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Cover: Drum Major, Charles Gilpin (Year 10), leading The Scots College Pipes and Drums as part of the Massed Pipes and Drums for The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in August.

Inside Front Cover: Year 9 Adventure Academy boys, Will Scarf and Kalan Mitchell, on the last day of their five-day trip, coming out of Nelson Bay, north of Newcastle. The boys are sailing on the tall ship, *Søren Larsen*, towards Sydney late afternoon with a fresh north-easterly breeze.

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# From the Principal

In The Quest for Excellence through adventure, curiosity, creativity and personal growth, we emphasise that the most important skill a person can acquire is learning how to learn.

Teachability is not so much about competence and intellectual capacity as it is about attitude.

First and foremost, as a school, we seek to nurture an innate hunger to grow in the boys. It involves a willingness to learn, unlearn and relearn. Only as we remain teachable will we keep growing and continue to make an impact on the world. Education is a way of life and a lifelong process, it is not a period in life or an event in time.

Brave Hearts Bold Minds is our philosophy of education that captures the essence of our desire to educate young men who are: intellectually rigorous; curious and disciplined; and whose character is confident, consistent and courageous. As you read through this publication, I am sure you will be astonished by the height, depth and breadth of the boys' achievements. Their individual, collective and team efforts, across the campuses and age groups is truly impressive and something we should all feel proud of.

There is no more precious gift for a leader than the wisdom that can apply relevant values to give meaning to our boys' knowledge and experience. As we step into the new year with the lives of over 2,000 boys in our care, I am reminded of the challenge of Proverbs 4:6-7: "Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding."

Teachability is not so much about natural aptitude and mental capacity as it is about attitude, it is an innate hunger to grow. That spark of inspiration often comes from teachers who study children in their classes and teams carefully and design experiences. Motivation and encouragement – they can make all the difference in a boy's life and in the generations that follow him. Excellence occurs at the intersection of great teaching and passionate learning. In the words of Henry Brooks Adam:

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."

Scots to the fore!



**Dr Ian PM Lambert**

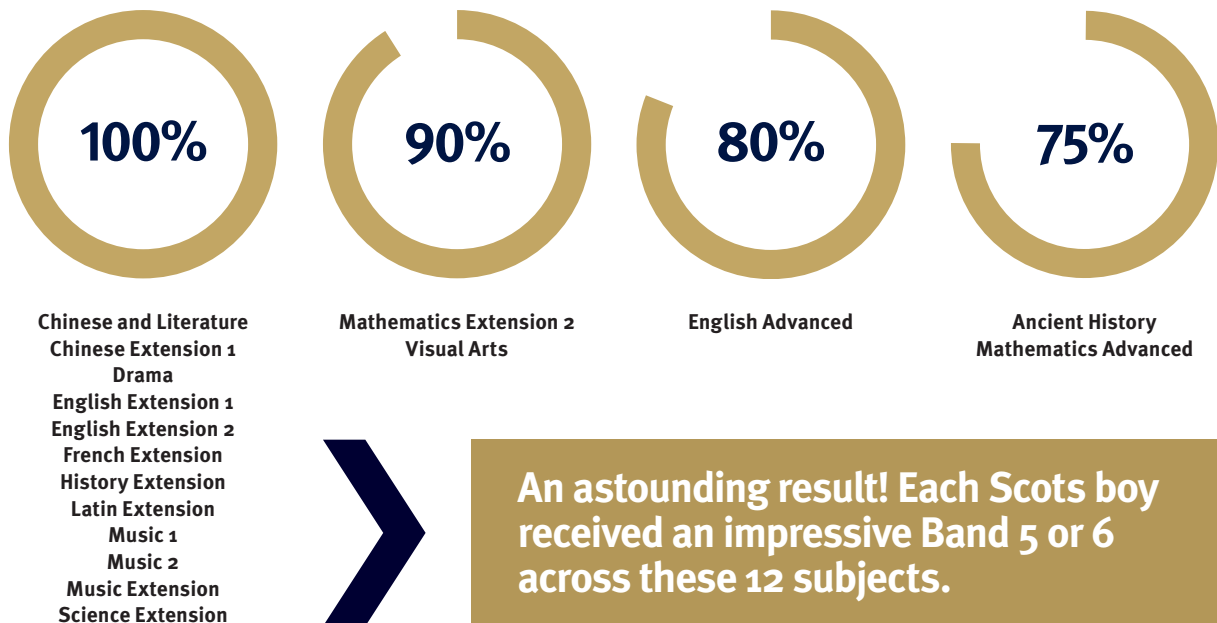
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# Academic Excellence

