



Louise Hochholzer hopes to study medicine after finishing her studies.

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MARIE BASHIR PEACE AWARDEE

YEAR 12 ARDEN STUDENT LOUISE HOCHHOLZER RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS PEACE AWARD FOR HER EFFORTS TO FOSTER PEACE AND HARMONY.

ARDEN ANGLICAN SCHOOL Year 12 student Louise Hochholzer was selected to receive one of seven Marie Bashir Peace Awards from the National Council of Women. The NSW Governor Marie Bashir presented the Awards on September 20, 2012 at Parliament House, Sydney.

Arden's Principal, Graham Anderson said: "To be eligible for this award all candidates must have made a significant contribution to harmony or social justice, and must have displayed leadership in fostering harmonious relationships and peace. There were many applications received, with all entries of an extremely high calibre. To have been selected in this way is a significant achievement for Louise."

Discussing how the award came about, Louise shared that the school approached her in May this year notifying her that they would like to nominate her for the award. She then had to write a piece stating the things she has done to foster

harmonious relationships and peace.

Commenting on her reaction to her success, Louise shared: "Our Principal Mr Anderson called me in the middle of my trials and told me the good news that I had been selected for the award. I was in a bit of shock I was elated because this sort of thing is really important to me. Whilst I still work towards and hope for a high ATAR, it is a good start to the future I hope to pursue.

My biggest inspiration in all of this was my geography teacher; Mrs Karen Moss. Her passion and enthusiasm for social injustices and impoverished communities is inspiring and she lit a fire in me to help others. In all of this, my mother has shown me the determination and inspiration to fulfil my goals through medicine."

Louise is hoping to study medicine and then work in Africa and other developing countries as a doctor in the future.

ACARA UPDATE –

Australian Curriculum: Geography

Susan Caldis, Senior Project Officer Geography ACARA

The ACARA Board approved the draft curriculum for both F-10 Geography and senior secondary to be submitted to Ministers (early December) via AEEYSOC (November), noting different views held by some jurisdictions about the scope of Geography being proposed, particularly in Years 9 and 10.

Subsequent to the Board meeting there has been further discussion about the level of agreement on the scope. It has been decided that ACARA will undertake some further work with states and territories to see if greater agreement can be reached before submitting both the F-10 and senior secondary curriculum to Ministers in early 2013.