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Cover: Tiberio Gambacorti (Year 8); Bruce House Captain, Cooper Guerin (Year 12); Prefect and Captain of Music, Patrick Gao (Year 12) and Hendrix Littleford (Year 8) stand on the Main Oval near the John Cunningham Student Centre in May 2025.

Inside Front Cover: Visual Arts student, Charlie Lambshed's (Year 10) stunning photograph of Bronte Beach, taken from one of its surrounding roads at sunset.

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From the Principal



The journey from being a Scots boy to a fine young man is not always straightforward or easy. There are developmental growth and learning phases that need to be defined, understood and well-resourced. What a wonderful blessing that we are all so different!

A cookie-cutter approach to educational provision will not serve to personalise and meet the different needs of boys. Our hope is that boys will graduate Year 12 as young men of courage and conviction with intellectual, emotional and spiritual insight and resilience – young men of character.

Boys learn because they are inspired and challenged. Every time an idea is mentioned, a project suggested, new approaches explored and imagination ignited, we want the boys to be excited and passionate about their learning and growth.


It is well known in Australia, and throughout the world, that Scots is one of the few schools that devotes time and resources into researching the growth, development and education of boys. The College is devoted to researching all aspects of a boy's educational journey, so that he can truly flourish in mind, body and spirit.

Real connection with students and their families retains and builds a deeper sense of community – one that nurtures every student. Meaningful partnerships with business and industry leaders, community groups and boys, co-educational and girls' schools encourage boys to contribute and assist others in situations that require respect and mutual growth.

As you read this College publication, *2025 Excellence*, you will see Academic, Co-Curricular and Sport highlights from across the campuses, attributed to boys of all ages. Students, athletes, performers and musicians have had extensive adventures and learning experiences – discovering more about the opportunities that life can offer, how they can serve others meaningfully, working together, and how they can connect with their very own sense of purpose. They are encouraged to consider timeless themes like Curiosity, Exploration, Wonder, Mastery, Belonging, Adventure and Courage and how they can apply them to life.

Every young graduate excels in fields where his gifts and abilities enable him to flourish. Every Scots boy has the finest preparation for life.

Scots to the fore!

