



Macarthur Anglican School

ACADEMIC SUCCESS 2023



OVERALL SUCCESS

Macarthur Anglican School's Year 12 cohort of 2023 have continued the tradition of outstanding academic success. As outlined in this brochure, Macarthur students excelled in a number of courses and had several works selected for NESA Exhibitions and Showcase.

Macarthur continues to be the top scoring comprehensive school in the greater Macarthur, Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly areas.



Dux



JOEL BRAATZ
ATAR 99.60

Joel Braatz is the Dux for 2023
with an ATAR of 99.60.

Joel is planning on studying
Engineering Law at the
University of Sydney.

Overall Success

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

10% of students received an ATAR of 95 or higher

26% of students received an ATAR of 90 or higher

48% of students received an ATAR of 80 or higher

**'I had a quiet determination
and a clear goal. Coming
first in the State in
Indonesian validated
anything is possible if you
have a passion and drive to
work towards it'.**

JUSTINE FOUWLER



HSC All Rounders



LORENZO LOMBARDO
ATAR 99.50

Lorenzo is going to the Qantas Group Pilot Academy in Toowoomba where he will obtain his commercial pilots' licence.



MITHULA GUNAWARDENA
ATAR 98.75

Mithula is intending to study at the University of Sydney, undertaking a double degree in Engineering and Commerce.



SAKURA MURAKAMI
ATAR 95.75

NESA EXHIBITION AND SHOWCASE SELECTIONS

Accolades go to the following students:

ARTEXPRESS

(Visual Arts)

Yitong (Betty) Liu
Yuqi (Andy) Zheng

ON STAGE

(Drama)

Jessica Overton
Charlotte Rixon

SHAPE

(Design and Technology)

Harry Fowler
Lorenzo Lombardo
(Textiles and Design)
Shiqi (Gardenia) Zeng

Top Achievers

JUSTINE FOUWLER

1st place in the State for Indonesian Extension.

LORENZO LOMBARDO

6th place in the State for Geography.

JOEL BRAATZ

6th place in the State for Software Design and Development.

High Achievers ATAR 95+



JOEL BRAATZ - DUX
ATAR 99.60

Subjects Studied

Economics
English Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2
Physics
Software Design and
Development



LORENZO LOMBARDO
ATAR 99.50

Subjects Studied

Design and Technology
English Advanced
Geography
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Advanced
Physics
Studies of Religion 1



MITHULA GUNAWARDENA
ATAR 98.75

Subjects Studied

Chemistry
Economics
English Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2
Physics

'Macarthur has prepared us for life beyond school. It makes you well rounded. You are not just someone who hits the books.

You get involved with co-curricular, sport and music. All the experiences you have at school are cumulative and prepare you for when you leave'.

LORENZO LOMBARDO



JULIE SALAMA
ATAR 98.15

Subjects Studied

Biology
Chemistry
English Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2



KEVIN LU
ATAR 97.40

Subjects Studied

Business Studies
Chemistry
English Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Advanced
Physics



ISABELLA URQUHART
ATAR 97.20

Subjects Studied

Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
English Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Advanced



KUSHMINI
GODAKANDAARACHCHI
ATAR 96.70

Subjects Studied

Biology
Chemistry
English Advanced
Mathematics Advanced
Modern History
Visual Arts



CAROLINE PSARRIS
ATAR 96.45

Subjects Studied

Biology
Chemistry
English Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Advanced
Modern History



ISAAC GRIMES
ATAR 96.00

Subjects Studied

Business Studies
Economics
English Advanced
Geography
Mathematics Advanced



SHAY JENSEN
ATAR 95.75

Subjects Studied

English Advanced
English Extension 1
English Extension 2
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Advanced
Music 2
Physics



SAKURA MURAKAMI
ATAR 95.75

Subjects Studied

English Advanced
English Extension 1
English Extension 2
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Advanced
Music 1
Visual Arts

'Macarthur is much more than just academics.

It is the co-curricular activities that sets Macarthur apart, such as sporting teams, robotics, drama, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and photography is where you have your true Macarthur experiences.

Experiences you never thought would have opened up new passions for you.

These are the things you will remember'.

ISAAC GRIMES



HSC Result Highlights

- Macarthur was ranked 110th overall out of over 800 schools which had candidates sit the HSC in 2023 and was the top scoring school in the region.
- Macarthur was ranked 49th out of all NSW Independent Schools.
- Of the 108 students who sat the HSC, 94 Distinguished Achievement results were recorded on the NESA HSC Honour Roll for students who attained a Band 6 or Band E4 Extension result.
- 26% 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 36% (13/36) of courses. Some of these courses included Ancient History (7.21%), Agriculture (8.98%), EALD (9.08%), Economics (7.93%), Physics (9.08%), Society and Culture (6.79%), Software Design and Development (9.36%) and Visual Arts (7.64%).
- Earth and Environmental Science achieved 19.42% above the State mean.





General Tips for Success

A RANGE OF ADVICE
FROM RECENT
GRADUATES

'I am grateful for the way students lift each other up, and the Macarthur spirit'.

DAN PICKLES

- Ensure you are doing the subjects YOU enjoy and you will get the most out of school. I truly enjoyed all of my subjects, which really helped me become motivated to study.
- Maintaining a balanced life is also very important in Year 12. Having an outlet such as a co-curricular activity you can do a few times a week not only gives you a break from your studies, but also helps you stay focused when it's time to study.
- Really utilise your teachers because they are there to help and want to see you succeed. Sending drafts to your teachers, organising to spend extra time at lunch or after school to practice or go over work with them is all so helpful and will really ensure you improve.
- Know your syllabus back to front, it is vital, particularly for Social Sciences.
- Identify your weak areas, and areas for improvement, and write them down. Once you feel more confident, cross them off the list.
- Don't stress about a bad result because stressing doesn't change anything. All you can do is use it to improve your result for the next task.

- Try your best and just see what happens.
- Use your teachers, get help from your friends and have some fun along the way. Make good memories of your last year together at school.
- You are going to make mistakes - sometimes you need to learn from your own mistakes.
- Do not spend too much time on one subject. Only doing well in all subjects will give you a good ATAR.
- Be up-to-date with study notes and summaries before trials, so that you can do as many practice questions as possible.
- Don't get too hung up on your mistakes. Definitely learn from them, but they do not define your HSC. Have that winning attitude to keep on pushing until the end.
- 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.
- Start with your favourite subject to get you into working mode - but make sure you spread your time across subjects. Know your syllabus like crazy.
- Look after yourself (eat/sleep/exercise). Ask your teachers lots of questions as this is a good way to learn.
- Don't compare yourself to others. It's your mark, it's your course, it's your future. Be happy with what you get and work towards that.
- Put in the effort because it is not just going to come out of nowhere - you have to try.

'One of my weaknesses was accepting criticism and feedback that I was not expecting.

In life in general, you are always going to receive feedback and criticism and I think it is a very important life skill to develop.

Not everything is always going to go your way'.

JUSTINE FOUWLER

Enter to Learn, Go out to Serve



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