



Macarthur Anglican School

ACADEMIC SUCCESS 2024

OVERALL SUCCESS

The Year 12 cohort of 2024 at Macarthur Anglican School has upheld the tradition of outstanding academic achievement. As detailed in this brochure, our graduates excelled across various courses, with several major works nominated for NESA exhibitions and showcases, including two selections.

Macarthur remains the highest ranking comprehensive school in the greater Macarthur, Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly regions, securing 78th place in the overall NSW Higher School Certificate rankings, out of more than 800 schools.



Dux



RYAN WATSON
ATAR 99.80

Overall Success

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is the measure used for matriculation or university entrance.

12% of students received an ATAR of 95 or higher

32% of students received an ATAR of 90 or higher

57% of students received an ATAR of 80 or higher

HSC All-rounders



RYAN WATSON
ATAR 99.80

Ryan is considering his options for tertiary study, which include a Bachelor of Education, Engineering Studies or Mathematics.



GRACE SUN
ATAR 98.65

Grace is enrolled to study a Bachelor of Law and Digital Art Animation at the University of NSW.

Top Achievers

RYAN WATSON

1st place in the State for Indonesian Extension.
1st place in the State for Indonesian Continuers.

GRACE SUN

6th place in the State for Visual Arts.

NESA EXHIBITION AND SHOWCASE SELECTIONS

Accolades go to the following students:

ARTEXPRESS

(Visual Arts)
Grace Sun
Jasmin Smith (INCLUSION)
Ella Young

ENCORE

(Music 1)
Toby Gill

SHAPE

(Design and Technology)
Elliott Price

TEXSTYLE

(Textiles and Design)
Amy White (INCLUSION)

ONSTAGE

(Drama - Individual and Group)
Elise Burgess
Lilly Ferrari
Sarah Guyer
Braiden Johansen
Jacinta Johnson

ONSTAGE

(Drama - Group)
Holly Austin
Jessica Green
Isabella Hyam



LILLY FERRARI
ATAR 97.70

Lilly will be studying a Bachelor of Law and Psychological Science at the University of Wollongong.



JACINTA JOHNSON
ATAR 97.70

Jacinta has decided to study a double degree in Science and Arts at the University of Sydney, majoring in Infectious Disease and Theatre and Performance.

High Achievers ATAR 95+



RYAN WATSON - DUX
ATAR 99.80

Subjects Studied
English Advanced
Indonesian Continuers
Indonesian Extension
Mathematics Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Music 1



GRACE SUN
ATAR 98.65

Subjects Studied
English Advanced
English Extension 1
English Extension 2
Legal Studies
Mathematics Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Visual Arts



CHARLES ATKIN
ATAR 98.40

Subjects Studied
English Advanced
Mathematics Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2
Physics



MIKAYLA MUSCAT
ATAR 97.30

Subjects Studied
Biology
Chemistry
English Advanced
Mathematics Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
PDHPE
Science Extension



JOSHUA BIGENI
ATAR 96.75

Subjects Studied
Business Studies
English Advanced
English Extension 1
English Extension 2
Geography
Mathematics Advanced



BRAJDEN JOHANSEN
ATAR 95.95

Subjects Studied
Drama
English Advanced
English Extension 1
Mathematics Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2
Textiles and Design



JOY SALAMA
ATAR 98.30

Subjects Studied
Chemistry
English Advanced
Mathematics Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2
Physics



LILLY FERRARI
ATAR 97.70

Subjects Studied
Biology
Drama
English Advanced
English Extension 1
English Extension 2
Mathematics Standard 2
Visual Arts



JACINTA JOHNSON
ATAR 97.70

Subjects Studied
Biology
Drama
English Advanced
English Extension 1
English Extension 2
Mathematics Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1



LIVINIA WHITELAW
ATAR 95.40

Subjects Studied
Business Studies
English Advanced
PDHPE
Society and Culture
Visual Arts



MADELINE GRABOWSKI
ATAR 95.30

Subjects Studied
Biology
English Advanced
Indonesian Continuers
Indonesian Extension
Mathematics Advanced
Studies of Religion 1



HARSHA JAYAGOPAL
ATAR 95.20

Subjects Studied
Biology
Chemistry
English Advanced
Mathematics Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Studies of Religion 1

HSC Result Highlights

Macarthur was ranked 78th overall out of over 800 schools which had candidates sit the HSC in 2024 and was the top scoring school in the region.

Macarthur was ranked 40th out of all NSW Independent Schools.

