



ABBOTSLEIGH

# CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12 2023

## Class of 2023 Seizes the Moment

The Class of 2023 exercised strong and inspirational leadership, fostered unity and 'seized every moment' this year, and is with great excitement that we share with you our girls' exceptional HSC results.

In true keeping with their theme, 'Seize the Moment', our Year 12 girls consistently demonstrated the great value of having a balanced approach to school life; they supported one another, worked together collaboratively, and strived to achieve their personal best in every endeavour, while continuing to be engaged in myriad activities alongside their studies.

Our girls were supported beautifully in their endeavours by their teachers, their parents and families, and the whole school community. We certainly recognise and appreciate the role everyone plays in the girls' successes, and we especially would like to thank our talented and dedicated teachers for the outstanding education and wonderful guidance they provided each of our girls. Thank you.

We are eager to see where the girls' paths will lead them beyond the gates of Abbotsleigh and we know that each girl's rich character, enthusiasm, hard work, perseverance and courage will hold her in great stead as she strives to achieve the dreams she holds for her future.

*Three of the 12 girls in NSW who achieved the top ATAR result of 99.95 are Abbotsleigh girls!*



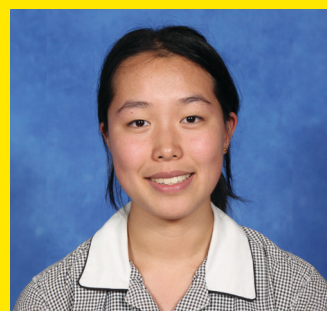
**Simone Wong**  
**School Dux and HSC Dux**

Simone is a curious student who thrives on challenges. She has been widely involved in the life of the school since commencing in Year 3. Her HSC pattern of study was comprised of English Advanced, English Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Music 2, Latin Continuers and Latin Extension, making 12 units in total. Simone is a talented musician who made a significant contribution to numerous ensembles throughout secondary school including choir, orchestra and concert band. She was also a keen sportswoman representing Abbotsleigh in basketball, badminton and touch football. Simone was involved in Abbotsleigh's service clubs and exercised leadership as a Prefect with special responsibility for Year 9 students.



**Danika Chan**  
**HSC Dux**

Danika joined Abbotsleigh in Year 9 having previously attended an international school in Hong Kong. With a keen interest in STEM, Danika availed herself of opportunities both within the school and externally to further her thirst for learning in this domain. Her HSC subjects included English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Chemistry, Physics and Science Extension, making 11 units in total. She placed 2nd in Science Extension and 9th in Physics and is thrilled to have been invited to further her Science Extension project work at UNSW. Danika balanced her academic studies with music, sport and wide involvement service clubs. She also exercised leadership as a Prefect with responsibility for wellbeing initiatives in her own year group.



**Sophie Lim**  
**HSC Dux**

Sophie commenced her Abbotsleigh journey in kindergarten. She has an insatiable love of learning with strengths across a wide range of subjects. Sophie studied 13 units for her HSC: English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Chemistry, Economics, Latin Continuers and Latin Extension. Sophie complemented her academic studies with wide involvement in cocurricular activities throughout secondary school including music, debating, CRU and rhythmic gymnastics where she competed at state and national levels. She was also a Prefect in her final year of school, with special responsibility for Junior School students.

## All round achievers

### 10 or more units band 6 19% of Year 12 2023

Charlotte Allan, Jessica Bae, Julia Barbour, Louise Barbour, Eva Bates, Grace Berry, Eliza Brown, Ava Buffier, Eliza Capell, Danika Chan, Chelsea Chow, Xanthe Cogan, Rowena Fisher, Ashley Fung, Vera He, Felicity Hu, Zahra Hui, Maya Khanna-Boyle, Annabelle Lai, Abby Latimer, Katherine Lau, Gillian Lawrance, Kristen Li, Sophie Lim, Phoebe Luu, Anson Mak, Chloe McCormick, Elyana Moonen, Lara Nunan, Alyssa Playford, Caitlyn Tieu, Ava Ward, Karina Wong, Simone Wong

## Top ATAR scores – 99 plus

- 99.95 Danika Chan
- 99.95 Sophie Lim
- 99.95 Simone Wong
- 99.9 Karina Wong
- 99.8 Felicity Hu
- 99.7 Gillian Lawrance
- 99.6 Chelsea Chow
- 99.5 Julia Barbour
- 99.45 Katherine Lau
- 99.4 Charlotte Allan
- 99.3 Kristen Li
- 99.2 Phoebe Luu
- 99.2 Elyana Moonen
- 99.1 Lara Nunan
- 99.1 Caitlyn Tieu
- 99.05 Petra Chan
- 99.05 Jasmin Foster
- 99.05 Kotoko Takehara
- 99 Eva Bates
- 99 Maya Khanna-Boyle
- 99 Holly Rusterholz

## Top achievers

- Julia Barbour – 3rd in Visual Arts
- Danika Chan – 2nd in Science Extension
- Danika Chan – 9th in Physics
- Rowena Fisher – 5th in English Extension 2
- Felicity Hu – 2nd in Visual Arts
- Lara Nunan – 6th in Earth and Environmental Science
- Kate Stephenson – 9th in Mathematics Advanced (Year 11 accelerant)

## Outstanding results by subject

### 100% in top band:

Chinese Continuers, Chinese Extension, German Extension, Music Extension

### 100% in top two bands:

Chinese in Context, Drama, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, French Extension, Latin Extension, Mathematics Extension 2, Music 1, Music 2

