And the winners are …

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IT was another successful year for Melbourne's Jewish day schools at the Premier's VCE awards last week, with a total of 15 Jewish students honoured by the government for academic excellence.

Mount Scopus Memorial College saw an impressive six students receive the award across a range of subjects, including Liora Mervis for health and human development, Joel Tauber for further mathematics, Gideon Cohen for theatre studies and Darby Dexter for religion and society.

Scopus graduates Michael Alter and Adam Hayman were both recognised for their efforts in accounting.

College principal Rabbi James Kennard congratulated the students on their academic excellence in VCE and their contribution to the spirit of the school.

"Mount Scopus is delighted and proud that six of our students have earned Premier's awards. These outstanding results are a fitting tribute to the efforts and ability of the students and the dedication and expertise of their teachers."

Bialik College was equally proud of its three recipients, particularly of its VCE 2014 dux Gabrielle Hayman who was awarded the All-Round VCE High Achiever at the ceremony.

Asaf Ben Or was also recognised for Hebrew and Benjamin Kingston for his performance in economics.

Discussing the school's outstanding results, principal Jeremy Stowe-Lindner told The AJN, "I was thrilled to attend the Premier's Awards and celebrate the achievement of Gabrielle, Asaf and Ben.

"It was inspiring to see Gabrielle's kinder teacher Lindsay Miller celebrated in the introductory presentation as an example of the impact of kinder and primary teachers in the journey to VCE success."

Current year 12 students at The King David School (KDS) received the prize for their achievements in Jewish studies subjects, with Eden Stone-Eilam recognised for his results in Hebrew and Hannah Duke for her performance in religion and society.

Praising the students for their "intellect, dedication and effort", and their teachers for their "immense support and encouragement", principal Marc Light said, "As proud as we are of what they have achieved, we are even more proud of who they are – generous, giving people who will no doubt make a positive and impactful mark on our world."

Beth Rivkah Ladies College also shone brightly in Jewish studies subjects, with Ettel Raskin awarded for her hard work in religion and society and Lital Weizman for texts and traditions.

Meanwhile Leibler Yavneh College took pride in graduate Aviva Lefkovits, who made the list for her efforts in English. Aharon Zuckerberg from Yesodei HaTorah College was acknowledged for his achievements in IT software development.