



Westminster School's top academic achievers for 2018 - Dux Emily Jaarsma (right) with an ATAR of 99.9 and the Proxime Accessit Bonita Hammond-Brown (left) with an ATAR of 99.8.

CLASS OF 2018

# Year 12 Achievements

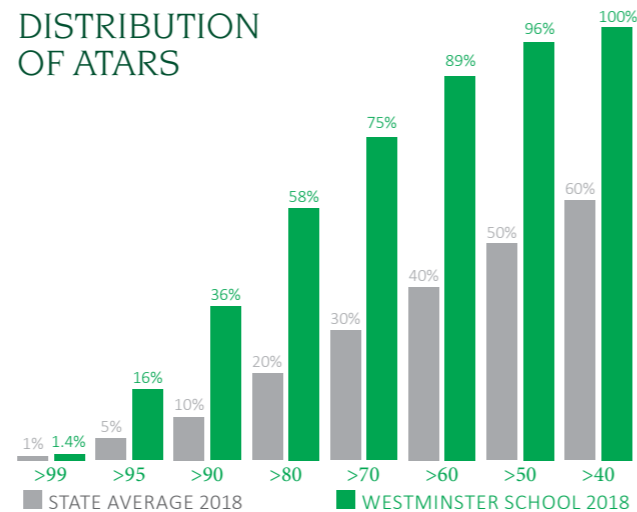
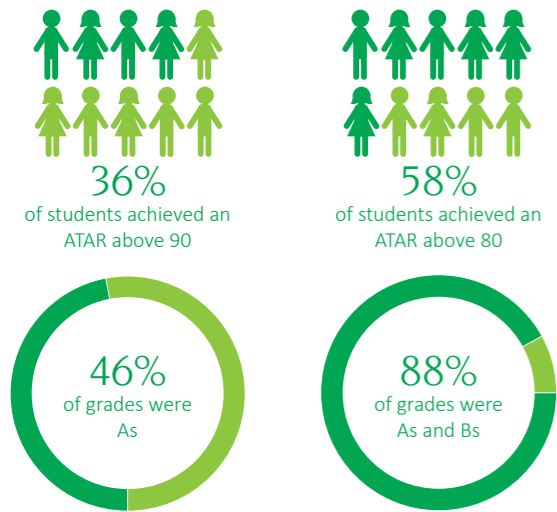


Westminster School

# SACE 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Our Class of 2018 has recorded excellent results and joins recent cohorts by being amongst the best academic results since we have been analysing our annual performance in the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE).

**SACE (South Australian Certificate of Education) Requirements:** • credits are earned for completed subjects or courses • 200 credits are needed to achieve SACE over 2-3 years • some subjects are compulsory • A to C- grades are required to pass compulsory subjects • one semester in a subject is worth 10 credits • two semesters in a subject is worth 20 credits



## TERTIARY PLACEMENT OFFERS

- Flinders University
- University of Adelaide
- University of South Australia
- Other



## FIELDS OF INTEREST

- Business & Accounting
- Health Sciences & Medicine
- Mathematical Sciences
- Humanities & Social Sciences
- Law & Justice
- Science
- Education & Music
- Architecture



## TOP 10 ATARS

Dux **Emily Jaarsma** 99.9 (two Merits) | Proxime Accessit **Bonita Hammond-Brown** 99.8 (two Merits) | **Heidi Collins** 98.85 (two Merits and recipient of the Governor of South Australia Commendation – Excellence Award) | **Luca Sardelis** 98.75 (one Merit) | **Daniel Cropley** 98.45 (two Merits) | **Katerina Hand** 98.45 | **Dimitrios Nikos** 98.35 | **Thomas Taplin** 98.35 (two Merits) | **Daniel McArthur** 97.9 | **Lily Brice-Marwood** 97.75 (one Merit) | **Olivia Pieck** 97.5 (two Merits) | **Jessica Johnson** 97.05 (one Merit) | **Alexander Lam** 97.05



**SIMON SHEPHERD**  
PRINCIPAL

We are delighted with the excellent academic results achieved by the Class of 2018, yet their great results are not the only measure of their success. Watching them embark on Year 12, it was impossible not to notice the great courage they brought out in each other and our younger students.

