



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## St Ignatius' College student awarded prestigious C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship

Former St Ignatius' College Riverview student **Daniel Coulthurst** from Wagga Wagga has been recognised with a national scholarship that will assist him to complete his Bachelor of Agribusiness degree at Marcus Oldham College at Geelong. **Daniel** was educated at Riverina Anglican College (2003 – 2005) and St Ignatius' College Riverview (2006 – 2007).

Former Governor-General Major General The Hon Michael Jeffery, AC, AO (Mil), CVO, MC (Retd) presented five new Charles Hawker Scholars with their scholarship certificates this morning at a ceremony held at Burgmann College at the ANU in Canberra.

Since 1990, the Trustees have awarded more than five million dollars to 114 young Australians, including a significant number from regional areas. The five successful candidates for 2016 were awarded Hawker Scholarships from a strong field of 187 applicants.

The Charles Hawker Scholarship was established by Mrs. Lilius Needham in memory of her brother Charles Allan Seymour Hawker. Today the scholarship is valued at up to \$50,000.00 over three years and is one of the most generous privately funded residential scholarships available to undergraduate and postgraduate students in Australia.

The five new scholars are studying Agribusiness, Law, International Relations, Commerce and Journalism. The 2016 scholars have studied in Urana (NSW), Adelaide (SA), Albany (WA), Geelong (VIC), Melbourne (VIC), Renmark (SA) and Wagga Wagga (NSW). Forty friends and family, college representatives, current scholars and Trustees of the C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship attended the function at Burgmann College.

Other students awarded C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships at the function are **Mr. Timothy Hobbs**, **Mr. Alasdair McCall**, **Miss Josephine Webb** and **Miss Shamsiya Mohammadi**. **Timothy** is studying a double degree of Law and International Security and **Alasdair** a double degree of Commerce and International Relations. Both are in residence at Burgmann College and are enrolled at the ANU. **Josephine** is enrolled at Marcus Oldham College and is studying for a Bachelor of Business (Agriculture) degree.

**Miss Shamsiya Mohammadi** is a refugee from Afghanistan. She was educated at the Renmark Primary School (SA) and Roma Mitchell Secondary College in Adelaide (SA). She is residing at St Mark's College and is studying Bachelor of Journalism and Professional Writing / Arts (International Relations) degrees at the University of South Australia.

"I congratulate the five 2016 scholars, each of whom has already displayed a strong commitment to the splendid ideals upon which the Charles Hawker Scholarship Memorial Trust Fund is founded. They are gifted scholars with inquiring minds and have already significantly contributed to the well being of the wider community.

“The Charles Hawker Scholarship is one of the most important in Australia. I commend the Trustees for the contribution the scholarship has already made, and will continue to make, to the education of outstanding young Australians,” Major General Michael Jeffery said.

There are a number of scholarships awarded each year. The Trustees offer them to capable students of principle and character, who are committed to Australia’s future.

The Charles Hawker Scholarship perpetuates the memory and commemorates the achievements of one of Australia’s most respected pastoral pioneers. Born on May 16<sup>th</sup> 1894 at Bungaree homestead near Clare in South Australia, Charles Hawker was educated at Geelong Church of England Grammar School and Trinity College, Cambridge. Student, soldier, pastoralist and statesman Charles Allan Seymour Hawker died in the Kyeema air disaster on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 1938.

Undergraduate and postgraduate Hawker Scholars are able to attend a range of educational institutions. These include the Australian National, Adelaide, Flinders, South Australia and New England Universities and Marcus Oldham College. Post-graduate Charles Hawker Scholars are also able to follow in Charles Hawker’s footsteps by enrolling at Trinity College and studying at Cambridge UK.

“Charles Hawker had a lasting impact on Australian politics and all members of the federal house had an enormous respect for him during his time as Australia’s first Minister for Commerce in the Lyons government in the 1930s.

“He was a great Australian who offered his best through his commitment to his country, countrymen and women and democracy; these are values I hope the 2016 scholarship winners take with them into their studies. Through his example and these scholarships it’s my hope that public service will be included in the career options of recipients.

“C.A.S. Hawker was a truly remarkable man and a great Australian. This scholarship is a fitting tribute to his memory and each of these five scholars is a much deserved recipient,” former Speaker of the House of Representatives and Hawker family member Hon. David Hawker AO said.

Selection is based on personal qualities as well as academic ability. Applications for the **2017 Charles Hawker Scholarships** open on December 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 and close on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2017. An application form and further information is available from [www.hawkerscholarship.org](http://www.hawkerscholarship.org) or by contacting the secretary to the Trustees on 08 8127 1654.

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