



Our Lady of Sion College

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VCE Results 2020

Message from the Principal

There is no doubt that 2020 has been a year of extraordinary change, a year where we were asked to rethink how we live our lives, sustain relationships, complete our work and engage in learning and teaching in new and innovative ways. It posed numerous wellbeing and social questions, and called for a return to the big questions of life – *how do we care for those within our local, national and global communities, how do we care for our environment and how do we continue to work towards a just and sustainable future for our students?*



It gives me great pleasure to celebrate with you the wonderful achievements of our Class of 2020. Each student has shown tremendous resilience, adaptability and perseverance to overcome the particular challenges of this time in their lives. The commitment to their studies and to continuing to work hard towards achieving their career pathways and goals has been admirable. Their personal growth has been witnessed through their leadership and engagement with the curricular and the many co-curricular programs, and the faith and social justice opportunities that they were offered in 2020. In particular, they are to be congratulated for their support of each other during a time of adversity and the manner in which they have forged stronger relationships despite the changes they have had to endure. Our world is very lucky to have a cohort of confident, compassionate and committed young adults whose personal attributes have shone very brightly. As future leaders in whatever field they pursue, they will have much to contribute to our world.

To this end, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Class of 2020 on all they have achieved in their final year of secondary education. Our VCAL students have worked with commitment to develop their skills and further their career aspirations, and we celebrate with our VCE students their fine results that will take them onto their chosen career pathways. As life unfolds for the Class of 2020, I hope they will appreciate that the true measure of success lies in the qualities and attributes they already so strongly demonstrate; in the fine young person they are today and the adult they are becoming. I am confident our Class of 2020 will continue to excel in their future endeavours and I congratulate each student and wish them every success as they pursue their personal goals.

It is with great pride that I announce the following achievements:

- 7.3% of our students achieved an ATAR above 95, which places them in the top 5% of the state
Congratulations to our 2020 Dux, Katrina Yeung, who achieved an ATAR of 99.75.
- 18.3% achieved an ATAR above 90
- 39.4% achieved an ATAR above 80
- Our Median ATAR was 75.55
- 10.4% of study scores were above 40
Congratulations to Emma Daly who achieved a perfect study score of 50 in each of Health & Human Development, Physical Education and Media.
- Our Median study score was 32

We thank our teachers, parents and guardians who have supported the Class of 2020 throughout their years at Our Lady of Sion College. The success of our Year 12 students is a collaborative endeavour over the last six years, and I thank you for working in partnership with us during this time. Finally, we congratulate 25 Top Achievers who achieved an ATAR above 90, featured in the following pages.

Tina Apostolopoulos
College Principal



College Dux

Congratulations to Katrina Yeung, the 2020 Dux of Our Lady of Sion College, who received an ATAR of 99.75.

Katrina undertook studies in English, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematical Methods and Specialist Mathematics. She completed Psychology in 2019, for which she received a perfect score of 50. Katrina's consistent approach, work ethic and willingness to strive for her personal best are reflected in her outstanding achievements. Katrina contributed to the life of the College by participating in House events and generously supported a range of fundraising activities.

Katrina Yeung

99.75

We congratulate Katrina on her fabulous achievement and look forward to celebrating with her at the Our Lady of Sion Top Achievers Assembly.

Top Achievers – VCE



Sophie received an ATAR of 99.7, undertaking studies in English, Chemistry, French, Mathematical Methods and Specialist Mathematics. She completed Biology in 2019, for which she received a perfect score of 50. Sophie has consistently worked hard to achieve outstanding results.

Sophie embraced many opportunities, in particular the musical life of the College. At the Year 12 Graduation, Sophie received the Box Hill Central Rotary Citizen Award which recognised her outstanding contribution, dedication and loyalty to the College.

Sophie Chan



Emma received an ATAR of 99.5, undertaking studies in English, Further Mathematics, Health and Human Development, Media Studies and Physical Education. Emma exhibited a commendable work ethic, striving for her personal best in all her studies. She was a role model for younger students for her humble commitment to everything that she does.