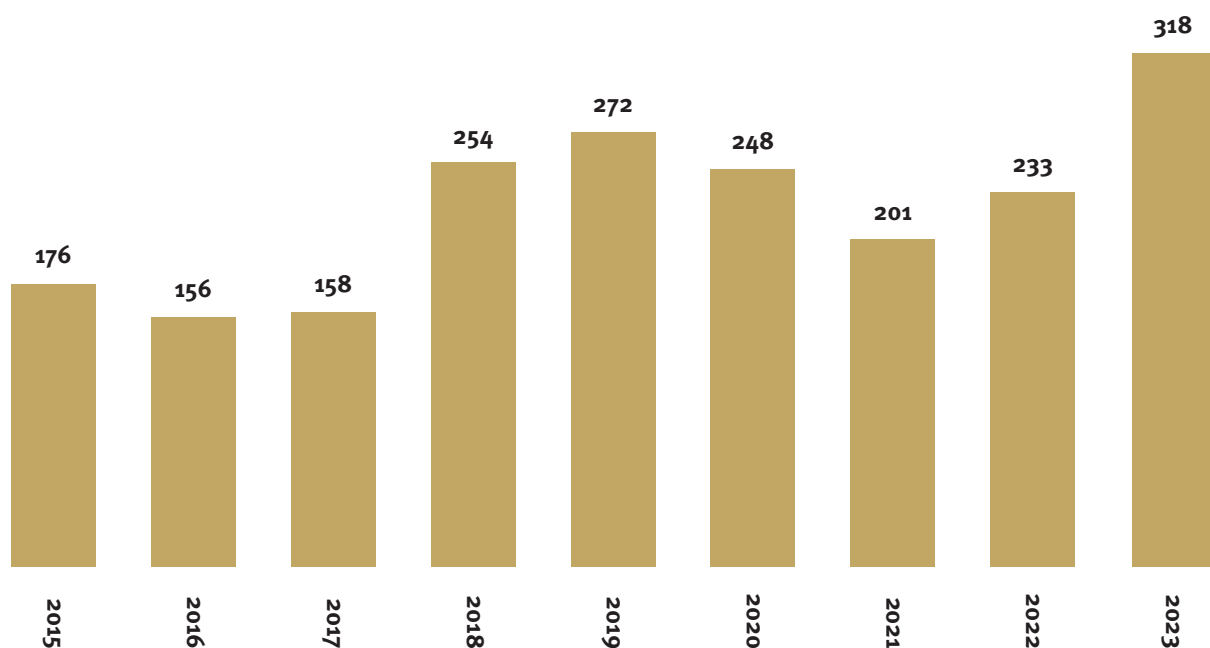
## Year 12 Achievements

Proportion of Boys in Top Two Bands by Subject



Number of Band 6 Results Awarded to Scots Boys

**36%** increase on the number of Band 6s awarded to Scots boys compared to last year.



## HSC Results

In the pursuit of excellence, Leadership Through Teams stands as an instrumental force. Creating a culture where academics are valued and we are able to harness the collective strength of a cohort is imperative as we continue to strive towards each boy achieving his academic excellence. In 2023, teachers worked tirelessly to craft lessons that motivated and encouraged boys to expand their knowledge and move outside their comfort zone. Purposeful academic workshops were carefully structured, refining examination strategies and consolidating specific subject matter to ensure the boys'

readiness for assessments. At the same time, positive dispositions such as commitment, perseverance and time management that are integral in the classroom were reinforced and extended through the excellent Sport and Co-Curricular programs on offer. The Scots experience embodies a unique synergy, uniting academic pursuits with sports and co-curricular activities, shaping the holistic growth of fine young men.

**Mrs Peta Austin**  
Director of Studies (10-12)



## 2023 State High Achievers



**Yurun (David) Wang**  
**Dux of the College**

2nd in Chemistry  
3rd in Mathematics Extension 2



**William Liu**  
**Proxime Accessit to the Dux**

2nd in Latin Extension  
5th in Mathematics Extension 2



**Douglas (Doug) Lewis**

11th in Modern History



**Archer Pullen**

9th in History Extension  
19th in Modern History

**7 State High Achiever Awards**  
**3 more than last year.**

## 2023 High Performers

**99.95** ATAR



**Yurun (David) Wang**  
Dux of the College

**Years at Scots** 2019-2023

**Subjects** Chemistry, English Advanced, Latin Continuers, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

**99.95** ATAR



**William Liu**  
Proxime Accessit to the Dux

**Years at Scots** 2018-2023

**Subjects** Chemistry, English Advanced, Latin Continuers, Latin Extension, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

**99.90** ATAR



**Felix Pham**

**Years at Scots** 2018-2023

**Subjects** Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics, Science Extension

**99.70** ATAR



**Jack Beck**

**Years at Scots** 2018-2023

**Subjects** Business Studies, Chemistry, English Advanced, History Extension, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Modern History

**99.70** ATAR



**Archer Pullen**

**Years at Scots** 2010-2023

**Subjects** Ancient History, Chemistry, English Advanced, History Extension, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Modern History