Their gracious acceptance of each other as they gave of their best in sport, service, on stage or in bands and ensembles, provided the encouragement to others to be courageous and make the most of every opportunity Westminster afforded them. In the classroom, they actively supported each other in highly productive and encouraging ways.

As a cohort they helped each other fulfil their potential and we hope that they are as happy with their achievements as Westminster is of them.

Throughout 2018, the Class of 2018 led by example in a positive manner and I hope that all students have learnt vicariously through their leadership.



**ANDREA SHERWOOD**  
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING

Even with six sets of twins, every student in the Class of 2018 was unique. Academic personal bests were a feature of this cohort but, as we often witness at Westminster, chasing other dreams is possible despite the hard work required in Year 12. Our top students Emily Jaarsma and Bonita Hammond-Brown made the most of the considerable academic and co-curricular opportunities offered at Westminster, mixing Mathematics and subjects in science, music and languages with environmental interests, the great outdoors and a serious commitment to sport. Heidi Collins, who received the prestigious Governor of South Australia's Commendation Award, was out parachuting the day it was awarded!

Through success and occasional disappointment, each student's contribution to our community has been immense. We congratulate our cricketers and cadets; athletes and the artists; surf life savers and singers – your resilience and dedication to your learning and passions have been inspiring and will undoubtedly serve you well for the future.

## DUX OF THE SCHOOL EMILY JAARMSA

Emily Jaarsma is a shining example of a student who has taken advantage of the diverse interests, activities and sports offered by Westminster. These included playing tennis, being Captain of Vocal Jazz 1 and in the Senior Vocal Ensemble, Philosophy Club, participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award scheme and offering Year 11 peer support. Emily was also Captain of Dunstan House and a member of the student leadership team. Outside of Westminster, Emily has been hosting a weekly live radio program for nearly four years, aimed at entertaining the Dutch community in Adelaide.

### How long were you at Westminster?

I began in Year 4, having moved a few years prior from the Netherlands with my family.

### What were your strongest subjects?

I have always struggled when asked about a 'favourite' or 'strongest' subject, as I can honestly say that I enjoyed the humanities subjects, such as English and Philosophy, just as much as the more scientific subjects, including Chemistry and Biology. I must admit, however, that my ability and interest in Mathematics was at its peak throughout my final years of schooling.

### What are your plans now that you have completed school?

After being lucky enough to receive a number of offers to medical schools around Australia, including the University of Melbourne, I am very proud to say that I have decided to move to NSW where I will be studying Medicine at the University of Newcastle. As far as future medical specialties are concerned, both Anaesthetics

and Plastic Surgery very much appeal to me but the reality is that I am currently undecided and cannot wait to be exposed to a number of new and diverse areas throughout my degree. I do know, however, that I plan on taking full advantage of the fantastic surfing, mountain biking and hiking that this region of the country has to offer me in the coming five years.

### With the benefit of hindsight, what advice would you offer Year 12s?

Start by truly believing that there is no reason why you cannot succeed this year! Nonetheless, it is important to still be realistic with yourself about your expectations and goals. Sadly, even the most talented students have tests they do not perform as well in as they would have hoped. As such, resilience is absolutely key in Year 12. Never 'drop' a subject after performing poorly in a test, no matter how tempting it may seem at times! Also, I would recommend spending less time comparing yourself to your peers or worrying about your intelligence. Instead, focus your attention on being as efficient, hard-working and self-disciplined as you possibly can.



# CLASS OF 2018 ACHIEVEMENTS

Each year our students have every opportunity to participate in rich and fulfilling programs both at Westminster and beyond. The Class of 2018 is no exception with many worthy achievements recorded throughout the year, whether academic or in service, sport or performing arts. Following are just some of these highlights:

## PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

**Casey Buchanan** became the U18 400m Athletics State Champion, also placing in the Open Men's 800m race at the same event. Casey achieved second place in the U18 800m and third in the 2km Steeple Chase event at the All Schools Champions competition. He came second in the Open Boys' Inter-School Cross Country.

