

MEDIA RELEASE**STUDENT WINS 2014 NEWSBOYS FOUNDATION YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD****EMBARGOED TO 7.30pm 26 NOVEMBER 2014**

A YOUNG student from Mac.Robertson Girls' High School has been presented with the 2014 Newsboys Foundation Youth Leadership Award.

The Newsboys Foundation Awards – presented at the Coopers Malthouse Theatre by the Governor of Victoria, His Excellency the Honourable Alex Chernov AC QC this evening, are designed to recognise people who work or volunteer in community organisations and who have inspired young Victorians to do great things.

The Newsboys Foundation Youth Leadership Award was presented to Ms Margaret Tran, 16, a student at Mac.Robertson Girls' High School. Fellow students and teachers consistently describe Ms Tran as a passionate public speaker and natural leader.

Over the past eight years, Ms Tran has been involved in leadership roles at her school including as Class Captain, Victorian Student Representative Council member, House Captain, Links Leader and Year 9 VicSRC executive member.

Since 2013, Ms Tran has been one of just 15 Victorian Student Representative Council executives who represent all secondary students in the state.

With the prize money of \$5,000, Ms Tran plans to further her education, help pay for a World Challenge trip to Nepal and to help the VicSRC further its work.

Ms Sandy Shaw, the CEO of the Newsboys Foundation, said: "From a very young age Margaret has shown great leadership qualities in her school and her community. Margaret has been an inspiration to other students and young people."

The Newsboys Foundation Community Leadership Award, with a prize of \$10,000 went to Ms Shantelle Thompson, from Mildura.

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