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# Law students recognised

In its seventh year, Pakenham law firm Duffy and Simon has provided a leg-up to a group of outstanding young lawyers to be.

Eleven students from around the Cardinia Shire and City of Casey area were honoured for being top of the class in legal studies.

Whilst this year the celebrations looked a bit different to previous years due to Covid-19 restrictions the students were still awarded with the traditional certificate and the treat of a chocolate hamper and a \$200 cheque.

The law firm told the Gazette that the awards were targeted at helping aspiring lawyers get their foot in the door.

The winners are selected by the schools and individual teachers.

Some schools select students who have performed well throughout the year in legal studies while others wait until they get their exam results to select the awardee.

The award is in recognition of academic merit, hard work and extra-curricular contribution in Legal Studies or a related area.

Many who have received the award are also given the opportunity to come in and work with Duffy and Simon through their many programs aimed at law students and graduates.

**The following students were the recipients of these awards:**

- Abby Morrison from Lakeside Lutheran College,
- Reece O'Kelly from Hillcrest Christian College,
- Priya Walker from St. Margaret's School,
- Alannah Hill from St Francis Xavier College,
- Madisson Brzezowski from Koo Wee Rup Secondary College,
- Max Walton-Briggs from Berwick Grammar School,
- Chloe Ward from Beaconhills College,
- Jessica Walker from Berwick Secondary College,
- Kawishka Hewa-Dewage from Pakenham Secondary College,
- Matthew Hutton from Haileybury.



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