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SACE stars to shine at Merit Ceremony

More than 1000 South Australian students will be recognised for achieving subject merits in their South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) at rolling ceremonies held at Government House from today.

Over the next 48 hours, 1120 students will receive certificates for achieving 1337 Stage 2 SACE subject merits in 2023.

Among them is Ellie Foulkes, 17, who achieved six merits for subjects including Mathematical Methods, Physics, and Specialist Mathematics.

The talented musician has been chosen as the SACE Class of 2023 student representative and will deliver a speech to dignitaries, including Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, and South Australian Premier Peter Malinauskas on February 8 at the final session of the Merit Ceremony.

The final session will recognise 29 students who have achieved three or more merits and 40 awarded [Governor of South Australia Commendations for Excellence in SACE](#).

Premier Malinauskas will present three students with the Tennyson Medal, which recognises the highest result in English Literary Studies in 2023. The students are: Ella Mitlan, Devika Kim Mukherjee and Jasmine Annalise Grether.

The Tennyson Medal is one of the oldest and most prestigious prizes presented by the SACE Board. Records show it is the first time three students will receive the Medal in a single year since it was established in 1900.

The Merit Ceremony will be held over six sessions and is an opportunity for the community to celebrate the individual and collective successes of the SACE Class of 2023.

Merits are presented to students for meritorious achievement in a Stage 2 SACE Board accredited subject. Merit recipients must gain an overall grade of A+ for the subject and demonstrate exceptional achievement in the subject.

Attributable quotes:

Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia:

It is an honour to host the SACE Merit Ceremony at Government House and publicly recognise the State's top achievers in front of their families and friends.

This event underscores the importance of education as the cornerstone of our society, as well as the pivotal role that these high achievers will play in shaping South Australia's future. I hope that the memories of today will last a lifetime for the students.

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Premier Peter Malinauskas:

The Tennyson Medal was established by Hallam Tennyson in 1900 who donated the sum of £100 to provide medals as an award for achievements in English Literature at the South Australian Public Examinations.

It's an honour to receive the medal – which is steeped in South Australian history – and remarkably, for the first time since records have been kept, the Tennyson Medal will be awarded to three students.

I'd also like to give my heartfelt congratulations to all our students who finished their SACE and are now embarking on their next exciting chapter.

Minister for Education, Training and Skills Blair Boyer:

Also requiring congratulations, are our dedicated teachers and leaders who have supported students throughout their SACE journey, which, for many, can be a stressful time.

Teachers spend many hours working with students not only to improve skills and understanding but to ensure their wellbeing during the final year of their schooling life.

For some this may mean a university degree, for others it may mean a certificate or diploma through TAFE and other vocational training – the most important part is that students attending schools in South Australia now have the skills to set them up for lifelong success.

SACE Board Chief Executive Michaela Bensley:

Not only has the Class of 2023 excelled academically completing the SACE, but students have also contributed to their communities by volunteering to assist young trauma survivors, veterans, the homeless, women fleeing domestic violence and so much more.

Congratulations to all SACE students and thank you for your hard work, your determination and your passion for learning and for making our communities a better place to live in now and in the future.

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