

Macarthur Anglican School

ACADEMIC SUCCESS 2022



OVERALL SUCCESS

The Year 12 class of 2022 continued Macarthur Anglican School's tradition of proven academic success. As this brochure details, Macarthur students excelled in a number of different subject areas and had works selected for NESAs showcases. Macarthur is once again the top scoring comprehensive school in the greater Macarthur, Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly areas.

Dux



RORY CLEMENTS ATAR 99.15

Rory Clements is the Dux for 2022 with an ATAR of 99.15. Rory is planning on studying a combined degree in Mechatronic Engineering with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Indonesian Studies.

'For me it was all about self-improvement and doing something better than I did yesterday. That is a moral I will continue to carry with me. To remain curious, I did something different every day. Avoid laborious study habits and make each day interesting and intriguing as opposed to making it all bland and uniform.'

RORY CLEMENTS



Rory with the Headmaster and Pak Abdul Nazar, Consul of Information, Social and Cultural Affairs from the Indonesian Consulate General, after receiving his first place in the State for Indonesian Extension award.

Overall Success

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is the measure used for matriculation or university entrance.

11% of students received an ATAR of 95 or higher

25% of students received an ATAR of 90 or higher

40% of students received an ATAR of 85 or higher

48% of students received an ATAR of 80 or higher

HSC All Rounders

Macarthur was ranked 99th in the State for the number of students who achieved Band 6 or E4 results in at least 10 units of study.



SERENA BORG ATAR 97.20

Serena is intending to study a Bachelor of Speech Pathology.



SOPHIE RISTANCEVSKI ATAR 96.75

Sophie will be studying a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Finance.

NESA SHOWCASES

Accolades go to the following students: Olivia Driver and Sophie Ristancevski who had their artworks selected for ARTEXPRESS (Visual Arts).

TOP ACHIEVERS

Rory Clements - 1st place in the State for Indonesian Extension and 2nd place in the State for Indonesian Continuers.

Isaiah Gray - 3rd place in the State for Indonesian Extension.

Rose Jansen - 14th place in the State for PDHPE.

Sophie Ristancevski - 5th place in the State for Indonesian Extension.

High Achievers ATAR 95+



RORY CLEMENTS - DUX
ATAR 99.15

Subjects Studied

Chemistry
English Advanced
English Extension 1
Mathematics Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Indonesian Continuers
Indonesian Extension



MASON FITZGIBBON-SOLIS
ATAR 97.60

Subjects Studied

Business Studies
English Advanced
English Extension 1
Legal Studies
Mathematics Standard 2
Modern History
History Extension



JOSHUA FERGUSON
ATAR 97.50

Subjects Studied

Chemistry
English Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2
Physics
Science Extension



SERENA BORG
ATAR 97.20

Subjects Studied

Business Studies
English Advanced
Mathematics Standard 2
Modern History
Studies of Religion II



ROSE JANSEN
ATAR 96.90

Subjects Studied

Biology
Business Studies
English Advanced
Mathematics Advanced
PDHPE

'Giving your teachers practice exams and essays is so important throughout the entire year. Even early on. The more you hand in, the more is given back to you, and then you do it again taking on the feedback, and that is how you improve. The better your class does, the better you do, so share your notes and work together.'

ROSE JANSEN

'Choose the subjects that you have a passion for and you love. I want to study astrophysics at university. I worked on my science extension with a professor on my project and connected with people across the world. Do what you love and thrive on it. If it is something you really care about, it makes it so much easier to do your best.'

JOSHUA FERGUSON



SOPHIE RISTANCEVSKI
ATAR 96.75

Subjects Studied

Business Studies
English Advanced
Mathematics Advanced
Visual Arts
Indonesian Continuers
Indonesian Extension



CLAIRE SICH
ATAR 96.70

Subjects Studied

Agriculture
Biology
Chemistry
English Advanced
Mathematics Advanced
Science Extension

'Do not just rote learn. Actually understand your material. If you do not understand it, ask your teachers or research it. You need to learn to apply your knowledge to stimulus material. You can study all the terms, but you need to be able to draw from your knowledge and piece information together.'

