Year 12 students fly high in VCE at Geelong College

Geelong College was thrilled with its VCE results in 2021.

"The 142 VCE students have done extremely well - I was excited to see our median ATAR at 81.75, and over one third of our students achieve an ATAR over 90," says Principal Dr Miller.

"It was also particularly pleasing to see six students with scores over 99 or the top 1% of the state. Two of our Year 11 accelerators achieved study scores of 50 which is a great achievement, congratulations to Angus Illingworth (Further Maths) and Remy Locke (Psychology)."

"We are so proud of what has been achieved by all of our Year 12 students over the past two years. These outstanding academic results are the product of their hard work and commitment to high achievement," Dr Miller says.

"I would like to offer special congratulations to our Dux Edison Hang, who has worked incredibly hard and lived away from his family for two years. He has been so positive and committed to achieving his goals, he is an inspiration to many."

Dux of the College Edison Hang received an ATAR of 99.80 after excelling in English as an additional language, Mathematics Methods, Specialist Mathematics, Economics, Chemistry, Further Mathematics and Physics.

The 2021 Dux of Geelong College was Edison Hang, with an ATAR of 99.80. (Supplied)

In 2020 he received a study score of 50 for Further Mathematics and he was a Prefect in Coles House and Mackie House (Boys' Boarding) and was recognised with Honours for Academic Performance and a General House Colour. Edison was humble but excited about his achievement.

"I do feel like it was over my expectations. When I saw the score, I was really excited, especially about my English results, I wasn't expecting a 41," Edison says.

"Even though it was hard because I wasn't able to go home for the past two years, I'm grateful for the support of my teachers, tutors and especially my host family, the Hopes."

Edison believes his decision to come to The Geelong College in Year 10 will influence his life for a long time.

"The teachers and students have been so kind and offered so much help with academics, but also everything else. Mr Gilby, the Head of Boys Boarding, has been like a father to me, caring for me every day throughout my whole time here."

"This kindness changed my attitude towards Australia, it made me love it so much more than I ever thought I would."

Next year Edison plans to return to Australia and study Pure Maths and Specialist Sciences at Melbourne University.

"After that I'm considering a lot of things, I'd like to contribute through technology, like being a rocket scientist but also maybe an economist," he says.

Discover more about the Geelong College by visiting www.geelongcollege.vic.edu.au or phone (03) 5226 3111.

Tips for parents on raising sustainably aware children

Sustainability is a focus of many schools these days, with students often encouraged to engage in practices such as packing 'nude' lunches, recycling and switching off lights when not in use.

How can parents help encourage their kids to be sustainable students?

Here are eight tips from Sustainability Victoria:

1. Lunches - get the kids to make their own lunch and use containers suited to nude food, eliminating the need for disposable wrapping. If you do need to wrap, reusable beeswax wraps can be used. Find out about them online or do a course on making them at your local neighborhood house or community arts centre.
2. Make your own snacks - despite what they say, many kids have plenty of time on their hands. Teach them to make their own muesli bars and other snacks. Be patient, it's a great life skill. They will learn to be more independent and have fun doing it!
3. Get more value - use the 'Love Food Hate Waste' website to get great recipes to use last night's leftovers in exciting ways for school (and work) lunches.
4. Use what you've got - save money by digging out pens, pencils and other consumables from drawers, cupboards and bags, rather than buying new ones. Many stationery makers also have a range of notebooks made from recycled paper.
5. Textbooks and uniforms - most schools have secondhand book and uniform shops, but your local op shop is also worth trying. Many high school English and literature books are available for free on Kindle. For other subjects, ask teachers what the difference is with this year's version of a textbook compared with last year's, as the older edition may still be suitable.
6. Walking or riding to school is a great way to stay fit. It saves fuel and reduces vehicle pollution and traffic jams at the school gate. Otherwise, park a short distance from the school and walk with the kids and use it as an opportunity to teach road rules. Catching the bus may also be an option.
7. Buying a desk, bookcase or filing cabinet? Second-hand office furniture shops often have very modern goods at a much better price than new and they will last. It is also worth checking out Facebook Marketplace for some great quality bargains.
8. Ask your school to join the ResourceSmart Schools program offered by Sustainability Victoria. Supporting schools within the state to embed sustainability measures across the school facilities, community and curriculum, once a school joins the program, it will have access to an online portal to learn and practice ways of integrating sustainability while also saving resources and money for the school.

Teaching your kids about sustainability and the environment will have a positive impact on the environment and their future. (iStock)

For more information and ways to have a positive impact on the environment, visit www.sustainability.vic.gov.au.

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