



Academic Results 2023



St Vincent's College
Potts Point

2023 HIGHLIGHTS



DUX

2023 College Dux
School based assessments
Lucy Fraser



Highest ATAR

2023 Grace Robinson Prize
ATAR 99.45
Tess McGrath



8

All Rounders



Over 36%

Students with an
ATAR of 90+



173

Distinguished Achievers'
List mentions



10

NESA
Nominations



2

NESA
Selections



14 December 2023

Dear Parents , Carers and Students,

I write to you to share the outstanding HSC results obtained by the graduating Class of 2023. I would be the first to admit that the HSC results should not and will not define an individual or cohort of students. Today, however, we celebrate with and for our most recent graduates who have successfully completed a rigorous matriculation. The NSW HSC program is internationally recognised for its rigour and breadth. Our students, like their peers across NSW have had to show perseverance, commitment, tenacity and a passion for the subjects they selected for their two year course of studies. We are exceptionally proud of all our 2023 graduates - we knew they have and will continue to do justice to their natural abilities and opportunities to learn. Our students are not complacent - they know not everyone gets the chances they have had in life to access education in its broadest sense and to be able to have aspirational goals for the future.

As you read through this highlights package you will see the outstanding achievements of our students measured against state benchmarks, breadth of subjects that our students have excelled at, the significant number of creative and Performing Arts students nominated for and invited to exhibit their HSC major projects.

While this is a day for the students to celebrate, I want to recognise the delight and pride that the teachers of HSC classes are also experiencing. It probably will not surprise you to know that the biggest cheers as the results were revealed were not solely for the highest bands. The positive emotions peaked for the students who had exceeded expectations, had overcome the biggest challenges and worked the hardest to achieve growth. That is the justice that underpins our educational philosophy, but one that can be lost in the rush to "rankings" and comparison. I want to publicly commend the extra-ordinary work of all the educators here at St Vincent's - from Ken who sets up the exam rooms, Veronica who runs the print room, the dedicated staff of Diverse Learning, the Library, the Boarding House through to the most experienced of our HSC teachers - each has contributed vital support and encouragement to the students!


Congratulations to our Director of Teaching and Learning, Dean of Senior Secondary and Heads of each Learning Area. Their academic and pastoral care of this cohort of students has been exemplary.

Today's results "do justice" to the heroic efforts of those who established the school in 1858, those who sustain it through sharing in the mission and those who will steward St Vincent's College into the future. The hard work and accomplishment of the Class of 2023 now take their rightful place in the folk-lore of their alma-mater.

Congratulations and best wishes to all our HSC candidates. May flowers n' sunshine cheer their pathways.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Fry
Principal



Warm congratulations to the Class of 2023. Each and every one of you should be proud of the tenacity, commitment and diligence with which you approached your studies. Your contribution to the academic life of the College has been significant, and when matched with your engagement in the broader life of St Vincent's, makes you all successful all rounders. Well done.

Alison Boyd-Boland - Director of Teaching and Learning

Congratulations to the talented, inclusive, warm and bright Class of 2023! We are so proud of you for being an exemplary cohort. At Vinnies we are committed to educating the whole person and your cohort has always been, and will continue to be, a shining example of this.

Samantha Newbond - Dean of Senior Secondary

College Dux for 2023



Lucy was the 2023 recipient of the St Vincent's College Dux Award in recognition of her exemplary academic attainment across all subjects in their HSC courses of study. It is appropriate that Lucy is named Dux of the College in the Year of Justice as she has done justice to herself by exhibiting all the characteristics of a fine scholar, maintaining a rigorous commitment to her learning, whilst also committing to service and justice for others. Her earnest academic endeavour and engagement in the breadth of College life will serve as strong foundations for her future pursuits, whether they be in Law, Creative Writing, Journalism or any domain that might pique the interest of this energetic and curious learner. Her strengths are aptly captured in her receipt of Academic Prizes in English Advanced, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, Studies of Religion (2 Unit) and Academic Awards in Drama and Modern History.

Lucy was also one of our 2023 College Co-captains who gave generously of her time to nurture a culture of participation and inclusion. In her commitment to the St Vincent's College community and her academic studies, Lucy navigated competing priorities with a maturity of mind, an openness to listen and a disposition of service.



