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Corey a real bright spark

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THE best is yet to come for top student Corey Hanrahan.

Mr Hanrahan, who graduated from Clairvaux MacKillop College in 2014, last month received an inaugural Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) Achievement Award.

The Algester 18-year-old said the honour was bestowed on about 25 Queensland students each year who earned an OPI, an "A" on the QCS Test and "Very High Achievements" in at least 20 semesters of applicable subjects.

"I think I enjoy (science and physics) because there is so much to learn about the

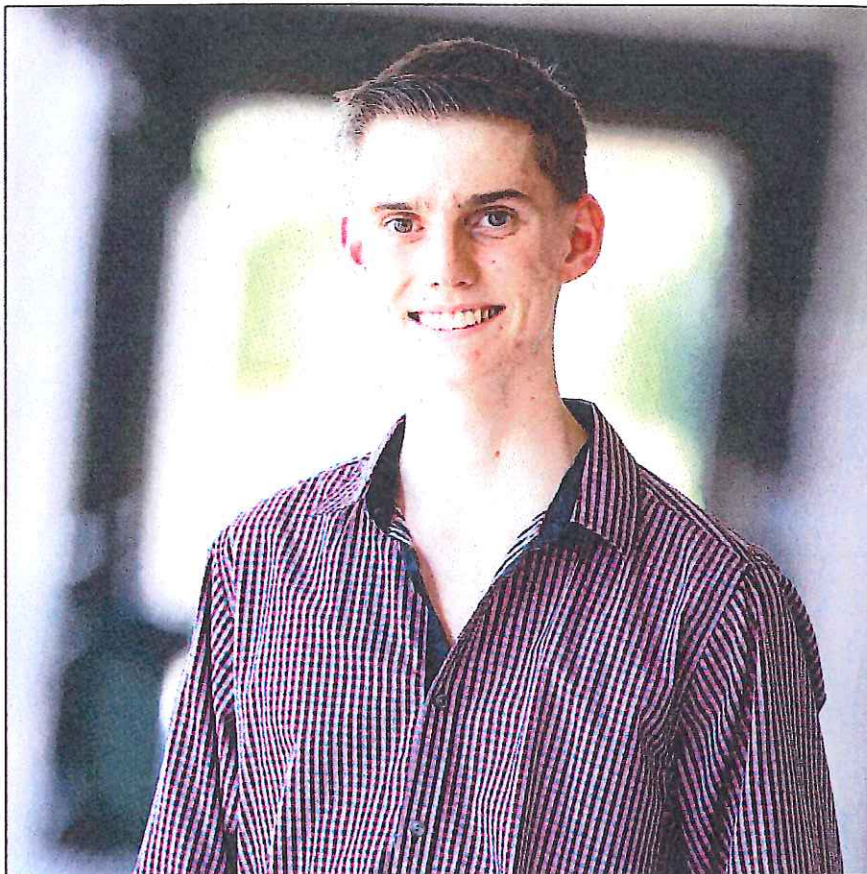
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Corey attributed his success to his perfectionist nature and a concerted effort to rid himself of distractions while he studied: "I would study in a quiet spot, without the radio or TV on. I would have a clean desk and wouldn't have access to the internet."

world and how we can extend our understanding of it at a fundamental level," Mr Hanrahan said.

Mr Hanrahan this month started studying a Bachelor of Advanced Science with a major in physics at the University of Queensland.

"I feel really privileged and my parents are obviously very proud," he said.



Corey Hanrahan won a QCE Achievement Award after graduating in 2014. Picture: RICHARD WALKER