### 90% or more in the top two bands:

Business Studies, Design and Technology, Economics, English Advanced, History Extension, Latin Continuers, Visual Arts

## NESA student showcases

### ARTEXPRESS

#### Nominated

Louise Barbour  
Vera He  
Felicity Hu  
Amadea Luong  
Nell Nesci  
Jessie Zhuang

#### Selected

Poppy Andrew – *Beneath the surface... a banquet of biodiversity*  
Julia Barbour – *Chasing Light on the Warrimoo Track, En Plein Air*  
Dimity Chalmers – *Rust to dust*  
Hollie Copeland – *Accretion and Abrasion*  
Skye Lilburne – *Yanko Station: The woolshed (1923-2023)*

### CALLBACK

#### Nominated for Core Performance

Sonia Walsh

### ENCORE

#### Nominated for Music Performance

Raina Han  
Vera He  
Amanda Kelly  
Samuela Keum  
Josephine Scott  
Enya Wu  
Emma Yap

#### Selected for Music Performance

Kotoko Takehara, Trio  
Stephanie Wong, Trio

## Nominated for Music Composition

Angelina Gao  
Samuela Keum  
Annabelle Lai  
Kotoko Takehara  
Enya Wu  
Emma Yap

## OnSTAGE

### Nominated for Group Performance

Emma Fischer – The Merry Monarchs  
Esther Lam – The Merry Monarchs  
Ava Ward – The Merry Monarchs  
Julia Wedgwood-Oppenheim – The Merry Monarchs

### Nominated for Individual Performance

Charlotte Fill – *Belize*  
Emma Fischer – *Rose Ritz*  
Mikayla Fung – *Extremities*  
Sophie James – *The world is a mess*  
Anastasia Kellahan – *A smell to remember*  
Sascha Kollar – *Rhinoceros*  
Charisse Leung – *The world is my oyster*

### Selected for Reserve list

Julia Wedgwood-Oppenheim – *Every Brilliant Thing*

### Shape

#### Nominated

Phoebe Luu



## Overall Abbotsleigh results

- 13% 99 and over
- 45% 95 and over
- 65% 90 and over
- 83% 80 and over

### Depth of performance

Abbotsleigh's median ATAR is 93.5  
The NSW median ATAR is 71.05

Year 12 2023, your legacy will live on at Abbotsleigh forever!

# Band summaries 2023

Subject	Number of students	Band 6		Band 5		Band 4	
		% Abb	% NSW	% Abb	% NSW	% Abb	% NSW
Ancient History	21	66.67	9.27	19.05	23.43	14.28	28.29
Biology	66	36.36	8.31	31.81	23.67	27.27	31.92
Business Studies	47	55.44	11.39	34.04	24.69	8.51	28.05
Chemistry	70	21.42	12.41	38.57	25.9	32.85	27.99
Chinese in Context	6	66.67	64.06	33.33	29.68	0	4.68
Chinese Continuers	4	100	41.45	0	29.01	0	19.68
Design and Technology	28	14.29	12.21	78.57	35.1	7.14	30.71
Drama	21	52.39	21.54	47.61	38.8	0	27.82
Earth and Environmental Science	7	57.15	7.36	28.57	26.32	14.28	27.06
Economics	42	52.38	13.09	38.09	35.43	7.14	28.08
English Advanced	177	40.69	13.79	51.97	53.39	7.34	28.16
English EAL/D	2	0	4.98	50	16.77	50	31.72
French Continuers	5	0	25.44	40	33.46	40	33.85
Geography	36	52.77	9.91	33.33	32.02	13.88	35.8
German Continuers	3	33.33	26.54	33.33	30.24	33.33	32.09
Japanese Beginners	7	14.29	11.23	42.86	26.09	42.85	21.52
Latin Continuers	11	45.45	45.62	45.45	38.12	9.1	11.25
Mathematics Advanced	113	44.24	22.34	38.05	27.45	15.04	25.6
Mathematics Standard 2	50	24	9.21	34	22.41	28	26.22
Modern History	51	43.15	10.27	37.25	24.83	19.6	29.08
Music 1	14	85.72	22.64	14.28	46.32	0	20.84
Music 2	10	90	34.8	10	50.48	0	13.48
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	34	38.23	6.43	44.11	24.55	14.7	32.5
Physics	25	16	13.1	52	25.84	24	28.55
Software Design and Development	5	20	12.13	60	23.17	20	29.91
Studies of Religion II	4	25	10.81	25	35.35	25	36.17
Visual Arts	30	90	18.5	6.67	47.08	3.33	25.73

Subject	Number of students	Band E4		Band E3	
		% Abb	% NSW	% Abb	% NSW
Chinese Extension	4	100	69.23	0	28.84
English Extension 1	54	68.51	40.88	31.49	53.52
English Extension 2	13	69.23	28.83	30.77	56.81
French Extension	3	0	17.69	100	66.37
German Extension	1	100	61.53	0	35.89
History Extension	13	46.15	26.35	46.15	58.95
Latin Extension	8	87.5	81.52	12.5	16.3
Mathematics Extension 1	69	43.47	34.27	39.13	37.65
Mathematics Extension 2	24	37.5	37.82	62.5	47.96
Music Extension	8	100	70.46	0	25.38
Science Extension	7	71.42	7.17	14.28	70.78