



MELVILLE  
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Melville Matters 111  
Term 4 2023



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## From the Principal

We are incredibly proud of the achievements of our students throughout 2023 and would like to share with our school community the rich and rewarding experiences that have taken place at Melville SHS this year.

We began our final term with a celebration of our Year 12s; valedictory is always such a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the journey of our students, from joining us in Year 7 as children and leaving us as young adults at the end of Year 12. Recognising their successes in front of their peers, teachers, families and special guests from our community is a very important part of our school year. We would like to wish our graduates all the very best for their exciting futures ahead and thank their families for their ongoing support.

Celebrations of our students continued throughout the term, and over the recent weeks we have held our Sports dinner, Gifted and Talented Awards evening, Aviation Awards evening and our Arts Week events, allowing

students to showcase their accomplishments in graphic design media and visual art, dance, drama and music.

There have been some outstanding Term Four achievements this year. Modern languages again features prominently, with four students being awarded in the Chinese Language Teacher's Association of WA speaking and writing competition, and two achieving first place. Our Teacher in Charge of Languages, Ms Stephanie Wignell, was awarded the prestigious 2023 Hilde Dixon Award from the Modern Language Teachers' Association of Western Australia (MLTAWA) for her leadership in languages education in Western Australia. The Mathematics Department has led student teams in the UWA WAJO Mathematics competition, with Year 9 student Richard Chen achieving the merit award in this prestigious competition, while Ari Stewart, Jay Cooksey and Melody Leggo were invited to the MAWA Problem Solving Program following their outstanding performances in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Our students have



## Arts

also excelled in inter-school sports, with our school placing 5th in A Division Athletics which is an outstanding achievement for our teams. Year 12 student Sophie Straker has had her artwork selected for The West Australian Pulse Perspectives 2024 and five students' works were showcased in the Melville Arts Awards. These outstanding achievements reflect some highlights from this term and showcase the talents of our students and teachers and the support of our community.

We have welcomed new families and students to Melville SHS as we met our Year 7 students for 2024 and we look forward to them joining our Melville community next year.

The building of our Sports Hall has commenced and major work will be occurring during the summer break. The build will continue throughout 2024 and we look forward to sharing news of its opening towards the end of next year. Our pool has also undergone significant work and is on track for reopening at the commencement of the 2024 school year.

I would like to thank our parent volunteers, who contribute many hours supporting our school; whether it is through our P&C, School Board, Specialist Parent Support Groups or general contributions to extracurricular or academic events, we thank you.

May you have a wonderful festive season, enjoy time with your families, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Mrs Samantha Steele  
Principal

### Melville Art Awards

Melville Senior High School entered four talented Visual Arts students to exhibit their artworks at the prestigious Melville Art Awards, which opened on Friday, 20 October. This exhibition, held every year, gives established and emerging artists the opportunity to exhibit their work and expose their talent and creativity. Student work that was selected showcased an interesting mix of approaches and ideas, showing the high skill level of our students and their imaginative exploration of the world around them.

Thank you to Art Teachers, Ms Mellissa McCarthy and Head of Learning Area Mr Dave Anderson, for attending the Opening night and students for bringing their families along to celebrate their efforts.

*Pictured left: Year 12 Carys Creed, Meghan Irving, Nurul Aisyah Sofea Mahzul and Tara Bell artworks.*

*Pictured below: Year 12 Sophie Straker artwork.*



## Arts Week

### Graphic Design Media Showcase 2023 'Shine a Light'

Review by Mia Wood, Year 10

"The Year 10 Graphic Design Media (GDM) students were tasked with two objectives this semester: make a personal project and run the showcase, which, as a Year 10 myself, I have to say we nailed.

The Year 10 GDM personal projects challenged us to pick an interest and expand our knowledge and understanding of it. For many students this year, it was architecture.

When asked what she had learnt, May Hamilton said, "Scales are hard, and it has to be structurally sound. It was interesting and useful for me in what I want in my future job, an architect".

