

# MACARTHUR ANGLICAN SCHOOL

*Established traditions, proven success!*

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Congratulations  
to the 2018  
HSC Cohort  
on their wonderful  
achievements

Academic Success  
2018



*Find your place at Macarthur*

*where opportunities abound*

Inspiring students to be lifelong learners, have a positive growth mindset, be agile thinkers and consistently working to improve their personal best.



### Overall Success

The Year 12 class of 2018 continued Macarthur Anglican School's tradition of proven academic success. Macarthur ranked 72<sup>nd</sup> out of over 800 schools which had candidates sit the HSC in 2018 placing the School in the top 9% of all schools in NSW. Macarthur is the top scoring comprehensive school in the greater Macarthur, Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly areas (SMH 13/12/18).

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank is the measure used for matriculation or university entrance. In 2018 the students achieved the following ATAR results:

18% of students received an ATAR of 95 or higher  
26% of students received an ATAR of 90 or higher  
37% of students achieved an ATAR of 85 or higher  
49% of students achieved an ATAR of 80 or higher  
57% of students achieved an ATAR of 75 or higher  
63% of students achieved an ATAR of 70 or higher

### Top Achievers

7.8% of Macarthur's students were recognised as top achievers placing Macarthur 11<sup>th</sup> in the State for the number of top achievers in one school.

Congratulations to the following Top Achievers who placed in the top 10 of the State.

#### Claudia Petrin

- 1<sup>st</sup> in Indonesian Extension (49/50)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> in Indonesian Continuers (98%)

#### Kate House

- 2<sup>nd</sup> in Indonesian Extension (49/50)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in Indonesian Continuers (99%)

#### Sophie Frankum

- 5<sup>th</sup> in Indonesian Extension (47/50)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Indonesian Continuers (96%)

#### Jacob Elliott

- 8<sup>th</sup> in Music I (99%)

#### Wenzhe (Frank) He

- 9<sup>th</sup> in Biology (95%)

# Individual Success



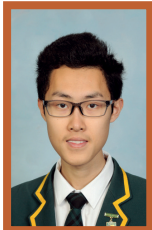
**Kate House - 99.70**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> in Indonesian Extension**

**2<sup>nd</sup> in Indonesian Continuers**

Kate is planning to study a Bachelor of Social Work at Western Sydney University where she has been awarded an academic scholarship.



**Wenzhe (Frank) He - 99.65**

**9<sup>th</sup> in Biology**

Frank will be studying Bio-Medical Engineering at the University of Sydney.



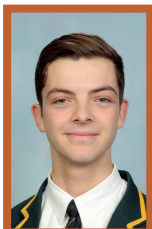
**Claudia Petrin - 99.15**

**1<sup>st</sup> in Indonesian Extension**

**3<sup>rd</sup> in Indonesian Continuers**

**All Rounder**

Claudia will be studying a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Advanced Studies (International Studies) at the University of Sydney with a scholarship.

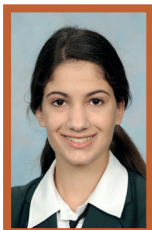


**Jacob Elliott - 98.30**

**8<sup>th</sup> in State in Music I**

**All Rounder**

Jacob is considering a Bachelor of Dual Law at UNSW or a Bachelor of Commerce/ Bachelor of Laws at the UOW where he has been awarded a scholarship and the Deans Scholars program.



**Rebecca Mathews - 97.60**

Rebecca will be studying a Bachelor of Music at the University of New South Wales.



**Sophie Frankum - 97.40**

**5<sup>th</sup> in Indonesian Extension**

**5<sup>th</sup> Indonesian Continuers**

Sophie is planning to study law. She has been accepted to study Arts/Law at the UOW, Dual Law at the UNSW and Law at WSW where she has been offered an academic scholarship.

