Local Knowledge

Mentone Girls' Grammar School student Xafina Dendrinos was named as the year 11 dux last year and she shares her thoughts with the Leader as she takes on year 12.

What subjects are you doing?
Well, in year 11, I did units three and four of Greek and Further Maths, and this year I'm doing French, Maths Methods, English and German.

Why did you decide to do Greek and Further Maths as year 12 subjects last year?
Doing those two subjects in year 11 means that I'll just be doing four this year and the whole idea behind that was so that I can really focus on my subjects this year and get the most out of them.

By the end of your VCE, you'll have done three language subjects. Why so many?
The way I see it is the more languages I can speak, the more people I'll be able to meet and talk to. I really, really want to go travelling overseas so they'll definitely come in handy.

Year 12 can be a very daunting year. How will you be handling it?
I think the key to academic success is to also have something else in your life that you are passionate about. For me, it's competing in aerobics, and enjoying time with friends and family. It really puts everything into perspective so you're not overwhelmed with the stresses and demands of school.

What do you want to be able to get out of year 12?
I want to be able to look back and say that I did my absolute best and, very importantly, didn't let my friendships slide. I want to keep a good balance and have no regrets.