Two Noosa students had a glimpse into the world of successful business people after winning the Tomorrow’s Entrepreneur Award and attending the Telstra Business Women of the Year Awards.

Sam Willis and Hannah Goessling, Year 11 students at Good Shepherd Lutheran College, travelled to the Brisbane ceremony in a chauffeur-driven, stretch limousine, accompanied by teacher Sharyn Domian.

Sam and Hannah said seeing Noosabased businesswoman Sue Scheimpflug of United Synergies named Telstra Business Woman of the Year had been a highlight of the event. Hannah said listening to inspirational women share their personal stories had been a memorable part of the day.

Two former Telstra Business Woman of the Year winners, Good Shepherd Lutheran College parent Al Professor Karen Woolley and Sunshine Coast businesswoman Chris Cameron started the Tomorrow’s Entrepreneurs Award in 2006. Dr Woolley’s Noosaville-based company, Proscribe Medical Communications, and Mrs Cameron’s company, Rockoith, partner with Telstra Countrywide, to sponsor the award each year.

“Being surrounded by such successful women was very special,” Hannah said. “It was exciting as well as humbling.”

Sam is doing a traineeship to obtain a coxswain’s licence and hopes to use his skills in his career. Hannah said she hoped to be successful in whatever career she chose.

“A position in charge of others – and ultimately to own my own business – is my goal,” she said.

Dr Woolley said as a past winner, she wanted to share the spirit of the awards with young students who could 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,” Dr Woolley said.

She said she hoped student winners would recognise that women can excel in business, and men and women can work together in the business world.