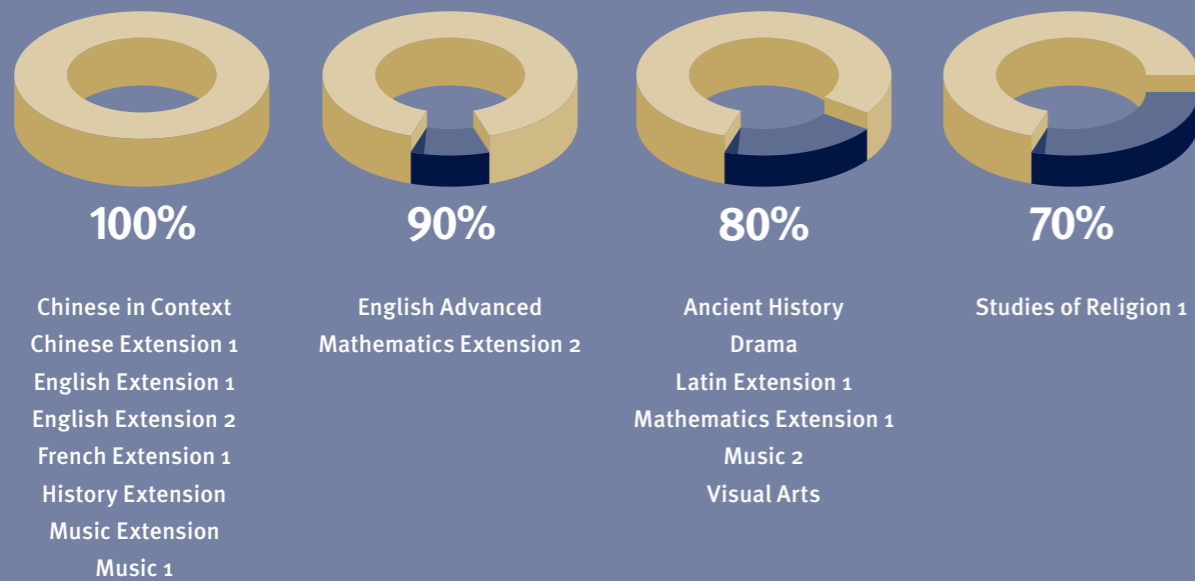


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Principal

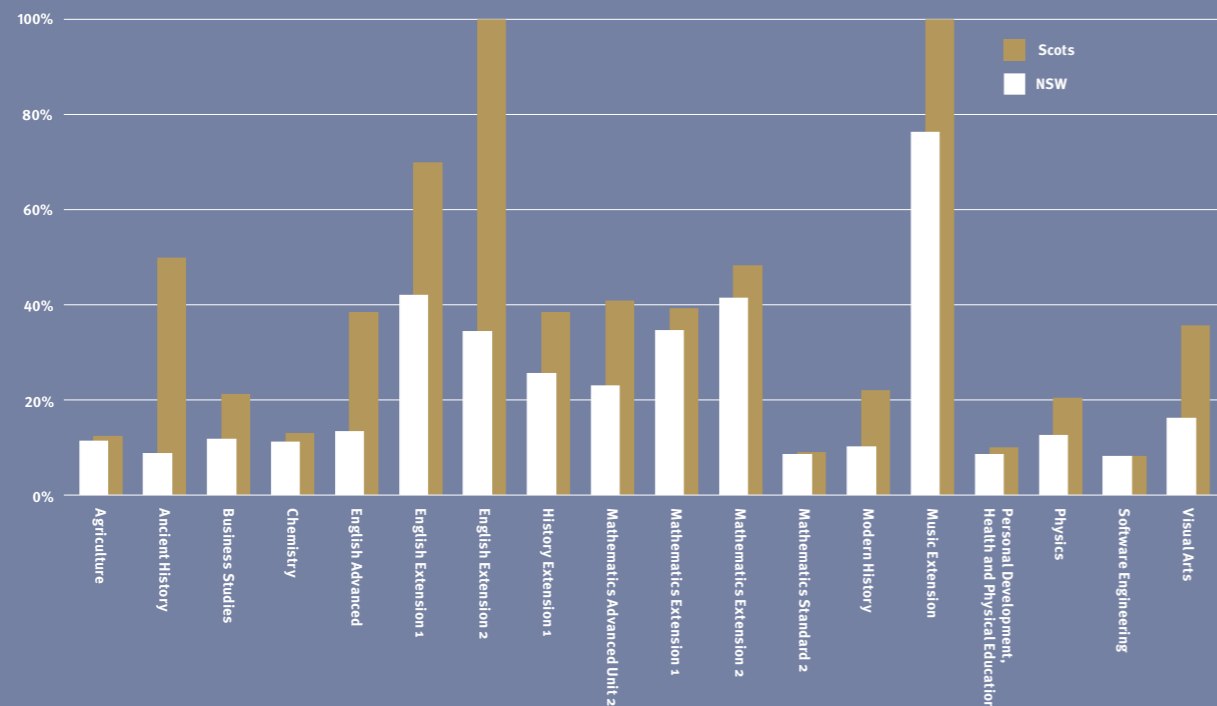
Academic Excellence

Year 12 Achievements

Proportion of Boys in Top Two Bands by Course



Scots Boys Awarded Band 6/E4
Compared to the state average



HSC Results

Throughout 2025, the embodiment of our core College value of The Quest for Excellence has continued to define academic life. Fostering and embedding a communal experience of academic rigour amidst holistic Co-Curricular and Sport development has remained central to College life, with each boy encouraged to pursue his full potential both cognitively and in the development of his character.

Teachers have continued to deliver high-quality learning experiences that expand boys in mind and heart, encouraging them to see the benefit that their own academic growth can make to the wider communities that they find themselves connected to locally, nationally and globally.

Tailored Academic enrichment sessions and rigorous feedback cycles were designed and delivered to

enhance student preparation for, and capacity during, examinations. Meanwhile, holistic development and high performance continued to mark the experience of students in the College's extensive and high-performing Sport and Co-Curricular programs.

In all these pursuits, the College's commitment to the development of each boy as a uniquely gifted person imbued with infinite worth by God has remained central to life and learning at the College.

Mr Matthew Driscoll

Director of Teaching and Learning (7-12)



2025 State High Achievers

Students who have placed in the top 20 in their subjects across New South Wales.



Zhenpei (Lucas) Zhu
(2024 Results)
1st in Mathematics Extension 1
2nd in Mathematics Advanced



Mohan (Daniel) Cao
13th in Modern History
15th in English Advanced

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Teachers have continued to deliver high-quality learning experiences that expand boys in mind and heart ...

2025 High Performers

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Zhenpei (Lucas) Zhu
Dux of the College
Years at Scots 2015-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, English Advanced, Latin Continuers, Latin Extension, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

99.90 ATAR



Mohan (Daniel) Cao
Years at Scots 2016-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Modern History, Physics

99.90 ATAR



Xiang (Sean) Li
Years at Scots 2023-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

99.85 ATAR



Parker Wu
Proxime Accessit to the Dux
Years at Scots 2020-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

99.60 ATAR



Ricky Wang
Years at Scots 2020-2025
Subjects: English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Modern History, Music 2, Physics

99.45 ATAR



Patrick Gao
Years at Scots 2020-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Music, Physics

99.45 ATAR



Peter Sklavos
Years at Scots 2011-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

99.15 ATAR



Jinmin (Daniel) Kim
Years at Scots 2023-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics, Science Extension

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2025 High Performers

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Anderson Zhao
Years at Scots 2022-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

98.60 ATAR



Lawrence Hur
Years at Scots 2020-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

98.35 ATAR



Thomas Gale
Years at Scots 2020-2025
Subjects: Business Studies, Chemistry, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1

98.35 ATAR



Charles (Charlie) Howes
Years at Scots 2019-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

98.00 ATAR



Thomas (Tom) Juracich
Years at Scots 2016-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, English Advanced, Economics, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2

97.95 ATAR



Roland Zhang
Years at Scots 2013-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, English Advanced, French Continuers, French Extension, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

97.90 ATAR



Samuel Ireland
Years at Scots 2020-2025
Subjects: Business Studies, English Advanced, English Extension 1, History Extension, Modern History, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

97.80 ATAR



Maximo Di Blasio
Years at Scots 2020-2025
Subjects: English Advanced, Chemistry, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

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2025 High Performers

97.80 ATAR



Toby Pallett

Years at Scots 2016-2025
Subjects: Business Studies, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

97.50 ATAR



Lachlan Hindmarsh

Years at Scots 2011-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2

97.45 ATAR



Charles Treffry

Years at Scots 2016-2025
Subjects: Biology, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Visual Arts

97.35 ATAR



Ewan O'Sullivan

Years at Scots 2012-2025
Subjects: Business Studies, Economics, English Advanced, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, Mathematics Standard 2

97.30 ATAR



Oliver Carmont

Years at Scots 2018-2025
Subjects: Ancient History, Economics, English Advanced, History Extension, Mathematics Advanced, Modern History

97.20 ATAR



Luke Lapanaitis

Years at Scots 2012-2025
Subjects: Business Studies, Economics, English Advanced, History Extension, Mathematics Advanced, Modern History

97.20 ATAR



Pinshang (Pin) Liu

Years at Scots 2020-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, English as an Additional Language/Dialect, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

