



Congratulations to our Class of 2018 HSC graduates

We have known, guided and challenged you through every step of your *Pymble* journey. We will watch on with great pride to see where your next steps will take you as you continue to live the College motto, *All' Ultimo Lavoro – Strive for the highest.*

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Pymble Ladies' College

Exceptional results from the Class of 2018



The best education in the world offers students at every age and stage myriad opportunities to grow, develop and learn; to graduate with the confidence and capabilities to be the next leaders, entrepreneurs and innovators; to be future ready, for whatever that future holds.

This doesn't happen when students sit behind a desk and are told by teachers how things work. That was the old way. Today, real and relevant learning happens when students live the lesson; when they 'do', 'experience' and 'create'.

As the world continues to change, our capacity as a College to look to the future and to provide experiences that enable our girls to succeed requires a different mindset to "this is the way it has always been done". Education at *Pymble* is agile, forward-thinking and based on the interests and passions of our girls.

At *Pymble*, a key part of our strategy is our Personalised Education pedagogy. It's about knowing, guiding and challenging the girls to follow their academic and co-curricular interests, giving them the right balance of independence and support to aim high and to succeed in whichever areas they choose. Our intent is for each girl to achieve her personal best whether that is in music, sport, a science or a classical language.

We literally offer a world of local and international opportunities and experiences for students to develop the skills they require to succeed in tertiary study and in the work environment – skills such as critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and problem-solving, not to mention a genuine love of scholarship.

We underpin this deep, rich learning environment with a wellbeing program that prioritises each student's mental and physical health, and a College-wide commitment to our core values of Care, Courage, Integrity, Respect and Responsibility.

Our graduates leave *Pymble* with a growth mindset and the knowledge, passion, confidence and skill set to make a difference in the world.

Girls, you are prepared and your future awaits but remember that you will always be *Pymble* girls. All' Ultimo Lavoro.

Mrs Vicki Waters
PRINCIPAL

What an outstanding accomplishment for students from a non-selective school to achieve five firsts in course, three top ATARs, 21 ATARs greater than 99, 66 ATARs greater than 95 and 115 ATARs greater than 90. Congratulations to our Class of 2018 for the completion of their personalised education at Pymble and for their outstanding HSC results.

Dux of School *one of three girls to* *achieve top ATAR*

Our 2018 Dux of School, Daphne Zhang topped the year in English Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2 and Chemistry. Along with her Co-captain of Community Service, Phoebe Coles, Daphne found the time and the passion to organise and promote awareness and fundraising events at the College which generated more than \$80,000 for charities including The Smith Family, the Exodus Foundation and the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic.

Daphne also placed 17th amongst all HSC Chemistry students in NSW and was named on the All-round Achievers list of students who achieved Band 6 results (90 or better) in 2 unit courses or a Band E4 result (45 or better) in an Extension course in 10 or more units.

Daphne was one of three *Pymble* girls to achieve the top ATAR of 99.95.

The students are:

- **Emily Shen**
- **Daphne Zhang**
- **Anjia Zhou**



Five firsts for Pymble girls

Pymble Ladies' College has outperformed selective girls' schools and selective co-educational schools in terms of the number of students to place First in Course in the HSC in 2018.

The five *Pymble* girls and their subjects are:

- **Phoebe Coles** – Agriculture
- **Zoe Harrison** – Dance
- **Emmerson Pearce** – Food Technology
- **Sofia Whitbourn** (Year 11) – Ukrainian Continuers (outside tutor)
- **Anjia Zhou** – English ESL

The only school in NSW with students achieving more First in Course places was Sydney Grammar School, an academically selective school for boys.

In addition, 19 *Pymble* students earned a place in the Top Achievers in Course list across a variety of courses:

- **Charlotte Armati** – 8th in Agriculture
- **Olivia Carolan** – 9th in Senior Science
- **Alicia Chang** – 6th in English Advanced
- **Phoebe Coles** – 16th in Biology
- **Alexandra De Santi** – 4th in Dance
- **Sumyukta Garikapati** – 10th in Textiles & Design
- **Annaliese Hall** – 3rd in Dance
- **Kate Han** – 16th in Modern History
- **Vicky Huang** – 5th in Food Technology
- **Samantha Kitchen** – 8th in Senior Science
- **Giselle Laszok** – 12th in Legal Studies
- **Julia Lin** – 10th in Physics
- **Emmerson Pearce** – 10th in Hospitality
- **Angela Wang** – 10th in Legal Studies
- **Yanwen Wang** – 20th in Biology
- **Tahiré Wijetilaka** – 10th in Modern History
- **Isabelle Yu** – 10th in Hospitality
- **Daphne Zhang** – 17th in Chemistry
- **Chloe Zhu** – 16th in English Advanced

“These are exceptional achievements from a school that is non-selective and I congratulate our *Pymble* girls for striving for and achieving the highest accolade in their studies,” said Principal, Mrs Vicki Waters.

