



## Media Release

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### Young ICT Explorers at Ryan Catholic College!

Ryan Catholic College students, Ethan Schutz (Year 6) and Charlie Crocker (Year 5) are the next generation of young explorers in the Information and Communication Technology world.



The two young students were awarded first place for the North Queensland Region at the Young ICT Explorers competition. Ethan and Charlie competed in Sydney at the National Finals on Saturday 8 December, where they were awarded first place in the Year 5-6 category!

The Young ICT Explorers is an organisation that encourages school students to create their best Information and Communication Technology (ICT) related projects.

Ethan and Charlie’s project, the Invisible Boom Gate, is about keeping young kids safe in the street. It allows kids to play in the street but keeps them alert for cars coming around the corner or into the street using a siren and a flashing light.

The competition is aligned with the school curriculum which enables students to apply what they learn in their ICT classroom to develop a technology related project of their choice. At the event, students presented their project to a judging panel of academia, industry partners and ICT professionals, with each project being assessed on the criteria of creativity, uniqueness, quality, level of difficulty and project documentation.



“I am so proud of Ethan and Charlie placing first in the competition. It’s an amazing achievement for our students and for our school!” said Paula Duffy, Acting Principal of Ryan Catholic College, Kirwan.



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