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Two Roseville Students Receive NSW Top 10 Awards for 2008 HSC Economics

Having ranked 3rd and 5th in NSW respectively for 2008 HSC Economics, Roseville College Year 12 graduates, 2008 HSC Dux Samantha Brown and peer Michelle Bergmann received their awards from the NSW Branch of the Economics Society of Australia at the Reserve Bank of Australia on Thursday 10 September.



Samantha described her 3rd place award as a capstone to her HSC. She now attends Sydney University pursuing her interest in the social sciences, specifically Law and International and Global Studies.

“Not only was the award a wonderful surprise, it was testimony to Mrs Black’s ongoing efforts as our teacher. I was particularly appreciative that she joined my Mum at the event to cheer me on,” says Samantha.

The girls’ achievements were especially poignant for Head of Social Science at Roseville College, Mrs Renee Black, who has taught HSC Economics at the school for the past four years. “Roseville students have done consistently well in Economics and for two of our graduates to rank in the top 10 in NSW is another remarkable achievement for the College,” she says.

Although both students were strong all-round achievers, Mrs Black says they were, above all, diligent. “As a teacher, there is no greater reward than watching your students grow in confidence *and* competence to apply academic theory to current world circumstances – it is a privilege to be part of their success,” she says.

At the presentation, the audience was addressed by Dr Gary Owens, a Research Fellow at University of South Australia, who shared his knowledge of environmental economics pertaining to the transport sector and carbon emissions.

Both of the students enrolled at Sydney University in 2009 with Michelle pursuing Mathematical Economics and Samantha studying Law and International and Global Studies.

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Photographs: 2008 graduate Michelle Bergmann, Mrs Renee Black and 2008 School Dux Samantha Brown at the presentation by the NSW Branch of the Economics Society of Australia.

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