**99.55** ATAR



**Luke Forman**

**Years at Scots** 2018-2023

**Subjects** Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

**99.35** ATAR



**Hongyi (Stanley) Liu**

**Years at Scots** 2022-2023

**Subjects** Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics, Visual Arts

**98.95** ATAR



**Oscar Head**

**Years at Scots** 2012-2023

**Subjects** Business Studies, Chemistry, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1

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## 2023 High Performers

**98.95** ATAR



**Andrew Tan**

**Years at Scots** 2010-2023

**Subjects** Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

**98.90** ATAR



**Aayan Jagavkar**

**Years at Scots** 2018-2023

**Subjects** Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

**98.90** ATAR



**Michael Li**

**Years at Scots** 2018-2023

**Subjects** Biology, Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2

**98.85** ATAR



**Douglas (Doug) Lewis**

**Years at Scots** 2012-2023

**Subjects** Business Studies, English Advanced, Geography, History Extension, Mathematics Advanced, Modern History

**98.80** ATAR



**Leo Broadhurst**

**Years at Scots** 2010-2023

**Subjects** Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

**98.80** ATAR



**Kevin Yu**

**Years at Scots** 2018-2023

**Subjects** Chemistry, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Physics

**98.65** ATAR



**Jehiel Pather**

**Years at Scots** 2018-2023

**Subjects** Chemistry, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Physics, Science Extension

**98.25** ATAR



**Jordan Heydt**

**Years at Scots** 2021-2023

**Subjects** Business Studies, Chemistry, English Standard, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Physics

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## 2023 High Performers

**98.25** ATAR



**Manoli Macarounas**

**Years at Scots** 2018-2023

**Subjects** Biology, English Advanced, English Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Modern History

**98.20** ATAR



**Julian Podgornik**

**Years at Scots** 2011-2023

**Subjects** Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

**98.10** ATAR



**Rory O'Keefe**

**Years at Scots** 2011-2023

**Subjects** Chemistry, English Advanced, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Music 1

**98.05** ATAR



**Misha (Michael) Fry**

**Years at Scots** 2016-2023

**Subjects** Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, PDHPE, Physics

**97.90** ATAR



**Ruben Mead**

**Years at Scots** 2013-2023

**Subjects** Business Studies, Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Physics

**97.80** ATAR



**Jack Ruming**

**Years at Scots** 2018-2023

**Subjects** Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Modern History, Studies of Religion 1

**97.50** ATAR



**Max Hebblethwaite**

**Years at Scots** 2018-2023

**Subjects** Economics, English Advanced, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, History Extension, Modern History, Visual Arts

**97.50** ATAR



**Martin Lo**

**Years at Scots** 2014-2023

**Subjects** Biology, Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

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## 2023 High Performers

**97.40** ATAR



**Edward Black**

**Years at Scots** 2012-2023

**Subjects** Biology, Business Studies, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Spanish Beginners

**97.20** ATAR



**Rio Yu**

**Years at Scots** 2021-2023

**Subjects** Chemistry, English as an Additional Language/Dialect, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

**97.10** ATAR



**Scott Huang**

**Years at Scots** 2010-2023

**Subjects** Chemistry, English Advanced, English Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Music 1

**96.80** ATAR



**Oliver Lake**

**Years at Scots** 2018-2023

**Subjects** Business Studies, Chemistry, Chinese Continuers, Chinese Extension, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1

**96.75** ATAR



**Oliver Rouse**

**Years at Scots** 2016-2023

**Subjects** Chemistry, English Advanced, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, PDHPE

**96.70** ATAR



**Iwo Ellis**

**Years at Scots** 2018-2023

**Subjects** English Advanced, French Continuers, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Modern History, Studies of Religion 1

**96.70** ATAR



**Finn O'Neill**

**Years at Scots** 2012-2023

**Subjects** Drama, Economics, English Advanced, History Extension, Mathematics Advanced, Modern History

**96.60** ATAR



**Jack Levinson**

**Years at Scots** 2010-2023

**Subjects** Business Studies, Earth and Environmental Studies, English Advanced, Legal Studies, Mathematics Standard 2

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## 2023 High Performers

**96.40** ATAR



**Mateus Heslin**

**Years at Scots** 2021-2023

**Subjects** Engineering Studies, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, PDHPE, Physics

**96.35** ATAR



**Archibald (Archie) Taylor**

**Years at Scots** 2016-2023

**Subjects** Business Studies, Chemistry, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced

**95.85** ATAR



**Troy Kazal**

**Years at Scots** 2018-2023

**Subjects** Chemistry, English Advanced, French Continuers, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Modern History

**95.85** ATAR



**Mason O'Brien**

**Years at Scots** 2013-2023

**Subjects** Business Studies, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Physics

**95.60** ATAR



**Jeremy Lau**

**Years at Scots** 2019-2023

**Subjects** Ancient History, Economics, English Advanced, English Extension 1, History Extension, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1

**95.60** ATAR



**Oliver Sullivan**

**Years at Scots** 2018-2023

**Subjects** Business Studies, Chemistry, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1

**95.40** ATAR



**Thomas Bullock**

**Years at Scots** 2013-2023

**Subjects** Agriculture, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Modern History

**95.35** ATAR



**Cooper Stewart**

**Years at Scots** 2018-2023

**Subjects** Design and Technology, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Physics

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## 2023 High Performers

**95.35** ATAR



**Thomas Whitehead**

**Years at Scots** 2010-2023

**Subjects** Business Studies, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Physics, Software Design and Technology

**95.25** ATAR



**William (Will) Destro**

**Years at Scots** 2010-2023

**Subjects** Ancient History, Business Studies, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1

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Impressively, this year boys who were awarded an ATAR of 95 and above increased by **17%**

## HSC Showcase Nominations

**ENCORE** is a program of outstanding performances and compositions by students from the HSC Music examinations held at the Sydney Opera House.

