

Media Release

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Chancellor's scholarships awarded to brightest Tasmanian pre-tertiary students

Two of Tasmania's brightest school leavers have been awarded the flagship 2017 Chancellor's University of Tasmania Scholarships.

The scholarships are part of a new model for Tasmania's highest achievers, which aims to keep the state's best and brightest students in the state, studying at the University of Tasmania and building a life-long association with the University.

The scholarships are awarded each year, one each to the state's top state school Year 12 leaver and the top private school (including Catholic and independent colleges) Year 12 leaver, to commence their undergraduate studies at the University of Tasmania.

This year's recipients are:

- Irene Legg, of Glenorchy, who attended Elizabeth College and achieved an ATAR of 99.9. She will begin a Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery this year.
- Samuel Williams, of Mt Nelson, who attended The Friends' School. Samuel achieved an ATAR of 99.9 and will begin a Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery this year.

The students will join the University's Group of 50, high achieving scholarship recipients who meet several times a year, and have the opportunity to meet senior University leaders, mix with students from across the faculties and learn from guest speakers.

Deputy Chancellor Harvey Gibson said it was extremely gratifying to be able to reward the state's brightest young students, to assist them reach their highest potential through their university studies.

“It is with great pleasure that I announce these two scholarship holders today, and help them to further their studies here at home, at the University of Tasmania,” Mr Gibson said.

“It is clear that both of these outstanding students already understand the value of education as key to a fulfilling life, and I hope that they continue on their life-long journey of learning.

“We wish them all the best as they embrace their tertiary studies, and will follow their progress with interest into the future and their chosen careers.”

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

The scholarship presentation ceremony will be held from **2.30pm to 4pm** in the University Council room, on the third floor of the Administration building on the Sandy Bay campus **TODAY**, Monday 20 February.

Deputy Chancellor Harvey Gibson, and scholarship recipients Samuel Williams and Irene Legg, will be available for interview and photographs/filming.

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