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR ALL-ROUND ACHIEVERS

30 *Pymble* students were named in the All-round Achievers list. This list acknowledges the results of students who achieved Band 6 results (90 or better) in 2 unit courses or a Band E4 result (45 or better) in an Extension course in 10 or more units:

- Charlotte Armati
- Maxine Betty
- Alicia Chang
- Phoebe Coles
- Juliette Di Bello
- Catherine Graham
- Zahraa Khan
- Giselle Laszok
- Sunny Lee
- Wendy Li
- Emily Liao
- Julia Lin
- Sayuni Mallikahewa
- Jenny Ni
- Emmerson Pearce
- Olivia Pesavento
- Georgiana Ralphs
- Emily Shaw
- Emily Shen
- Sonia Sun
- Angela Wang
- Jelinna Wang
- Yanwen Wang
- Sophie Webster
- Alice Woodbury
- Joyce Wu
- Faye Xie
- Penny Ying
- Daphne Zhang
- Anjia Zhou

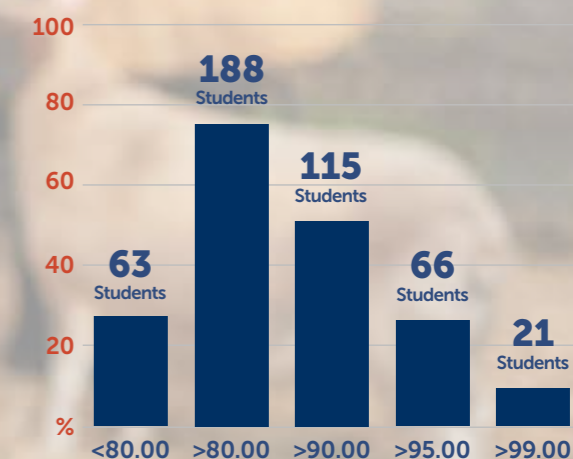
DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVERS LIST

The NESA Distinguished Achievers List acknowledges students who earn a Band 6 result (90 or better) in a 2 unit course or a Band E4 result (45 or better) in an Extension course in one or more subjects.

In 2018, Pymble students earned 514 mentions, achieved by 180 individual students.

“Congratulations must also go to our academic staff for their unwavering commitment to our Personalised Education pedagogy which focusses on knowing, guiding and challenging our girls to follow their passions and to succeed in whichever areas they choose.”

ATARS AT A GLANCE



The Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) does not provide the College with ATAR results. The Director of Studies generates an estimate based on HSC results and compares these estimates with the ATAR results provided by those students who agree to provide the information. There is a high degree of correlation between the data sets.

Dancers steal the show in 2018 HSC

Pymble Ladies' College students took out equal first, third and fourth places in the HSC Dance course in New South Wales.

First in course: **Zoe Harrison**

Third in course: **Annaliese Hall**

Fourth in course: **Alexandra De Santi**

Six girls in the class of seven *Pymble* girls achieved a Band 6 and five received triple nominations for Callback for the three areas of study: Core Composition, Core Performance and Major Study Performance. In addition, one student received a single nomination for her Major Study Performance. In total, *Pymble's* HSC dancers received 16 nominations for the HSC Callback showcase of exemplary Dance works in the state.

Students nominated for Callback are:

- **Alexandra De Santi** (Core Composition, Core Performance and Major Study Performance)
- **Madeleine Gallagher** (Core Composition, Core Performance and Major Study Performance)
- **Annaliese Hall** (Core Composition, Core Performance and Major Study Performance)

- **Zoe Harrison** (Core Composition, Core Performance and Major Study Performance)
- **Phoebe Walker** (Core Composition, Core Performance and Major Study Performance)
- **Stephanie Rennie** (Major Study Performance)

"What a year for Dance at *Pymble*! To achieve this trifecta is extraordinary in its own right," said Principal, Mrs Vicki Waters. "To also have five girls recognised for their work across all three areas of study is a huge success and very rare in HSC Dance. Congratulations to the girls and to the Dance staff at *Pymble*."

