



INDEPENDENT IN THOUGHT
COMPASSIONATE IN ATTITUDE
CONFIDENT TO ACT

Class of 2024

CELEBRATING LEARNING



St Vincent's College
Potts Point



2024 highlights



2024 College

DUX

School based assessments

ALICE MURCUTT



99.75

ATAR

2024 Grace Robinson Prize

FRANCES DUFFY



2

All Rounders



135

Distinguished
Achievers' List
mentions



13

NESA
Nominations



Over

10% of students
received an ATAR of

95+

Over

47% of students
received an ATAR of

85+

15th

Place in Modern History

FRANCES DUFFY

20%

Band 6
mentions

69%

Band 5/6
mentions



English Advanced & Standard
Top 10% of schools

**TOP
10%**



Studies of Religion 1
Top 2% of schools

**TOP
2%**

*Based on Band 6 results



MRS ANNE FRY
Principal,
St Vincent's College

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hopeful waiting is what the season of Advent is about. A strong experience of this is the annual anticipation HSC candidates have as they wait for their HSC results and ATARS. While the candidate is the primary carrier of this anticipation, we all too experience the same hope that the hard work of our students and staff will be rewarded with results that were commensurate.

That hope has been realised and today I am delighted to share very good news with you. Not for boastful reasons but to share my pride and gratitude for all the endeavours of the students, the love and support of their families and of course the formation, nurture and education provided by our staff.

2024 was the year in which we focused on the Value of RESPECT. Respect for learning was a sub-theme that helped us focus deeply on the neuroscience of learning, the craft of teaching and the underpinning of visible wellbeing - using strengths, regulating emotions, setting goals, developing good habits, being aware and attentive. Together this year we have been intentional in our respect for the responsibility each of us has carried in strengthening our learning culture.

I would like to thank the Teachers and Heads of Department under the leadership of Mrs Boyd-Boland, the work of the Diverse Learning Team, the Library Team and of course the Dean of Senior Secondary, Ms Samantha Newbond. All have worked to provide optimal opportunities for our students to flourish and achieve the results that will open up pathways into future lives lived with deep success, service and satisfaction.

There are some individually outstanding and heroic results in this cohort. Students who were challenged by trauma, illness or circumstances beyond their control. To them I offer acknowledgement that may not be seen in "their numbers". It is in their story that the true depth of their respect for learning, and the respect we have for them will be found.

It really has been worth the anticipation. The Class of 2024 and our Year 11 accelerants have done us proud. They now can relax and enjoy the satisfaction that comes from having done their best.

I wish you each a blessed and happy Christmas.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Fry". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.



MS ALISON BOYD-BOLAND
Director of Teaching & Learning

RESILIENCE, PASSION AND DRIVE

Congratulations to the cohort of 2024. You have outdone yourselves and should be most proud of your achievements. In the Year of Respect you have shown great respect for your learning through your resilience, passion and drive that you have demonstrated throughout your schooling, particularly during Stage 6.

As the first cohort I have had the privilege of walking alongside throughout Year 11 and 12 and I have been struck by your good humour, your skill and your commitment to personal growth.

There are many stories to celebrate about the cohort of 2024. They have pushed the boundaries of learning, embracing new courses of study at the College. Our first cohort of students undertook the VET Entertainment Industry course, gaining not only a 2-unit subject to contribute to their HSC credential but also a nationally recognised Certificate III in Live Production and Technical Services. We have also seen our first students complete the rigorous Extension Science programme. These girls have been innovative in their robust scientific investigation into topics like toxic shock syndrome, galaxies and dark matter and microplastics. Being a ‘first cohort’ is a brave decision and speaks to Vinnies’ girls being courageous women of action both inside the classroom and outside.

Congratulations to the staff and parents who have also contributed to these results. Achieving an HSC credential is definitely a family effort – riding the tension, providing motivation and keeping the snacks replenished. To the teachers who have stood by these girls, offering intellectual challenge, sharing passions, and stepping in with support. The nights of reading responses, offering feedback, providing additional workshops represent your professionalism and vocation.