97.15 ATAR



Harry D'Angelo

Years at Scots 2011-2025
Subjects: Biology, Business Studies, English Advanced, Economics, Mathematics Standard 2

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97.15 ATAR



Angus Nielson

Years at Scots 2018-2025
Subjects: English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Physics, Software Engineering, Visual Arts

97.10 ATAR



Hugh Caldwell

Years at Scots 2020-2025
Subjects: Business Studies, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Studies of Religion 1

97.05 ATAR



Thomas Dewar

Years at Scots 2018-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

96.80 ATAR



Edward Anderson

Years at Scots 2016-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

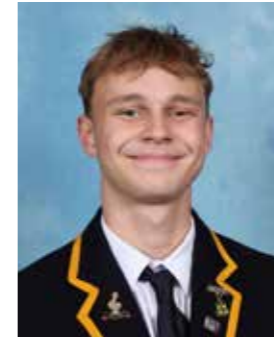
96.80 ATAR



Alexander Reid

Years at Scots 2013-2025
Subjects: Business Studies, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

96.80 ATAR



Lachlan Warburton

Years at Scots 2012-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, English Advanced, Latin Continuers, Latin Extension, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Physics

96.70 ATAR



Teerasit (Phillips) Laohaprasit

Years at Scots 2022-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2

96.50 ATAR



Kevin Liu

Years at Scots 2020-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

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2025 High Performers

96.45 ATAR



Ben Cotroneo

Years at Scots 2017-2025
Subjects: Ancient History, Business Studies, English Advanced, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, Modern History

96.45 ATAR



Jack Vanstone

Years at Scots 2012-2025
Subjects: Business Studies, Chemistry, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1

96.30 ATAR



Ryan Pham

Years at Scots 2022-2025
Subjects: Biology, Chemistry, English Advanced, English Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2

96.15 ATAR



Harry Ward

Years at Scots 2016-2025
Subjects: Business Studies, Chemistry, Economics, English Advanced, English Extension 1, Mathematics Advanced

95.95 ATAR



Arkaan Shah

Years at Scots 2023-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, English Advanced, History Extension, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Modern History, Physics

95.80 ATAR



Pethmin Ratnayake Mudiyanseelage

Years at Scots 2024-2025
Subjects: Biology, Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

95.75 ATAR



Samuel Fergusson

Years at Scots 2017-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Physics

95.70 ATAR



Myles Hansen

Years at Scots 2019-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, Design and Technology, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

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2025 High Performers

95.55 ATAR



Max Woo

Years at Scots 2016-2025
Subjects: Business Studies, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Visual Arts

95.30 ATAR



Adrian Huang

Years at Scots 2023-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, English as an Additional Language/Dialect, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics

95.20 ATAR



William Koumoukelis

Years at Scots 2016-2025
Subjects: Biology, Business Studies, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1

95.05 ATAR



Hoi Chun (Ryan) Ng

Years at Scots 2024-2025
Subjects: Chemistry, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1

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Individual Sporting Achievements

The Scots College congratulates our Year 12 students on their individual sporting achievements.

Lachlan (Lachy) Carmichael

AFL
 Western Bulldogs, national draft 21st pick

Ben Cotroneo

Swimming – Australian Representative
 School Sport Australia Swimming Championships
 World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships

Rohan Kumar

Volleyball – Australian Representative
 Thailand Junior National Volleyball Championships

Harry Kyle

AFL
 Sydney Swans, national draft 14th pick

Heinz Lemoto

Rugby – Australian Representative
 Under 18 Rugby Union
 French Top 14 rugby club, Toulouse

Thomas O'Hara

Rugby
 Australian Under 18 7s Rugby Union

Angus Watson

Volleyball – Australian Representative
 Thailand Junior National Volleyball Championships

HSC Showcase Nominations

ARTEXPRESS is an exhibition of exemplary artworks created by NSW students from the HSC in Visual Arts.



Tallin Bennie
ARTEXPRESS Selected Inclusion (Visual Arts) Ceramics
 Major Work – *Dyad of Excess (Eid'lolatria – Hydra of Consumerism)*



Sinclair (Bear) Marsh
ARTEXPRESS Nomination (Visual Arts) Time-based Media
 Major Work – *Fortitude*



Maximilian (Max) Roche
ARTEXPRESS Selected Inclusion (Visual Arts) Sculpture
 Major Work – *Equipoise, The Balance of Forces*



Charles Treffry
ARTEXPRESS Selected Inclusion (Visual Arts) Drawing
 Major Work – *Weapons of Mass Consumption (The Posthuman)*

HSC Showcase Nominations

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



Edward Johnstone
OnSTAGE Nomination (Drama)
 Individual Project: Performance – *Blue*



Thomas Trott
On STAGE Selected Inclusion (Drama)
 Individual Project: Design Portfolio (Lighting) – *Mr Burns: A Post Electric Play*

ENCORE presents a selection of outstanding major works by HSC Music students in NSW including performance and musicology.



Patrick Gao
ENCORE Nomination (Music)
 Music 2 – Performance (Violin)



Charles (Charlie) Jonker
ENCORE Nomination (Music)
 Music 2 – Performance (Saxophone)



Myles Hansen
SHAPE Nomination (Design and Technology)
 Major Design Project (Industrial Design)

SHAPE presents a selection of outstanding major projects by HSC Design and Technology, Industrial Technology and Textiles and Design students in NSW.

International Universities



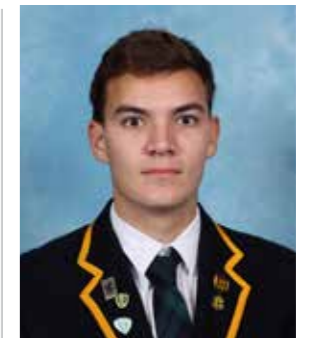
Mohan (Daniel) Cao
Brown University
 Mohan (Daniel) Cao has been accepted to Brown University in the United States. Admission to Brown is highly competitive, making this an exceptional achievement. Daniel will commence his studies in 2026, pursuing his academic interests at one of the world's leading Ivy League universities.



