

St Leo's Catholic College

2019 HSC Results



(as of 19th Dec 2019)

Congratulations to our 2019 HSC Class. These fine results reflect the effort, dedication and sheer hard work in the lead up to the Higher School Certificate Examinations over the past 6 years.

These results coupled with personal achievements in many other areas of our student's lives equates to a well-balanced person that has faith, knowledge, skills and attributes that will contribute in a very positive way to our present and future society.

Our overall scores across the subjects support the increasing strength in the academic domain. This is coupled with our individual student growth in our most recent NAPLAN results where the College was above average in all components across all sectors.

These outstanding results are only possible with the continual support of the various members of our community. The parents, teaching staff, support staff, the staff at the Catholic Schools Office and clergy need to be recognised for their continual support and dynamic drive. The source of these results is a continuing partnership of these members centred around meeting the needs of the individual student.

The results from this cohort places us in the top 26% of schools (Sydney Morning Herald) and first place in 10 subjects across the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Over the past few months I have been excited to hear of the many University early offers and apprenticeships that have been accepted thus far.

The set of numbers released today – are just that. They make up only a small fraction of the quality and achievements of our students.

In the big picture this is a small stepping stone to much greater measures and achievements.



College Dux

Congratulations to College Dux
Madeleine McMahon who achieved a
fantastic ATAR of 96.10, ranking her
within the top 4% of the state.

Some of the ATAR results are not yet known (as these are not released to the College) but we have published the results we know as at the time of writing.

We are extremely proud of the results, the diversity, and of the personal achievements of every one of our students. Over my years at St Leo's, I have never ceased to be amazed and proud of our students' success in such a diverse range of arenas.

Distinguished Achievers List

This list published by NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority) and highlights students who achieved a result in the highest band possible (Band 6 or E4) in their current pattern of study. These students received 46 mentions on the Distinguished Achievers List (achievement of Band 6):

Tamara Bentsen
Ella Brodie
Tiana Charlton
Justin Chou
Imogen Cull
Ian D'Souza
Ye-Qun Feng
Marlon Ferguson
Oliver Ford

Kaycee Hassarati
Jordan Hayes
Caitlin Hughes
Alistair Hume
Damien Ioffrida
Pearlyn John Britto
Kayla Mahfoud
Madeleine McMahon
Bede Patterson

Jamie Payne
Luca Persechino
Peter Plant
Patrick Robinson
Daniel Sheppard
Hannah Stibilj
James Stibilj
Don Vila
Natalie Zeaiter

First Place In Diocese

Marlon Ferguson – Design and Technology
Ian D'Souza – Mathematics
Ian D'Souza – Mathematics Extension 1
Ye-Qun Feng – Mathematics Extension 2
Ian D'Souza - Physics
James Stibilj - Visual Arts
Jack Stockwell – Automobile Engine Technology
Ella Stewart – Hospitality
Oliver Ford – Information and Digital Technology (Digital animation)



Early University Offers

Congratulations to our students who have received early entry offers from various universities prior to the HSC:

Karina Bryan: Bachelor of Primary Education, University of Notre Dame
Hugh Cook: Bachelor of Music, JMC Academy
Ian D'Souza: Bachelor of Science and Law at Macquarie University
Marlon Ferguson: Bachelor of Economics at Macquarie University
Andrew Ferrara: Bachelor of Commerce, Macquarie University
Max Griffin: Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Sciences, Macquarie University
Damien Ioffrida: Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Hons), Macquarie University
Joshua Khamis: Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, University of Sydney
Emily Kiss: Bachelor of Film & Television Animation, JMC Academy
Kayla Mahfoud: Double Degree in Human Science Macquarie University
Willis Newman: Bachelor of Design University of Western Sydney
Natasha Nichols: Bachelor of Business Administration, Macquarie University
Lauren Millar: Bachelor of Business Administration, Macquarie University
Bede Patterson: Bachelor of Music Degree (Hons) in Highland Piping, Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
Luke Persechino: Bachelor of Creative Technology (Audio Engineering & Sound Production), JMC Academy
Veronica Smith: Bachelor of Laws/Philosophy, University of Notre Dame
Alex Turk: Bachelor of Visual Communication Design, University of Newcastle

The College is very confident that over 70% of our students will be offered a place in the first round of offers for university following the release of the ATAR results this week, compared to the State average of 30%.

2019 Facts and Figures

- All students in the following subjects received the top three bands: Design and Technology; Drama; Mathematics Standard 1; Music 1; Retail Services; Society and Culture; and Visual Arts
- 70% of bands awarded were in the top 3 bands
- The College is listed in the top 26% of schools in the State (based on HSC results) by the Sydney Morning Herald
- Our students achieved first place in the Diocese across 9 subjects.

HSC Showcase Nominations

Every year students from across NSW are nominated and selected to be part of a series of HSC showcases and exhibitions.

ARTEXPRESS is the Visual Arts Showcase of outstanding Bodies of Work. This year **Olivia Clay** "*Holding On*" was nominated by NESAs.



SHAPE is the exhibition of a selection of exemplary major works by Design and Technology HSC students. **Zoe Peterson** was nominated for her recycled wedding dress. **ENCORE** is the program of outstanding performances and compositions by students from the HSC Music examinations. **Bede Patterson's** *Viva Voce* which was on the characteristics of Pibroch (traditional Piping music) will be listed on the Honour list in the Encore concert in March 2020.



Subjects Scoring Above State Average

Ancient History 2 unit

Biology 2 unit

Community and Family Studies 2 unit

Design and Technology 2 unit

Economics 2 unit

Industrial Technology 2 unit

Mathematics Standard 1 2 unit

Studies of Religion II 2 unit

Mathematics Standard 2 2 unit

Mathematics 2 unit

Music 1 2 unit

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education 2 unit

Physics 2 unit

Society and Culture 2 unit

Visual Arts 2 unit

Retail Service 2 unit

Subjects Scoring Significantly Above (> 2 pts) the State Mean:

Biology 2 unit

Design and Technology 2 unit

Economics 2 unit

Industrial Technology 2 unit

Mathematics Standard 1 2 unit

Music 1 2 unit

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education 2 unit

Physics 2 unit

Society and Culture 2 unit

Visual Arts 2 unit

Retail Services 2 unit

It is pleasing to see that our students succeed in a wide range of courses that we have on offer, from Economics, Physics to subjects that are more skill based.

More information

Further information on ATARs will be provided as they become available. In early February, the College will receive data on the university placement of students who have chosen that pathway and data from the Diocese of Broken Bay will also be gathered and presented. This will be added to the information we compile on the courses and work placements undertaken by our non-ATAR students.

We will have an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students at the 2020 Laureate Assembly on 12th February at 8:30am in the Light of Christ Centre

May the light of Bethlehem shine upon you this Christmas,

AF Gleeson

Principal