I have spoken to the College community, both students and parents, on a number of occasions about the ways in which learning is about ‘opening doors’ whether that is to a new stage of learning, or opportunities beyond the College. Our 2024 cohort has embraced this perspective through hard work, and we look forward with anticipation to seeing what opportunities they embrace as students, women of generous spirit and leaders of the future.

*Subject taken through NSW School of Languages.

+Course taken through TAFE.

100%

of students receiving an ATAR gained a Band 5 or 6 in:

- DANCE
- DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY
- VISUAL ARTS
- TEXTILES
- SPANISH CONTINUERS*
- HOSPITALITY*
- HUMAN SERVICES*

100%

of students received an E3 or E4 in:

- ENGLISH EXTENSION 1
- ENGLISH EXTENSION 2
- HISTORY EXTENSION
- SCIENCE EXTENSION
- SPANISH EXTENSION*



MS SAMANTHA NEWBOND
Dean of Senior Secondary

A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY


Congratulations to the Class of 2024! As their Dean for the past two years, I have had the privilege of witnessing both their individual and collective growth. This remarkable group of young women has consistently shown a strong sense of community, always ready to support one another and lend a helping hand.

I encourage them to carry this great strength into whatever paths they choose in life. They have forged strong friendships, creating lasting bonds that will continue to enrich their lives. As they embark on this next chapter, we are confident they will achieve great things. We are immensely proud of their academic and personal accomplishments and wish the Class of 2024 all the best for the future.

This year group has been characterised by their calmness and responsiveness. They concluded their time at Vinnies with gratitude and grace, leaving with big smiles, full hearts, and happy tears. There are so many remarkable individual stories of growth and success within this group that deserve to be celebrated.

It is fitting that it's also worth noting that they were my first senior group to see through. Their journey has been truly special, and I am grateful to have been part of it.



A large group of young women, likely members of a school organization, are posed on a staircase. They are wearing a variety of colorful costumes, including dresses, corsets, and tiaras. The women are smiling and looking towards the camera. The background shows a building with a staircase and a doorway.

**“I like adventure, and
I’m going to find some”**

Little Women
by Louisa May Alcott





ALICE MURCUTT

ALICE MURCUTT NAMED COLLEGE DUX

Alice has been awarded the prestigious title of College Dux for 2024, a recognition that celebrates excellence and academic achievement at St Vincent's College. Her name will be proudly displayed in the Black and White Room on the Dux Board, joining the ranks of exceptional students from our history who have made their mark as St Vincent's Scholars.

This year, which we honour as the Year of Respect, is particularly fitting for Alice's recognition. Her academic journey reflects the respect and dedication she has consistently demonstrated in her studies. Alice has shown an impressive pattern of study that spans across Mathematics, Science, Humanities, and the Creative Arts, exemplifying her well-rounded capabilities.

Alice's strengths are underscored by her numerous academic accolades, including prizes in Chemistry, Studies of Religion (2 Unit), Mathematics Advanced (shared), Mathematics Extension 1, and an Academic Award in English Extension 1. These achievements not only highlight her intellectual prowess but also her commitment to pursuing excellence in all areas of her education.

As a capable scholar, Alice has established a broad knowledge base that opens numerous pathways for her future. Whether she chooses to continue her journey in the Sciences towards Medicine, synthesises her creative and mathematical skills in Architecture, or immerses herself in the Humanities through studies in English or Philosophy, we are confident that she will excel.

Alice embodies the qualities of independent thought, strong purpose, and capable action. She is poised to become an intellectual leader, making significant contributions in whichever field she pursues.

Congratulations, Alice, on your considerable success throughout your years at St Vincent's College! Your achievements inspire us all and reflect the values we uphold within our community. We look forward to witnessing the remarkable impact you will undoubtedly have in the future.