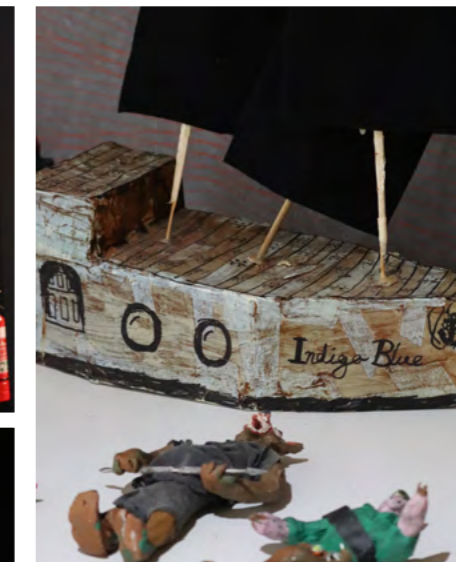
Besides the personal struggles that everyone had

to overcome, a real shock to the class was just how little time one term really is when creating a project this size. It was extremely beneficial to our class, as it allowed us to understand the magnitude of projects we may end up working on.

Our second project, the showcase, was where the whole class came together to collaborate. Everyone had a role to play in making it work. It allowed our class an opportunity to see the type and amount of work that goes into organizing a showcase.

A highlight, according to GDM student, Carys Williams, "I liked getting to work in the shop, selling things that I had made."

It allowed insight for us into a career that would be centred around art, and real-world experience a future glimpse for us."



## Arts Week

### Dance and Drama Showcase 2023 Elysium: A Night To Remember Review by Poppy Jurss, Year 10

On 5 December, Dance and Drama students performed in the semester two showcase, Elysium. It showcased the pieces we'd been working hard on during class for our friends and family to see, including dance routines, dance solos, and group drama performances. The show was a highlight and could not have been done without our incredible Performing Arts teachers.

Year 7 and 8 Dance classes performed fun, upbeat jazz routines; a trio of Year 9 dancers did a beautiful contemporary piece to 'Falling Apart', while the Year 10 class performed two routines: one, a Broadway/musical theatre routine to 'Another Day of Sun' and the second, a fun commercial jazz dance to a Britney Spears mashup of songs. The Year 11 Cert class showcased a heartfelt contemporary performance to 'What Was I Made For?'. Multiple

solos were also performed throughout the show.

Each drama performance was comedic and entertaining and received many laughs from the crowd. We were so excited to finally showcase our routines. From learning choreography to performing on stage, we have enjoyed every moment together. Savannah Branch, an extremely talented Year 10 dance student, said, "The showcase has always been one of my favourite events of the year. Getting to perform with the people I love and having a teacher I can truly count on makes the whole night worthwhile!"

Our wonderful teachers, Ms Tandy and Ms Yap, worked so hard to put this show together, which truly paid off on the night. We are immensely grateful for them and every Arts teacher at our school who made this showcase possible. The love and support shown throughout the entire show was incredible. It made the showcase an absolute night to remember.



## Arts Week

**Music By Night Concert 2023**  
**A Journey Through Music – So Long 2023!**  
*Review by Khanh Pham and Aifeltherese Thomas, Year 9*

Do you know the feeling of working and practicing for relentless hours and showcasing all your hard work to people? Well that's what happened on the 7 December 2023. All Music in Focus students gathered and had an amazing time at 'Music by Night' performing to their families, friends and peers.

They performed songs such as Smooth Criminal, Jungle Dance, If You Love Me and Lord of the Rings. Students worked extremely hard to prepare for their finale show.

Year 9 student Tahlia Thorn said, "I really enjoyed being able to be up there and perform! it was a really fun experience. I can't wait for next year!"

Melville SHS Music in Focus students and music staff have put in many hours of effort to give people a wonderful night. Thank-you to them

And thank you to parents and guardians for helping us students on, driving us to early practices in the morning, picking us up after school from rehearsals and driving us to all of our performances. Thank-you!