**OnSTAGE** is a presentation and exhibition of group and individual performances and projects by HSC Drama students.



**Marques Enari**

**ENCORE Nomination (Music)**  
Music 1 (Performance – Piano)



**Harvey Faulkner**

**ENCORE Nomination (Music)**  
Music 2 (Performance – Guitar)  
Music Extension  
(Performance – Guitar)



**Jasper Bisley**

**OnSTAGE Nomination**  
Individual Performance –  
*Shadow Boxing* by  
James Gaddas



**Edward (Ed) Wright**

**OnSTAGE Nomination**  
Individual Performance –  
*The Tell-Tale Heart* by  
Edgar Allen Poe



# 2023 Dux Profiles



**Year 6**  
**Qiyuan (Marcus) Zhu**  
 Lambert, Brighton  
 Preparatory School

Marcus was Brighton Preparatory School's Head Boy and Dux. He displays responsibility, skill and maturity in leadership, community service. He was awarded five College prizes and recognised for his public speaking and debating skills, musicianship and sporting achievements.



**Year 6**  
**Godric Li**  
 Edyvean, Senior  
 Preparatory School

Godric received The Graeme Thorne Memorial Prize for Dux of the Senior Preparatory School. He is in the Honours Program for English and Mathematics. Godric was also named Captain of the Preparatory School Ski Team that won the 2023 NSW/ACT/QLD Interschools Snowsport Championships.



**Year 7**  
**Christopher Assaad**  
 James Bee,  
 Middle School

Christopher has made a significant contribution to Year 7, as a supportive and encouraging member of his cohort. Christopher's significant impact on Debating earned him the Debating Award during the Great Public Schools season. Christopher's achievements highlight his dedication and outstanding character.



**Year 8**  
**Andrew Xie**  
 Brandt,  
 Middle School

Andrew is a dedicated and focused student who excels in College life and models commitment to academic growth. Andrew's involvement with the Chamber Strings ensemble and Tennis program, demonstrates his commitment to a team.



**Year 9**  
**William Porter**  
 James Bee,  
 Middle School

William was awarded The Reverend Victor Clark-Duff Prize for the Dux of Year 9. He demonstrates commitment to College life, is academically-driven and sets himself extremely high standards in all subjects. William represented the College at The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo as a member of the College B Band.



**Year 10**  
**Zhenpei (Lucas) Zhu**  
 Brandt,  
 Senior School

Lucas is well respected by peers and staff. He was awarded The Nathan China Memorial Prize for Science and Mathematics, The Fred Pollock Prize for Mathematics Extension, The University of Sydney Year 10 Academic Excellence Award and The David Hastie Memorial Prize for The Dux of Year 10. Lucas's contribution extends to Tennis, Chess and Music.



**Year 11**  
**Patrick Hield**  
 Anderson,  
 Senior School

Patrick is dedicated, resilient and cooperative. Patrick received The College Prize for Latin, The Guy K White Memorial Prize for Year 11 Physics, The College Prize for Year 12 Mathematics Extension 1 and The Reverend Dr George Davidson Prize for the Dux of Year 11.



**Year 12**  
**Yurun (David) Wang**  
 Gilchrist,  
 Senior School

David achieved second place in the state for Chemistry and third place in the state for Mathematics Extension 2. He achieved an impeccable Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0. David has earned numerous College prizes: five in 2021, four in 2022 and five in 2023.

# NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian schools in 2008. In March, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 were assessed using national tests in Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

As a response to the 2019 National School Reform Agreement in 2023, the NAPLAN test results are now being reported using proficiency standards. The NAPLAN proficiency standards include four proficiency levels

for each assessment area at each year level: Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs additional support. Descriptions of the NAPLAN proficiency levels can be read at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au).

## Results 2023

### The Preparatory School

Combined Exceeding and Strong Standards

	Year 3	Year 5
Reading	93%	92%
Writing	84%	93%
Spelling	89%	91%
Grammar and Punctuation	83%	86%
Numeracy	96%	96%

### The Middle School

Combined Exceeding and Strong Standards

	Year 7	Year 9
Reading	90%	85%
Writing	88%	67%
Spelling	89%	85%
Grammar and Punctuation	87%	77%
Numeracy	96%	91%

## ScotsX: A School Within a School

The new ScotsX pilot program launched in 2023 with a diverse group of 20 Year 8 boys. It has been a significant leap forward in Scots vision for Reinventing Education.

ScotsX is a parallel 'school within a school' experience, redesigning learning together with a team of expert adults, without the fixed mindset of 'what school should be'. To read more about the ScotsX program, please visit the College website at [www.scots.college/scotsx](http://www.scots.college/scotsx).

### Excellent Results for ScotsX

- Students achieve an average improvement of 23 percent in Mathematics compared with their end of Year 7 results, with individual improvement up to 66 percent.
- Students are placed in the top 10 percent of their global cohort in their confidence in learning challenging things.
- Students are placed in the top 15 percent of their global cohort in perceptions of their relationships with teachers.
- The parent satisfaction score of 95.

# A Collective Quest for Excellence

Through the diversity of our programs, boys' abilities begin to unfold.