# celebrating HSC Result Highlights

Macarthur was ranked 72 overall out of over 800 schools which had candidates sit the HSC in 2018 and was the top scoring school in the region (SMH 13/12/18) placing Macarthur in the top 9% of all schools

Macarthur was ranked 36th out of all NSW Independent Schools

7.8% of Macarthur's students were recognised as Top Achievers for attaining a result in the top 10 in the State. This placed Macarthur 11th in the State for top achievers

Of the 102 students who sat the HSC, 112 Distinguished Achievement results were recorded on the NESA HSC Honour Roll for students who attained a Band 6 or Band E4 Extension result

41% of students were recognised as Distinguished Achievers on the NESA Honour Roll for achieving Band 6 or Band 4 Extension results

Macarthur was ranked 51st in the State for the number of students who achieved Band 6 or E4 results in at least 10 units

76% of students achieved Band 5 or Band E3 Extension results

## In Greater Detail

Macarthur Anglican School's Year 12 students have excelled in the 2018 HSC, demonstrating Macarthur's proven success in academic excellence. Headmaster Dr David Nockles is delighted with the students' results. "The HSC is challenging for all students and I am thrilled to see how Macarthur's focus on deep thinking and perseverance has encouraged our students to strive for excellence. We have a strong academic culture at the school with students driving their own learning. I am delighted, not only for our five students who have been recognised as top achievers for placing among the top 10 in the State, but also for those students who made substantial growth in their learning. It is encouraging to witness our students discovering their niche at Macarthur and are now looking forward to the years ahead. Engendered with a strong community spirit, I am confident that our Macarthur graduates will continue to flourish and make a difference to the lives of others. This reflects our school motto "Enter to Learn, Go out to Serve."

Among the top performers, Claudia Petrin (ATAR 99.15) achieved 1st in the State in Indonesian Extension and 3rd in the State in Indonesian Continuers. Dux, Kate House (ATAR 99.7) achieved 2nd in the State in both Indonesian Continuers and Indonesian Extension. Indonesian is one of



Macarthur's lighthouse subjects and the dedicated team of Indonesian teachers bring out the best in our students. Jacob Elliot (ATAR 98.30) achieved 8th in the State in Music I and along with Kayla King was nominated for ENCORE. Jacob also received an Honours commendation from NESA for his Music composition.

Frank He (ATAR 99.65), one of our International students who has only been in the country for two years, achieved 9th in the State in Biology. Claudia and Jacob, along with Sophie Frankum (ATAR 97.4) and Michael Zenkis (ATAR 96.25), have been recognised as 'All Rounders' for attaining Band 6/E4 results in at least 10 units.

The School provided interested Year 12 students with Study Coaches. These coaches include Kindergarten -Year 6 teachers, Administration and Executive staff as well as the Years 7-12 teachers. Students were also encouraged to adopt a 'study buddy' for each of their subjects and work together collaboratively.

Students also attended study skills sessions and learnt methods that best suited them to deepen their understanding and excel.

Students found the different learning spaces in the IRC beneficial to their myriad of learning styles. "Champ Camp" – a week-long study camp provided students



with time and teacher expertise for students to hone their skills and knowledge before sitting the HSC.

Empowering our students with skills and values for the future is so important. We desire for our students to be forward thinkers who will respect, empathise with and inspire others. We place a strong emphasis on areas such as big-picture thinking and intercultural understanding at Macarthur. Additionally, we want our graduates to have nuanced comprehension of common democratic values such as freedom, rights and responsibility and tolerance.

78% of Macarthur's students received early university offers and some have also been offered leadership or academic scholarships. 41% of Macarthur students have been recognised as Distinguished Achievers for attaining Band 6 or E4 results and 76% of students gained Band 5 or E3 results. Students also appeared on the HSC Honour roll 112 times.

Dr Nockles, who has published research on what makes effective schools, advocates that "students who balance their academic study with co-curricular, extra-curricular involvement and sport have the greatest opportunity for success in the HSC as they are far more likely to be engaged and happy. It is so important to provide an education that includes, engages, challenges and elevates every student in their

learning."

Over one quarter (26%) of students who presented for the HSC in 2018 attained ATARs of 90 and over with almost one fifth (18%) of students gaining ATARs of 95 and above.

