

MEDIA RELEASE

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Scots All Saints, Bathurst Year 12 students of 2020 celebrate outstanding HSC results with a BBQ brunch

As is tradition for Scots All Saints Bathurst, the annual BBQ brunch to celebrate the end of the school year and HSC results was held this morning at the Pavilion on Campus East (Scots) with Year 12 students, teachers and staff.

Everyone was in great spirits; relieved, happy and excited with their HSC results, many performing better than expected in this very unusual and challenging 2020 year presented by the 'coronavirus curveball', and are now making plans for their future.

The key HSC results highlights included:

- The top HSC performer was Kate McEwen who achieved an ATAR of 99.45.
- 20% with ATARs in top 10% of the state.
- 35% with ATARs in top 20% of the state.
- 12 courses with more than 50% in the top two bands (over 80).
- 30 Merit Listings from 12 different subjects.
- 31% of students achieved a Merit Listing in at least one subject.
- Stella Gavey's Visual Arts major work has been included in Art Express and will be on display at the exhibition at Sydney Olympic Park.
- Sacha Spence achieved the highest individual score with 96 in Agriculture.

Head of College, Mr John Weeks said there has been a 100% improvement in the HSC results from last year and he is very proud of the achievements of all students who showed amazing resilience to remain focused on their HSC in such a challenging year.

"Scots All Saints regularly ranks as one of the top Performing schools in HSC results in the Central West and this year was no exception," Mr Weeks said.

"The above results are testimony to the dedication of the staff at Scots All Saints and the commitment to excellence fostered amongst the College community. Attention to individual students and the encouragement of students to take responsibility for their own learning through a collaborative approach lies at the heart and soul of this success."

"Our Year 12 students showed great resilience to remain focused on the task at hand to achieve their potential. Under challenging circumstances, it is clear that it was 'business as usual' inside classrooms, led by our experienced and professional staff, providing our students with the required guidance, support and nurturing for our students to excel in 2020 and into the future," Mr Weeks said.

Scots All Saints College presented students in 29 courses. The following courses were above the state mean by 5 points or more: Ancient History, Chemistry, Earth & Environmental Science, Mathematics Standard, and Modern History. Agriculture, PD Health PE, and Visual Arts achieved over double the expected number of Band 6 results (a score of 90 or more), and Mathematics Standard achieved more than four times the expected number of Band 6 results.

“Scots All Saints achieved 30 Band 6 results (Merit Listings) which concentrate on the top students gaining a score of 90 or more in a subject. Some consider that a more meaningful statistic is the proportion of students in the top 2 bands (a mark of 80 or more in a 2 Unit course). The following courses all had at least half (and in some cases all) of the Scots All Saints candidature in the top 2 bands: Agriculture, Chemistry, Engineering Studies, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, History Extension, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 2, Music 1, Music 2, Music Extension, and Visual Arts. This is an outstanding achievement,” Mr Weeks said.

Top performing Scots All Saints College student, Kate McEwen achieved an ATAR of 99.45 placing her in the top 300 NSW students. Kate plans to study medicine at the University of NSW, specialising in either oncology or surgery.

“I was so happy and so excited, I ran around the house and told everyone. All of my hard work paid off. I enjoyed learning and studying and doing the subjects that I loved just made it so much easier. The support we had at Scots All Saints has been amazing even through COVID, we had all of our resources and could just focus on doing well,” Kate said.

Mr Weeks congratulated all of the Scots All Saints students and the many HSC students across NSW who are receiving their results today advising that the ATAR is only one number and doesn't define the rest of their life.

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