## Mathematics

**AMC - Australian Mathematics Competition**  
Well done to all our students who achieved outstanding results in this year's Australian Maths Competition!

Four students have been invited to the 2024 MAWA Problem Solving Program (PSP) based on their outstanding performances. This program has a strong emphasis on the effective presentation of solutions (STEM practices). In addition, well done to Richard Chen for being awarded Best in School!

**WA Junior Maths Olympiad (WAJO)**  
Earlier in Term 4, thirty enthusiastic students showcased their mathematical talents at the WA Junior Maths Olympiad (WAJO) at the University of Western Australia.

Well done to all students who represented Melville SHS, and congratulations to our Year 9 Gifted & Talented student, Richard Chen, who received a Merit Award!



## Technologies

### Building and Construction

Year 11 students Xhoel Kongo, Logan Brookes (pictured right) and Giovan Munut designed and constructed their mini golf course holes in their Building and Construction course this semester.

The result is simply tee-riffic!

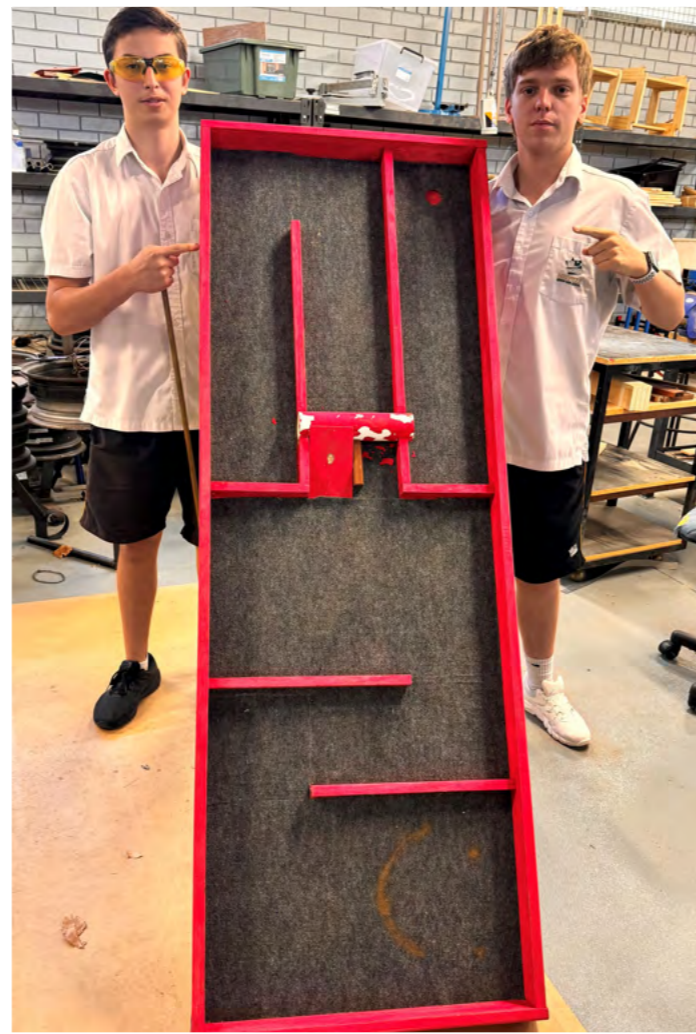
### Careers Day

Earlier in Term 4, young entrepreneur and tech-savvy mastermind, Scott Millar, of BOP Industries joined us for our Year 9 Careers Day.

Scott inspired students by sharing his journey of transitioning from a high school student to a young entrepreneur named one of Australia's top 30 CEOs under 30 years old and the Young Small Business Leader for Queensland, all at 23 years of age, all by the age of 23.

Students engaged in a series of thought-provoking workshops that had them applying design thinking methodology to find impactful solutions in their local community and exploring the diverse STEM-based career opportunities on the horizon through his 'Future Of Work' program.