## Preparatory School

### Helping Others

In Term 2, the Preparatory School boys learnt about community service and helped OzHarvest by organising and delivering food to local charities. (Photo 1)

### An Award-Winning Playground

The newly-constructed playground, Thistlewood, won the Silver Award in the prestigious 2023 Landscape Excellence Awards in the commercial and civil construction category from The Landscape Association. (Photo 2)



### Prize-Winning Art

Visual Arts students in the Early Learning Centre and Junior Preparatory School frequently find inspiration in the world around them. In September, from more than 160 entries, Woollahra Municipal Council announced the winners of their 'Caring for Our Environment' Kids Truck Art Competition and five Scots boys were among them! George Keogh (Year 4) was one of eight winners. Travis Guo (Year 2), Henry Parsons (Year 1), Cyrus Sun (Year 3) and Yiwei Xia (Year 1) were runners-up.



George Keogh's (Year 4) winning entry in Woollahra Municipal Council's 'Caring for Our Environment' Kids Truck Art Competition, asking people to "Save the turtles".



Cyrus Sun's (Year 3) message in his artwork was easy to remember, "Quit littering".



Travis Guo's (Year 2) artwork invites positive action, "Everybody we can stop littering".



Henry Parsons's (Year 1) entry features dark blue water and dramatic fish, reminding us to "Respect the ocean".



Yiwei Xia's (Year 1) goal for environmental care was beautifully illustrated with the title, "Protecting Our Oceans".





## Middle School and Senior School

Jordon Davis Warrington (Year 7) was a Head On Photo Festival 2023 photography award finalist for his entry, *Loving and Living the Dream*. (Photo 1)

Patrick Kelly (Year 9) was the recipient of two awards at the Waverley Youth Art Prize for 2023. The two awards were first place in the Intermediate category and the Mayor’s Highly Commended. His entry to this year’s theme ‘Climate Utopia’ was a digital artwork designed with Adobe Photoshop and NightCafe Creator, and the image was printed on an A1 cotton rag. (Photo 2)

David Dickson’s (Year 11) A3 oil painting, *My Grandfather*, was selected as a finalist for the 2023 Young Archie competition at the Art Gallery of New South Wales. (Photo 3)

Year 11s Charles Brann (Photo 4), Hugo Owen-Jones and Alexander Tumasovs were selected to attend the National Art School 2023 HSC Art Intensive Studio Practice in July and September for two weeks. The boys were selected from 300 applications across NSW.

### Honey from the Garden

The Year 8 Produce to Market class visited Bannockburn, including nearby Callala Community Garden, for an immersive experience in the organic gardens and collected prize-winning honey – winning first and second place at the 2023 Nowra Show in February. (Photo 5)

# Co-Curricular Excellence

Scots boys enjoy experiences designed to educate, in every way.

## Brighton Prep

### The Jungle Book Musical

Years 5 and 6 boys performed in Brighton Prep's inaugural musical, *The Jungle Book*. (Photo 1)

## Preparatory School

### Dance

Year 6 boys, Axel Wing and Harry Little hold the award received at the DanceLife Unite eisteddfod, where Preparatory School's Senior Dance Company placed third and the Junior Dance Company scored one point off High Commendation! (Photo 2) At the DanceLife Unite Sydney Regionals 2.0, the boys received two fourth places and a High Commendation.

### Drama

At the Sydney Eisteddfod, Senior Drama Company boys, Spencer Coonan (Year 6), Jack Nairn (Year 6), Xavier El-Hassan (Year 6) and Sebastian Cheng (Year 6), made an impressive team (Photo 3).

The Senior Drama Company won in the 11 years and 12 years monologues, second and third place in the 12 years duologue plus a number of highly commended places. The Junior Drama Company won the 10 years duologue.

### Chess

The Scots A Preparatory School Chess team, LJ Zhang (Year 5), Nate Clarke (Year 5), Hank Zhu (Year 5), Anders Edmond (Year 6) and Zachary Wong (Year 3), embraced their best critical thinking, winning first place in the Metropolitan East Region championship in Term 3. (Photo 4)

## Middle School and Senior School

### Distinctive Drama

Teddy Ovenden (Year 7) was convincing in the role of 'the grandmother' in the Middle School's production of *The Witches*, Term 3. (Photo 5)

### Summer Music School

In the Term 2 holidays, several College musicians attended the vibrant St Andrews' Summer Music School/The Scots College Scotland Music Tour in Edinburgh, Glasgow and St Andrews, Scotland.

### RockNess

Musicians from Years 5 to 12 performed at the Paddo RSL for the annual RockNess rock festival in August – in a professional setting with a live audience. (Photo 6)

### Manly Jazz

Big Band 1 was selected by audition to participate in the annual Manly Jazz festival in September. (Photo 7)

### Stunning Richard III

William Kazal (Year 7) holds the knife while Kary Manolas (Year 7) looks on in a scene of Shakespeare's *Richard III* – a Years 7 to 12 co-production between SCEGGS Darlinghurst and Scots in November. (Photo 8)

### Champion Debaters

In May, the 1sts Eastside Debating team won the Eastside Debating Championship for the first time in the school's history – thanks to the sophisticated arguments of Cameron Lau (Year 11), Samuel Ireland (Year 10), Max Hebblethwaite (Year 12), Captain of Public Speaking, Archer Pullen (Year 12) and Will Destro (Year 12). (Photo 9)





## Three Wins for Robotics!

In December, at the VEX Robotics 2023-24 Australian National Championships in Adelaide, Hero He (Year 10), Douglas Jiang (Year 12), Laurence Li (Year 7) and Kevin Zhang (Year 7) were crowned runner-up, Tournament Finalist, the Build Award and Robot Skills Champions.