She was involved in the sporting life of the College, especially Athletics. At the Year 12 Graduation, Emma received the Caltex Best All Rounder Award, which recognised her leadership qualities and commitment across a range of activities, including co-curricular and community service.

Emma Daly



Madelyn received an ATAR of 97.95, undertaking studies in English Language, Biology, Business Management, Further Mathematics and Mathematical Methods. Her excellent results have been achieved through a committed, organised and disciplined approach to her academic studies and consistently demonstrating an excellent attitude of self-management towards her learning.

Balancing this, Madelyn also engaged in many co-curricular opportunities including House Maths Competitions and the Significant Women's Day Dance Challenge.

Madelyn Trinh

Top Achievers – VCE continued



**Aurelia
Alimansjah**

Aurelia received an ATAR of 97.9, undertaking studies in English, Business Management, French, Mathematical Methods and Media Studies. Aurelia worked diligently throughout the year and embraced College life by participating in House events and Liturgical programs.

Having her work displayed in the Creative Arts and Technologies week exhibition, Aurelia also assisted in establishing the installations.



Jenna Hart

have enabled her to achieve this exceptional result.

An active member of the Our Lady of Sion College community, Jenna was named Valedictorian for the Class of 2020.



**Cecilia
Clark**

Cecilia received an ATAR of 95.9, undertaking studies in English, Biology, Further Mathematics, French and Psychology.

Cecilia embraced many opportunities in the Musical program, and as Liturgy Captain she was involved in a range of events and activities

including the School Opening Eucharist, Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Chapel sessions.

At the Year 12 Graduation, she was the recipient of the Top Points Award for Sion Community Spirit as well as the recipient of our prestigious Sion Woman of the Year award.



**Paris
Tomazos**

Paris received an ATAR of 95.7, undertaking studies in English, Business Management, Further Mathematics, Legal Studies and Psychology. An independent learner, Paris is recognised for her work ethic across all of her schooling, but particularly in 2020. Paris contributed to the life of the College through House and Liturgical celebrations.



Jenny Xu

her to achieve this outstanding result. She contributed to the life of the College through her involvement in House activities.

Jenny received an ATAR of 95.45, undertaking studies in English, Chemistry, Further Mathematics, Mathematical Methods and Specialist Mathematics.

Jenny's work ethic and conscientious approach to her learning enabled



**Mia
Pitruzzello**

Mia received an ATAR of 95.15, undertaking studies in English, Chemistry, Legal Studies, Mathematical Methods and Psychology.

Mia's high level of commitment and disciplined approach to her academic studies have enabled her to achieve this excellent result.

Mia contributed to life at the College by participating in House activities.

Top Achievers – VCE continued



**Stephanie
Vasilades**

Stephanie received an ATAR of 94.6, undertaking studies in English, Biology, Business Management, Further Mathematics and Psychology. Stephanie contributed to House activities as well as many College events.



**Elle
Beltsios**

Elle received an ATAR of 93.75, undertaking studies in English, Business Management, Chemistry, Mathematical Methods and Physics. Elle demonstrated her commitment to the school spirit of the College through her participation in House events.



**Kiara
Fonseka**

Kiara received an ATAR of 93.6, undertaking studies in English, Chemistry, Health and Human Development, Italian and Mathematical Methods.

Passionate about music and as the 2020 Music Captain, she has been a long-serving member of the ensemble program;

in her senior years representing the Senior Concert Band, the Senior Jazz Ensemble and the College Vocal Ensemble. At the Year 12 Graduation, she was the recipient of the St Cecilia Award for Bands and Orchestras.



**Emily
Poldermans**

Emily received an ATAR of 93.6, undertaking studies in English, Business Management, Further Mathematics, Health and Human Development, and Psychology.

As 2020 College Captain, Emily was actively engaged in College life, working collaboratively with members of the school community during a challenging time. She has been an exemplary ambassador for Our Lady of Sion College and always worked hard to achieve her personal best. Her respectful leadership style, outgoing personality, highly attuned organisational skills and focus on her studies, made her a role model for other students.



