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Student cheese crowned cream of the crop

Brisbane high school students have been rated by Australia's top cheese judges of producing cheese worthy of winning commercial grade gold medals in Brisbane today.

Students from Sandgate District High School (SDHS) and Caboolture State High School (CSHS) won gold in the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show Student Made Cheese Competition.

SDSH won for their 'nacho cheese' in the Mould Ripened Cheese – White category, while CSHS took out the top gong for their 'say cheese' entry in the Mould Ripened Cheese – Blue category.

Chief Judge Russell Smith, along with the renowned award-winning cheese maker Ueli Berger from King Island Dairy, judged more than 150 cheese entries from schools across Queensland.

"We were greatly impressed by the overall quality and couldn't believe these cheeses were made by students," Mr Smith said.

"The winning cheeses were worthy of gold medals in our commercial competitions.

"Ueli wanted to take the winning blue cheese home because it was that good."

Students are taught the art of cheese making from their teachers who took part in the RNA's hugely popular Dairy Australia Cheese Making Workshops in February.

For the fifth year in a row, teachers from across Queensland came to the RNA workshops to learn how to make blue and camembert cheeses to suit all tastebuds.

They then teach their students how to make cheeses to enter today's competition.

Mr Smith said the quality of entries was a credit to the teachers and students involved in the program.

More than 6000 Queensland students have learnt how to make cheese thanks to these workshops.

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Class 1 Mould Ripened Cheese – White

1. Sandgate District State High School
2. Bulimba State School
3. Fraser Coast Anglican College

Class 2 Mould Ripened Cheese - Blue

1. Caboolture State High School
2. Fraser Coast Anglican College
3. Mt Maria College Petrie

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