## Co-Curricular Excellence Highlights at a Glance

- Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival, Big Band 1 – Gold Award
- Pipes and Drums A Band – NSW Pipe Band Champions
- Pipes and Drums B Band – NSW Pipe Band Champions
- Senior School Ethics Olympiad Regional NSW Heat – 1st place
- Sydney Eisteddfod, Blue Note – 2nd place
- Senior School Ethics Olympiad International Final – 5th place



# Pipes and Drums Play to the Full

It was an extraordinary year for Pipes and Drums. There were even sold-out audiences and standing ovations – in Sydney, New York and Edinburgh.

## Pipes and Drums Shine in Scotland

In Edinburgh, A Band and B Band competed in two major championships and two highland games. Both bands put on some outstanding performances and gained significant recognition.

### A Band Results

- World Pipe Band Championships – 3rd place
- Scottish Pipe Band Championships – 3rd place
- North Berwick Highland Games – 2nd place
- Bridge of Allan Highland Games – 1st place

### B Band Results

- World Pipe Band Championships – 8th place
- Scottish Pipe Band Championships – 7th place
- North Berwick Highland Games – 8th place
- Bridge of Allan Highland Games – 10th place



## Where Pipes and Drums Performed

### March – Sydney, Australia

On Commonwealth Day, Pipes and Drums performed at New South Wales Parliament House for the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC and other distinguished guests.

### April – New York, USA

The Pipes and Drums visited The Buckley School in California, performing for students and staff, then in Bryant Park for the New York City Tartan Week. They also combined and performed as a massed band with St Columba's School Pipe Band from Kilmacollm, Scotland. They performed as a flash mob in Grand Central Station and marched down Sixth Avenue in the New York City Tartan Day Parade to the cheers of the supporters who lined the street. (Photo 1)

### April – Sydney, Australia

On Anzac Day, The Scots College Full Highland band led the 2023 Anzac Day March, Senior Drum Major, Beau White (Year 12) led the band until they reached the Pool of Reflection in Hyde Park, Sydney.

### July to August – Edinburgh, Scotland

In August, at the World Pipe Band Championships held in Glasgow, Scotland, The Scots College Pipes and Drums A Band place third in the world and B Band place eighth – after an extremely successful trip to The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. (Photo 2)

# Sport Excellence



## Athletics

The Senior Athletics team were awarded the Athletic Association of the Great Public Schools (AAGPS) Premiership shield after winning the 127th AAGPS Athletics Championships in September. Throughout the year, athletes exemplified the power of collective effort.

## Basketball

The 1sts Basketball team won a bronze medal in the Under 17s top division at the Australian Schools Championships on the Gold Coast in December.

## Equestrian



The College's Equestrian team competed at the North West Equestrian Expo held in Connabarabran in June. Samuel Doolin (Year 10) guided his horse over a jump in the six-bar challenge, a knock-out competition where the bar height is raised with each round and must be cleared.

## Rifle Shooting

In September, at the Long Range National Titles in Victoria, the College's Rifle Shooting team was victorious in all podium positions for the 1000 Yards and the Warracknabeal Open.

## Rowing



In March, the 1st VIII Rowing crew banded together in front of their supporters before competing in the 2023 AAGPS Head of the River, where they managed a hard-earned third place. The Year 10 1st VIII competed at the National Rowing Championships in Perth, also in March, claiming fourth place against the nation's best.





## Sailing

Year 11's, Ben Crafoord and Jacob Marks, led at the 2023 29er World Sailing Championships in the United Kingdom from July to August, placing seventh. The Scots racing squad won the 2023 Australian Schools Teams Racing Championships for the third consecutive year.

In the same competition, the 2nds beat all the other 1sts teams, finishing second! The 1sts won the 2023 Interdominion Schools Teams Racing Championships, against the best Australian and New Zealand schools.

## Snowsports

The Snowsports team secured the overall Champion Secondary Boys School at the Sydney Regional Interschools Snowsport Championships for the 22nd time and the overall Champion Secondary Boys School at the NSW/ACT/QLD Interschools Snowsport Championships for the 20th time.

## Swimming

Tate Sirianni (Year 10) achieved a personal best, representing the NSW Combined Independent Schools (NSWCIS) at the NSW All Schools Championships in June. Captain of Swimming, Archie Taylor, was selected as Captain of the AAGPS Representative Swimming team.

## Tennis

Finley Dyer (Year 11) competed at the School Sport Australia Tennis Championships (known as the Jack Pizzey Cup Competition). Representing NSW, he won all his singles games and four of his five doubles games – assisting NSW to ultimately win the Jack Pizzey Cup. As a result, Finn was selected for the Australian Team 2023.

## Volleyball

In December, Scots won the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup in the Year 10 Honour Division – the first time in College history! As well, a Year 8 team, including three Year 7s, won their national title in the Year 8 Division 2 competition – the highest a Scots Junior Volleyball team has ever finished.

## Water Polo

In Water Polo, Year 11 boys, Felix Pal and Oliver Hughes represented the NSWCIS Secondary Boys 17 and Under Water Polo Team at the Australian Schools Invitational Water Polo Championships held in July. The NSWCIS team missed out on the gold medal by just one goal!



