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## Mt Albert Grammar School student has financial future sorted

A former student of Mt Albert Grammar looks set to be financially literate for life after achieving top marks in a NZQA-recognised exam on financial literacy, sponsored by the Retirement Commission and run by the Enterprise New Zealand Trust.

Kelley Hamilton, who was a year 13 student last year, received an impressive 90.5 percent and also achieved full marks in the investment question sponsored by the Securities Commission.



Enterprise New Zealand Trust board member Paul Lockey, Mt Albert Grammar School Principal Greg Taylor, prize winning student Kelley Hamilton and Securities Commission board member Annabel Cotton.

**Kelley was awarded with his prizes at Mt Albert Grammar today (Friday March 3) by Enterprise New Zealand Trust (ENZT) board member Paul Lockey and Securities Commission board member Annabel Cotton. It was the final major prize giving ceremony to be presided over by principal Greg Taylor, who is leaving the school at the end of the term.**

Kelley's prizes include \$100 from the Retirement Commission for gaining over 90 percent and a further \$200 for receiving full marks in the investment question. Only 11 students in the country received more than 90 percent in the exam and only two received full marks in the Securities Commission question.

Developed by the ENZT and sponsored by the Retirement Commission, the 60 hour financial literacy programme teaches students about personal financial management. The course is worth ten credit equivalents and students can use the course towards Level 2 NZQA.

Mt Albert Grammar School was one of the first schools in the country to be involved in the programme and student participation is growing each year. From a handful taking part a number of years ago, a total of 120 grammar students took part last year.

The programme is the main way in which secondary students have access to financial education. Over 100 schools have adopted the programme, which covers various topics from saving to credit and borrowing to taxation, banking and budgeting.

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