



Congratulations 2014 Year 12!

Outstanding 2014 HSC results for Pymble Ladies' College

My personal congratulations to all 2014 Year 12 students at Pymble Ladies' College. They have achieved outstanding results, including a perfect ATAR of 99.95 by the Dux of the College, Helen Zhang and two students placing first in the State in subjects. Anushri Sood came first in the State in Italian Beginners and Seo Jin (Jean) Chang placed first in the State in Japanese Extension.

I am thrilled with our Year 12 cohort's results. The girls are to be commended on their consistent effort and hard work throughout the year. The College has established a reputation for impressive HSC results, and once again, has performed exceptionally in the HSC.

Ten percent of students achieved an ATAR of 99+ including the College's Head Prefect Mannat Malhi who has been accepted by the University of Oxford to study Law. Thirty percent of *Pymble* students achieved an ATAR of 95+ and 54 percent of students achieved an ATAR of 90+.

Pymble students earned places in the top Achievers in Course list across a number of subjects, including Agriculture, Biology, English as a Second Language, French Continuers, Geography, Japanese Continuers, Japanese Extension, Modern History and Textiles and Design.

Our students were also well represented on the *Sydney Morning Herald* Honour Roll, which acknowledges students who earn a Band 6 result (90 or above) in a 2 unit course or a Band E4 result (45 or better) in an Extension course in one or more subjects, with 181 students earning 527 places on this list.

Twenty-nine *Pymble* students were named on the All-round Achievers List for earning marks of 90 or above in 10 or more units. The College also had 24 Year 11 accelerant students who achieved outstanding results in 2 Unit Mathematics.

Our Year 12 students have truly lived our school motto in 2014. They have strived for the highest in all pursuits and greatly contributed to life at the College. I extend my thanks and congratulations to the Year 12 parents and teaching staff. Their tireless support and dedication has provided our HSC students with the skills and abilities to achieve these great results.

Mrs Vicki Waters
PRINCIPAL



Overview of 2014 HSC

In 2014, 249 students from Pymble Ladies' College sat for the NSW Higher School Certificate in 44 courses. A further 24 Year 11 students sat for the HSC examination in Mathematics. On average, 96 percent 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, 96 percent were placed in Bands 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 all courses offered at the College. In 2014, the Bands 5 and 6 results were 40 percent or more above the State percentages in the following subjects: Agriculture, Ancient History, Biology, Business Studies, English as a Second Language, Food Technology, Legal Studies, Mathematics General 2, Modern History, Physics, Senior Science, Textiles and Design, Visual Arts and Hospitality.

Top Achievers in Courses

The following *Pymble* students earned a place in the Top Achievers in Course list across a variety of courses:

- Sophie Adams – Geography
- Seo Jin (Jean) Chang – Japanese Continuers
- Rachael Chung – Biology
- Xinting Fu – English as a Second Language
- Sally Judson – Agriculture
- Joanna Liu – English as a Second Language
- Jessica McClatchy – Biology and Textiles and Design
- Caterina Presutti – Modern History (and Italian Extension through Open High School)
- Natalie Stals – French Continuers
- Angela Zhangbao – Japanese Extension



Helen Zhang who achieved a perfect ATAR of 99.95 with Principal Mrs Vicki Waters

First in Subject

Pymble students topped the state in two subjects – Anushri Sood in Italian Beginners and Seo Jin (Jean) Chang in Japanese Extension.

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 2014, *Pymble* students earned 527 places on the Honour Roll. These places were achieved by 181 individual students.

HSC Showcases and Exhibitions

ARTEXPRESS

Two *Pymble* students were selected to display their Bodies of Work in ARTEXPRESS 2015. Congratulations to Erin Lamb and Jacqueline Broadbridge whose works will be on exhibit at the Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre and the Bega Valley Regional Gallery respectively as part of ARTEXPRESS 2015. Chelsea Marcolongo and Jing Weng's Bodies of Work were nominated for ARTEXPRESS 2015.

ENCORE

The following Music students are to be congratulated on their nomination for inclusion in ENCORE 2015 – Laurel Donnelly (Performance), Angela Liang (Performance) and Anna-Lisa Tie (Performance).

OnSTAGE

Congratulations to Kalia Dowsett for her nomination for OnSTAGE 2015.

All-round Achievers

Twenty-nine (12 percent) *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:

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| • Rachael Chung | • Mannat Malhi | • Anushri Sood |
| • Laurel Donnelly | • Holly Marchant | • Natalie Stals |
| • Florence Fermanis | • Madeleine Markson | • Charlotte Sved |
| • Jennifer Grabs | • Caitlin McCartney | • Shani Wijetilaka |
| • Huiyi (Gina) Jin | • Jessica McClatchy | • Jinghao (Michelle) Yang |
| • Sally Judson | • Gina McCullagh | • Junjun (Michelle) Yang |
| • Clara Kang | • Hannah Palfreyman | • Runlin (Linda) Yang |
| • Stefanie Kenyon | • Caterina Presutti | • Helen Zhang |
| • Yvette Keong | • Harriet Rutherford | • Angela Zhangbao |
| • Cindy Liu | • Isobel Shepherd Shaw | |