# A Sport Excellence Snapshot

## Preparatory School

- James Wilken (Year 6) became the fastest ever boy to run 100m in the history of the Tomlinson Cup at the House Carnival in June.
- Twelve boys qualified to represent the Independent Primary School Heads of Australia (IPSHA) at the Combined Independent Schools (CIS) Athletics Championships.
- The Senior Athletics 4 x 100m Relay team competed at the NSW CIS Primary Athletics Championships, setting a new record of 52:00, qualifying for the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships, where they finished second and the Junior 4x100m Relay team finished sixth.
- In July, Elliot Webster (Year 4) won the 10 Years Boys 2000m at the NSW PSSA Cross Country Championships. He then represented NSW at the School Sport Australia Championship in August, placing third.
- Two Year 6 boys represented NSW CIS: Ari Soste (Year 6) in AFL and Finn Hoskins (Year 6) in Touch Football.
- Seb Tucker (Year 5) and Sebastian Cheng (Year 6) represented Australia, competing in nearly every Optimist class regatta on the sailing calendar.
- Senior Prep boys Swimming relay teams were IPSHA, CIS and NSW PSSA State Champions.
- The Junior Prep Swimming relay team earned a bronze at the NSW PSSA – State Championships.
- Lewis Jewell (Year 5) represented NSW in swimming at the Australian All Schools Swimming Championships, winning the 50m fly and freestyle.
- Beau Haigh (Year 6) and Terence Tzaneros (Year 6) were selected for the NSW CIS Schools Rugby League team.
- The 10A Blue and 12A Rugby teams secured undefeated seasons and the 10A Gold and 12C Rugby teams only suffered one loss in the ten rounds.
- Year 6 boys, Hugo Clarke, Beau Haigh, Finn Hoskins, Samuel McRitchie and Benjamin Stuart represented the winning NSW CIS Team at the NSW PSSA Rugby Championships in Camden, then Hugo, Finn and Beau were selected for the state team.
- The Preparatory School Snowsports team won the NSW/ACT/QLD State Interschools Snowsport Championships boys school trophies and were on track for success at the Australian Interschools Snowsports Championships. Unfortunately, the 2023 Australian Interschools Snowsport Championships in Victoria were cancelled due to poor snow conditions.
- Colby Kuo (Year 6) was selected for the IPSHA Tennis Team.

## Middle School and Senior School

- AAGPS Athletics Championships – Premiership
- Opens Athletics 4x400m Relay, High Jump, 1500m, 400m – AAGPS Champions
- 1sts Rifle Shooting WS Josephson Shield – AAGPS 1st place
- 3rd XV Rugby – AAGPS Premiership (undefeated premiers)
- Interdominion Schools Teams Racing Championships (1sts team) – Champions
- Australian Secondary Schools Sailing Teams Racing – National Champions
- NSW Secondary Schools Sailing Teams Racing (1sts team) – State Champions
- NSW/ACT/QLD Interschools Snowsport Championships – State Champions
- Australian Beach Volleyball – National Champions
- Australian Volleyball Schools Cup, Year 10 Honour Division – Champions
- 2nds Volleyball – AAGPS Premiers
- 2nds Basketball – AAGPS 2nd place
- 2nd XI Cricket – AAGPS 2nd place
- Cross Country – AAGPS 2nd Place
- NSW Rifle Association All Schools – 2nd place
- NSW Secondary Schools Sailing Teams Racing (2nds team) – Runner-up
- 1sts Tennis – AAGPS 2nd place
- 2nds Tennis – AAGPS 2nd place
- 1sts Volleyball – AAGPS 2nd place
- 2nds Water Polo – AAGPS 2nd place
- 1sts Basketball – AAGPS 3rd place
- 1st XI Football – AAGPS 3rd place
- 1sts Rifle Shooting Buchanan Shield and Rawson Cup – AAGPS 3rd place
- 1st VIII Rowing – AAGPS 3rd place
- 1sts XV Rugby – AAGPS 3rd place
- 2nds XV Rugby – AAGPS 3rd place
- Table Tennis, NSW Secondary Schoolboys Challenge Cup – 3rd place
- 1sts Water Polo – AAGPS 3rd place

# Staff Excellence

In 2023, Scots' vision for reinvention of the learning paradigm was recognised and staff reached new heights in their careers.

## The Outdoor Experience Enriches Learning

Coordinator of Student Experience, Mr Jeff Mann, completed his PhD in 2023, finishing a seven-year journey which began when he was the Head of Outdoors at Glengarry.

His thesis by publication contained five published papers, including an international review of 150 studies measuring the benefits for school students of learning outside the classroom in *Frontiers in Public Health* in 2022. As well as a book chapter on the links between outdoor learning and the 21st century skills: critical thinking, creativity, communication and collaboration in *High-Quality Outdoor Learning: Evidence-based Education Outside the Classroom for Children, Teachers and Society*, he also published a case study at Scots measuring school engagement and 21st century skills before, during and after the Glengarry program in *Frontiers in Psychology* in 2023.

Mr Mann's research confirmed the Scots imperative of boys learning through experience (one of the Patribus Initiatives), which is not only seen at Glengarry but also in many spaces in the College, such as the Early Learning Centre's Reggio Emilia educational philosophy, the College's Sport and Co-Curricular activities and the ScotsX program.

