

Top Achievers in 2006 HSC

NSWAAT:

- # Congratulations to the top student achievers in the 2006 HSC for:
 - 2 Unit Agriculture
 - 2 Unit Primary Industries
- # Congratulations to these students & a special mention to the students' teachers & their schools.
- # The NSWAAT presented each achiever with a trophy & certificate in recognition of their fine achievement.

Charles Mullarvey Awards



**Top Student: 2 Unit
Agriculture**

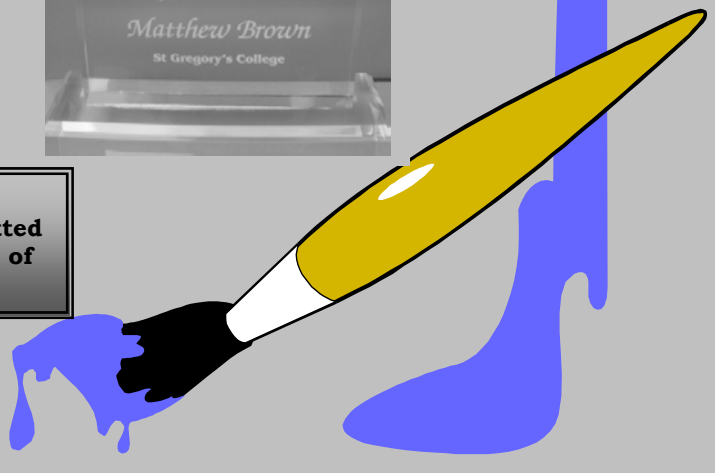
***Roslyn Go
James Ruse
Agricultural High School***

**Top Student: 2 Unit
Primary Industries**

***Matthew Brown
St Gregory's College***

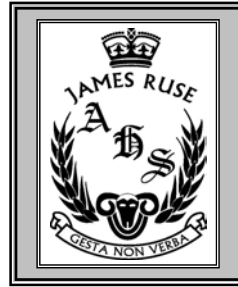


**2006 Agriculture Research Project
No students were deemed to have submitted
an Agriculture project in the 2006 HSC of
the quality deserving of the award.**



**CHARLES
MULLAVEY
MEMORIAL
PRIZE
2006**

ROSLYN GO



**Top
Agriculture student
2006 HSC**

^ Roslyn Go of James Ruse Agricultural High School was first in 2 Unit Agriculture at the 2006 HSC with a mark of 99 and thus receives the Charles Mullavey Memorial Prize.

^ This is the result of a combination of things. She has a very high academic ability. She is a dedicated student. She has support from her family and she has had the privilege of doing Agriculture at James Ruse with its experienced and committed staff.

^ Her teacher for the HSC was Gail Roberts and Roslyn's first in the state was the fourth in a row for Gail. This would be a record unequalled in any subject at the HSC.

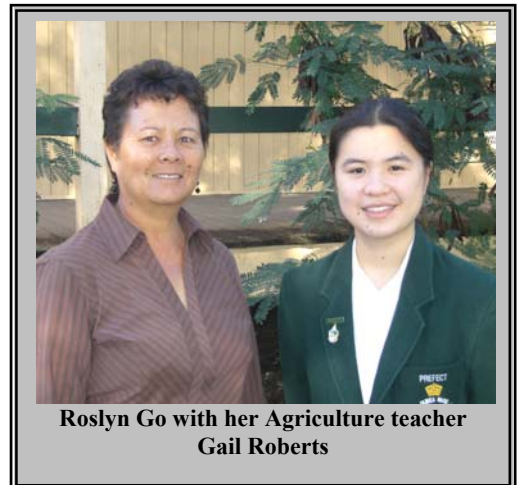
^ Roslyn's parents migrated to Australia from the Philippines in 1988 and she was born in Sydney in 1989. Harrington Street Public School Cabramatta was the school she entered James Ruse from. Cabramatta is the most ethnically diverse suburb in Sydney with 40 languages being spoken.

