



Exceptional HSC results for Pymble Ladies' College students



Pymble Ladies' College students have achieved exceptional results in the 2012 Higher School Certificate (HSC) with two students achieving a perfect Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 99.95, five students topping the State in HSC subjects, and a sixth Year 12 student topping the State through the Saturday School of Community Languages.

Pymble was the only school in NSW to achieve first place in five subjects. The first in the State in HSC subjects were achieved by Christine Tan in Agriculture, Janet Jin in English Extension 1, Hannah Chong in Japanese Extension, Matilda Howard in Latin Extension, Lilian Zhu in Textiles and Design (equal first) and Shoushan Sariyan in Armenian Continuers (through the Saturday School of Community Languages). Joy Jin and Matilda Howard achieved a perfect ATAR.

Ten percent of students achieved an ATAR of 99+, 33 percent of students achieved an ATAR of 95+ and 52 percent of students achieved an ATAR of 90+.

On *The Sydney Morning Herald* Honour Roll, which acknowledges students who earn 90 or above in one or more subjects, 173 *Pymble* students earned 586 places.

Pymble students' success in the HSC was also recognised in Visual Arts with four students selected for ARTEXPRESS 2012 out of the eight students nominated for the exhibition.

In Dance, five students were nominated and one selected for Callback 2012. Five music students were nominated and one was selected for ENCORE 2012. Three Drama students were nominated for inclusion in OnSTAGE 2012 and two students were selected to exhibit their Major Textiles project in the 2012 Textstyle Exhibition.

The excellent HSC results of 2012 have been achieved through the application, dedication and hard work of our students and their teachers and the support of their families.

For many students, their academic focus and commitment has been complemented by outstanding achievements across a range of co-curricular programs in areas such as sport, the performing and visual arts, leadership and community service.

My warmest congratulations to our 2012 HSC students. This is an exciting and memorable time in their life. May their futures be filled with success and I am sure the attributes developed during their time at *Pymble* will provide the foundation for achievement and happiness in their future endeavours.

Well done!

Vicki L Waters
Principal

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Outstanding results for Year 12 in HSC

In 2012, 252 students from Pymble Ladies' College sat for the NSW Higher School Certificate in 43 courses. On average, 97% of candidates across all 2 Unit courses achieved results in Band 4 and above. In the 1 Unit Extension courses, on average, 96% were placed in Band E3 or E4.

When compared to the State average, results in Bands 5 and 6 have remained consistently high, with student achievement above State level in most courses offered at the College. In 2012, the Band 5 and 6 results were 40% or more above the State percentages in the following subjects: Agriculture, Ancient History, Business Studies, Earth and Environmental Science, Food Technology, Legal Studies,

General Mathematics, Modern History, Personal Development Health and Physical Education, Senior Science, Visual Arts, Japanese Continuers and Hospitality.

From 2011 to 2012 the following percentage improvements in Band 5/6 results have been achieved by *Pymble* students: Agriculture 12%, Ancient History 13%, Earth and Environmental Science 7%, Food Technology 16%, Legal Studies 13%, General Mathematics 5%, Mathematics 6%, Personal Development Health and Physical Education 20%, Textiles and Design 11%, French Continuers 11% and Japanese Continuers 12%.



Matilda Howard, Shoushan Sariyan, Hannah Chong and Lilian Zhu

First in State

Congratulations to the following *Pymble* students who topped the State in five subjects and to a sixth student who topped the State in a subject through the Saturday School of Community Languages:

- Christine Tan** – Agriculture
- Janet Jin** – English Extension 1
- Hannah Chong** – Japanese Extension
- Matilda Howard** – Latin Extension
- Lilian Zhu** – Textiles and Design
- Shoushan Sariyan** – Armenian Continuers (through Saturday School of Community Languages)



Hannah Chong, Lisa Wang, Lilian Zhu, Mrs Vicki Waters, Shoushan Sariyan, Matilda Howard and Joy Jin

Best in Subject

An additional ten students earned a place in the best in subject lists across a variety of courses:

- Laura Mackenzie** – 7th in Agriculture
- Hannah Mugford** – 11th in Biology
- Lisa Wang** – 2nd in Classical Greek Continuers, 3rd in Classical Greek Extension and 7th in English Extension 1
- Nicole Zhou** – 4th in Classical Greek Continuers and 5th in Classical Greek Extension
- Selin Kutsal** – 5th in Classical Greek Continuers and 2nd in Classical Greek Extension
- Naomi Au** – 5th in Earth and Environmental Science
- Matilda Howard** – 2nd in Latin Continuers, 4th in French Continuers and 5th in French Extension
- Joy Jin** – 18th in Modern History and in top ten in Latin Continuers
- Anna Loosmore** – 10th in Senior Science
- Emma Presutti** – 2nd in Italian Extension (studied through Open High School)



Philippa Kensit, Suzannah Bownes and Nikki Raftopoulos

College leaders excel

Congratulations to Head Prefect, Nikki Raftopoulos, Deputy Head Prefect, Suzannah Bownes and Boarding Head Prefect, Philippa Kensit for attaining outstanding HSC results.

Nikki commenced at the College in Kindergarten in 2000 and has spent the past thirteen years enjoying her life at *Pymble* involved in many extra activities in sport, music and debating. Nikki is looking forward to studying Medical Science at the University of Sydney.

Suzannah, is also looking forward to studying Medical Science at the University of Western Sydney. Suzannah first started at *Pymble* in Year 5 and was involved in numerous sports, including tennis, water polo, soccer and hockey, and also played in the Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

Philippa, started her years at *Pymble* as a boarder in Year 7. She enjoyed the many sporting opportunities available at *Pymble* including hockey, triathlon, Pilates and spin and was Hockey Captain. She also undertook a bike ride from *Pymble* to her home town of Crookwell (300km south of Sydney) in November 2011 with fellow students to raise \$12,000 for the Sunshine House orphanage in Cambodia.



Perfect ATARs for *Pymble*

Congratulations to Matilda Howard (left) and Joy Jin (right) for attaining a perfect ATAR of 99.95. Matilda and Joy were both ecstatic with their results. Both girls are looking forward to attending the University of Sydney. Matilda will be studying for a degree in Arts / Medicine and Joy will be studying for a degree in Arts / Law.



Pymble students shine in Classics

Pymble students were well represented in the HSC Best in Subject list in the Classics subjects, with Matilda Howard topping the State in Latin Extension and placing second in the State in Latin Continuers. Lisa Wang placed second in the State in Classical Greek Continuers and third in the State in Classical Greek Extension. Nicole Zhou placed fourth in Classical Greek Continuers and fifth in Classical Greek Extension and Selin Kutsal came fifth in Classical Greek Continuers and second in Classical Greek Extension.

Oxford, Cambridge and Princeton for *Pymble* HSC students

Pymble students have been recognised globally, with four 2012 HSC students accepting offers to study at Cambridge University and Oxford University commencing in October and Princeton University commencing in August in 2013.

Nicole Zhou has been accepted to Cambridge University to read Classics from the college Peterhouse. "I am thrilled by the opportunity to study Classics in an intellectual and cultural centre of the world. I am also immensely grateful to all of my teachers and classmates at *Pymble*, who challenged and inspired me to be confident and aim high," said Nicole.

Clara Strandhoj, who attained an ATAR of 99, has accepted an unconditional offer to study a Bachelor of Arts, Social and Political Sciences at Cambridge University in Queens' College. Zoe Larkin has been offered a place at Kable College, Oxford University, to read Italian and Linguistics. Ellen Dobrijevic will be studying a four-year course in Chemical and Biological Engineering at Princeton University and will represent the university on its hockey team.