FRANCES DUFFY

FRANCES DUFFY **2024 GRACE ROBINSON PRIZE RECIPIENT**

Frances is a true scholar and most deserving recipient of our Grace Robinson prize for the highest ATAR in the 2024 cohort.

Throughout her time at the College she has been exceptional in her dedication to learning and the strengths of her critical thinking and genuine desire to pursue knowledge.

Her HSC subjects attest to her as a consummate ‘all rounder’. She has placed 15th in Modern History this year with strong results in Studies of Religion, and English Advanced. Not only did her strengths lie in the Humanities but she was also a talented linguist. Frances was also part of our Accelerated Mathematics programme achieving Band 6 / E4 results in Mathematics Advanced and Extension whilst still a Year 11 student. These accomplishments are remarkable in themselves but even more so given that Frances suffered a serious concussion that significantly affected her engagement with her studies in Year 11. It is here that Frances’ determination and driven work ethic have enabled her to overcome this challenge, finding inner strength to achieve academic excellence.

Frances’ success have also occurred outside the classroom, making the Grand Final with her Football Senior team. Having been at St Vincent’s since Year 7 she reflects the College’s spirit of education in its broadest sense, and she is congratulated for her outstanding achievements in the HSC.



ALL ROUNDERS

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



HANNAH SINGH

Studies of Religion 1 Unit
Biology
English Advanced
Visual Arts
Science Extension
Mathematics Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Orchestra
House Captain



FRANCES DUFFY

Studies of Religion 1 Unit
English Advanced
Modern History
Italian Beginners
Mathematics Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Touch Football Senior 6
Football Senior 3

NESA NOMINATIONS

Students nominated for consideration to exhibit or perform their work

CALL BACK



CHLOE ADDISON

Core Composition



IYLA MAGUIRE

Core Composition



ELISE BABBAGE

Core Performance
Major Study Performance



LAUREN HUGO

Textiles



ISLA RATCLIFF

Design & Technology

ON STAGE



AMAHLI CLARKE

Group Performance



POLLY GRINDROD

Group Performance



ELENI MATSOS

Group Performance



MAGGIE HUTCHINSON

Individual Project

ART EXPRESS



JULIET BROOKER



AMAHLI CLARKE



JESSICA RAMSAY



RUBY WATERLOW-HEUSTON

CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC

Ruby has gained a coveted place at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music for 2025, where she will complete a Bachelor of Music in the contemporary practice programme.

This feat would be remarkable in any circumstances, but is made more so by the fact that Ruby lost her vision at a young age and has completed her studies without a sense that most of us rely on when learning. Ruby explains the power of Music in “helping people’s understandings of different life experiences”. She goes on to explain that “Music can help educate people and make them feel how you are feeling.... [becoming] a vehicle for change and understanding for all people”.

Ruby puts her success down to the support she received from her teachers and their faith in her, as well as in practical strategies such as consistent studying and learning how to manage stress during examinations, not letting one difficult question dictate how the rest of the exam went. Ruby encourages everyone to include co curricular activities into their experience at the College, because of the camaraderie, friendships and joy that comes from pursuing your personal interests.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

When most Year 12 students were enjoying a post-HSC break from school Polly was back at Vinnies acting as Assistant Director for the College’s musical production, Mamma Mia!

Such an act exemplifies Polly’s enthusiastic commitment to the Performing Arts. As 2024 Arts Captain she has been a powerful advocate for engagement in the arts, leading by example and promoting all creative arts.

However, this has not been Polly’s only role. As Accelerated Mathematics student, passionate physicist and eloquent English student, Polly has the attributes of a genuine scholar and we await with interest to see how Polly continues to extend her varied interests beyond the College gates.



POLLY GRINDROD



ANNIKA WENDE DUNSTAN

KICKING GOALS

Annika is a woman on a mission, successfully gaining a scholarship to study and continue her soccer ambitions in San Antonio, Texas in 2025.

