

Savouring the moment

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IT'S the beginning of the end for many southside Year 12 students who this week return to their classrooms.

The *Southern Star* has formed an inaugural student panel, with five Year 12 students to share their ideas, thoughts and opinions on issues affecting them as they complete high school during this year.

The panel's students had mixed emotions about their final year of school.

Alyssa Johnson, of Brisbane Christian College, said she and her friends were looking forward to their school formal and graduation later in 2015.

But she said they still had to finish many assignments and exams – including the Queensland Core Skills test – before they could celebrate.

"The advice we've been given is to lean on each other for support because if one of us fails, we all fail," she said.

Mansfield State High School's Alexandra Radke said she was working hard to balance her academic studies with the gambit of opportunities available.



Alyssa Johnson, Seline Haddad, Anthony Sluggett, Mikaela Southey and Alexandra Radke.

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STUDENTS SHARE TIPS FOR YEAR 12 SUCCESS

Mikaela Southey, from Rochedale State High School, said she agreed, adding she thought "switching off" was important too.

Clairvaux Mackillop College's Anthony Sluggett said

another tip was to form study groups.

"And continue your extra-curricular activities (because) you're organised when you're busy," he said.

Seline Haddad, of Re-

deemer Lutheran College, said she was most nervous about "all the change" during the next 12 months.

"But I'm excited too. I get to start the rest of my life," she said.

FINAL SCHOOL COUNTDOWN

- QCS Test: September 1-2
- Year 12 last day: November 20
- OP results released: December
- University offers released: January 2016