Success reflects determination

By Eva Tejszerski

LUCAS Heights Community School has every reason to be proud of these two lads. Anthony Flynn of Jannali and Timothy Gibson of Carrs Park have a disability. But it certainly did not stop them from getting top marks in their HSC exams.

They recently graduated from the school's support unit. Anthony has high functioning autism and Timothy has spinal muscular atrophy.

Both boys rose to the challenge and got into the NSW Board of Studies honour roll. Timothy was the school's dux and gained the highest band in all of his subjects.

His Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) was an impressive 98.3. He also got an academic achievement award from the University of NSW, which is where he plans to study a double degree in both law and commerce.

Anthony's ATAR score was 95.1, which came from achieving marks in the top two bands in all of his subjects.

He was offered early entry into University of Wollongong, where he will study advanced maths.

Support unit co-ordinator Steven Fouger said that the boys' results were fantastic.

"They really did have to overcome physical and emotional difficulties to complete their HSC," Mr Fouger said.

"We're all really proud of them."