Ben Cotroneo
Princeton University
 Ben Cotroneo has secured acceptance into Princeton University in the United States through its highly competitive swimming program. This remarkable achievement recognises his dedication to both academic excellence and elite sport. Ben will begin his studies in 2026.



Lucas Fletcher
Crandall University, Canada
 The Crandall University Chargers offered Lucas a position to study kinesiology and represent Crandall University in Volleyball in the Atlantic Collegiate Athletic Association competition. Lucas' hard work, leadership and tactical precision were key attributes to his signing with the Chargers. Lucas will join the program in August for the 2026/2027 university year.



Oliver Sinclair
University of California, Berkeley
 Oliver Sinclair accepted an early offer to the University of California, Berkeley, a testament to his hard work and talent. As a student athlete, he will play Rugby Union, with the season commencing in January 2026.

2025 Dux Profiles



**Year 6
Benjamin (Ben) Yang**

Carruthers
Brighton Preparatory School

Ben achieved outstanding results in all his subjects. He was awarded the Excellence in Literacy Prize, Excellence in Numeracy Prize and the Mandarin Prize. He received the ICAS medal for Information Technology and was recognised for his musicianship, public speaking and debating skills. He is an admired role model among his peers.



**Year 6
James Assaad**

Spier
Senior Preparatory School

James applied genuine effort to every challenge, whether it was delivering a speech, extending himself in Mathematics or leading his team in the Tournament of Minds Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) challenge. His thoughtful perspectives, initiative, creativity and quiet determination sets a powerful example of what it means to excel.



**Year 7
Wenshuo (Anthony) Dong**

Macky
Middle School

Anthony's achievements have demonstrated a commitment to The Quest for Excellence. He is a resilient student who possesses a steadfastness of character and a consistent engagement in his learning. He has maintained an impressive Grade Point Average of 5.0 this year and is commended on his particularly impressive results in Mathematics and Science.



**Year 8
Yishan (Eason) Chen**

Anderson
Middle School

Eason performed at an exceptionally high standard, with particular strengths in Christian Studies, Mandatory Technology, Mathematics, Music, Science and Visual Arts. He demonstrated genuine intellectual curiosity, continually refining his skills and extending his understanding. He engages meaningfully with College life.



**Year 9
Christopher Assaad**

James Bee
Middle School

Christopher has exceptional academic ability and unwavering commitment to his studies. He excelled across all subjects, particularly English, Latin, Mathematics and Science. He is an outstanding communicator who shares ideas with clarity and confidence. His enthusiasm for learning inspires those around him. Christopher shows the qualities of a thoughtful and admirable leader.



**Year 10
Andrew Xie**

Brandt
Senior School

Andrew's generosity of spirit have made him a valued member of his year group. He expresses himself with assurance and purpose. His enthusiasm and positive example motivate others. As a member of The Scots College Orchestra, he strives to perform at his best. His academic performance across Commerce, English, Geography and Science has been exceptional.



**Year 11
Zhongqi (Marco) Shen**

Gilchrist
Senior School

Marco is an outstanding young man whose academic talent is matched by his generosity of spirit. He consistently gives his time to support others, approaches every challenge with discipline and humility, and sets the benchmark for effort and integrity. His kindness and quiet leadership set a powerful example for his peers and the wider community.



**Year 12
Zhenpei (Lucas) Zhu**

Brandt
Senior School

Lucas is an outstanding student and exceptional mathematician, achieving excellence across all subjects, including Advanced English, Chemistry, Latin Continuers, Latin Extension, Mathematics Extension 2 and Physics. His intellectual curiosity, dedication and ambition to study Mathematics at the University of Cambridge distinguish him as a remarkable scholar and the deserving Dux of the College.

Academic Highlights

Composers and Musicians

HSC Music students explore their talents and academic prowess through their chosen options of composition, musicology and performance.

Students showcased their artistry and passion for music at the HSC Music Showcase and at the John Cunningham Student Centre Opening Ceremony to the grandeur of the Scots Tattoo. (Photo 1)

Student Research Gets Serious

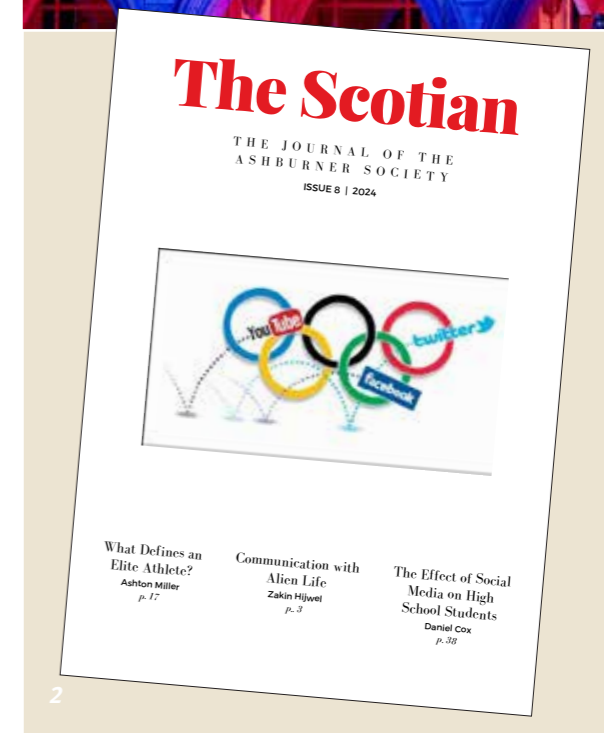
The Ashburner Society is the student academic honour society of The Scots College. It gathers Senior School scholars who are intellectually curious and interested in ideas. Senior students in The Ashburner Society commit to researching and writing an article for the annual journal, *The Scotian*, on a topic they are thinking through. It is shared with students and staff within Scots and with other schools that we interact with in Sydney and around the world. The 2025 edition of *The Scotian* will be published in early 2026. (Photo 2)