Scott highlighted how sought-after STEM skills and qualifications are in the workplace and how they increase job opportunities.



## Technologies

### Aviation Specialist Program - iFly

Year 7 Aviation Studies broke new ground this term by being the first year group to attend an iFly excursion. The students were on their very best behaviour and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Each student “flew” twice and most would say that it was harder than it looked from outside the cylinder!

The Pros showed us how it's done by shooting skywards within the walls of the 16-foot diameter clear cylinder and descending at a rapid rate of knots only to stop short about a foot from the bottom. Incredible skills, with most of the instructors also being experienced skydivers.

Wayne (a Science teacher) gave students a STEM presentation which provided them with worthwhile knowledge about the physics involved with the air resistance of different shapes, which complemented the aerodynamics study they have done with Ms Stacey in the classroom.

With the Year 7 excursion being such a success, there are plans to take the other year groups in future years.

### Aviation Fundraising

Thank you to our Melville SHS Aviation Studies Centre (MASC) Support Group for their ongoing commitment to the continued success of the Melville SHS Aviation Specialist Program. Thank you to those who contributed to supporting the program throughout the semester, including our Chocolate Fundraiser and the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser.

It was fantastic to see the students volunteering. While people were waiting for their Sausage Sizzles, two Year 10 students shared their solo flight experiences and aerial flight stories with the community - which definitely assisted profits on the day!

### Aviation Awards Night

During Week 8 of Term 4, our Melville SHS Aviation Programs annual Awards Night was held as an opportunity for our Aviation students, staff, parents and carers, and MASC members to celebrate student achievements and welcome our incoming Year 7 Cohort of 2024.





## Health and Physical Education

### Netball Specialist Program

#### Netball Camp

This Term, the Year 8 Specialist Netball students had the opportunity to bond as a team over an educational trip down south.

After a stopover at Atwell College, the team travelled on to play competitive games against Manjimup Senior High School & Margaret River Senior High School. Our Year 10 students did a fantastic job leading by example, serving as the team's coaches & umpires over the three days.

Students learned the value of providing their bodies with the right nourishment to maximise athletic performance - with the exception of a well-earned visit to the Margaret River Chocolate Factory!



## Science

### STARweek 2023

Let's take a moment to appreciate the incredible world of science and the unsung heroes behind it - our amazing Science Department Technicians at Melville SHS!

As part of #starweek23, we recognise and celebrate their outstanding contributions, bringing knowledge and experience to our team and students' daily learning.

### Rockin' Rocks with Australian Earth Science Education WA!

Jo Watkins joined us from Australian Earth Science Education - WA/NT, putting the exciting world of geology under the microscope - or, in this case, an eye magnifying glass. Students interact with various rocks, observing their unique characteristics as they learn about their formation over time. A significant study in a state like Western Australia has some of the oldest rock crusts found anywhere globally.



## Vocational Pathways Program

Over the past two years, Jasmine Simes has worked hard to obtain her Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care through our Melville SHS Vocational Pathways Program.

As a school we are proud to see Jasmine's success through the program, earning her the Vocational Pathways Program Subject Award at the 2023 Valedictory evening and also hearing wonderful positive feedback from the community and her colleagues at Nido Early School Palmyra Childcare Centre, who have facilitated placement for her two days per week.

The Graduating Class of 2023 completed not only their WACE Graduation, with over an extra fifty TAFE and traineeships certificates, including industries such as Marine Studies, Robotics, Building and Construction, Engineering, Cabin Crew and Hospitality.

The opportunities that choosing this course provides are endless, however the students themselves are responsible for creating their personal pathways and recognising their own destinations. The students have demonstrated maturity beyond their years, and displayed themselves as Workplace Ready students who graduate with a head start in their chosen industries.

All Year 11 and 12 students in the Vocational Pathways Program for 2023 have been fantastic and are to be commended for their efforts individually and as a cohort. Congratulations to

those who have left us and perused work, and we look forward to the further developments of the Year 11 students taking part in the second year of the course in 2024.

