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High-achieving student scores top exam result

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CARLINGFORD student Ivy Jiang (pictured) has made a stand on the world stage by achieving a perfect score of 45 in the International Baccalaureate exam.

Although the score translates to an ATAR of 99.95, and virtually guarantees Ivy entry into any tertiary institution around the world, she hopes to get accepted into a Bachelor of Biomedicine course at the University of Melbourne.

Ivy said although she was thrilled with her results, they came as a surprise.

"These past two years have been the hardest and have required constant motivation to keep working towards your goal, but putting the hard yards in was really worth it," Ivy said.

A student at the MLC School in Burwood, Ivy was one of five MLC students to achieve a perfect score.

Fellow MLC School students Mia Jessurun, from Denistone, and Manesha Gopalan, from Ryde, also achieved outstanding IB results, achieving scores of 42 and 41 respectively.



Mia has chosen to study Policy Studies and International Security Studies at the Australian National University, while Manesha is hoping to study law in the UK.

"It goes without saying that I would not be in this position if it wasn't for the support my teachers gave me, both during and outside of school time, to help me reach my potential," Manesha said.

Manesha also credited her results to the strong re-

lationships that had been formed among the student group throughout the intense study of the last two years.

"If we hadn't pulled each other through the good and the bad times, we would not have done as well as we did," she said.

The International Baccalaureate Organisation offers educational programs for a worldwide community of schools, with 11,000 Australian students studying the IB Diploma Program in 2015.