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Roseville College Captain and Dux Awarded Australia's only 2017 Robertson Scholarship

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Roseville College graduate, 2016 School Captain and College Dux, Zoe King, embarks on tertiary studies at Duke University, USA, this week after winning one of 27 elite scholarships awarded world-wide in the prestigious, highly competitive Robertson Scholars Leadership Program.



Inspired by her mother's positive experiences from studying abroad, the ambitious 19 year old set her goal on securing a USA scholarship many years ago. Highly capable and boundless in her inquisitiveness, Zoe applied herself whole-heartedly to school life and excelled academically throughout her Senior School years. She pursued leadership opportunities and highly competitive academic pursuits within and beyond school; including the Oxford Summer School and the National Youth Science Forum (ANU).

In her HSC year, Zoe was School Captain, the head girl at Roseville College. As a result of excellence in her HSC, she was named Dux at Roseville College and was distinguished as a HSC All-Round Achiever in 2016 by the NSW Premier.

All the more remarkable, while Zoe was preparing for and completing her HSC exams, she was also managing a rigorous and complicated application process, which continued for several months; simultaneously to apply for and secure a place at Duke University, and, contingent on this, for the Robertson Scholars Leadership Program.

"I pursued a Robertson Scholarship because it recognises the effort you've made so far as a student; but the greater emphasis is on your future potential. I have always loved the feeling of being outside a 'comfort zone' and this program is definitely the challenge that I was hoping for. I am very excited for the experiences abroad (as part of the program) that will further widen my perspective of the world around me," she explains.

Zoe says the vast array of opportunities available at Roseville College enriched her application, as much as they deepened and balanced her educational experience at School. Above all, she is grateful for the work her teachers put in to helping her throughout her HSC with "any and every question" she had. She is thankful for the hours of assistance her teachers at Roseville College invested into her US scholarship application process.

Duke University ranks 8th in the US and is among that country's most selective, with a 2017 acceptance rate of just 9.2%. The Robertson Scholarship, worth up to \$AU350,000 over four years, invests in young leaders who strive to make transformational contributions to society. It covers eight semesters of full tuition, accommodation and travel.

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Caption: Roseville College 2016 School Captain and Dux, Zoe King, has won a rare place in the prestigious Robertson Scholars Leadership Program and will spend four years studying at Duke University.

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