**Video Transcript**

**2017 Top All Round VCE High Achievers talk about who supported them throughout their VCE Journey**

School is so much more than just a place where you learn to read and write and how to be well behaved.

It’s a place where these incredible people give their lives to you and all of their knowledge and all their effort to you.

These best teachers always have a passion for their subject.

And that energy is infectious and makes the students want to do well, want to do this subject justice.

Over time they became less teachers, more senior figures.

They do become more like friends as you get older.

I think that’s most important when you’re in the senior years, because you need that support, as much as you need your parents support during that time.

They were there for me the whole time, I think they’ve shaped me as a person more so than VCE, but that’s the reason I think I got the results that I did – like how they improved my character.

We look up to them like a mentor, someone who inspires us to do the best that we can do.

All my teachers were amazing and all had their things that I loved about them and really helped me through.

They just made learning an enjoyable experience.

I can’t really narrow it down to one teacher, I think collectively they were all very supportive.

If I had to send a text message to my teacher I would say…

Thank you for expanding my view of the world – for making me question and challenge everything.

Thanks for being a great teacher and a great mentor.

I could not have finished the year without you.

I don’t think I said thank you enough so here’s me saying thank you again.

Thanks.

The way that parents help their kids through school and especially through year 12 is in this invisible, supportive and constant help.

My parents would be an easy starter for me, especially at times that were stressful throughout the year.

My mum and my dad were my rock.

They wouldn’t let me get too stressed out over my workload.

I wouldn’t be anywhere near these awards if it wasn’t for them.

They just tried to keep my life as normal as they could.

They made sure that I was able to function as a normal human being.

Just being there when you need them.

Throughout my entire life, they’ve put in a lot, given up a lot for the opportunities that I have today.

And I owe them so much for that.

I don’t think anyone can do VCE by themselves. I think it very much is a collaborative effort between you, your family, your friends, your teachers.

I think everything comes down to the people.

The things that you’re going to remember are not necessarily the text books or the essays but the connections you made and who inspired you.