Zoe's achievements are all the more remarkable given her hamstring injury at the beginning of Term 3 2018 which prevented her from endurance training and practising for the month before her practical examination.

"It is a testament to the Dance program at *Pymble* that Zoe's routine was able to be reworked to ensure her performances were safe and that she felt confident she could master the choreography," Mrs Waters said.



Showcase nominations reach record heights

In 2018, the number of *Pymble* students nominated for exhibitions and showcases of their performances and major works reached record heights. In Music, eight of 10 Music Course 2 students were nominated for inclusion in Encore. In Dance, five of seven students received three nominations each. In Drama, 10 of 16 students were nominated for inclusion in OnSTAGE. In Visual Arts, five students had their Bodies of Work selected or nominated for inclusion in ARTEXPRESS. In Textiles and Design, one student had their work selected for inclusion in Textstyle.

Visual Arts students selected for ARTEXPRESS 2019:

- **Ella Hodgeman**
- **Huasheng (Anna) Pahl**

Students nominated for ARTEXPRESS 2019:

- **Christina Chen**
- **Tiana Powell**
- **Emily Xiong**

Music students nominated for ENCORE:

- **Audrey Chan**
- **Christina Chen**
- **Florence Chou**
- **Samantha Chua**
- **Juliette Di Bello**
- **Rachel Down**
- **Annaliese Hall**
- **Annabelle Kim**
- **Wendy Li**

Drama students nominated for OnSTAGE (for group performance):

- **Hannah Arain**
- **Madeleine Gallagher**
- **Catherine Graham**
- **Annaliese Hall**
- **Sophie Macourt**
- **Allegra Mazin**
- **Kinsey McGregor**
- **Monique Muskens**
- **Tamsyn Navra**
- **Caitlin Quinn**

Student nominated for OnSTAGE (for individual performance):

- **Madeleine Gallagher**

Dance students nominated for inclusion in Callback:

- **Alexandra De Santi** (Core Composition, Core Performance and Major Study Performance)
- **Madeleine Gallagher** (Core Composition, Core Performance and Major Study Performance)
- **Annaliese Hall** (Core Composition, Core Performance and Major Study Performance)
- **Zoe Harrison** (Core Composition, Core Performance and Major Study Performance)
- **Phoebe Walker** (Core Composition, Core Performance and Major Study Performance)
- **Stephanie Rennie** (Major Study Performance)

Textiles and Design student selected for Textstyle:

- **Madeleine Hill**





Triple threat Annaliese sets sights on Broadway

She sings, she dances and she can act – look out Broadway, here she comes! Our talented **Annaliese Hall** placed third in NSW in Dance, was named on the Honour Roll of students for achieving a Band 6 in Dance, Drama, Music 1 and Mathematics and received nominations for inclusion in Encore, OnSTAGE and Callback for her HSC performances in Music, Drama and Dance. One of five Dance students to receive triple nominations for Callback for all three areas of study (Core Composition, Core Performance and Major Study

Performance), Annaliese is bound for New York, where she will attend the Broadway Dance Centre for three months before commencing musical theatre studies at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts.

In her time at the College, Annaliese has wowed audiences with her triple talents on stage – most recently as the lead character of Elle Woods in the musical, *Legally Blonde* – and for her outstanding leadership as Performing Arts Co-Captain.



Rachel scores football scholarship

While the rest of her cohort prepared to front up to their first HSC examinations at *Pymble*, Football star **Rachel Lowe** was fronting up for a flight to Beirut, Lebanon, on her way to represent Australia as a member of the Young Matildas in the 2019 AFC U19 Women's Championship qualifiers.

After the match, Rachel headed straight to the Australian embassy to sit her Biology paper! In 2018, Rachel played 13 matches with the Young Matildas and one match with the Matildas. Rachel was able to juggle her commitment to her professional Football career and her academic requirements thanks to the *Pymble* Elite Sportswomen's Program.

In 2019, Rachel will relocate to the United States of America to commence her Football scholarship with The University of California, Los Angeles.



GLOBAL PATHWAYS

A *Pymble* education is a pathway to tertiary study at international universities all over the world, including England and the USA.

Prior to the release of 2018 HSC results in December the following students attended interviews at the University of Cambridge:

- **Angela Seymour** (Law)
- **Kate Han** (Law)
- **Julia Lin**
- **Emily Shen**
- **Tahiré Wijetilaka** (History)

Alicia Chang has been selected for admission to Columbia University in New York.

