

# Kenvale College does it for the third time!

**C**assie Hawdon was awarded **The Minister's Student Achiever Award for Tourism and Hospitality Studies** for 2008. Cassie was "honoured" to receive such an award and said on the night "There are many people who led me towards such an achievement, the most prominent being my college... The Kenvale experience changed me... it made me grow as a person".

The award was presented by the **The Hon Matt Brown, Minister for Housing and Minister for Tourism** who described the award as a State Government initiative to encourage students "to progress with their studies and continue in the tourism industry"



The parents and friends of the sixteen students chosen to receive this award had the opportunity to celebrate with them in a Gala dinner at the **Four Seasons Hotel on 13 May 2008**. The event was also attended by more than 400 industry representatives who congratulated students for their sustained academic achievement and for possessing the capabilities and personal qualities that would make a significant contribution to the tourism and hospitality industry in NSW. Students also received a cash prize of \$500, a trophy and a certificate.

For Cassie this award symbolized the end of a road of hard work, a road which she describes as follows: "Let me tell you a little about my experiences at Kenvale College of Hospitality and Tourism Management...Before Kenvale, I didn't know what hard work was..."

*It was my passion for people and service that got me where I am. I became Confident... Determined... Professional  
I gained Time management skills... Presentation skills... A service attitude ... Skills that will stick by me for the rest of my life! I now can't emphasize enough the importance of good service... The satisfaction of putting a smile on someone's face! I will never look at the hospitality and tourism industry the same way..."*



Cassie's words describe in a nutshell Kenvale's vision or motto: "Knowledge, Experience, and Humanity". This vision not only includes training highly qualified and competent industry professionals, it also places a strong emphasis on the humanity side – seeing hospitality as a field in which people can really make a difference in humanising society.

In the words of Isabella Conde, Principal of Kenvale College, "The personalised education model that the College offers, coupled with the ongoing industry placement, make our students well sought after upon graduation. This is the greatest recognition of the quality of our education".

When asked what advice she would give to current and future students at Kenvale, Cassie responded: "My advice to all you current and future students out there-stick to it... its hard work, but it's definitely worth it!  
Before you know it, you'll have been molded into the highest quality graduate possible!"



Cassie envisages herself working in five-star hotels in a management capacity in the near future. We wish the best to Cassie in her future endeavours!