A consummate athlete, Annika represented St Vincent's at IGSA for athletics, cross country and swimming, competed in the IGSA representative team in athletics and was part of the College's Firsts Water Polo team. In addition to the demands of Year 12, Annika also spent the year playing first grade football in the national premier league, stepping onto the field in a team that included two members of Sydney FC.

The rigorous training schedule would be daunting for many, but for Annika it helped her to focus, making the most of every lesson, participating in workshops and meeting with her teachers outside of class. It also fostered her determination, as she explains that Biology was not initially a subject that came easily, but with perseverance it provided to be a passion and strength, becoming an area she will continue to pursue at university. Annika believes that "Vinnies has instilled in me a deep appreciation for the gift of learning and the value of knowledge, lessons that will remain with me as I move forward into life beyond school".

FASTER, HIGHER, STRONGER

Grace and agility describes Iyla in motion. Whether she has been on stage performing her own Dance compositions for her HSC, or on the field representing the College in Touch Football, Netball, Soccer, or Athletics, her skills have been clear.

While at the College Iyla has embodied the Olympic values of excellence, respect and friendship in her ethical sportsmanship and commitment to each endeavour. The Olympic spirit of being faster, higher, stronger – together is reflected in Iyla's leadership in the position of College Sport and



IYLA MAGUIRE

Health Captain, where her advocacy for engagement in sporting and healthy lifestyle have encouraged teamwork, commitment and physical

wellbeing. Sporting aptitude definitely runs in her genes and is motivating her choices for further study.

“BE PROUD OF WHAT YOU HAVE ACHIEVED AND OWN IT!”

Having always been motivated by a love of learning, particularly in the sciences, Georgia traded country Tamworth for Potts Point Sydney, determined to give herself every opportunity for her final years of schooling.

In making this courageous decision she was following in her Mum’s footsteps, becoming a second generation Vinnies girl. Georgia describes the move to a city based school as being eye opening, as she encountered new expectations and competitive assessments that built resilience and dedication that she sees as being integral to her personal success.

Georgia also found that entering the structured study routines provided by boarding gave her new motivation and drive to push herself. Boarding also fostered friendships that helped her maintain a healthy balance between study and relaxation. Her boarding cohort also led her to see “the value and importance of coming from a rural background and not being ashamed of it”. Georgia plans to continue her love for science in her University studies with aspirations to enter the medical field in the future.



GEORGIA WILLIAMS



CATE MCGREGOR

FINDING YOUR VOICE

Creating a student run podcast is not something many Year 12 students are able to say they accomplished.

However, Cate is no ordinary Vinnies girl. She was PR Captain for 2024, and establishing the College’s first ever student-led podcast has been just one of her achievements. Cate has found her voice, whether that be in classroom debate and discussion or crafting an entire suite of performance poetry for her English Extension 2 Major Work.

Key to her successes have been Cate’s friendships – in her own words they have been “nothing but supportive [and] provided the most amazing learning environment for me throughout the year. Realising you are part of a team is a game changer”. Not only that, she also acknowledges that mandatory courses in younger years might not have always seemed relevant, but the exercise of “respecting a teacher and subject you may not be interested in is a valuable learning experience in itself”.

Committed to the College’s values and promotion of human dignity, service and advocacy, she hopes that a future in international relations or a similar political field is in her future. Whatever she chooses we know that Cate won’t only achieve, she will lead with confidence, passion and a desire to give expression to what she believes is important.

VISUAL ARTS

Jessica's Visual Arts Major Work was a stunning representation of extremes – large scale oil on canvas of man and horse and tiny miniature that showcased the skill and artistry of a deft hand and the depth of thinking of a formidable mind.



