A perfect score for Year 12 graduates

IT HAD taken her months of hard work but when Emma Leong found out she had received a perfect Year 12 score, she still thought it was a dream.

The 17-year-old (pictured below) is one of four Queensland students and one of 30 across Australia to receive top marks in her International Baccalaureate Year 12 results.

The four students, all from the Queensland Academy for Science, Mathematics and Technology, achieved a perfect score of 45 for their final school year.

“It was stressful but I learnt a lot,” Ms Leong said. “I wasn’t expecting a 45, when my principal called me I thought it was just a dream.”

Emma is now set to study dentistry at the University of Queensland, saying the hard work had paid off to get into her desired course.

Students received their IB scores earlier this month with Year 12 graduates Matilda Stevenson and Emily Sun, who are overseas, also receiving a perfect score of 45, while fellow top-ranking student James Grant, 18, is in Canberra.

“I don’t know what to study at university yet, I’m thinking of going into biomedicine,” he said. “I think my biggest tip for people going into Year 12 is that you don’t need to study 24/7, you need time to relax.”

About 600 Queensland students sat the 2015 IB exams, with 88.57 per cent passing and receiving an average of 32.87.

International Baccalaureate director general Dr Siva Kumar said the average score for Australian Year 12 students was 34.57, on par with New Zealand and just below Singapore.

“(The Year 12) preparation for entry to higher education is second to none and across the world reputed universities continue to appreciate DP graduates as holistically well rounded individuals who contribute immensely to their chosen institution,” he said.