Below are special mentions of the students who achieved exceptional results and recognition for their studies. Congratulations to them and good luck to Isaac Panozzo who is in the running to receive the Beasley Medal for VET 2023.

Lailah Frazer; VET Dux and Rising Star Award at Maxima for School based Traineeships at NAB.

- Certificate III Cabin Crew
- Certificate II Retail Make-up
- Certificate II Skills for work
- Certificate II Work place Skills (Business)



Alex Ferguson; Vocational Pathways Program Award, and Workplace Learning Award and apprenticeship with Brendon Dhu at Heritage Carpentry Certificate II in Building and Construction.

Isaac Panozzo ; SCSA Award Finalist. Candidate for Beasley Medal. Work place learning hours completed through NEXXIS and is also completing a Certificate IV in Marine studies.

Adam Cannon; 2023 Australian Employment Network WA finalist school based apprentice of the Year Skill Hire 2023. Placements at Perth Zoo with select Plumbing and Fremantle Carpentry.

Jasmine Simes; 2023 Vet Award, Certificate III in Early-Childhood Care and Education school based traineeships through Nido. Jasmine has now been offered to complete her diploma with the organisation.



## Student Services

### Transition to High School

In Term 4, we welcomed our Year 7 2024 students for the Melville SHS Transition Day events. The incoming students spent the day getting to know their teachers and new peers through icebreaker activities, followed by our student councillors' guided tour, with the opportunity to ask any questions about starting high school.

During this Transition Activity Week, we also invited our incoming Year 7 2024 Netball Specialist Program students for an induction to the program as an opportunity to get to know their new teammates and start showing off their skills!

We can't wait to welcome all our new students, including students starting across Years 8-12, back again in 2024.

### Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a significant occasion for Australians to honour the contributions made by those who have served in our armed services and remember their sacrifices and service.

To pay our respects, representatives from our Student Council, joined by our Cadets, staff and Intensive English Centre (IEC) students, gathered at the front of our school on Friday, 10 November and held a commemorative service, with a reading of The Ode followed by a laying of a wreath to pay our respects.

Lest we forget.



## Gifted and Talented

### WA Student Council

Congratulations to our Gifted and Talented (GAT) student, Freya Lumb, who has been selected as a member of the Western Australian Student Council (the Council) for 2024-2025.

Freya will represent students in our education region and Western Australia. The Department of Education's Director of Service Design and Support, Dene Cranwell, noted the high quality and calibre of nominations this year, with Freya being among 57 students in Year 9 from 40 secondary schools across all education regions of Western Australia. Well done, Freya, on your selection; we're proud to have you represent not only as a student of Melville SHS, but as a voice on behalf of students in WA!

### 2023 Voice Public Speaking Grand Final

Congratulations to Luca Wilson, who was invited to participate in the Voice Public Speaking Competition Grand Final!

### Debating

At the beginning of the term, Melville SHS hosted the final round of Inter-school Debating. It was a busy day with over six schools from the South Metropolitan area attending. Many GAT students participate and bring some tough competition to the rounds. This year, Melville SHS won big with Year 7's garnering First Place and Year 9's taking out Second Place. Well done Team Melville SHS and especially to our GAT students who worked hard throughout the year in all the debating rounds.

### WAJO – Western Australian Junior Mathematics Olympiad

Term 4 always brings one of the toughest mathematics competitions our GAT students compete in. Many participating GAT students through Years 7 to 10 competed in the individual event. We are very proud to say that one of our own, Richard Chen, took the 'WAJO Merit Prize' home and received 12th overall out of 25 schools competing. Well done Richard!

### GAT Winner – Future Problem-Solving Writing Competition

You might have remembered from last term hearing about one of our own, Robin Lismann, being invited to the Future Problem-Solving Writing Competition (FPS) National Finals in Brisbane. We are very proud to announce that Robin won and is the 2023 Senior Division Champion! Huge congratulations to Robin and we look forward to reading your novel.