Curiosity and Critical Thought

Two Year 10 students, Ryan Bennett and William Chen, were shortlisted for the prestigious John Locke Institute Global Essay Prize. In the Economics category, Ryan tackled the question: "Should Oxford lower its admissions standards for the sons and daughters of generous benefactors?" In the Law category, William responded to the powerful prompt: "Use every man after his desert, and who should 'scape whipping?' Should the law treat offenders better than they deserve?" With more than 63,000 entries worldwide, being shortlisted – as first-time entrants – was an extraordinary accomplishment!

In the Realm of Robotics

Antonio Kazagranti (Year 10) achieved second place in the Universal Robotics Challenge 2025 Australian National Final – Virtual Simulator, Secondary Schools Division. Antonio went on to compete at the Universal Robotics Challenge World Finals in Osaka, Japan.



Exploring Science

Year 12 student, Toby Liu competed in the Royal Australian Chemical Institute International Chemistry Quiz and achieved its highest honour – a High Distinction.

There was success in Australian Science Innovations' Big Science Competition again this year for our Year 8 students. Five students achieved a High Distinction, whilst nine students achieved a Distinction. In the Australian Science Innovations' Australian Science Olympiads, three Senior students achieved a High Distinction and seven achieved a Distinction across Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Colour, Shape and Energy

Middle School students extended their skills in visual art and sculpture. Lucas Cassidonis (Year 8) created a 'hybrid creature' sculpture using clay, decoration and glaze. (Photo 3) Kayne Cao Geli Pen (Year 8) blended colour for his cultural study focusing on landscape. (Photo 4) Ezra Kuhn (Year 7) completed a study in watercolour (Photo 5) and Year 7 boys, Jude Lowe and Niko Dahdah, worked together on a prototype for a public sculpture celebrating identity (Photo 6).



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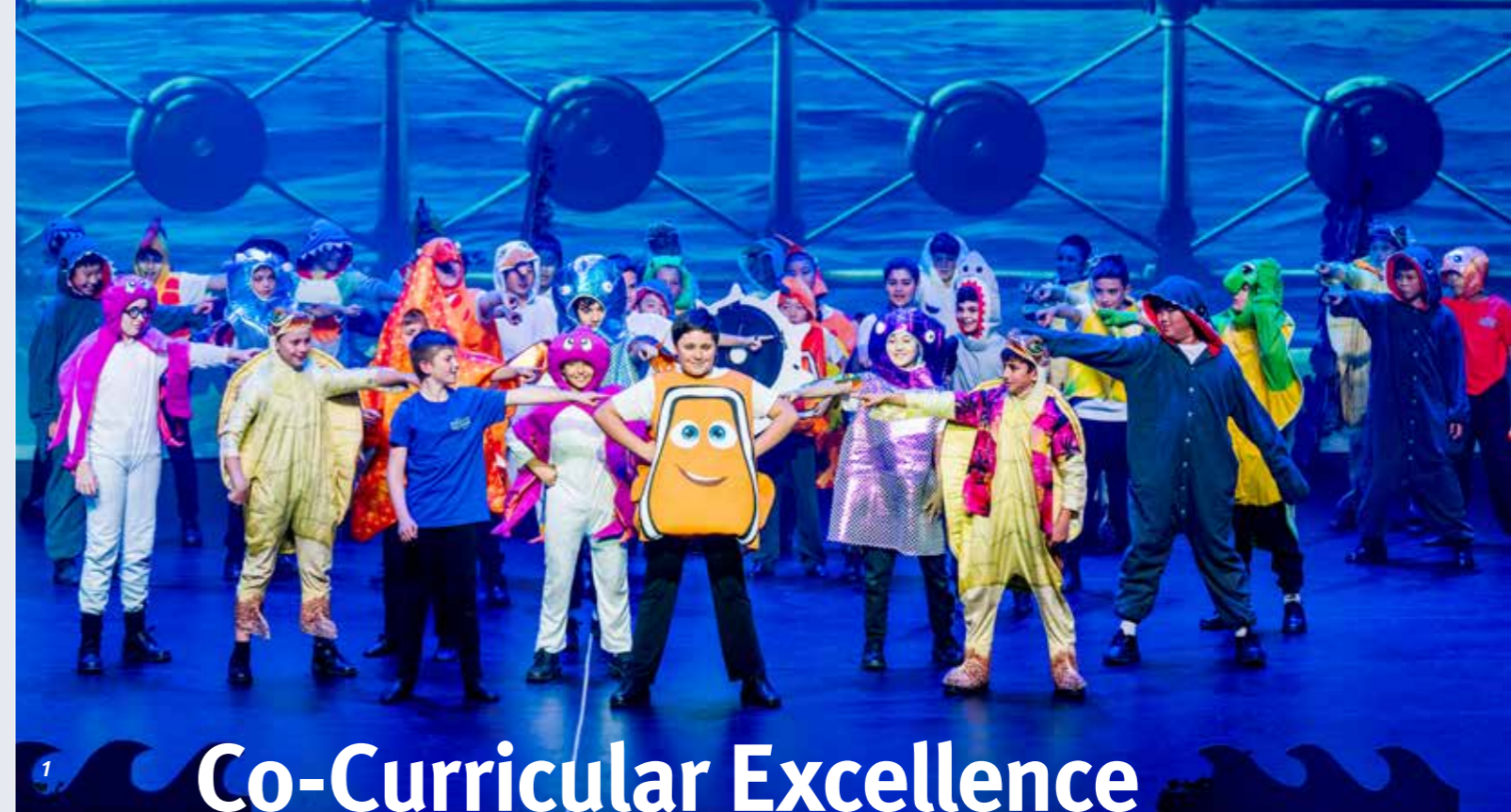


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Thinking about NAPLAN

The combined 2025 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results for across both the Bellevue Hill and Dolls Point campuses are a testament to the rigorous learning experiences afforded to all boys. We were thrilled to see 97.5 percent of our Year 3 cohort achieving in the Strong and Exceeding bands for Writing, while 91 percent reached the highest levels in Reading. Similarly, our Year 5 students continued to achieve excellence with 98.5 percent performing in the top two bands for Numeracy and 93 percent for Writing.

