



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

HSC YOUNG WRITERS SHOWCASE

Selected

Raina Han



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 |