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Reid student wins prestigious National History Award

MLC School Burwood student, Rachel Wang has been awarded one of the nation's top history honours, winning the prestigious 2016 National Young Historian of the Year Award.

Member for Reid Craig Laundy MP congratulated Ms Wang on winning the award, which was announced at the National History Challenge award ceremony at Parliament House in Canberra.

"Rachel's project on Albert Namatjira demonstrated excellent research and analytical skills, as well as a great deal of hard work," Mr Laundy said.

"This is a fantastic achievement and it's great to see a local student recognised with this prestigious award."

Minister for Education and Training, Simon Birmingham, congratulated all 19 student winners on their high quality essays, displays, performances and presentations.

"I was particularly impressed with the quality of work across a wide range of topics in the winning entries, all related to the competition's theme *Triumph or Tragedy?*,"

"The quality of the work undertaken across such a wide range of topics was testament to the students' historical curiosity and strong research skills."

Craig Laundy said the Australian Government is proud to support these awards, providing \$120,000 this year to competition organisers, the History Teachers' Association of Australia.

"The National History Challenge gives students the opportunity to step into the shoes of a historian and investigate their community, explore their past and consider ideas throughout history," Mr Laundy said.

"I encourage all students in Reid to enter next year's Challenge – *Making a Better World* – and be in the running for the amazing prizes and opportunities it presents.

"The Turnbull Government's support for the National History Awards is in addition to our record levels of funding for schools which will grow from \$16 billion in 2016 to \$20.1 billion in 2020 that we will use to target evidence-based reforms that boost student outcomes."

A full list of winners and further information is available at: <http://historychallenge.org.au/>

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