^ At Ruse she has excelled, topping her year in Agriculture in years 8, 9 and 10. In year 10, doing the Preliminary HSC, she did not lose a mark in any assessment or examination. She was dux of year 10.

^ This year in year 12 she is studying 4 Unit Mathematics, 2 Unit English, 2 Unit Physics, 2 Unit Chemistry and 2 Unit French. Her plans for the future are not definite but may be in the field of Optometry or Teaching. It would be great to see people with this much ability doing teaching.

^ At school Roslyn is involved with leadership in ISCF and as a Prefect. Stamp collecting is her hobby.

Lisle Brown
Head Teacher Agriculture
James Ruse Agricultural High



Roslyn Go with her Agriculture teacher
Gail Roberts

*NSW Agriculture Teachers Assoc.
congratulates Roslyn on her achievement.*

HSC Agriculture at James Ruse

^ In 2006 we had 56 students sit for the Agriculture HSC. The average mark was 92 and all were band five or six. All 138 year 10 students do the Preliminary HSC in terms 1, 2 and 3. They do the first topic of the HSC in term 4. Term 4 is not easy for the teacher because classes contain students who have elected to complete the HSC in year 11 and those who are not continuing and whose minds are on other things like formal dresses. The non-continuers have to be in class as they are still juniors and can't be given study periods as they would if they were in years 11 and 12.

^ In order to keep as many students as possible into year 11 they are allowed to do 14 units if they take Agriculture. This gives us enough students to have four classes in year 11. The down side is that half the classes in year 11 are taught out of school hours either before or after the normal school day. At the start of year 11 this year 75 had elected to continue Agriculture. By the end of term one this has fallen to 55 which means classes are smaller. Students have dropped out because they feel they can't handle 14 units or in some cases they can't make the early lessons because of transport difficulties. Some of our students travel a long way e.g. from Monterey which is on Botany Bay to Carlingford which is near Parramatta.

^ Most students do the electives. In 2006 only one did a project and this year three are attempting it. The electives we study are Plant Management and Animal Management. They are done in parallel with the core animal and plant topics. The electives are studied by guided research.



St Gregory's College

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Top Primary Industries Student 2006 HSC



Matthew Brown

^ Matthew is a local Campbelltown boy who had no background or interest in Agriculture until attending St. Gregory's College as a day boy from 2001 to 2006. St Gregory's College was set up by the Marist Brothers in 1926 to educate young boys from the land and until 1990 was known as St. Gregory's Agricultural College. The college is situated on a 526 Ha property between Camden and Campbelltown and operates a Catholic boy's school for both Boarding and day students.

^ Matthew joined the Show cattle team in year 7 and developed a keen interest in exhibiting cattle at local shows. He has remained a member, and each year has represented the college at local shows and Canberra and Sydney Royal shows. In 2004 he also joined our show sheep program and exhibited at Canberra, Sydney, Dubbo and Bendigo. Matthew's achievements are as follows;

- 2005 – State finalist in Cattle paraders Sydney Royal
 - Placed 4th in Sheep handling, Sydney Royal
 - Champion junior judging ASBA, Bendigo
 - Corriedale Youth achiever award ASBA Bendigo
 - Placed 1st in Agriculture, Preliminary Course
 - Placed 1st in Primary Industries, St. Gregory's College
- 2006 – Associate judge Corriedale section, Dubbo Show
 - Steward, Corriedale section Sydney Royal
 - Team leader, Show cattle program, St. Gregory's
 - Placed 1st in Agriculture HSC course, St. Gregory's
 - Placed 1st in Primary Industries, St. Gregory's
 - 1st Place HSC, Primary Industries.

^ Matthew is currently attending University, and working part time at Novartis. He has started his own Corriedale stud from sheep donated by the Corriedale association as his winning prize for being the Corriedale youth achiever award. He has been a tremendous ambassador for the college and has worked hard for his achievements.

*NSW Agriculture Teachers Assoc.
congratulates Matthew on his fine efforts.*



Matthew Brown receiving his
Primary Industries
prestigious award from the
NSW Education Minister
Mrs. Carmel Tebbutt