Helen makes the grade for Curtin Scholarship

Applecross Senior High School leaver Helen Kwok has made the grade as a Curtin University of Technology Academic Merit Scholar, receiving straight A’s across all of her subjects for the last two years.

Helen will be honoured along with around 160 other scholarship recipients from across Western Australia at a special presentation ceremony at Curtin’s Bentley Campus on Monday 20 February.

Helen was awarded the Scholarship because of her exemplary marks for all of her TEE subjects, including 98.5% for Applicable Maths, 94.6% for Physics and 90.7% for Calculus.

The Scholarship will cover the full cost of Helen’s chosen course of Multimedia Design.

“It is a great honour to receive the Scholarship and I am very excited about studying at Curtin,” Helen said.

According to Director, Student Services, Mr John Rowe this is one of the most comprehensive and generous undergraduate scholarship programs in Australia, worth over $4 million.

Assistance is shared between Academic Merit Scholarships and Access Scholarships.

“The University implemented this scheme for two main reasons – one was to attract high calibre students to the University through an attractive and comprehensive scholarship program.

“The other was to provide opportunities and financial support to students who might not otherwise have had the chance to attend university,” Mr Rowe said.

Curtin Vice-Chancellor Professor Lance Twomey said the Scholarship Program was a great initiative and would open doors for many students in the future.

“This is the first year such a generous scholarship program has been running at Curtin and it will continue to be developed further for 2007.

“This is another way we can support the community and show our commitment to education in Western Australia,” Professor Twomey said.

The Academic Merit Scholarships were awarded to high academic achievers, and were distributed amongst the University’s various courses by a panel including the Director, Student Services and the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Academic Services.

Applicants for the Access Scholarships were assessed against a range of criteria including financial hardship, educational disadvantage, disability and/or medical condition, rural or remote isolation.

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