

**MEDIA RELEASE**  
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### **ACT'S TOP PERFORMERS IN NATIONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY COMPETITION ANNOUNCED**

Students from St Edmunds College and St Francis Xavier College have been named the ACT's top performers in a national competition aimed at improving financial literacy among high school students.

Dylan Bathgate, Cody Bryce, and William Bate from St Edmund's College took out the Territory's top three places in the 12 to 15 year-old category, while Dominic Calderazzo and Mitchell McNamara from St Francis Xavier College took out first and third place in the 16 to 18 year-old category. Hunter Harlour from St Edmund's College came second.

They were up against more than 7,950 secondary students across Australia in the Suncorp ESSI Money Challenge.

The interactive online ESSI Money Challenge is run by the non-profit Financial Basics Foundation.

Financial Basics Foundation Chair Brigid Leishman congratulated all the participants for their fantastic efforts and hoped everyone who participated learned some important financial life skills that they can put into practice in real life.

"Like many, Australians teenagers have been struggling financially during COVID-19," Ms Leishman said.

"That makes it more important to teach young people how to make smart financial choices now, and into the future."

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