



# *St Margaret's*

## Past Student Awards

### Young Past Student of Distinction Award 2021



*Ashley McCarthy-Griffiths ('12)*

Ashley is an engineer who sets the technology direction for BHP's coal operations. She is passionate about combining technology and engineering to solve our world's challenges by creating solutions that provide a sense of belonging and are inclusive for the community.

Ashley was recently recognised as the 2021 Queensland Exceptional Young Women in Resources runner-up for combining her volunteering and work experience. She strives to be a role model and raise the profile of STEM by breaking down the associated stereotypes to encourage students from diverse backgrounds to consider a career in STEM.

At BHP, Ashley works with executive leadership teams and front-line staff to identify and understand their current challenges and strategic priorities.

Ashley leads a not-for-profit organisation called Power of Engineering, working to build a diverse engineering talent pipeline across Australia. Power of Engineering has reached over 12,500 students, with 80 per cent of students participating now considering a career in engineering.

