

St Margaret's student wins national leadership award

School Captain Annabel Garland has won a prestigious national Future Leaders award for her outstanding community leadership.

The Future Leaders Awards recognise and reward young Australians who have shown strong leadership and potential and are dedicated to inspiring others to make a difference through engaging in environmental and community issues.

St Margaret's Principal Ms Curtis said Annabel was an excellent role model for students as she takes the time to invest in relationships with others.

"Throughout her schooling, Annabel has displayed outstanding leadership qualities, encouraging the student body with her warm and friendly manner, and her sincere and respectful dealings with others. She is a very polite, thoughtful and conscientious young woman with the ability to make others feel at ease," said Ms Curtis.

Annabel is enthusiastically involved in her academic studies as well as the vibrant sporting, music and performing arts life at St Margaret's.

She is a keen rower, plays touch football, loves to swim and enjoys her involvement in the St Margaret's water polo team.

Music lover Annabel has also been involved in the past two school musicals – *Annie* and *The Sound of Music*, playing clarinet and saxophone in the orchestra pit.

In 2016, Annabel participated in St Margaret's Global Exchange Program attending St Anne's Diocesan College, Hilton, in South Africa for a term.

As the recipient of the Future Leaders – Helen Handbury Leadership Award, Annabel receives \$5000 towards an international trip to experience community development in another culture.

Whilst Annabel hasn't decided where this opportunity might take her, she is considering the idea of returning to Africa.

"I'd love to go back to Africa to help make a difference in one of the local communities.

"I feel very honoured to receive this award. It is a vote of confidence in what I hoped to achieve as School Captain this year," said Annabel.