



the **ARCHIBULL** PRIZE



THE ARCHIBULL PRIZE 2017 OUTSTANDING STUDENT **YARI VIACRUCIS - FINALIST**

From the commencement of The Archibull Prize at Blacktown Girls High School Yari Viacruz stood out for her willingness to participate and stand up as a leader, with her ability to liaise and interact with both teachers and students and her overall dedication to the project.

She undertook the somewhat awkward role of addressing the school assembly about their involvement in Share the Dignity and explained how important it was to provide sanitary items to women and girls facing hardship. She also stepped up to speak about the Archibull journey at a staff development session. Yari became a mediating voice on behalf of the student community, relaying ideas and directions to teachers while at all times remaining positive, confident and visionary about the direction the project was taking.

She had a key role in designing and maintaining the blog and even gave up the entire first week of the September school holidays to be present at school each day from 9:00am until 4:00pm, sometimes even longer, to ensure the project was on track. This dedication quickly won the respect of the Archibull team and the teachers.

The staff at Blacktown Girls High made this comment when asked about Yari's contribution: "As teachers we feel privileged to have students such as Yari who are positive members of the school and who are willing to make a difference to the wider community."