Annaliese Hall successfully applied and was accepted into New York University's Tisch School of the Arts.

Rachel Lowe accepted a Football scholarship with The University of California, Los Angeles, commencing in 2019.

Juliette Di Bello will audition for the Royal College of Music in London, the Julliard School in New York and the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.



The voice

Juliette Di Bello's voice is bound to take her places. One of the College's most talented and versatile artists, Juliette was awarded her Licentiate Diploma in Music (LMusA) in Voice by the Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) in 2018 – a rare achievement for a student of her age. During that same year, Juliette also competed in the 17 to 20 years Operatic Aria section of the Sydney Eisteddfod where she was awarded first place for her performance of *Una Voce Poco Fa*, from Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*.

Juliette was awarded the Dorothy Knox Scholarship in Year 11, and the Dame Joan Hammond Music Award in Year 12 for her outstanding performance and contribution to Music in her time at the College. She intends to study classical singing and opera at the Conservatorium of Music before heading overseas to continue her studies in London or New York.

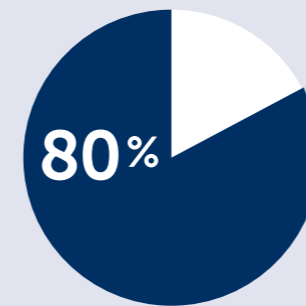
2018 HSC RESULTS: AN OVERVIEW

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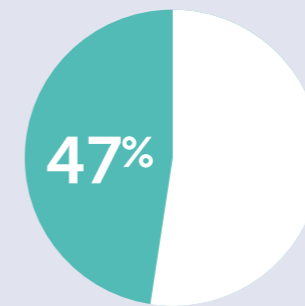


2 UNIT RESULTS IN BANDS 5 AND 6

PYMBLE AVERAGE



NSW AVERAGE



PYMBLE RANKED

21st

SMH TOP 100
SCHOOLS REPORT

21
STUDENTS WITH
ATARS
>99.00

3
PERFECT
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ATARS

In 2018, **251** students from Pymble Ladies' College sat for the NSW Higher School Certificate in **45** courses. A further **21** accelerated Year 11 students sat for the HSC examination in Mathematics. On average, **80%** of *Pymble* candidates across all 2 Unit courses offered at the College achieved results in Band 5 and 6, compared with **47%** of students across the state in the same subjects. In the 1 Unit Extension courses, on average, **98%** were placed in Band E3 or E4, compared with **86%** across the state.

When compared to the state average, results in Bands 5 and 6 (2 unit courses) and Bands E3 and E4 (Extension courses) have remained consistently high, with student achievement above state level in most courses offered at the College. In 2018, the combined Band 5 and 6 results were **30%** or more above the state percentages in the following subjects: Agriculture, Ancient History, Biology, Business Studies, Dance, Drama, English as a Second Language, Food Technology, Geography, Legal Studies, Mathematics General 2, Modern History, Music 1, PDHPE, Physics, Senior Science, Textiles and Design, Visual Arts and Hospitality.

In the period from 2017 to 2018, the following are examples of percentage improvement in Band 5/6 results: Agriculture **30%**, Business Studies **15%**, Dance **10%**, Earth and Environmental Science **6%**, English Standard **8%**, Legal Studies **17%**, Mathematics General 2 **13%**, Modern History **12%**, Physics **4%**, Senior Science **13%**, Textiles and Design **7%** and Hospitality **25%**

INDIGENOUS SCHOLAR WINS THE SCHOOL PRIZE

Every year at our Speech Night presentation, the Chair of College Council awards the School Prize to a Year 12 student who has displayed all the qualities the College fosters in students to strive for the highest in academic studies, co-curricular activities, loyalty, school spirit and in consideration of others and the environment during her Secondary School years.

In 2018, this award went to one of our Indigenous Scholarship Program students, **Lily Bougoure**. Lily embodied the spirit of *Pymble* pride in her academic studies and in her commitment to numerous sports, including Rugby, AFL, Touch Football, Tennis, Hockey and Netball. As Co-captain of Sport and Activities, she led *Pymble* teams with great enthusiasm and passion and she has been an outstanding role model for all girls at the College and especially her fellow Indigenous scholars.

Lily has been offered early entry into Macquarie University to undertake a Bachelor of Security Studies with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. She has also received entry into UNSW to study a Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice.





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