

Celebrating Victoria's top students

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JEWISH students shone bright at the Premier's VCE Awards last Thursday, when a total of eight graduates from three schools were recognised for their dedication to their studies.

There were four recipients from Bialik College, with one particularly bright student, Abigail Aizenstros, receiving two awards – for Psychology, and Religion and Society.

The remaining three students from Bialik College received recognition from an array of subjects, showcasing the diversity of the school's VCE curriculum.

Ben Kingston was recognised for his achievement in English, Jordan Sandler for Drama and Saul Williams for Physical Education.

Reflecting on the achievements of the students, Bialik principal Jeremy Stowe-Lindner said, "The Premier's Awards are awarded to the very highest achievers in Victoria, and all of the Bialik community joins me in wishing our students, their families and teachers mazal tov on achieving five Premier's Awards."

Meanwhile, Beth Rivkah College, last year's top performing Jewish school, saw Zina Lewis and Miriam Kornhauser receive awards for Text and Traditions.

In congratulating the students, college principal Rabbi Yehoshua Smukler said, "A huge mazal tov to

our Premier's Award recipients. The success of a student, in addition to their hard work, is a reflection of the tuition, guidance and care they have received from their teachers throughout their education and especially during their VCE years.

"Both the recipients of the award and their teacher are an inspiration to others as to what can be achieved with devotion, dedication and sheer hard work."

Two students were also acknowledged for their dedication to their studies from Mount Scopus Memorial College, with Jordan Davis for his mark in Legal Studies and Ethan Kemelman for English.

School principal Rabbi James Kennard said, "Mount Scopus is delighted and proud that two of our students have earned Premier's Awards. These outstanding results are a fitting tribute to the efforts and ability of the students, and their dedication and expertise of their teachers."

The Premier's Awards are presented to Victoria's top students by the Department of Education and are based on students' VCE results, with the ceremony held annually at Palladium at Crown.