**Abigail
Whiston**

Abigail received an ATAR of 93.2, undertaking studies in English, Further Mathematics, History: Revolutions, Physical Education, and Texts and Traditions. Abigail has made the most of the opportunities presented to her as demonstrated by her involvement in co-curricular activities such as the Virtual Cross Country event and the Virtual Walk around Australia.



**Chanel
Chebaia**

Chanel received an ATAR of 93.0, undertaking studies in Mathematical Methods, English, Biology, Physical Education and French. Chanel fully immersed herself in College life, presenting at the Top Achievers Assembly, contributing to the Arts department and actively engaging in the Sports program.

Top Achievers – VCE continued



**Alexandra
Boffa**

Alexandra received an ATAR of 92.5, undertaking studies in English, Chemistry, English Language, Italian, Mathematical Methods and Physics. Alexandra's maturity and excellent self-management have enabled her to achieve outstanding results. At

the Year 12 Graduation, Alexandra received the Mollie Holman Award in recognition of her achievements in Science.



**Amber
Huggins**

Amber received an ATAR of 92.15, undertaking studies in English, Biology, Chemistry, Health and Human Development, French and Mathematical Methods. Amber has demonstrated a high level of commitment and discipline to her academic studies enabling her to achieve this outstanding result. She contributed to life at the College by participating in House events.



**Caitlin
Ashley**

Caitlin received an ATAR of 92.1, undertaking studies in English, Mathematical Methods, French, Chemistry and Studio Arts.

Enjoying a range of activities, Caitlin engaged with the GSV program, including Cross Country and Triathlon.



**Madison
Bruhn**

Madison received an ATAR of 91.3, undertaking studies in English, Biology, Further Mathematics, Health and Human Development, and Psychology. She contributed to the life of the College through her team efforts in Homeroom activities. Madison worked consistently, seeking feedback and asking questions from her teachers to ensure her understanding of content enabled her to develop her skills to the highest level.



**Elizabeth
Hamshaw**

Elizabeth received an ATAR of 91.25, undertaking studies in English, Business Management, English Language, Mathematical Methods and Physics. Her breadth of subjects in VCE displayed her genuine interest in all studies and her love of learning. Elizabeth contributed to the life of the College by participating in House events.



**Saskia
Nannes**

Saskia received an ATAR of 91.05, undertaking studies in English, Biology, Business Management, Further Mathematics and Physical Education. Saskia was a highly active member of the College community and was instrumental in the wellbeing programs of the College through her role as the 2020 Sports Captain. She participated in GSV, the Online Assembly in Term 3, and contributed to the online subject selection resources.

Top Achievers – VCE continued



**Paris
Mansell**

Paris received an ATAR of 90.65, undertaking studies in English, Drama, Further Mathematics, History: Revolutions, French and Literature.

Paris contributed to life at the College through her role as Environment Captain in 2020.

A passionate student of the Arts and Drama, Paris performed in the College choir, both musical and drama productions and was also involved in the Senior Concert Band.

At the Year 12 Graduation, Paris received the Overall Excellence in Arts award for her contribution to Drama, Music and Visual Arts as well as the Simone Richardson Award for her contribution to the Performing Arts.



**Mariam
Fulton**

Mariam received an ATAR of 90.1, undertaking studies in English, Italian, Literature, Mathematical Methods and Physics.

Mariam has demonstrated a high level of organisation and commitment to her studies, leading to her outstanding result.

She has enjoyed participating in House events and supporting her peers.

Perfect Scores

Congratulations to the following student, who received perfect scores of 50 in her subjects:



Emma Daly

Health & Human Development
Physical Education
Media Studies

Top Achievers – VCAL



**Laura
Varrasso**

people and thrived in a team environment, making positive contributions to her peers and her community.

Laura has successfully achieved a Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning and studied VET Certificate 3 in Makeup. Throughout her time at the College, she took up many opportunities, including House and Faith-based activities. Laura actively sought to engage with



**Maisey
Lord**

Maisey has successfully achieved a Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning and studied VET Certificate 3 in Beauty Services. Maisey engaged in many co-curricular activities including GSV, and is passionate about working with people within positive environments.

Maisey enjoyed the challenge of balancing the school requirements of VCAL with her VET and work experience.