Grace Robinson Prize

The Grace Robinson Prize is awarded to the student who obtained the highest ATAR. Tess was the 2023 recipient of the St Vincent's College Honour Prize awarded to a student who makes a selfless contribution to the College and by her influence and example, works to a level of excellence across all the pursuits of academic, co-curricular and citizenship. Tess has achieved recognition for academic excellence across the humanities, arts and sciences every year since Year 7. In her senior years of study, Tess received Academic Awards and Prizes in English Advanced, Modern History, Music, French Continuers and French Extension as well as Accelerated HSC Mathematics Extension 1. In addition to her academic success, Tess has shared generously of her extraordinary talent in music, at many College events from Liturgical celebrations through to Speech Night, College Assemblies and lunchtime concerts. She has been a mentor within Orchestra, Jazz Band and Rock Band. Tess' values orientate her towards the needs of others which has seen her engage in social justice service initiatives as a member of both the Environment and Vinnies@SVC committees. She participated in the Student2Student Reading program and initiated a Book Drive to aid the community of St Canice's.



ALL ROUNDERS

Students who achieved a top band result (Band 6) in at least 10 units



Aylyza Damian

English Advanced, Biology, Chemistry, PDHPE, Mathematics Advanced (2022) Music 1, Studies of Religion Performing Arts - College Musical, College Orchestra, Jazz Band, SRC Student Mentoring Program, Cupcakes for St Canice's



Olivia Dean

English Standard Business Studies Mathematics Advanced Mathematics Extension I Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Studies of Religion I



Lucy Fraser

English Advanced, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, Drama, Modern History, Studies of Religion II 2023 College Co-Captain, 2023 Sr Joan Jurd (Perpetua) Award for College Leadership, 2023 College Dux, 2022 Year 11 Dux, 2022 Public Speaking & Debating Captain, 2022 Cairns Eco-Immersion, Performing Arts - Drama, Archdale Debating, Environment Committee, Vinnies@ SVC, Coffee Queens, Volleyball



Skye Kilcran

English Advanced, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics Advanced (2022), Mathematics Extension 1 (2022), Studies of Religion II 2023 College Spirit Award 2022 Dance Captain Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, SRC Student Mentoring Program, Performing Arts - Jazz Ensemble, Touch Football, Netball



Zara Mackey

English Advanced Earth and Environmental Science Legal Studies Mathematics Standard Modern History Studies of Religion I 2023 O'Brien House Captain WorldStrides Program, Cambridge University



Tess McGrath

English Advanced, French Continuers, French Extension, Modern History, Music 1, Mathematics Advanced (2022), Mathematics Extension 1 (2022), Studies of Religion II 2023 St Vincent's College Honour Prize, 2023 Arts Captain, 2023 ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Environment Committee, Vinnies@SVC, Student2Student Reading Program



Isabel Murray-Nobbs

English Advanced Business Studies Chemistry Economics Mathematics Advanced (2022) Mathematics Extension 1 (2022) Studies of Religion I SRC Representative Tildesley Tennis Team Tennis Captain



Jessica O'Mara

English Standard Business Studies Legal Studies Mathematics Standard Studies of Religion II Vinnies@SVC

