

# Privilege of a lifetime

## Student's trip to prestigious Oxford Uni

A NORTHPINE Christian College student has had a whirlwind couple of months after being accepted into a prestigious summer academy and presenting a speech at the model United Nations conference.

Year 11 student Tinashe Sithole was one of about 50 people across the planet chosen to spend two weeks at Oxford University's Somerville College as part of the International Oxford and Cambridge Summer Academy.

She was also offered the opportunity to travel to Boston and attend a course in Law at Harvard University as part of the 2018 Harvard Model United Nations Tour.

The offer included a visit to New York to attend a meeting at the United Nations Headquarters.

"It was a privilege to be acknowledged by such an elite institution such as Oxford University, home to a variety of historic documents, artefacts and state-of-the-



Northpine College student Tinashe Sithole (centre) with teachers Gabriela Davies and Cindy Sykes at Oxford.

art research facilities, and to be among other young, intelligent and driven individuals," she said.

"Being given this amazing opportunity has allowed me to be aware of the endless possibilities there are for

people like myself who intend to achieve greatness."

Tinashe last month attended the Model United Nations conference held in Brisbane where she presented a speech to fellow delegates on the issue of Child

Soldiers in third world countries.

Her academic focus is law and she intends to pursue a career in law once she graduates from high school.

"With my recent offer to study in Harvard, as well as

being recognised as one of Australia's United Nations Youth delegates, I hope to influence other motivated individuals who aspire to seek greatness as well as assist others where possible," she said.

## Invitation to join new NDIS body

COMMUNITY organisations from Pine Rivers are being invited to be a part of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to deliver Local Area Co-ordination and/or Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) services in the Moreton Bay region.

The NDIA's Partners in the Community Program engages suitable organisations to work with the NDIA to help deliver the National Disability Insurance Scheme in communities across Australia.

"There are many organisations with deep community roots with a wealth of knowledge and expertise who would be well placed to help us deliver this life-changing social reform," Assistant Minister for Disability Services Jane Prentice said.

The third Partners in the Community grant round is now open and applications will close at 2pm on Sunday, November 22.

An industry briefing webcast about the program is now available.

The webcast panel discusses key information about the program and the application process.

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