In Year 7, 94 percent of students achieved in the top two bands for Numeracy, while 90 percent reached the highest levels in Reading, demonstrating solid growth in key foundational skills. Similarly, in Year 9, students continued to achieve high results, with 93 percent performing in the top two bands for Reading and 95 percent for Numeracy. Spelling and Writing also remained strong at 88 percent and 79 percent respectively. These results reflect the ongoing commitment of our students and staff in The Quest for Excellence and will guide our continued focus on building confidence and capacity in every learner.



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Co-Curricular Excellence

It's Fun Finding Nemo!

For the Brighton Preparatory School's second whole-campus musical, students in Kindergarten to Year 6 performed Disney's *Finding Nemo KIDS*. They filled the stage for an impressive opening scene and dance number at The Pavilion Performing Arts Centre, Sutherland. (Photo 1)

Dramatically Speaking

At the Sydney Eisteddfod, boys from the Preparatory School's Junior Drama Company presented five monologues and 17 duologues/trialogues at Chippen Street Theatre. Each performance was highly entertaining with our young actors earning first place, third place and high commendations. (Photo 2) Senior Drama Company boys received high commendations for their carefully crafted performances.

World of Wizardry

The Middle School Drama production of *Harry Potter and The Cursed Child* transported audiences to a fractured wizarding world, where time twisted, shadows stretched and friendship and family collided and endured. Students from Scots, SCEGGS Darlinghurst and Kambala featured in this delightful co-production. Kary Manolas (Year 9) was captivating in the lead role. (Photo 3)



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A Band and B Band perform at Balmoral Castle, Ballater, Scotland in August.

A Very Modern Dystopia

The year began with George Orwell's *1984* – a chilling and urgent multimedia production whose message remains strikingly relevant. Through live onstage filming, real-time streaming, multiple screens and an innovative design, audiences were drawn into Orwell's dystopian world. Edward Johnstone (Year 12) conveyed the tone and mood on a richly decorated *1984* set. (Photo 4)

In *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, students and staff brought a thoughtful and professional performance to life with Joseph Kelly (Year 11) as the Player. (Photo 5)

Powerful Words

The Year 10A Athletic Association of the Great Public Schools (AAGPS) Debating team won their division in the prestigious AAGPS Debating Competition. The boys secured victory after a truly fierce debate against The King's School.

Music for Stage and Screen

In Term 2, multiple musical genres – classical through to contemporary – on offer at the College were celebrated with the Nocturnes Large Ensembles Showcase Concerts. This concert series truly showed the passion and pursuance of excellence in Music across the Preparatory, Middle and Senior School campuses. The College's Symphony Orchestra performed with conductor, Mr Paul Vickers, at the annual Nocturnes Choral and Orchestral Ensemble Showcase in May. (Photo 6) The String Ensemble displayed their diverse talents in The Scots College Harry Triguboff Auditorium for the String Ensemble Showcase – A Night at the Movies event. (Photo 7)



Co-Curricular Excellence at a Glance

- Pipes and Drums A Band – NSW Pipe Band Champions
- Pipes and Drums B Band – NSW Pipe Band Champions
- The Scots College Symphony Orchestra, Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival – Gold Award
- Year 10 Debating, A Team – AAGPS Champions
- Big Band 1, Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival – Silver Award
- Senior Highlanders, Sydney Eisteddfod, Youth Vocal Ensemble – Highly Commended
- Pipes and Drums B Band, World Pipe Band Championships, Juvenile B – 3rd place
- Pipes and Drums B Band, European Pipe Band Championships – 5th place
- Pipes and Drums A Band, World Pipe Band Championships, Juvenile A – 6th place
- Pipes and Drums A Band, European Pipe Band Championships – 8th place

Performances in Australia and Scotland

On 10 March, the College's Pipes and Drums performed at Commonwealth Day events 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.

On Thursday 10 April, the College community celebrated two remarkable milestones at an unforgettable evening of celebration, community and school spirit – the spectacular Scots Tattoo and the official opening of the John Cunningham Student Centre. The Scots Tattoo showcased military pageantry, stirring music, highland dancing and impressive special effects.

The Full Highland band led the Sydney Anzac Day March as the first pipe band, heading the Australian Flag Party. Year 12 boys upheld tradition by parading twice, joining The Scots College Old Boys' Union Pipes and Drums for their second march. They then performed at the Pool of Reflection in Hyde Park for thousands of veterans, spectators and the Governor of NSW.

In August, 51 members of the A and B Bands travelled to Scotland to compete in the European and World Pipe Band Championships. At the European Pipe Band Championships in Perth, the A Band secured eighth place and the B Band placed fifth, earning prize-winner status.

On 12 August, the band performed in Ballater for His Majesty King Charles III as part of the ceremonial presentation of Clan Chief, Philip Farquharson, 17th Chieftain of Invercauld, and the presentation of new colours to the Clan Chief. Before departing for the tour, the band held a tune composition competition, which was won by Jaxon Styles (Year 11). The winning tune was presented to King Charles III by Principal Dr Ian PM Lambert. The band later performed for His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Aberdeenshire, Mr Alexander Manson, Dr Lambert and his wife, Mrs Alison Lambert, and 140 parents, grandparents and supporters on the grounds of Balmoral Castle. The King's Piper, Pipe Major Paul Burns also enjoyed the performance.

