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Future is bright and so are the kids

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A highlight of the 2023 Economic and Social Outlook Conference was one special guest in the crowd **Dion Whitfield**.

The Scotch College captain shocked Treasurer **Jim Chalmers** for being in attendance onto hear both Dr Chalmers and **Anthony Albanese** speak, despite having to dash out early to sit his final VCE exam.



The Australian editor-in-chief Michelle Gunn, Treasurer Dr Jim Chalmers, Scotch College captain Dion Whitfield and ANU vice president (First Nations) Professor Peter Yu meet at the 2023 Social and Economic Outlook Conference in Melbourne on Thursday. Photo – Peter Casamento

"If any of you academics (from the University of Melbourne) in the crowd today are lucky enough to have Dion in one of your classes in the coming years please give him an automatic HD as he is here today instead of cramming for his final year 12 exam," Dr Chalmers.

Dion is a beneficiary of the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation that provides scholarships for Indigenous scholarships to some of the country's top schools.



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