



Outstanding HSC results open doors worldwide for *Pymble* students

High-performing Pymble Ladies' College graduates are headed to tertiary study in the United Kingdom, United States and around Australia following the HSC results, which included three perfect ATARs of 99.95.

In total, 135 students – more than half of the HSC cohort – achieved an ATAR of 90 and above. Pymble placed first in the state in Agriculture and Latin Continuers, and a further 16 students placed in the top 10 across a wide range of courses.

Fifteen per cent of students were named on the All-round Achievers list for marks of 90 or above, and 170 Pymble students earned 569 places on the Honour Roll for earning an ATAR of 90 or better.

Congratulations to our students, whose discipline and determination earned them outstanding results in the 2015 Higher School Certificate.

Pymble's philosophy is to know, guide and challenge every student as an individual. By focusing on each student and not simply their end results, we give our girls the freedom to aim high and succeed.

At Pymble Ladies' College, we provide diverse and extensive learning opportunities for students, including 44 courses for the HSC. We do not simply teach. We engage and empower, challenging every student to develop the critical, creative and divergent thinking skills they need to succeed at university and throughout their careers.

With tireless support from their parents, our 2015 students embraced the many opportunities available to them and rose to their full potential. My thanks also go to the dedicated teachers at *Pymble*, who inspire and mentor Year 12 students to greatness each year.

For our graduated *Pymble* girls, who embraced our College motto and *strived for the highest*, an unabashedly brilliant future awaits.

Mrs Vicki Waters
PRINCIPAL





Overview of 2015 HSC

In 2015, 254 students from Pymble Ladies' College sat for the NSW Higher School Certificate in 44 courses. A further 25 Year 11 students sat for the HSC examination in Mathematics. On average, 96% of candidates across all 2 Unit courses offered at the College achieved results in Band 4 and above. In the 1 Unit Extension courses, on average, 100% were placed in Band E3 or E4.

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 all but one course offered at the College. In 2015, the Band 5 and 6 results were 40% or more above the state percentages in the following subjects:

Agriculture, Ancient History, Biology, Business Studies, English as a Second Language, Food Technology, Mathematics General 2, Senior Science, Studies of Religion I, Textiles and Design, Visual Arts, Italian Beginners and Hospitality.

In the period from 2015 to 2016, the following are examples of percentage improvement in Band 5/6 results (Band E4/E3 for Extension subjects): Agriculture 5%, Dance 25%, Earth and Environmental Science 23%, Mathematics 8%, Mathematics Extension 2 12%, History Extension 11%, Music 1 17%, Studies of Religion I 25%, Textiles and Design 17%, French Continuers 8%, Italian Beginners 50% and Hospitality 6%.



Principal Vicki Waters with Tina Wu, Karen Zhang and Nikki Liang

Perfect ATAR Success

Congratulations to Tina Wu, Karen Zhang and Nikki Liang for achieving a perfect ATAR of 99.95. Ten per cent of the Pymble Year 12 cohort attained an ATAR of 99+, 30% an ATAR of 95+ and 53% an ATAR of 90+.

All-round Achievers

15% (37 students) of Pymble students were named in the All-round Achievers lists. We acknowledge the outstanding achievement of the girls listed below who achieved Band 6 results (90 or better) or a Band E4 result (45 or better) in an Extension course in 10 or more units:

- Simran Bansal
- Ashley Blair
- Michele Boulos
- Audrey Broome
- Lara Calligaro
- Alison Campbell
- Rita Cheung
- Rhea Dabari Kaul
- Jessie Ding
- Marnie Drake
- Amber Dutkiewicz
- Isabelle Everingham
- Kirsten Fang
- Annie Grundy
- Ricky Ham
- Kam Man (Valerie) Ho
- Charlotte Hoynes
- Cindy Huang
- Anja Jorgensen
- Roshana Kanagaratnam
- Emily Kerrison
- Yuan (Nikki) Liang
- Bianca Martinolli
- Isobel McCalman
- Alexandra McHarg
- Isabella Merhi
- Olivia O'Connor
- Sara Pacey
- Mala Rigby
- Annabelle Rosewarne
- Alexandra Sheppard
- Samantha Tsui
- Helen Yijia Wang
- Julia White
- Jessica Wickramasuriya
- Tina Wu
- Karen Zhang



Top Achievers in Courses

Students who earned a place in the list from a variety of courses:

- Simran Bansal – 15th in Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- Lara Calligaro – 9th in Ancient History
- Alison Campbell – 5th in Italian Beginners
- Marnie Drake – 9th in Agriculture
- Isabelle Everingham – 5th in Hospitality
- Molly Garling – 3rd in Agriculture
- Kam Man (Valerie) Ho – 4th in English as a Second Language
- Anja Jorgensen – 4th in Business Studies
- Roshana Kanagaratnam – 5th in English (Advanced)
- Emily Kerrison – 2nd in Classical Greek Continuers and 2nd in Classical Greek Extension
- Yuan (Nikki) Liang – 4th in Classical Greek Continuers and 4th in Classical Greek Extension
- Acacia Mok – 10th in English as a Second Language
- Olivia O'Connor – 2nd in Hospitality
- Annabelle Rosewarne – 2nd in Music 1
- Seetha Tan – 2nd in English Extension 1
- Tina Wu – 2nd in French Continuers
- Karen Zhang – 3rd in Classical Greek Continuers, 4th in Classical Greek Extension, 10th in English (Advanced), 3rd in English Extension 1



Emily Kerrison and Mala Rigby

First in Subject

Pymble students topped the state in two subjects:

- Emily Kerrison – Latin Continuers
- Mala Rigby – Agriculture



Agriculture well placed at Pymble

Mala Rigby (centre) topped the state in Agriculture, Molly Garling (right) placed third and Marnie Drake (left) placed ninth.



HSC Showcases and Exhibitions

ARTEXPRESS

The following Visual Arts students are to be congratulated on having their Bodies of Work selected for exhibition for ARTEXPRESS 2016:

- Georgia Browning
- Jessica Chen
- Naomi Pathirana
- Alexandra Walls

Alice Wong's Body of Work was nominated for ARTEXPRESS 2016



Georgia Browning

TEXSTYLE

The following Textiles and Design student is to be congratulated on having her Major Textiles Project selected for exhibition in the 2016 Textstyle Exhibition:

- Georgia Browning

ENCORE

The following Music students are to be congratulated on their nomination for inclusion in ENCORE 2016:

- Jennifer Peng
- Annabelle Rosewarne
- Julia White



Students well versed in English

Seetha Tan placed second in English Extension 1, Roshana Kanagaratnam placed fifth in English Advanced and Karen Zhang placed third in English Extension 1.

Honour Roll

The Honour Roll 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 2015, Pymble students earned 569 places on the Honour Roll. These places were achieved by 170 individual students.

HSC Showcases and Exhibitions (continued)

CALLBACK

The following Dance students are to be congratulated on their nomination for inclusion in Callback 2016:

- Annabelle Rosewarne for Major Study Dance and Technology – Film and Video
- Isabella Stanfield for Core Performance
- Amellia Tamanaha for Core Performance and Major Study Performance



Success in Classics

Nikki Liang placed fourth in Classical Greek Continuers and equal fourth in Classical Greek Extension, Emily Kerrison placed second in Classical Greek Continuers and second in Classical Greek Extension and Karen Zhang placed third in Classical Greek Continuers and equal fourth in Classical Greek Extension.