Our All-round Achievers

36 students (14%) of *Pymble* students were named in the All-round Achievers lists for achieving Band 6 results (90 or better) or a Band E4 result (45 or better) in an Extension course in 10 or more units. Congratulations to:

- Sophie Anderson
- Evelyn Foster
- Selin Kutsal
- Lara Smal
- Isabella Walker
- Amanda Yao
- Naomi Au
- Lisa Green
- Laura Mackenzie
- Jennita Sripunporn
- Lisa Wang
- Jessie Zhang
- Jessica Baker
- Alessandra Hammond
- Maxine Malaney
- Clara Strandhoj
- Megan Wee
- Lucy Zhang
- Philippa Bean
- Matilda Howard
- Hannah Mugford
- Katarina Stuart
- Priscilla Wong
- Nicole Zhou
- Yvette Dal Pozzo
- Joy Jin
- Kimberley Mui
- Sarika Suresh
- Renee Woo
- Lilian Zhu
- Ellen Dobrijevic
- Julia Kim
- Emma Presutti
- Christine Tan
- Amanda Woolf
- Kylie Zih

586 places on the 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 2012, 173 *Pymble* students earned 586 places on the Honour Roll.

Pymble students star in HSC showcases and exhibitions



Lucinda Murray, Philippa Kensit, Taylor Hawkins, Susan Kingham and Yvette Dal Pozzo

ARTEXPRESS triumph

Artworks by four students were selected for inclusion in ARTEXPRESS, an annual exhibition of outstanding artworks created by HSC Visual Arts students. Bodies of Works by Rachel Dreyfus, Taylor Hawkins, Lucinda Murray and Jessica Zhang will be displayed at a number of different venues around the State as part of ARTEXPRESS 2012. The following students had their Body of Work nominated for ARTEXPRESS 2012: Yvette Dal Pozzo, Amelia Judson, Philippa Kensit and Susan Kingham.



2012 HSC Dance class, Sophia Marcolongo, Olivia Bowers, Karen Nes, Hannah Gwatkin, Georgia Pretty and Jessica Hodgkinson

Callback selection

Well done to HSC Dance student Hannah Gwatkin for selection in Callback 2012 for her Core Composition. Callback showcases the very best dance students from the NSW Higher School Certificate.

The following Dance students are also to be congratulated for their nomination for inclusion in Callback 2012: Olivia Bowers (Core Composition), Hannah Gwatkin (Core Composition and Major Study Performance), Sophia Marcolongo (Core Performance and Major Study Performance), Karen Nes (Core Composition, Core Performance and Major Study Performance) and Georgia Pretty (Core Composition, Core Performance and Major Study Performance).



Katrina Tang, Shoushan Sariyan and Kimberly Mui

Katrina to perform in ENCORE

Music student, Katrina Tang (piano) has been selected to perform in ENCORE 2012, an annual concert of outstanding music performances and compositions from HSC music students.

Music students, Sarah Hu (saxophone), Kimberly Mui (violin), Shoushan Sariyan (piano) and Renee Woo (piano and Core Composition) were nominated for inclusion in ENCORE 2012.



Texstyle all sewn up

Congratulations to Lilian Zhu (top left) and Evangeline Murdoch (top right) for being selected to exhibit their Major Textiles Project in the Texstyle Exhibition. Texstyle profiles excellence in Textiles and Design from the 2012 Higher School Certificate.

Lilian, who topped the State in Textiles and Design, created a range of garments with an androgynous theme. Her use of challenging fabrics and bespoke techniques resulted in a sophisticated collection of gender neutral garments, the likes of which would not be out of place in *Vogue*. Lilian has her sights set on studying medicine but will also be keeping herself busy in design with the launch of her new swimwear range in early 2013. Evangeline used the country as her inspiration and produced apparel items including men's chinos, a tailored jacket, a t-shirt and a baby's christening dress. Evangeline is extending her interest in the country and is looking forward to studying for a degree in Agriculture / Science at the University of Sydney.



OnSTAGE success

HSC Drama students, Emily Bird, Zoe Miller Stubbs and Nicola Bowman are to be congratulated for their nomination for inclusion in OnSTAGE 2012, a presentation and exhibition of exemplary performances and projects by HSC Drama students.

Nicola Bowman is looking forward to attending the Victorian College of the Arts to study Foundation – Music Theatre.

Nicola Bowman, Zoe Miller Stubbs and Emily Bird