On 15 August, both bands participated in the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow. The A Band was awarded a sixth-place finish and the B Band achieved an outstanding third place – the first time the B Band had placed at the World Pipe Band Championships.

Sport Excellence

Basketball

The College's Basketball program competed at the Basketball Australia 2025 Australian Schools Championships on the Gold Coast. A total of 234 schools competed. Scots 1sts team finished fifth in the Under 20s Division 2 competition. The 2nds team (Photo 1) won Bronze in the Under 20s Division 4 competition.

Beach Volleyball

Scots claimed numerous Beach Volleyball titles, including NSW tour and NSW school events along with local competitions. At the Australian Beach Volleyball Schools Cup, the College won both the Year 11 and Year 12 Honours Divisions, with the Year 12 team crowned champions for the third consecutive year.

Cricket

Captain of Cricket, Edward Anderson (Year 12) and Toby Pallett (Year 12), were selected for the Combined Athletic Association of the Great Public Schools (AAGPS) team, a credit to their consistent performance and leadership on and off the field.

Cross Country

The Juniors had consistent performance, the Intermediates battled through setbacks and the Opens led from the front with strong AAGPS finishes and then victorious as AAGPS Premiers!

Equestrian

The Equestrian team, performed to an incredible standard at the North West Equestrian Expo held at Coonabarabran. There were the greatest number of Scots competitors in our history and every student placed in all of their events. (Photo 2) Beau Gardiner (Year 8) competed across numerous events, receiving the prestigious Combined Training Champion award and rug. Percy Hayes (Year 8) received third place in the 80cm Open Showjumping and sixth in the One Day Event.

Football

Our 1st XI Football team delivered an outstanding performance in the AAGPS Football 'Plate' cup. Victory came through a dramatic penalty shootout, with Sebastian Bissland (Year 12) the hero in goal. The 2nd XI team overcame narrow defeats early and late in the season to secure a solid mid-table finish. The 3rd XI boys went unbeaten from 31 May onwards.

Sailing

Five Senior boys represented Scots and Australia at the 2025 29er European Championships on Lake Garda, Italy. (Photo 3) Competing against more than 500 of the best young sailors, our crews displayed exceptional speed and composure. Consistency from Max Nearn (Year 11) and Zann Scrimgeour (Year 11) earned them a spot in the Bronze Fleet finals, where they claimed first and third overall.

Snowsports

The Senior Snowsports team secured the overall Champion Secondary Boys School at the 2025 Sydney Regional Interschools Snowsport Championships for the 24th time, as well as the overall Champion Secondary Boys School at the NSW/ACT/QLD Interschools Snowsports Championships for the 22nd time. At the Australian Interschools Snowsport Championships, the Snowsports team secured Scots' 15th consecutive national victory!

Surfing

At the 2025 High School Wavepool Surfing Championships, held at URBNSURF Sydney, the College's Senior and Junior surf teams achieved overall third and second places, respectively. In the individual Senior Division (Event 3), Tom Mackay (Year 10) placed first, Pablo Toepfer Garcia (Year 11) (Photo 4) placed second and Joe Hatton (Year 10) came fifth. These results are the culmination of events held throughout the year, involving 50 schools from across the Sydney district.



At the New South Wales Combined Independent Schools (NSWCIS) Secondary Swimming Championships Scots finished as the top-ranked AAGPS school. Ben Cotroneo and Dylan Xie (Year 8) were selected to represent NSW at the School Sport Australia Championships in Queensland. Ben Cotroneo was also selected to represent Australia as part of the Australian Junior Dolphins team at the 2025 World Junior Championships in Romania.

Tennis

For only the second time in the 50-year AAGPS Tennis history, Scots won both the 1sts and 2nds AAGPS Tennis Premierships. The 1sts only lost one match all season (5-4 to defending champions Shore), also finishing second in the 2025 NSW High School Championship. The 2nds lost their first match of the season and then went undefeated, winning over half of their matches with the extraordinary score of 9-0.

Volleyball

When the 2025 season began in December 2024, Scots entered the 1sts in the Year 11 Honours Division after winning Year 10 Honours the previous year. They won the national title undefeated.

The 1sts Volleyball made history by winning the prestigious pre-season cup, overcoming top Combined Associated Schools and AAGPS schools, at Gala Day. In the AAGPS competition, Scots went on to become the undefeated AAGPS champions – dropping one set in the entire 2025 season!

Water Polo

At the very start of the season, the College participated in the 2024 Trans-Tasman Schoolboy's Water Polo tournament, featuring 20 of the top school teams from Australia and New Zealand.

As the year progressed, the 16A team emerged as the most competitive squad. William Clyne (Year 12) and Thomas Ellison (Year 12) from the Scots 1sts Water Polo team were selected to represent the AAGPS Water Polo team at the NSWCIS trials. Thomas then earned selection for the NSWCIS team to compete at the NSW All Schools Water Polo Championships.

Swimming

At the final AAGPS Swimming Championships, Scots made history by winning the AAGPS Junior Division Point Score Trophy. Led by Captain of Swimming, Ben Cotroneo (Year 12) and Vice-Captain, Hamilton Darbey-Cairns (Year 12), the team's unity and drive were unmatched, with records falling in team and individual events.

Sport Excellence at a Glance

Brighton Preparatory School

Representative Honours – Football, Sailing, Snowsports.

Independent Primary Schools Heads of Australia

Representative Honours – Athletics, Cross Country, Swimming.