**Sarah Burns** earned a gold medal in the U19 Flags, as well as a silver medal in the U19 March Past, at the State Surf Life Saving Championships. Sarah was also in the crew of the U19 Brighton Surf Boat Rowing Team, which took out the bronze medal for 2018 Surfboat Rowers League State Titles.

**Sophie Burns** earned a silver medal in U19 March Past at the State Surf Life Saving Championships.

**Kyle Chenoweth** made the Div 2 Superband at Generations in Jazz for the third year running, this year on lead trombone.

**Heidi Collins** received the prestigious Governor of South Australia Commendation - Excellence Award for 2018 and a Highly Commended certificate for the Australian Student Citizenship Awards.

**Charlotte Derbyshire** was selected for the Australian team attending the World Youth games on the Gold Coast. An emerging elite athlete, Charlotte was also the sole female Australian triathlete at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games held in Argentina, South America, and was rewarded with a silver medal in the team event. Charlotte also placed first in the 'Open Girls' category at Inter-School Cross Country event.

**Natalie (Wing Man) Ho** won first prize in the Art Gallery of SA Contemporary Student Design competition, a prestigious award in recognition of her outstanding design work.

**Jarryd Hoppo** was selected for the 2019 U20 Men's State Team to represent South Australia at 2019's U20 and Ivor Burge Australian Championships.

**Emily Jaarsma** was the worthy recipient of the 2018 Year 12 ADF Long Tan Award.

**Georgia Kraft** made the State U17 Netball Team that successfully took out the national title.

**Nathan Middleton** and **Louie Naito** each earned a third place in the Chinese Star Writing Competition.

**Luke Rigden** auditioned successfully for the 2018 Australian Dance Theatre Youth Ensemble, finishing the year with an offer to undertake in 2019 Adelaide College of the Arts Tertiary Dance course, highly regarded for developing professional dancers.

**Zoe Smart** took out gold in the Snowboard Giant Slalom and as the Div 1 Female Snowboarder at the South Australian Interscholars' Snowsport Championships.

**Luke Young** successfully auditioned for the Adelaide Youth Orchestra to secure a place on cello in the Adelaide Youth Sinfonia.

## TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

**Abbey Brown, Jessica Bullock, Charlotte Drew** received the Certificate for Excellent Precision and Accuracy in School Phase and Excellent Precision in State Finals of the RACI Analytical Chemistry Competition.

Our Boys' Swimming Team, with team members **James McLachlan, Joshua Rigden** and **Grant Robertson**, took out the Secondary School Sport SA State Championships for the B Grade Division, placing second overall.

At the South Australian Volleyball Schools Cup, **Kyle Chenoweth, Lachlan Casey, James Grimley, Jarryd Hoppo, Max Davis, Cooper Sharman** and **Henry Gibson**, were members of the team that took out third place.

**Alexander Higgins (Captain)** and **Matthew Meaney** were members of our winning Sailing Team who took top honours at the National Championship, leading to the team also winning the 2018 Interdominion Sailing Championships in New Zealand, the first time an Australian team has won in NZ waters.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL GOLD AWARDS

Westminster School consistently has the highest participation and medal count in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award in South Australia.

Gold Medal: **Fraser Bock, Lily Brice-Marwood, Jessica Bullock, Sarah Burns, Sophie Burns, Heidi Collins, Regine Facundo, Jenaiha Graham, Alexander Higgins, Jessica Johnson, Jaidyn Jones, Isabella Kelly, Daniel McArthur, James McLachlan, Matthew Meaney, Dimitrios Nikos, Patrick O'Brien, Emily O'Sullivan, Alexander Page, Olivia Pieck, Finlay Poole, Thomas Taplin (Year 11), Isabella Triglau-Phillips, Matthew Van Riel, Taj Ward (Year 11), Luke Young, Millicent Young.**

## SPECIAL AWARDS

Lawrence and Haese Medals for 2018 for Excellence in Mathematics – Gold Medal: **Bonita Hammond-Brown**, Silver Medal: **Emily Jaarsma**

Malcolm George Western Award (Agricultural Science) – **Mackahla Keep**

Head Of Senior School Award (Leadership & Service to the School) – **Vincent Stender**

S F Heaslip Award (Boarding) – **Isabella Kelly**

Caltex Best All-Rounder Award – **Heidi Collins**

Douglas Highmooer Forder Award (Excellence in Attitude) – **Jenaiha Graham**

Chairman of Council Award (Service to the School Community) – **Isabella Triglau-Phillips**

Principal's Award (Leadership and Service to the School) – **Isabella Triglau-Phillips**

## SCHOLARSHIPS & ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

**Fraser Bock** has been awarded a substantive scholarship to attend the International College of Hotel Management (ICHM).

