

## Congratulations to Year 12 2022 – HSC Results



On behalf of all at Canberra Grammar School, I am delighted to congratulate the Higher School Certificate (HSC) students of Year 12 2022.

While nearly half of all Year 12 students at the School have yet to receive results for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP), which will be released in early January, the great majority of all who received their HSC results this week can be very pleased indeed. Despite the profound disruptions to their senior years of schooling – with COVID lockdowns and restrictions impacting the crucial stages of their Year 11 studies, and with widespread staff and student illness impeding their Year 12 progress earlier this year – they have significantly outperformed expectation.

Although schools do not receive ATAR notifications under the NSW system, the majority of students have attained final results above their individual estimates, with the overall performance for the HSC group exceeding recent years in the upper bands.

We are especially pleased to congratulate Frida Meares, who is Dux of the HSC cohort with an ATAR of 99.65 and the truly extraordinary distinction of attaining state rankings in no less than three subjects: 14<sup>th</sup> in English Standard, 5<sup>th</sup> in Biology, and 7<sup>th</sup> in Software Design and Development.

We also congratulate Jack Bashford and Oscar Brown, who placed 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in the state respectively in Software Design and Development. In addition to those outstanding individual performances, it is an exceptional outcome for a subject to have three state placements in one year, with 83% of the School's candidates in the subject also in the top band.

Congratulations also go to Tara Southwell who placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the state in Primary Industries. Tara Southwell also attained an outstanding 98 in Standard Mathematics, while Oscar Brown attained 97 in Physics, as did Xander Phillips and Calvin Pickering in Software Design and Development.

Notable subject performances in the top band include Software Design and Development, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics Standard 2, Ancient History, Agriculture and Music 2. The majority of all subjects outperformed the state in the upper bands.

In addition, we are delighted that more than 85% of all students in the cohort attained early university offers prior to their results, with the great majority now gaining their upper preferences. Again, that is a superb achievement. Likewise, we congratulate students taking apprenticeships and vocational pathways, and we are very pleased to see a number of students pursuing study overseas, including on sporting scholarships.

The School warmly welcomes the continued growth and diversification of early and alternate entry routes to tertiary studies. Such pathways take account of broader personal and educational attributes than results alone. They can also reduce anxiety and undue focus on ATARs, and they provide students with confidence about their future options.

We look forward to congratulating the School's IBDP students on their results and their tertiary outcomes in January, noting that the year group's results are incomplete until then and that comparisons with HSC-only schools via media league tables are therefore invalid.

In the meantime, I congratulate all HSC students on their results and on their future pathways. I also thank them, along with their IBDP colleagues, for their outstanding leadership of the School, especially in challenging times.

In addition to their academic studies, they performed at the highest levels in music, dance and drama, with a number gaining impressive tertiary placements as a consequence. They proudly represented the School in a wide range of competitive sports. They presented art and design exhibitions. They organised House projects and carnivals. They instigated student-led service initiatives, and they raised record funds for charitable causes.

I also thank all staff for their dedicated teaching and support, especially amidst the trials of the past few years, and for their enormous efforts in working with students to secure such an exceptional array of tertiary opportunities. Likewise, I thank and congratulate parents. Their support in difficult times is to be honoured more than ever. I hope that their pride is matched by their own fulfilment.

Again, I thank Year 12 for their enormous contribution to the life of the School. I congratulate the HSC students on their success, and I wish them every happiness for the future.

Yours sincerely,

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