Of the 97 students who sat the HSC, 113 Distinguished Achievement results were recorded on the NESA HSC Honour Roll for students who achieved a Band 6 or Band E4 Extension result.

50% of students were recognised as Distinguished Achievers on the NESA Honour Roll, for achieving Band 6 or Band E4 Extension results.

Macarthur was more than 5% above the State mean for 49% (17/35) of courses and 10% above the state mean for 11% (4/35) of courses studied.

Courses where students achieved greater than 10% above the state mean included Drama (10.3%), Legal Studies (10.14%), Software Design and Development (11.63%) and Studies of Religion 2 (10.65%).

Courses where students achieved greater than 5% above the state mean included Ancient History, Biology, Business Studies, Earth and Environmental Studies, Geography, Information Processes and Technology, Mathematics Standard, Music 1, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, Society and Culture, Textiles and Design, as well as Visual Arts.

“Feedback is one of the most important things you can get from teachers. Macarthur teachers are very special in that they continually encourage you to submit work for feedback.

This is a special part of the School. There is a unique culture, where it is not about beating the next person, it is about working with them. Especially towards the end of Year 12”.

CHARLES ATKIN

“I really love Macarthur’s community and culture, which continues to grow. Seeing our younger learners embracing Macarthur’s culture - which we have contributed to - is empowering. It inspires me, knowing that our seniors did the same for us and now we are doing the same for others. It is a culture that I am happy my siblings (who are still coming through the School) will be able to experience in the future”.

PETER MAWERE



“I love that at Macarthur, there is no real stigma that one subject is more important than another. This is a school where you are equally supported in every subject. Teachers will push you, but they will also hold your hand and guide you”.

JACINTA JOHNSON



General Tips for Success

A RANGE OF ADVICE FROM RECENT GRADUATES

“Teaching others is one of the best ways to learn, so do not gatekeep your skills, instead share them with your friends and lift each other up”.

RYAN WATSON

- Break tasks down into smaller parts. Pacing your studies is important. It is something that you learn on the fly - just feel what is comfortable and natural. Push yourself just enough that you find balanced growth.
- Remember that the HSC is not going to be forever. It will pass, so you may as well just give it your all.
- As you learn something new in class, find a past paper question on the same topic. Complete the practice question and seek specific feedback. Over time, you get accustomed to a range of questions, enabling you to answer them confidently, efficiently and accurately in exams.
- It is okay to make mistakes. Learning from your mistakes is essential - identifying what went wrong and tackling grey or problematic areas you have in your learning can boost your marks significantly.
- Understanding the nature of how to revise and learn concepts in each subject and the time required to do so is important. Be aware of the skills and intricacies needed to grow in each subject.

- Feedback from teachers is something to be relished and taken full benefit of. The teachers at Macarthur are there to help students achieve the best possible outcomes. Regularly communicate and consult with your teachers.
- Split your study over your subjects evenly. Take adequate breaks and reward yourself after achievements. Reflect and learn from mistakes.
- Arguably the greatest asset in doing well in a subject is passion. Whether naturally formed or incited through various methods, being passionate in a subject makes the road through the difficult aspects easier.
- Do not procrastinate or make excuses for yourself. Just get your work done. Once you finish the work you need to do, you will feel better.
- Ensure you are doing the subjects you enjoy, and you will get the most out of it. I truly enjoyed all of my subjects which helped me become motivated to study.
- Identify your weak areas, and areas for improvement - and write them down. Approach your teachers for targeted assistance. Once you feel more confident, cross them off the list.
- Don't stress about a bad result, it won't change anything. All you can do is use it to improve your result for the next task.
- Be up-to-date with study notes and summaries before trials, so that you can do as many practice questions as possible.
- Even though it may feel like it at times, no-one expects you to be perfect - so you can make mistakes - just roll with it. Sleep and eat well.
- Be organised and stay on top of assessments as it helps reduce stress later on in the year.
- Balance is crucial for your head to stay clear. It is impossible to stay focused 24/7 for a year, especially considering the workload and expectations of yourself and other people. Find a study technique that works for you and it will not feel like study.

“I did not realise until I graduated, what an honour it was walking into the School and putting on my blazer every week. I definitely took that for granted at times. Macarthur staff care about students and they genuinely want to see us grow. You don't find that level of commitment and passion elsewhere. It is a sense of honour and pride to be a part of this community”.

JOY SALAMA

Enter to Learn, Go out to Serve



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