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Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC,
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“The Class of 2011” – 14 outstanding young Queenslanders enjoy a moment with the Governor of Queensland at the Red Chamber, Parliament House Brisbane. In the photo from left to right: Professor Tony Webber AM, Chairman, OAA, Qld Branch; Stephanie Freeman (Albany Creek SHS); Steven Falconieri (Ingham SHS); Jenna Freeman (Albany Creek SHS); Jack Larkin (Proserpine SHS); Anastasia Musson (St Hilda’s School); HE Ms Penelope Wensley AC, Governor of Qld; Jenna-Maree Jacob (Cairns SHS); Rotem Nusem (Brisbane Girls Grammar School); Felicity Honnef (Gordonvale SHS); Stephanie Stone (Lourdes Hill College); Matthew Connolly (Cannon Hill Anglican College); Yasmin Murry (Cannon Hill Anglican College); Patrick Mullner (Rivermount College); Eliza Michael (Mareeba SHS); Emily Moore (Kirwan SHS); Mrs Dina Browne AO (Event Organiser)

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Student Profiles



Matthew Connolly
Cannon Hill Anglican College

2011 College Captain

As a recipient of this Award, Matthew has been recognised for his consistently high levels of diligence and his enthusiasm in serving others.

These aspects of Matthew's character are well-evidenced through his involvement in a range of pursuits that include the College's social justice committee, the Boys' Welfare Committee and the youth support organisation Rosie's.

He has also facilitated a Street Library project for the local community as well as many community-focussed fundraising events at the College.



Steven Falconieri
Ingham State High School

Prefect and Leader of the School Chaplaincy Committee

A very civic minded and empathetic individual, Steven has been a wonderful role-model for the students of the school.

In addition to organizing a number of events for his peers, he has been selected to attend the National Youth Science Forum Leadership Program.

Steven is also very involved in his local community through Cancer Council fundraising, the Ingham Interact Club and Church work.

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Jenna Freeman
Albany Creek State High School

Because of her passion for the environment, Jenna has worked in a voluntary capacity at a local nursery for the past five years.

There, she has conducted classes for children on a range of horticultural matters.

She has organized tree planting activities at local primary schools and worked in North Queensland, helping Conservation Volunteers Australia, to restore wetlands.

Jenna has also been involved in major fundraising for a number of very worthy causes in South East Queensland.



Stephanie Freeman
Albany Creek State High School

As she was a premature baby, Stephanie decided to raise funds for the Mater Mothers' Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

She has undertaken this responsibility for the past five years and the outcome has been over \$20 000 in donations to the NICU.

Stephanie has also worked at the Centre helping mothers and their babies.

Her community involvement extends to ten other charities.

This indicates the high level of civic-awareness that forms an essential element to Stephanie's character.

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Felicity Honnef
Gordonvale State High School

School House Vice Captain

Felicity's involvement with the community spans a very broad and diverse range of activities.

From her many recitals for aged persons in retirement villages to coaching junior public speaking teams for Rostrum and the coordination of food drives for RSPCA, she had demonstrated determination to give of her best.

This year, Felicity was selected as the only school representative for the Cairns Youth Engagement Committee, a group affiliated with the Cairns Regional Council.



Jenna-Maree Jacob
Cairns State High School

Senior Indigenous Leader

Jenna-Maree has used her leadership skills to mentor fellow Indigenous students at the school.

These attributes, combined with her fine character, have brought enormous benefit to the school community.

However, Jenna-Maree's efforts extend beyond the school into the region in which she lives. In 2010 and 2011, she has represented Cairns State High School at the Zone Schools' Constitutional Convention as a speaker and mentor.

Jenna was also selected to represent her region at the Queensland Youth Parliament in Brisbane this year.

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Jack Larkin

Proserpine State High School

Senior Leader and House Captain

Jack has demonstrated involvement in an array of humanitarian organisations including the Oaktree Foundation.

In this regard, he has led a group of students in supporting action on international poverty through fundraising and increasing the level of awareness on this issue.

In every aspect of his life, Jack acts ethically and therefore it was not surprising that he was selected as a United Nations Youth Ambassador.



Eliza Michael

Mareeba State High School

School Captain

Eliza has undertaken her responsibilities as School Captain with great diligence and, as a consequence, the community of Mareeba State High School has become richer for her commitment.

She was also a significant contributor to the Australian Air Force Cadets and will participate in the International Air Cadet Exchange this year.

Eliza has also shown sustained commitment to the Mareeba community through the ANZAC Day and Lon Tan Day Services, the Multicultural Festival and the Relay for Life.

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Emily Moore

Kirwan State High School

School Captain

Emily has shown a dedicated commitment not only to her school but also to the wider community.

Her leadership skills have seen her initiate and coordinate a range of successful fundraising events for charities.

Emily's willingness to lead by example has resulted in her selection as an Australian representative at the International Youth Forum in Independence, Missouri, USA.



Patrick Mullner

Rivermount College

Prefect and Member of the Student Representative Council

Patrick has been described by his school as a well-mannered, cooperative and dependable young man who displays maturity and wisdom beyond his years.

He has brought these traits into every aspect of his life.

Consequently, he shows a very high level of social responsibility and this has been instrumental in enabling him to lead a number of activities to raise funds for community organisations such as World Vision, the Heart Foundation, the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal and the Flood Relief for the victims of last January's natural disasters.

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Yasmin Murry
Cannon Hill Anglican College

College Captain

In addition to her normal duties as College Captain, Yasmin has initiated many activities to benefit the community and her efforts to raise funds for flood-affected Milperra State High School is typical of her care for others in need.

She is also involved in the community activities evidenced by her captaincy of Wishart Swimming Club and her leadership roles in the Girl Guide movement.

All of this commitment is complemented by her exceptionally fine character.



Anastasia Musson
St Hilda's School

Secretary, Student Representative Council

As well as being very involved in school life, Anastasia also takes a really active part in community activities.

This is revealed through her commitment to the Scouting Movement and to Algoorie where she assists disabled children each year in an eight-day camp during the September vacation.

In 2009, Anastasia was elected to serve on the National Youth Council and more recently has helped to coordinate fundraising and work to protect the endangered environmental areas in Vanuatu.

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Rotem Nusem

Brisbane Girls Grammar School

Service School Captain

Through her area of responsibility at school, Rotem has organised a variety of fundraisers and other activities to raise the awareness of the need to help those who are less fortunate.

She has also demonstrated outstanding commitment to the Oaktree Foundation - an entirely youth-run international aid and development organisation.

Currently, her efforts are being directed at the Kape Project which promotes educational opportunities for Cambodia.

As Queensland Youth Ambassador for Oaktree in 2011, Rotem has been selected to travel to Cambodia for a month at the end of this year.

There, she will perform community service.



Stephanie Stone

Lourdes Hill College

House Service and Spirituality Leader

Stephanie is recognised for her tireless work in various outreach and social justice initiatives.

About the College, she is a model of generosity, kindness and compassion.

Stephanie has led her House in a range of fundraising activities where the funds will be used for disaster relief and projects in underdeveloped communities in Australia and overseas.

The beneficiaries of her efforts have included the citizens of earthquake-affected Christchurch (NZ), two orphanages in South Africa, the Senior Constable Damian Leeding Appeal and the victims of the recent Queensland floods.

2011 Picture Gallery 1



2011 Picture Gallery 2