At Macarthur, one of our academic goals is for students to develop a growth mindset. We want students to believe that their intelligence is not finite, and mastery of their subjects can be improved by responding to feedback, hard work and perseverance.

A concept that students consistently encounter on School Camps is learning to move out of their comfort zone. This is applied to each of their subjects. We know that students will experience discomfort when they are floundering with difficult content but we also know that this is when their brain will be wired for deep learning. It is important to note that as a non-selective School, Macarthur is able to help all students excel and attain their personal best.

Macarthur's top achievers have studied a wide variety of courses from the 36 subjects offered at HSC level. For most subjects, the results are well above the State Average with Agriculture, Ancient History, Earth and Environmental Science, Geography, Indonesian Continuers, Indonesian Extension, Information Processes and Technology, Legal Studies, Mathematics General 2, Music 1, Society and Culture, Software Design and Development leading the field.

Macarthur students are planning to study a wide range of courses including Medicine, Psychology, Social Work, International Studies, Sport Physiology, Health Sciences, Languages, History, Commerce, Law, Engineering, Agricultural Business, Fine Arts, Construction and Management, Computer Science and Education.



## Notable Subject Results

Rafat Ahmed  
97% Mathematics Extension 1

Madeleine Baird  
97% Business Studies

Jacob Elliott  
99% Music 1

Sophie Frankum  
96% Indonesian Continuers

Wenzhe (Frank) He  
98% Mathematics Extension 1  
96% Chemistry  
95% Biology

Jessica Hall  
95% Mathematics General 2  
95% Society and Culture

Kate House  
95% English (Advanced),  
48/50 English Extension 2  
99% Indonesian Continuers  
49/50 Indonesian Extension

Rebecca Mathews  
95% Music 2  
50/50 Music Extension

Trent Mayer  
95% Mathematics General 2

Connor McNamara  
96% Mathematics General 2

Claudia Petrin  
95% Society and Culture  
98% Indonesian Continuers  
49/50 Indonesian Extension

Pascale Youssef  
96% Business Studies

Accolades must also go to Jacob Elliott and Kayla King who were nominated for the prestigious HSC Encore showcase and to Kathryn Keane who was awarded a High Distinction for her Society and Culture Personal Interest Project which achieved 100%.

## HSC All Rounders

(Band 6 result in 10 units)

Jacob Elliott  
Sophie Frankum  
Claudia Petrin  
Michael Zenkis



## High Achievers (99+)

Kate House  
99.70



### Subjects Studied

English Advanced  
English Extension 1  
English Extension 2  
Geography  
Indonesian Continuers  
Indonesian Extension  
Mathematics  
Mathematics Extension 1

DUX

Wenzhe (Frank) He  
99.65



### Subjects Studied

Biology  
Chemistry  
English as a Second Language  
Mathematics Extension 1  
Mathematics Extension 2  
Physics

Claudia Petrin  
99.15



### Subjects Studied

English Advanced  
English Extension 1  
English Extension 2  
Indonesian Continuers  
Indonesian Extension  
Mathematics General 2  
Society and Culture

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## High Achievers (95+)

Jacob Elliott  
98.30



### Subjects Studied

English Advanced  
English Extension 1  
English Extension 2  
Legal Studies  
Mathematics  
Mathematics Extension 1  
Music 1

Rebecca Mathews  
97.60



### Subjects Studied

Biology  
English Advanced  
English Extension 1  
English Extension 2  
Modern History  
Music 2  
Music Extension

Sophie Frankum  
97.40



### Subjects Studied

Ancient History  
English Advanced  
English Extension 1  
Indonesian Continuers  
Indonesian Extension  
Mathematics General 2  
Modern History

Rafat Ahmed  
97.30



### Subjects Studied

Economics  
English Advanced  
Information Processes and  
Technology  
Mathematics Extension 1  
Mathematics Extension 2  
Physics

Pascale Youssef  
96.75



### Subjects Studied

Biology  
Business Studies  
English Advanced  
Legal Studies  
Mathematics  
Mathematics Extension 1

## High Achievers (95+)

Renee Scheffer  
96.60



### Subjects Studied

Business Studies  
Economics  
English Advanced  
Legal Studies  
Mathematics  
Mathematics Extension I

