

## Kenvale College does it again not once but twice!

Josie's success, as a result of hard work, could be attributed to her understanding that she is paying for a qualification from a college that is "well-known and will get you places".



Kenvale College student, **Josie Takchi**, has recently added **The Minister's Student Achiever Award for Tourism and Hospitality Studies** in 2006 to her credentials. This award is an initiative of the State Government to

encourage students "to progress with their studies and continue in the tourism industry".

Josie Takchi, was not the only Kenvale student to be presented by **The Hon Matt Brown, Minister for Housing and Minister for Tourism** for this award. **Ms Isabella Rehayem**, former Kenvale student and current 2<sup>nd</sup> year UNSW Bachelor of Commerce in Services Marketing – Tourism and Hospitality also received recognition for demonstrating an aptitude for the tourism and hospitality industry.

Parents and friends of the twelve students chosen to receive this award, had the opportunity to celebrate with them at the **NSW Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2007** their recognition for sustained

academic achievement and possessing the capabilities and personal qualities that would make a significant contribution to the tourism and hospitality industry in NSW. This recognition included also a cash prize of \$500.

When asked why Josie chose to study the Advanced Diploma of Tourism and Hospitality Management, without hesitation, Josie responded that she always wanted to work in a Tourism/Hospitality setting. She said, "*I enjoy the social yet intense atmosphere that is involved in working with people in hospitality*". Furthermore, Josie gets satisfaction from being able to contribute to the encouraging outcomes of jobs given her. She specifically referred to the opportunity she had to manage events as part of her course requirement.



**Isabella Conde**, Principal of Kenvale College, attended the award presentation. "*The personalised education model that the College offers, coupled with the ongoing industry placement, make our students well sought after upon graduation. Tourism and hospitality is a dynamic and exciting industry to work in*", Ms Conde commented.

At the end of her qualification, Josie envisages herself working in five-star hotels in an event management capacity, after deciding to study at Kenvale due to being captivated by the attractive option of combining work with study.