JESSICA RAMSAY

Infinite is the Soul

Jessica's conception of body and soul was something to behold and represented the College's particular strengths in the creative arts. Jessica's accomplishment was made even more impressive by the fact she also completed a Design and Technology Major work, submitting both projects within days of each other. However, our Year 11 Dux and English Advanced

Award recipient was no stranger to hard work, and her sustained diligence and perseverance, proactive endeavours to challenge herself, push boundaries of her knowledge and revise, redraft and rethink have been key to her success. With ambitions to continue pursuing design at University, Jessica represents the creative spirit that is strong at the College.



JULIET BROOKER

Detail: Dignitas et Mulieres

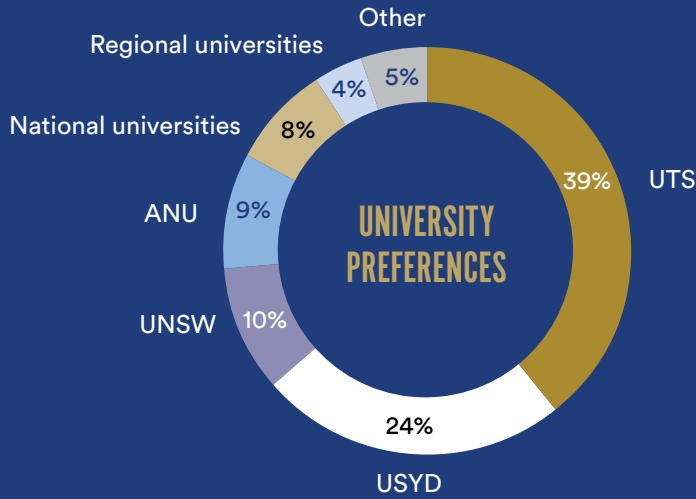


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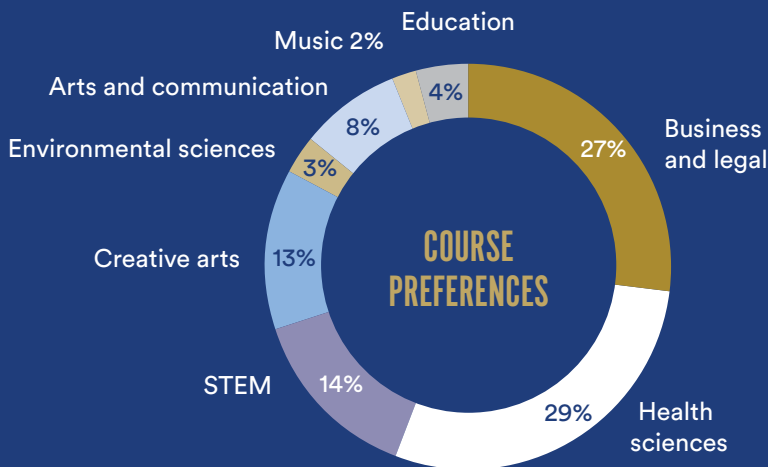
Solace



Future Pathways



UTS and USYD are once again St Vincent's students' top destinations for further study.



Vinnies girls continue to excel in a range of fields, pursuing their passions beyond school.

8 VET

Certificates (III or IV) attained in addition to HSC credentials

“...always connected,
always a part of
something extraordinary.”

