



Damien John Downes

Melbourne – *Dean's Honour List*
Even in the midst of an intense Honours year in genetics, Downes managed to co-organise the Youth Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science (ANZAAS) conference.



Jason Raftopoulos

Swinburne – *Journey to enlightenment*
His short film documentary *From Dope to Dalai Lama* selected to screen at the St Kilda Film Festival.



Kobe Pallis

NMIT – *Photography award*
Student Portrait Photographer of the Year at the Victorian division of the Australian Institute of Professional Photography (AIPP)

Awards. Fellow student, Nina Williams, won Student Landscape Photographer of the Year.

Nina Bennett

RMIT – *design initiative*
Winner of the RMIT Art of Smiggle design project. Her winning design for innovative stationery company Smiggle will be sold in stores nationwide from October, available in A4 and A6 notebooks, pencil cases, coin purses and bag tags.



Kate Keighley and Michael Bascetta

Swinburne – *World skills*
Kate Keighley received a gold award in the 2010 WorldSkills Australia national painting and decorating category. Hospitality student Michael Bascetta received a bronze award for restaurant service.

Community service rewarded



Swinburne and the City of Stonnington have awarded the \$3,000 Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop scholarship to Swinburne student Nancy Huynh-Vu for her volunteering work and outstanding academic results.

Huynh-Vu has donated her time to a number of causes over the past 15 years, including a first aid role at the Victoria State Emergency Services, the Country Fire Authority and St John Ambulance Australia.

She is also the treasurer for the Swinburne chapter of Golden Key, an international honour society that offers membership to high academic achievers.

According to Huynh-Vu, the best part of volunteering is getting out of her comfort zone.

"I volunteer at events that I wouldn't go to normally, like football matches and concerts. It's a culture I wouldn't usually see," she said. "I've learned practical skills like first aid, how to run events, and I've met a whole bunch of interesting people".

She says Weary Dunlop has been an inspiration to her because of his strong character.

"Weary Dunlop was captured by Japanese soldiers during his time in the army. As a prisoner of war he earned the respect of the Japanese and the other prisoners through his integrity," Huynh-Vu said.

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