Mr Mann's research has already had a significant impact in academic literature, being cited in 97 subsequent published articles at the time of writing.



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# Researching Real Life

Through Scots involvement with the International Boys' Schools Coalition (IBSC), the Research Office continued to be known as a global leader in boys' education.

Thirteen staff represented Scots at the 2023 IBSC Annual Conference in Auckland, New Zealand, in July, delivering a number of presentations and discussions.

The College's Head of Indigenous Education, Ms Justine Koliou, was announced as the winner of the 2023 IBSC Action Research Award. The action research leadership team were unanimous in their praise of her submission, noting the clarity and erudition of the project: *My Wounds, My Country, My Masculinities: How Mentors Can Support Indigenous Boys' Exploration of Masculinity*.

In addition, Director of Research and Learning Innovation, Dr Rob Loe, co-authored a book which was published in 2023: *Thinking Critically and Ethically about Research Education: Engaging with Voice and Empowerment in International Contexts*.



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# International and National Recognition

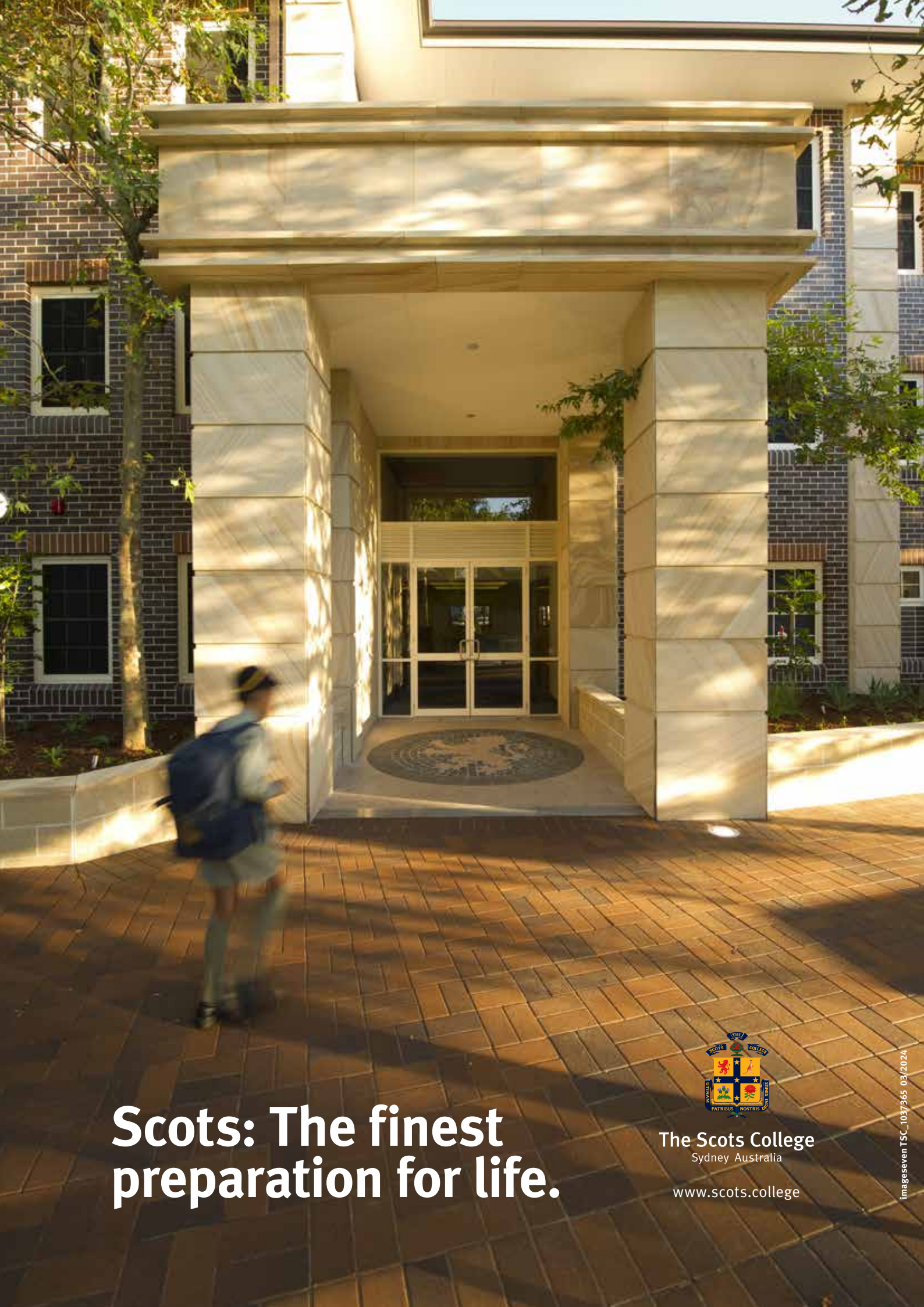
The Scots College was awarded Best International School of Australia 2023 by *The Education View* for its dedication to education utilising modern teaching methods.

The College's Music Department was recognised by the Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) as a 'Top 10 Most Outstanding Accredited School' for 2023. It is the third consecutive year winning this accolade. This national

award recognises the diversity of the College entrants in music performance and theory examinations, including diploma candidates, and their relative success in these examinations over a 12-month period.







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