Summer Sport

- Basketball – 2 teams
- Cricket – 2 teams
- Swimming – 18 students
- Tennis – 2 teams and 10 internal students

Winter Sport

- Athletics – 19 students
- Cross Country – 9 students
- Football – 2 teams
- Rugby – 2 teams
- Snowsports – 10 students

Preparatory School

Independent Primary School Heads of Australia

Competition Entries

Summer Sport

- Basketball – 26 teams
- Cricket – 8 teams
- Sailing – 47 students
- Swimming – 20 students
- Tennis – 5 teams and 51 internal students
- Water Polo – 5 teams

Winter Sport

- Athletics – 26 students
- Cross Country – 20 students
- Football – 24 teams
- Rugby – 12 teams
- Snowsports – 28 students
- Volleyball – 8 teams

Representative Honours

Independent Primary School Heads of Australia

Athletics, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Rugby, Swimming, Touch Football.

New South Wales Combined Independent Schools

AFL, Athletics, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Swimming.

New South Wales Primary Schools Sports Association

Athletics, Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Swimming.

Further Preparatory School Highlights

- The Junior Relay Athletics team won the 2025 NSW Primary Schools Sports Association Athletics Championship (8-10 years) 4x100m Relay.
- The 1sts Basketball team won the Basketball NSW Regional Schools Tournament.
- The 6As Basketball team won the Basketball NSW Primary Schools Tournament State Championships.
- The combined Preparatory Schools' Snowsports team claimed the NSW/ACT/QLD State Interschools Snowsport Championship Primary Boys School trophy and second place at the Australian Interschools Snowsport Championships.

Middle School and Senior School

- Opens Cross Country – AAGPS Premiers
- 1sts Tennis – AAGPS Premiers
- 1sts Volleyball – AAGPS Champions
- 2nds Tennis – AAGPS Premiers
- Australian Interschools Snowsport Championships – Champions
- Australian Beach Volleyball Schools Cup – Year 12 National Champions
- Australian Beach Volleyball Schools Cup – Year 11 National Champions
- Australian Volleyball Schools Cup, Year 11 Honour Division – Champions (back-to-back champions)
- NSW/ACT/QLD Interschools Snowsport Championships – State Champions
- Sydney Regional Interschools Snowsport Championships – Champions
- 1sts Basketball Raschke Cup – 1st place (back-to-back champions)
- 1st XI Football 'Plate' Cup – Champions
- 29er European Championships, Italy, Bronze Fleet Finals – 1st place
- 1sts Sailing, NSW Secondary Schools Sailing Team Racing – 2nd Place
- 1sts Sailing, Australian Secondary Schools Team Racing Championship – 3rd place
- 2nds Basketball, Australian School Championships, Under 20s Division 4 – 3rd place
- 1sts Basketball, Australian School Championships, Under 20s Division 2 – 5th place
- 2nds Sailing, Australian Secondary Schools Team Racing Championship – 6th place

Staff Excellence

Research and Development

At Scots, teaching excellence is expressed through a sustained commitment to deep scholarship and meaningful engagement with leading thinkers whose work extends our understanding of human learning and flourishing.

During 2025, teaching staff sought to strengthen this culture through a renewed emphasis on high performance as the disciplined integration of knowledge, character, faith and purpose. The 2025 Clark Fellow, Dr Graham Daniels, was one of the catalysts, prompting rich discussion within the community on identity, performance and meaning.

Geography Teacher, Ms Tara Harman, was named a finalist for the Early Career Educator Award at The Teachers' Guild of NSW Awards. Her work, grounded in the principles of experiential education, demonstrates a commitment to fostering curiosity, adventure and authentic learning in the boys. Head of Art and Design (7-9), Dr Michael Whittington, was conferred

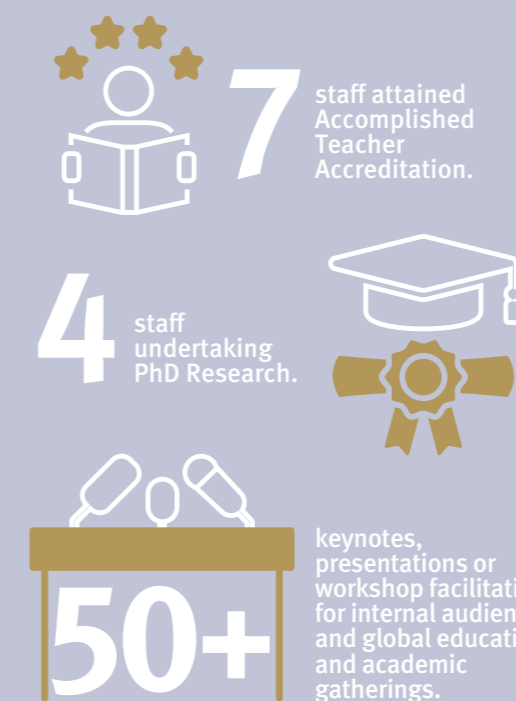
with his doctoral thesis entitled, 'Contemporary Art Making: An Affordance of Empathic Concern for Boys'. His research provides important insight into the ways artistic practice can cultivate empathy and emotional understanding among young men.

The outcomes of a year-long study into human flourishing at Scots were presented at the International Boys' Schools Coalition Conference in Boston in June. Principal, Dr Ian PM Lambert and Deputy Principal – Academics, Dr Robert Loe, presented the findings alongside Harvard University's Human Flourishing Program Director, Professor Tyler VanderWeele. Their contribution situates the College within an international conversation about wellbeing, character formation and the practices that support holistic excellence in educational settings.



Pipes and Drums Take on the World

In August, the College's Piping Instructor, Ms Laura Johnston travelled to Scotland to perform at Grade 1 level with the Inveraray and District Pipe Band, who won both the European and World Pipe Band Championships. Ms Johnston's guidance will continue to prepare the Pipes and Drums members for future competition.



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