### Awards Evening - 'The Future is Us'

On a warm Monday evening late in Term 4 the annual Gifted and Talented Awards Night was held in Melville's Performing Arts Centre.

Primarily organised and run by the GAT Student Leaders, the night kicked off with a sweet and savoury spread provided by our very own Megabites canteen. Parents, students and special guests were treated to a playlist curated by our Student Leaders that included uplifting songs that they felt best represented the year. Next to the canapes, our night had our first-ever photo booth, which was a big hit for students and their families. Following this, the ceremony

commenced with Year 10 Student Leaders Amelia Chi and Farah Marcellus at the helm as the Masters of Ceremony.

The Year 7 through 10 Student Leaders presented videos with accompanying speeches that recapped the year that was and predicted the future and where we all would be. After some hearty laughter, Student Leaders presented the Excellent Teacher Awards, commending a teacher for their outstanding efforts and patience in teaching a GAT class. Following this, our top Year 12 GAT student, Robin Lismann, delivered a moving and inspirational speech detailing how the Gifted and Talented Program shaped him. Finally, the night ended with the most anticipated part, the awards! Congratulations to all staff and students who received an award!

I want to express my sincerest thanks to the following individuals who assisted in several ways to ensure the success of the evening:

- Jess Tercier and the canteen staff - catering for the 240+ parents and students
- Miss Claire Mews & Miss Sidone Race - photography, marketing, and certificates
- Mrs Alanna Sherwood - speech and trophies
- All the GAT teachers in attendance
- GAT parents and students

Finally, I would like to take a moment to thank the Student Leaders. As mentioned above, the evening was organised and run by these wonderful individuals. From the night's run sheet and speeches, medal design and even the selection of the award winners, these highly capable students truly delivered in the lead-up to, and on the night of the Awards.



## Year 12 Class of 2023

### Farewell and Valedictory

On 26 October, our 2023 Year 12 students' Valedictory held a night to remember, marking the start of the next chapter as much as a farewell. Congratulations to our students on their completion of Year 12. We would like to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of our Year 12s, with special mention to our Award winners, who have shown exceptional dedication, resilience, and a commitment to excellence. Your hard work has truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of your accomplishments.

We would also like to thank all our Special Guests who joined us for the occasion; thank you to Sam Lim MP, Mayor Katy Mair, Councillor Karen Wheatland, Leading Seaman Acoustic Warfare Analyst Peter Cooper, P&C Committee President Karen Greenwood, and School Board Chair Nick Emeljanow. We wish all Year 12 students the best for success, happiness, and ongoing development as they begin this new chapter in their lives. We look forward to seeing your future accomplishments.



## Year 12 Awards

### Arts

Music: ATAR  
 Visual Arts: ATAR  
 Visual Arts: General  
 Design Graphics: ATAR  
 Design Graphics: General  
 Media Production and Analysis: ATAR  
 Media Production and Analysis: General  
 Certificate II in Creative Industries (Live Production)  
 Certificate III in Screen & Media  
 Certificate II in Visual Arts  
 Certificate II in Dance  
 Certificate III in Music Industries

Seren Price  
 Seren Price  
 Meghan Irving  
 Finn Edge  
 Sophie Foster  
 Holly Eades  
 Mia Pangiarella  
 Mia Pangiarella  
 Mia Pangiarella  
 Bianca Lindley  
 Lily-Jules Dougan  
 Joshua Pavlovich

### Technologies

Applied Information Technology: ATAR  
 Children, Family and Community: General  
 Food Science and Technology: General  
 Building and Construction: General  
 Materials, Design and Technology Wood: General  
 Certificate II in Engineering Pathways  
 Aviation: General

Millicent Ryder-Scullen  
 Gabrielle Gray  
 Nikolina Tesevic  
 Arvin Khosravi  
 Cameron Sully  
 Shahdi Harris  
 Bailey Anderson