Madeleine Baird  
96.45



### Subjects Studied

Business Studies  
English Advanced  
Legal Studies  
Mathematics  
Modern History  
History Extension

Jessica Hall  
96.35



### Subjects Studied

English Advanced  
English Extension I  
English Extension 2  
Indonesian Continuers  
Mathematics General 2  
Society and Culture  
Studies of Religion I

Taylor Drayton  
96.05



### Subjects Studied

Agriculture  
Biology  
Chemistry  
English Advanced  
Mathematics  
Mathematics Extension I

Miachel Zenkis  
96.25



### Subjects Studied

English Advanced  
Information Processes and  
Technology  
Mathematics  
Personal Development, Health  
and Physical Education  
Software Design and  
Development

## High Achievers (95+)

**Oliver Latham**  
95.45



### Subjects Studied

Business Studies  
Economics  
English Advanced  
Legal Studies  
Mathematics General 2  
Modern History

**Keegan Potgieter**  
95.20



### Subjects Studied

English Advanced  
Information Processes and  
Technology  
Mathematics Extension 1  
Mathematics Extension 2  
Personal Development, Health  
and Physical Education  
Physics

**Caleb Kim**  
95.10



### Subjects Studied

Business Studies  
Economics  
English Advanced  
Mathematics Extension 1  
Mathematics Extension 2  
Physics

**Tabitha Wilson**  
95.05



### Subjects Studied

Ancient History  
Biology  
English Advanced  
English Extension 1  
English Extension 2  
Mathematics General 2  
Studies of Religion 1

**James Stelzer**  
95.00



### Subjects Studied

Biology  
English Advanced  
Geography  
Mathematics  
Mathematics Extension 1  
Physics

# Student Voice!

“Balance is crucial for your head to stay clear. It is impossible to stay focussed 24/7 for a year especially considering the workload and expectations of yourself and other people. Find a study technique that works for you and it will not feel like study”  
Jacob Elliott

“Use the drafting process and keep seeking feedback and practise timed past papers to get used to time restrictions. If something goes wrong with an assessment don’t dwell on it for too long. It is wasted energy” Rebecca Mathews

“Do your best even if it feels at times like it’s just not going well. Keep studying in some capacity and you will eventually get there” Ben Bywater

“Don’t be afraid to chase your fanciful ATAR” Renee Scheffer

“Be organised and stay on top of assessments as it helps reduce stress later on in the year.” Chelsea Dickinson

“Work as a team and help each other out. The HSC is not a competition. One bad essay or result is not the end of the world” Jamil Azeem

“To really remember something, you need to leave time to learn it. Be creative and make learning fun” Erica D’Ali

“Study in productive bursts when you are motivated” Keegan Potgieter

“Try not to see the HSC as a big overwhelming thing. Know what your long term goal is and chip away at it.” Brooke Baker

“Focus on the things you went worst at and try and improve those things. Use disappointing marks/ assessments as your motivation to go better. Study often, but in small chunks. Set yourself incremental goals” Kate House

“Don’t just memorise things especially if you don’t understand something. Discussions with teachers (and peers) help you truly understand concepts. Senior Study helps a lot as it is regimented and it helps you get into a bit of a study rhythm and study consistently through the year” Flynn Kellner

“Start with your favourite subject to get you into working mode but make sure you spread your time across subjects. Know your syllabus like crazy” Pascale Youssef

“As much work as you give to teachers, they will give back to you. If you do nothing they have nothing to give back to you” Jessica Hall

“Look after yourself (eat/sleep/exercise). Ask your teachers lots of questions - this is a good way to learn” Sophie Frankum

“Re-do questions you get wrong so you can get feedback and don’t make the same mistake again.” Claudia Petrin

“You are going to make mistakes - sometimes you need to learn from your own mistakes” Erica D’Ali

“Get in a good routine and form good habits early. Lola Salzmann”

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The Macarthur Way - Achievement Through Opportunity

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Experience and Inspiration

Challenge and Initiative

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