NESA SELECTIONS

Students selected to exhibit or perform their work

SHAPE



Ana Toko
Major Textile Project

Callback



Jessica Ciappara
Core Composition

NESA NOMINATIONS

Students nominated for consideration to exhibit or perform their work

Callback



Jessica Ciappara
Core performance



Sienna Fernandez
Core composition



Elsie Heal
Major Study Performance
Core composition
Core performance

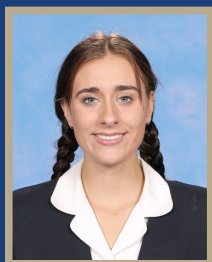


Sophia Laing
Major Study Performance
Core performance

OnSTAGE



Ruby Cullinan
Individual Project - Video Drama



Imogen Pringle
Individual Project - Video Drama



Alexandra Tait
Individual Project - Video Drama



Summer Robinson
Individual Project - Performance

SHAPE



Jessica Ciappara
Major Textile Project



Sorchia Hughes
Major Design Project

DATA BREAKDOWN



100%
of 2 Unit courses above
the state mean

Over 36%
of students received an
ATAR over 90+

Over 65%
of students received an
ATAR over 80+

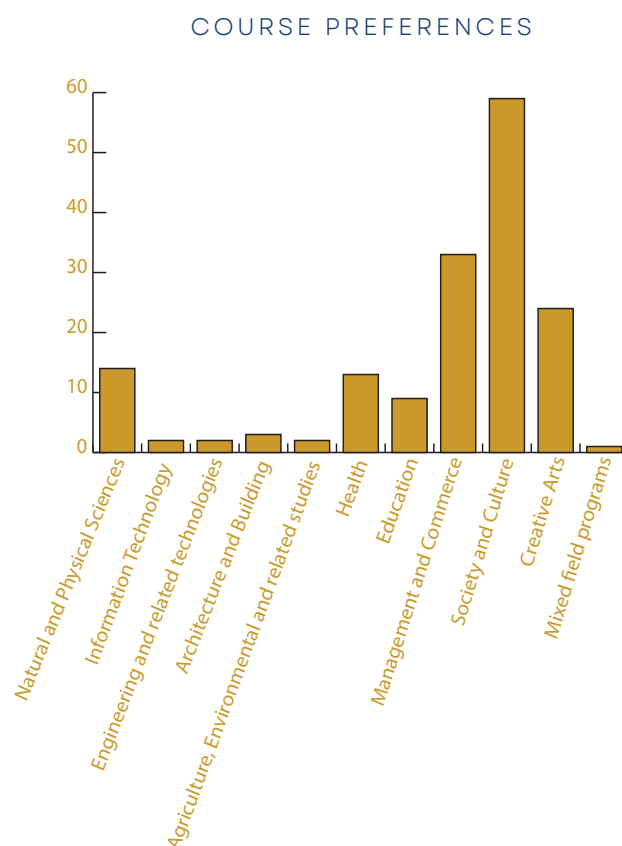
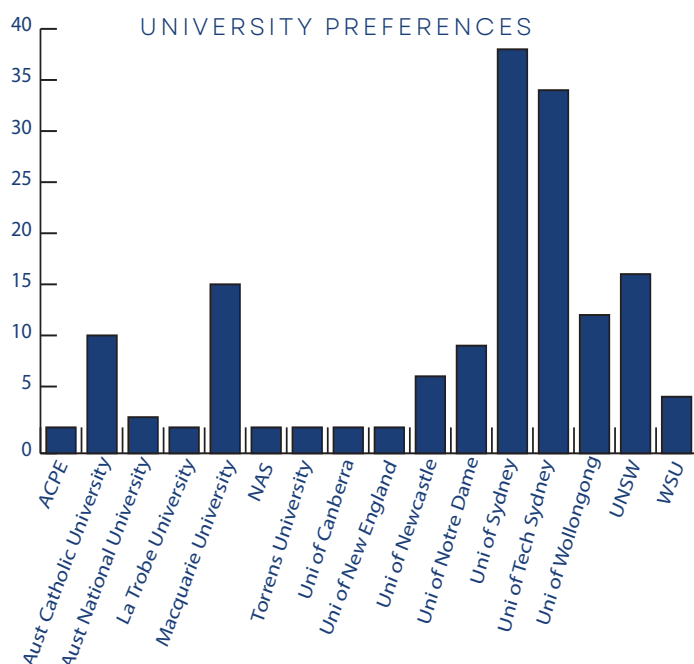
84.42%
Median ATAR

Subjects where 100% of students achieved a band 5 or 6

Course	SVC percentage in top two bands	State percentage in top two bands
Ancient History	100	32.72
Design and Technology	100	47.31
Drama	100	60.05
Music 1	100	68.97
French Continuers	100	58.9

Subjects where 100% of students achieved an E3 or E4

- English Extension 1
- English Extension 2
- Mathematics Extension 1
- History Extension 1



DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVERS

Students who achieved the top band (Band 6) in one or more courses

SUBJECT	STUDENT NAME
Ancient History	Alice Bell, Bridget Bell, Katie Morrissey, Nina O’Loughlin, Judith Walsh
Biology	Ella Argent, Bridget Bell, Jasmine Costa, Aylyza Damian, Madison Gosbell, Elsie Heal, Katherine Johnson, Georgia Karena, Skye Kilcran, Charlotte Ledden, Molly McPherson, Scarlett Moir, Freja Raaijmakers, Ella Rubenstein, Alexandra Tait
Business Studies	Isla Anthony, Sybella Mary Christie, Katarina Cobden, Amy Cutten, Olivia Dean, Lucy Hoffman, Amelia Hopley, Imogen Jay, Emilie King, Ashley Lai, Zoe McGuinness, Isabel Murray-Nobbs, Jessica O’Mara, Lara Roets, Sophie Slee, Charli Street, Mia Travers
Chemistry	Skye Kilcran
Community and Family Studies	Isla Anthony, Luella Bartolomei, Jemima Gooch
Dance	Jessica Ciappara, Sienna Fernandez, Elsie Heal
Design and Technology	Sorcha Hughes, Ashley Lai
Drama	Ruby Cullinan, Lucy Fraser, Caitlin Young
Earth and Environmental Science	Zara Mackey
Economics	Isabel Murray-Nobbs, Chantelle Scott
English Advanced	Ella Argent, Gabrielle Austin, Alice Bell, Jessica Ciappara, Katarina Cobden, Ruby Cullinan, Aylyza Damian, Lucy Fraser, Katherine Johnson, Skye Kilcran, Ashley Lai, Zara Mackey, Tess McGrath, Zoe McGuinness, Asha Morison, Katie Morrissey, Isabel Murray-Nobbs, Nina O’Loughlin, Amelia Papworth, Freja Raaijmakers, Lara Roets, Chantelle Scott, Sophie Slee, Ana Toko, Salome West
English Extension 1	Lucy Fraser, Amelia Papworth, Judith Walsh
English Extension 2	Lucy Fraser, Amelia Papworth, Judith Walsh
English Standard	Olivia Dean, Jessica O’Mara
French Continuers	Tess McGrath
French Extension	Tess McGrath
Geography	Alexandra Tait
History Extension	Molly Barwick, Alice Bell, Amelia Papworth
Legal Studies	Ava Baxa, Lily Hobson, Emilie King, Zara Mackey, Jessica O’Mara, Sophie Slee, Millicent Teh Howell
Mathematics Advanced	Olivia Dean, Frances Duffy, Polly Grindrod, Chantelle Scott, Polly Sewell, Hannah Singh, Gemma Vinciguerra, Annika Wende-Dunstan
Mathematics Extension 1	Olivia Dean, Frances Duffy, Hannah Singh
Mathematics Standard 2	Charlie Bennett, Georgia Karena, Kate Levitski, Zara Mackey, Jessica O’Mara, Charli Street