Eliza Doyle and Ruby Siemsen, College Co-Captains
2024 Valedictory Speech

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVERS

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

SUBJECT	STUDENTS		
ANCIENT HISTORY	Eliza Doyle	Eliza Gabriel Slater	
BIOLOGY	Ellie Byrnes	Isabella Collins	Grace McDonough
	Polly Sewell	Hannah Singh	Georgia Williams
BUSINESS STUDIES	Cleo Crabb	Kayla Hood	Lauren Hugo
	Sylvie Karena	Made Kennedy	Grace McDonough
	Amelia Towner	Annika Wende-Dunstan	
COMMUNITY AND FAMILY STUDIES	Ruby Kelly	Made Kennedy	Amelia Towner
DANCE	Elise Babbage	Iyla Maguire	
DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY	Mia Palmer	Jessica Ramsay	Isla Ratcliff
	Gemma Vinciguerra		
DRAMA	Polly Grindrod	Eleni Matsos	Ruby Siemsen
ENGLISH ADVANCED	Elise Babbage	Ellie Byrnes	Lucy Chubb
	Amahli Clarke	Eliza Doyle	Frances Duffy
	Jasmine-Lilli Galvin	Polly Grindrod	Amelia Haynes
	Lauren Hugo	Alexandra Machlin	Eleni Matsos
	Grace McDonough	Cate McGregor	Alice Murcutt
	Mia Nowlan	Jessica Ramsay	Polly Sewell
	Hannah Singh	Amelia Towner	
ENGLISH EXTENSION 1	Eliza Doyle	Maggie Hutchinson	Cate McGregor
	Alice Murcutt		
ENGLISH EXTENSION 2	Cate McGregor		
ENGLISH STANDARD	Cleo Crabb		
HISTORY EXTENSION	Louisa Roth		
ITALIAN BEGINNERS	Frances Duffy	Eliza Gabriel Slater	India Speirs
LEGAL STUDIES	Isabella Chenu	Cleo Crabb	Elliane Davies
	Eleni Matsos	Grace McDonough	
MATHEMATICS ADVANCED	Isabella Collins	Sage Croft	Mary Crotty
	Alice Murcutt	Ella Stearn	
MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1	Alice Murcutt		
MATHEMATICS STANDARD 2	Juliet Brooker	Jada Caoyonan	Amahli Clarke
	Grace Cox	Isla Ratcliff	Manon Rayk
	Poppy White		



SUBJECT**STUDENTS**

MODERN HISTORY	Frances Duffy	Eleni Matsos	Louisa Roth
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Elise Babbage Georgia Williams	Sylvie Karena	Jaz Walker
SCIENCE EXTENSION	Polly Sewell		
SOCIETY AND CULTURE	Juliet Brooker	Louisa Roth	Jaz Walker
SPANISH EXTENSION	Isabella Chenu		
STUDIES OF RELIGION I	Isabella Collins	Stella Devery	Eliza Doyle
	Frances Duffy	Elsa Firth	Eliza Gabriel Slater
	Polly Grindrod	Amelia Haynes	Sylvie Karena
	Grace McDonough	Cate McGregor	Clementine Pavillard
	Astrid Salama-Groser	Polly Sewell	Hannah Singh
	India Speirs	Annika Wende-Dunstan	Georgia Williams
STUDIES OF RELIGION II	Ellie Byrnes	Lucy Chubb	Grace Cox
	Cleo Crabb	Lauren Hugo	Isabelle Hunter
	Ruby Kelly	Bernadette Koster	Tayla McAusland
	Alice Murcutt	Mia Nowlan	Taya O'Loughlin
	Jessica Ramsay	Louisa Roth	Amelia Towner
	Indiana Whitford		
TEXTILES AND DESIGN	Grace Cox	Stella Devery	Eliza Doyle
	Lauren Hugo	Isabelle Hunter	
VISUAL ARTS	Juliet Brooker	Amahli Clarke	Jasmine-Lilli Galvin
	Amelia Haynes	Grace Kenny	Sophie Morgan-Smith
	Jessica Ramsay	Hannah Singh	





Class of 2024



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FAITH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

In the College's Year of Respect, the cohort of 2024 have embodied that respect in their commitment to learning and to the pursuit of personal excellence.

When reflecting on their time at the College, the cohort have all commented on the values they have developed, the friendships they have forged, and knowledge they have gained and the confidence they have to flourish as women of courage and commitment.



“You’ve shaped us into confident,
independent and creative women,
equipped with intelligence and courage,
ready to face the world’s challenges.”

Eliza Doyle and Ruby Siemsen, College Co-Captains
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