

# The Advocate

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“VCE Top Achievers”

## Future's bright thanks to hard work, say students

ANYONE from anywhere can achieve anything once they put their mind to it, according to one of Catholic Regional College's top VCE achievers, Cleon Soares.

The 17-year-old from Sydenham, who got an ENTER score of 97.25, said it was thanks to his teachers that he achieved such a great result.

He was one of 72 students out of 326 who scored higher than 80.

“I was lucky to enjoy all my subjects and lucky enough to have great teachers who made the subjects interesting; they made difficult concepts easy and explained things really well,” Mr Soares said.

He encouraged future year 12 students to always ask if they were in doubt about anything, and to never leave the classroom unsure about something.

“You should always cover what you need to

learn and make sure you understand it no matter how many times it takes to learn.

“Doing all the hard work is hard, but you shouldn't really despise the subjects – you should at least have some interest in them.”

Fellow VCE student Jayden Blanco, who achieved an ENTER score of 96.6, wants to study aerospace engineering or mechanical engineering at RMIT.

Mr Blanco had not found year 12 too much of a struggle, although he said he missed playing soccer and socialising with friends.

If he had to do it all over again, he would. “Knowing that I can push myself and get a good score means that I can attack any challenge in front of me; I can pull through,” the Taylors Lakes resident said. “You become successful by putting in the hard work and not just sitting back and hoping it'll work itself out

**Ruza Zivkusi**



**Road to success:** Catholic Regional College's top VCE students Cleon Soares, Jayden Blanco and Ruza Zivkusi. **Picture:** Michael Copp