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### **Ipswich High Achiever Recognised in State Government Scholarship Awards**

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan today congratulated St Mary's College graduate Nikketah McGrath on receiving one of 20 merit awards in the 2004 TJ Ryan Memorial Medal awards.

The TJ Ryan Memorial Medal is an annual scholarship awarded to 10 Year 12 graduates who have achieved excellent academic results and demonstrated strong leadership in their school and local community.

The medal is named in honour of Thomas Joseph Ryan who was the Premier of Queensland from 1915 to 1919 and was widely recognised as an outstanding leader of his time.

For the first time this year, the Department of Education awarded four highly commended and 20 merit awards to students who were unsuccessful in attaining a scholarship but who had demonstrated impressive leadership and academic abilities.

Miss McGrath was College Vice-Captain and Student Council Chairperson at St Mary's College at Ipswich in 2003 and graduated with impressive academic results.

Ms Nolan congratulated Miss McGrath on being recognised from 141 graduates who were nominated by their high schools for the TJ Ryan Memorial Medal awards.

“This is a great achievement for Nikketah,” she said.

“This year’s winners and runners-up hail from a cross-section of metropolitan and regional centres, highlighting the breadth of capable young people in Queensland.

“Miss McGrath and her fellow award recipients are excellent ambassadors not only for their local communities but also for their state. I wish them well in their future studies and careers.”