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVERS

Students who achieved the top band (Band 6) in one or more courses

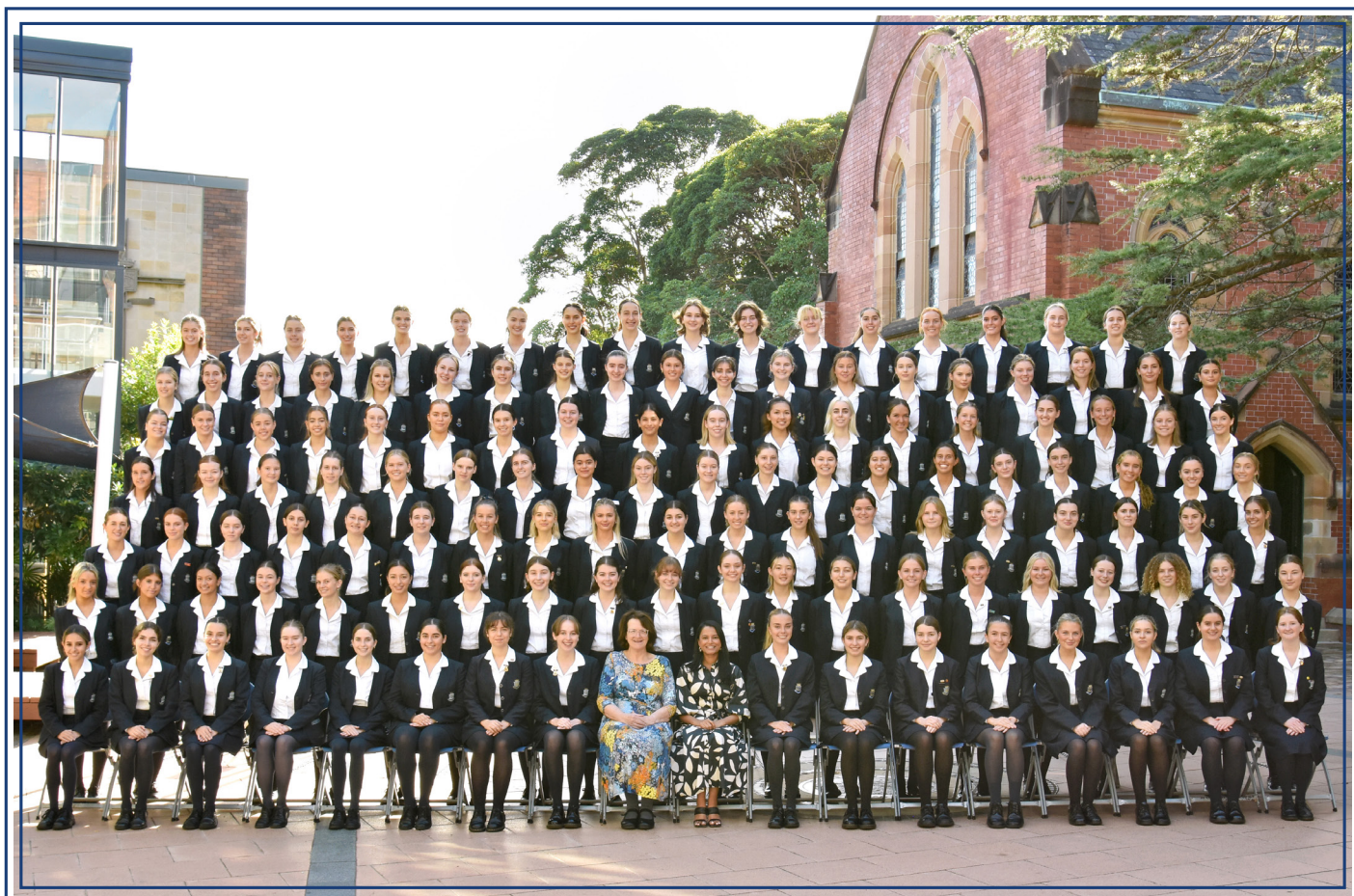
SUBJECT	STUDENT NAME
Modern History	Molly Barwick, Ava Baxa, Lucy Fraser, Zara Mackey, Tess McGrath Amelia Papworth
Music 1	Molly Barwick, Aylyza Damian, Tess McGrath
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	Gabrielle Austin, Chloe Cooke, Aylyza Damian, Olivia Dean, Zoe McGuinness, Siara Ortolani, Charli Street, Alexandra Tait, Salome West
Physics	Stella Trevaskis
Society and Culture	Ruby Cullinan, Caitlin Young
Studies of Religion I	Isla Anthony, Jessica Ciappara, Katarina Cobden, Aylyza Damian, Olivia Dean, Lucy Hoffman, Zara Mackey, Zoe McGuinness, Isabel Murray- Nobbs, Amelia Papworth, Freja Raaijmakers, Judith Walsh
Studies of Religion II	Ella Argent, Gabrielle Austin, Molly Barwick, Ava Baxa, Ruby Cullinan, Lucy Fraser, Madison Gosbell, Georgia Karena, Skye Kilcran, Ashley Lai, Tess McGrath, Molly McPherson, Nina O’Loughlin, Jessica O’Mara, Siara Ortolani, Sophie Slee, Ana Toko, Salome West, Caitlin Young
Textiles and Design	Jessica Ciappara, Zoe McGuinness, Ana Toko
Visual Arts	Ruby Bellinger, Charlotte Emery, Nina O’Loughlin





"While we will no longer have the joy of seeing you every day, we now have the great delight of watching each of you go out into the world to change it for the better and make it your own."

Lucy Fraser and Summer Robinson
Valedictory Speech, 16th September 2023



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