

Media Release



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Local students recognised with prestigious award

The prestigious Victor Chang School Science Awards are being presented to 15 Year 11 students from the Camden region for excellence in the field of science.

Showing promise in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), these bright students continue to challenge themselves in the classroom, despite current trends.

As Australia's student performance and international ranking in school science continues to decline¹, Camden students' interest and commitment to STEM continues to soar.

Named after the late cardiac surgeon and pioneer of modern heart transplantation, Dr Victor Chang, these awards were established to celebrate young, gifted students and to foster growth in scientific studies.

The Victor Chang School Science Awards help raise community awareness and appreciation of the important contribution scientists can make to our everyday lives.

The students will be acknowledged at a ceremony at the Camden Council Chambers attended by Mayor Peter Sidgreaves.

"It is an honour to be involved in these awards and recognise the achievements of our senior High School students in the field of science. It is through science that we are able to treat illness, sustain life and protect the environment. I encourage anyone to pursue their passion for science as a career and play an important role in our future," Cr Sidgreaves said.

Dr Inken Martin from the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute believes that by guiding and encouraging these students to consider a career in STEM, the legacy of Australian discovery will only become stronger.

"By nurturing these inquisitive scientific minds, we are cementing a strong future for Australian research. We've got such a proud history of discovery and it's through students like these, that the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics will continue to flourish in Australia."

"As a scientist you not only contribute to building knowledge and understanding, but you're also a driver in economic, environmental, health, social and technological advances. The opportunities are truly endless," Dr Martin explained.

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The winners will join more than 200 students from across NSW on a tour of the Victor Chang Institute, and have the opportunity to learn first-hand from our world-renowned scientists.

Event Details:

What: Victor Chang School Science Awards, Camden region
When: Monday, 19 November 2018
Where: Camden Council Chambers
Time: Ceremony commences at 11am, interviews to follow
Who: 15 students from across Camden (see list below)
Dr Inken Martin, Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute
Mayor of Camden Cr Peter Sidgreaves

School	Student Nominated
Camden High School	Brooke Kleynjan
Camden High School	Keegan Passlow
Elderslie High School	Chloe Gardner
Elderslie High School	Alyssa Heyward
Elderslie High School	Luke Amjah
Elderslie High School	Zuhayr Jafri
Elizabeth Macarthur H.S	Ashley Burgess
Elizabeth Macarthur H.S	James Douglass
Elizabeth Macarthur H.S	Jade Stein
Elizabeth Macarthur H.S	Shane Erasmus
Macarthur Anglican School	Morgan Reidy
Mount Annan Christian College	Matilde Carbonell Iturra
Mount Annan High School	Julian Britton
Mount Annan High School	Tadiwa Mangwiro
Oran Park Anglican College	Maxine Kiss

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