**Charlotte Derbyshire** was offered two scholarships to attend the Griffiths University in Queensland.

Elite basketballer **Jarryd Hoppo** has received a lucrative scholarship to attend Southern Utah University, USA.

**Emily Jaarsma** was offered a Chancellor's Scholarship to study at the University of Melbourne.

**Carli Morton** has been awarded a Collegiate Scholarship with Le Cordon Bleu.



## ROUND SQUARE

Westminster School is the only South Australian member of Round Square, an international association of 160 schools from 40 countries. Round Square Service Award for the King Constantine Medal for supporting and promoting the ideals of Round Square through outstanding service work: **Kate Morgan**.

## SACE STAGE 2 - SUBJECT PRIZES AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

Accounting, Economics, Research Project, Academic Achievement Award –

**Thomas Taplin**; Agricultural Production, Academic Achievement Award –

**Sophie Simpson**; Biology, Principal's Award for Academic Excellence – **Georgia Kraft**;

Business & Enterprise, Psychology, Principal's Award for Academic Excellence –

**Fraser Bock**; Chemistry, English, Mathematical Methods, Principal's Award for

Academic Excellence – **Emily Jaarsma**; Chinese Background Speakers, Academic

Achievement Award – **Yuchen Zhou**; Chinese Continuers, English Literary Studies,

Physics, Principal's Award for Academic Excellence – **Heidi Collins**; Creative Arts - Art,

Visual Arts- Design, Academic Achievement Award – **Natalie (Wing Man) Ho**; Creative

Arts - Design – **Rachael Gellard**; Creative Arts - Photography – **Mackahla Keep**; Dance,

Academic Achievement Award – **Sophie Sibbons**; Design & Tech- Communication

Products Multimedia, Drama, Music - Solo Performance, Academic Achievement Award

– **Daniel Cropley**; Design & Tech - Fashion and Textile Design, Academic Achievement

Award – **Jenaiha Graham**; Design & Tech - Material Products – Metal – **Matthew Van**

**Riel**; Design & Tech - Material Products - Wood – **Corey Kelly**; Design & Tech - Systems

Control Products- CAD Engineering, Integrated Learning - Advanced Technologies

– **Wilson Wade**; English as an Additional Language, Modern History, Academic

Achievement Award – **Bolong Lin**; Essential English – **Joshua Rigden**; Essential

Mathematics – **Jack Jones**; Food & Hospitality – **Sophie Burns**; Geography, Principal's

Award for Academic Excellence – **Isabel Glynn**; German Continuers – **Rola Othman**;

Information Processing & Publishing, Japanese Continuers, Academic Achievement

Award – **Georgia Weber**; Information Technology – **Arulan Mahadeva**; Legal Studies,

Principal's Award for Academic Excellence – **Katerina Hand**; Mathematics – General –

**Alice Cesana**; Music- Composing and Arranging – **Grant Robertson**; Music - Ensemble

Performance, Music – Musicianship – **Kyle Chenoweth**; Music - Performance Special

Study, Academic Achievement Award – **Daniel McArthur**; Music Technology –

**Zihan Shi**; Outdoor Education, Principal's Award for Academic Excellence –

**Alexander Page**; Physical Education – **Matthew Thomas**; Research Project –

**Gracie Rawson**; Research Project, Academic Achievement Award – **Yoshi Tan**;

Research Project, Principal's Award for Academic Excellence – **Shijie Wang**; Specialist

Mathematics, Principal's Award for Academic Excellence – **Bonita Hammond-Brown**;

Visual Arts- Art, Academic Achievement Award – **Alexander Lam**.