

Corey's outstanding academic achievement recognised

COREY Hanrahan is top of the class when it comes to academic achievement.

The former Clairvaux MacKillop College, Upper Mt Gravatt, student, who graduated Dux of the college in 2014, received an inaugural Queensland Certificate of Education Achievement Award.

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority hosted the awards, which recognise and reward Queensland's top-performing senior students for outstanding academic achievement, at the State Library of Queensland.

Corey and former Southern Cross Catholic College, Scarborough, student, Aiden Leeman, were among 33 students from 26 Catholic, State and Independent schools who received prizes in six categories.

He recently started a Bachelor of Advanced Science with a major in physics at the University of Queensland.

Corey, who achieved the highest academic results for each subject he studied, said he felt really privileged to have received the award.

"I put a lot of effort into my studies, and to be recognised with this award was really a great honour," he said.

He still has a close bond with the college and hoped receiving the award would inspire others to achieve their best.

"Keeping in contact with the college is really important to me," he said.

"I came back and spoke to the current senior students at assembly to talk about my experience as a senior, try to give them some tips about how they can put in their best efforts and get the best results they can."

Corey said after he finished his studies he hoped to get a research role within physics or mathematics so he can help make the world a better place for people to live.

Curriculum leader for Mathematics Nadia Galetto said the college recognised early on that Corey had an incredible thirst for knowledge, especially in Maths and Science.

"He was eager to learn," she said.

"After only one term in Year 10 we decided to move him up to Year 11."

She said it was an amazing honour for the college and Corey to be recognised with the inaugural award.

She said the best was yet to come from him.

Leading the way: Nadia Galetto congratulates Corey Hanrahan on his QCE Achievement Award on behalf of the Clairvaux MacKillop College community

