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College stars shine bright

TOP STUDENTS GIVE TIPS ON HOW TO GET THROUGH YEAR 12

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ALEXANDER Tsymbal and Tom Gransbury say hard work, determination and a sound school and social-life balance are the keys to surviving Year 12.

The 18-year-olds have been awarded The Australian Student Prize in recognition of their academic excellence at St Ignatius College last year.

The two friends were among 40 young South Australians to receive the accolade, having both finished Year 12 with an ATAR score of 99.95.

Mr Tsymbal has since been studying medicine at Adelaide University and encouraged this year's students preparing for their final exams to remain relaxed and take regular study breaks.

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stressful and although it's important to work hard, you need to make some time for a small break to take your mind off studying and the pressure for a bit."

The Northgate teenager says he was honoured to be recognised as one of the nation's best-performing students.

Mr Gransbury, who was also accepted into the Bachelor of Medicine degree at Adelaide University, was surprised he was one of the top scoring students in Australia.

"In all honesty, my focus was not on academics or getting a good score, but rather just enjoying the year and making the most of leadership opportunities."



St Ignatius old scholars Alexander Tsymbal and Tom Gransbury have been recognised for their academic excellence.
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