### English

English: ATAR  
 English: General  
 Literature: ATAR  
 English as an Additional Language: ATAR

Finn Edge  
 Nikolina Tesevic  
 Daniel Shin  
 Xuan Bao Ngoc Nguyen

### Health and Physical Education

Health Studies: General  
 Health Studies: ATAR  
 Outdoor Education: General  
 Netball Specialist Certificate II in  
 Sport & Recreation/Sport Coaching and ECU  
 Short Course  
 Certificate II in Sport Coaching  
 Physical Education Studies: General  
 Physical Education Studies: ATAR

Ashlin Carlino  
 Robin Lismann  
 Robin Lismann

Lilianna Hardwick  
 Ben Elliott  
 Ben Elliott  
 Jacinta Nicholls

### Vocational Pathways Program

Workplace Learning: Endorsed (VPP)  
Vocational Pathways Program

### Mathematics

Mathematics Essential: General  
Mathematics Applications: ATAR  
Mathematics Methods: ATAR  
Mathematics Specialist: ATAR

### Science

Biology: ATAR  
Human Biology: ATAR  
Human Biology: General  
Chemistry: ATAR  
Physics: ATAR

### Chinese Language

Chinese First Language: ATAR  
Chinese Second Language: ATAR

### Humanities and Social Sciences

Economics: ATAR  
Modern History: ATAR  
Politics and Law: ATAR  
Accounting and Finance: ATAR  
Psychology: General  
Certificate II in Business  
Career and Enterprise: General

Alex Ferguson  
Jasmine Simes

Bryle Aeil Pitogo  
Saurabh Tantry  
Zhiqian Ye  
Harvard Chong

Gryphon Reed  
Jannah Safar  
Bryle Aiel Pitogo  
Albin Thomas  
Robin Lismann

Zhiqian Ye  
Xuan Bao Ngoc Nguyen

Jack Dyer  
Adam Lewis  
Chenitha Ariyaratna  
Zhiqian Ye  
Seren Price  
Sophie Gee  
Nurul Aisyah Sofea Mahzul

### Certificate of Merit

Siddhi Ajani  
Aliah Bartram  
Aaron Benness  
Tayla Byleveld  
Harvard Chong  
Rachel Ciesla  
Hazel Clark  
Carys Creed  
Joshua D'Souza  
Jack Dyer  
Finn Edge  
Erson Entalai

Erwin Entalai  
Zoe Garrity  
Hendrik Geldenhuys  
Gabrielle Gray  
Serena Huang  
Lucas Johns  
Samuel Loubser  
Caden Mancini  
Chloe Maroney  
Corey McCann  
Ezra Morgan  
Jacinta Nicholls

Joshua Pavlovich  
Justina Peter  
Seren Price  
Gryphon Reed  
Remy Robson  
Amal Sebastian  
Daniel Shin  
Albin Thomas  
Ryan Thurstun  
Irmuun Tulga  
Zachary Wholley

### Certificate of Distinction

Elena Danicic  
Maurice Lismann  
Robin Lismann  
Daniel Marin Martin  
Xuan Bao Ngoc Nguyen

Mathew Reed  
Jannah Saffar  
Saurabh Tantry  
Zhiqian Ye

**Dux General**  
Chloe Maroney

**Dux VET**  
Lailah Frazer

**Dux ATAR**  
Zhiqian Ye



## Year 12 Special Awards

Sam Hurst Memorial Award for  
Best Sportsman

Eben Prinsloo

Sam Hurst Memorial Award for  
Best Sportswoman

Tara Bell

P&C School Values Award

Erson Entalai

AMPOL All-rounder Award

Robin Lismann

ADF Long Tan Leadership  
and Teamwork Award

Ned Whennen

ADF Future Innovator Award

Thomas Curd

Cultural Award

Adam Lewis

Personal Excellence Award

Mathew Reed

Gifted and Talented Ambassador Award

Finn Edge

Academic Excellence Award for the

Gifted and Talented Program

Robin Lismann

