher McRae**

**St Luke's Anglican School,  
Bundaberg**

**School Captain**

Through his work in the school's Interact Club and by his involvement in door knocks and other community activities, Christopher sets a fine example to his fellow students. He is also a keen participant in the world beyond the school as witnessed by his extensive involvement as a surf lifesaving volunteer. Recognition of Christopher's talent came with his recent selection to represent Australia at the London International Youth Science Forum.

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**Richard Niu**  
**Glenala State High School**

In so many ways, Richard embodies the concept of servant leadership. He consistently demonstrates a willingness to be of service to others through programs for the elderly and in charity work. Example of this commitment may be seen through his work as a volunteer at the Red Cross retail outlet and his assistance in assembling Christmas hampers for the inmates at Wacol prison.



**Fergus Poropat**  
**Cannon Hill Anglican College**

**College Spiritual Leader**

In every respect, Fergus embodies the essence of an exemplary young citizen. He has a wonderful sense of community which sees him involved in a range of activities from garden tidy-up days for the elderly and infirm to delivering meals on wheels. In addition, Fergus is a tireless worker for the disabled. All of this is done with great humility and deep respect for others.

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**Chelsea Ryan**  
**St Michael's College, Merrimac**

At St Michael's College, Chelsea provides a fine example of the practical ways in which to assist others. She works as a volunteer at Rosie's charity where she demonstrates a non-judgmental friendship to those living on the streets while her Tuesday afternoons are spent helping at a nursing home. In the nomination submitted on her behalf, she was described as a wonderful role model to her peers.



**Kayla Walker**  
**Mareeba State High School**

Described as not only a young person who leads but one who leads by example, Kayla has been a great asset to Mareeba High over the past five years. A talented tenor sax player, she has participated in many school and community events. Kayla is proud of her indigenous heritage and has played a leading role in the school's Cultural Committee and the Indigenous Leaders of Tomorrow program.

# PHOTO GALLERY

The Honourable Justice Margaret McMurdo AC addresses the students and guests



Anglican Church Grammar School String Ensemble musical accompaniment



Our compere – Howard Ainsworth AM



Professor Tony Webber AM, Queensland Branch Chairman, welcomes students and guests



The eight students selected to receive their Certificates of Community Service at the Presentation – from L to R **Blake Vorias** (Anglican Church Grammar School); **Milan Stanimirovic** (Yeronga State High School); **Angela Murray** (Capalaba State College); **Samuel Hutchinson** (Carmel College); **John Honeycombe** (Honeycombes Property Group – our generous sponsor); **The Honourable Justice Margaret McMurdo AC** (Guest of Honour); **Alex Baker** (Corinda State High School); **Micah Beaumont** (Citypointe Christian College); **Elizabeth Dowrie** (Cannon Hill Anglican College); and **Maxwell Buckley** (Brisbane Grammar School).



John Honeycombe presents Certificates of Community Service to, from the top -Milan Stanimirovic, Sameul Hutchinson and Elizabeth Dowrie.

*This highlights package has been produced by Geoff Cowles OAM  
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