CLAIRE SICH



SASHENKA ADIKARAM
ATAR 96.2

Subjects Studied

Chemistry
English Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2
Indonesian Continuers
Music 1



DAISY ZOU
ATAR 96.15

Subjects Studied

Biology
Chemistry
English Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2
Science Extension



HSC Result Highlights

- Macarthur was ranked 99th overall out of over 800 schools which had candidates sit the HSC in 2022 and was the top scoring school in the region.
- Macarthur was ranked 45th out of all NSW Independent Schools.
- Of the 80 students who sat the HSC, 71 Distinguished Achievement results were recorded on the NESA HSC Honour Roll for students who attained a Band 6 or Band E4 Extension result.
- 35% of students were recognised as Distinguished Achievers on the NESA Honour Roll for achieving Band 6 or Band 4 Extension results.
- Macarthur was more than 5% above the state mean for 35% (14/40) of courses and 10% above the state mean for 13% (5/40) of courses studied.
- Courses where students achieved greater than 10% above the state mean included Ancient History (11.58% above state mean), Earth and Environmental Science (14.33% above state mean), English as an Additional Dialect (11.67% above state mean), IPT (Information Processes and Technology - 12.56% above state mean) and SDD (Software Design and Development - 11.11% above the state mean).

'We are blessed with a plethora of opportunities for students at Macarthur. From Year 7, I wanted to do as much as I could. All of the co-curricular activities such as Choir, Chapel Band, Drama and musicals are fruitful experiences. Collaborating with younger and older students enabled me to learn from them, have a good time, and form the best memories. Do not just make school about study.'

MEGAN AZOCAR



General Tips for Success

A RANGE OF ADVICE FROM RECENT GRADUATES

'To get a Band 6 in a subject is lots of hard work, the occasional tears, but mostly perseverance. It is not necessarily what challenge you come across, but how you respond to it.'

AYVA GIBBS

- Ensure you are doing the subjects YOU enjoy and will get the most out of. I truly enjoyed all of my subjects, which really helped me become motivated to study.
- Maintaining a balanced life is also very important in Year 12. Having an outlet such as a co-curricular activity you can do a few times a week not only gives you a break from your studies, but also helps you stay focused when it's time to study.
- Really use your teachers because they are there to help and want to see you succeed. Sending drafts to your teachers, organising to spend extra time at lunch or after school to practice or go over work with them is all so helpful and will really ensure you improve.
- Know your syllabus back to front, it is vital, particularly for Social Sciences.
- Identify your weak areas, and areas for improvement, and write them down. Once you feel more confident cross them off the list.
- Don't stress about a bad result because stressing doesn't change anything. All you can do is use it to improve your result for the next task.

- Try your best and just see what happens.
- Use your teachers, get help from your friends and have some fun along the way. Make good memories of your last year together at school.
- You are going to make mistakes - sometimes you need to learn from your own mistakes.
- Do not spend too much time on one subject. Only doing well in all subjects will give you a good ATAR.
- Be up-to-date with study notes and summaries before trials so that you can do as many practice questions as possible.
- Don't get too hung up on your mistakes. Definitely learn from your mistakes, but mistakes do not define your HSC. Have that winning attitude to keep on pushing until the end.
- Even though it may feel like it at times, no-one expects you to be perfect - so you can make mistakes - just roll with it. Sleep and eat well.
- Be organised and stay on top of assessments as it helps reduce stress later on in the year.
- Balance is crucial for your head to stay clear. It is impossible to stay focused 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.
- 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.
- Look after yourself (eat/sleep/exercise). Ask your teachers lots of questions as this is a good way to learn.
- Don't compare yourself to others. It's your mark, it's your course, it's your future. Be happy with what you get and work towards that.
- Put in the effort because it is not just going to come out of nowhere - you have to try.

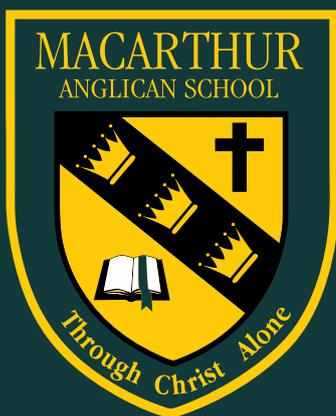
'It wasn't always easy to stay motivated all the time. It came down to discipline rather than motivation. Understand you are not always going to be motivated. Sometimes you just need to keep pushing. Just remember your goals and why you started in the first place. Just keep doing the best that you can do.'

BETHANY SCOTT

"When in the learning pit, it gets better. It can feel really hard at the bottom. Take little steps out of that pit and eventually you will get to the top of it and look back and see what you achieved."

CHLOE JONES

Enter to Learn, Go out to Serve



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