Red carpet thrill for Noosa students

Local students and budding entrepreneurs Jana Taylor and Sam Norcott from Good Shepherd Lutheran College have won the Tomorrow’s Entrepreneurs Award for 2012.

The Year 11 students were rewarded with tickets to the red carpet gala 2012 Telstra Business Woman of the Year Awards at the Sofitel Hotel, Brisbane, last week.

And a chauffeur-driven stretch limousine ensured the students and their teacher arrived in style.

The event gave the students the opportunity to meet women from all walks of life who have achieved success in a wide variety of businesses. The winners are unified by characteristics such as vision, leadership, integrity and generosity.

The Tomorrow’s Entrepreneurs Award was initiated in 2006 by Professor Karen Woolley, ProScribe Medical Communications, and her husband, Dr Mark Woolley, after Karen won a Telstra Business Woman of the Year Award. Another Telstra Business Woman of the Year winner, Chris Cameron of Rockcote, was quick to join and also sponsored students to attend the Awards.

“This ‘grass roots’ initiative from the Sunshine Coast has now gone nationwide, with past winners in other states and territories giving back to the Awards and their communities,” Karen said.

“As a past winner I wanted to share the spirit of the Awards with young students who could well be tomorrow’s entrepreneurs – it’s not every day that students, particularly from regional areas, get the opportunity to be inspired by, and network with, the most successful business women in Queensland.

“Even in tough economic times, I am delighted that a local business like ours has continued its long-term support for this initiative.

“Theresa Reis won the overall Queensland Telstra Business Women’s Award, but there were also category winners from regional Queensland, reinforcing the fact that students in regional areas can strive to be great business people.”

Jana Taylor and Sam Norcott