Mount St Bernard’s excels in education

MOUNT St Bernard (MSB) College students have placed first in the state for academic performance for the second year in a row after placing equal third in 2010.

The achievement was recorded by the Queensland University of Technology Academic Index.

The entire cohort of graduating Year 12 students in 2011 and 2012 achieved a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and 100 per cent of the OP-eligible students were placed in the top band of 1-15.

On top of this, 100 per cent of students received a Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification and 100 per cent of applicants to Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QATAC) received an offer.

Principal Christian Brother Bill Tynan said MSB had the enviable reputation of a consistent record of student achievement — "from those in transitional programs to Year 12 students achieving high outcomes across OP, VET and QCE achievements".

"These outstanding results give all students not only the tools to succeed, but also the qualifications to allow them to choose their future directions, whether it is further education and training, an apprenticeship or the world of work," he said.

Br Tynan said the college’s size helped provide a caring education to all.

"It is geared towards day students and boarders who want to achieve, who value an inclusive college culture and are looking for a college where it matters that students do and be their best," he said.

"The college invests heavily in each student in terms of staffing ratio, energy, effort and care.

"Dedicated staff, work with every student... they are not prepared to let them 'wither on the vine'.

"We want students to graduate with something of value for them and their future."

Regional Focus dates:
- Next week: Toowoomba Diocese
- March 17: Northern NSW
- March 24: Rockhampton diocese
- March 31: Townsville diocese
- April 7: Cairns Diocese