



Westminster School



YEAR 12 ACHIEVEMENTS

Class of 2016

2016 School Dux Sarah Wyness (right), who achieved an ATAR of 99.65,
with Proxime Accessit Aine Garvey (left), who achieved an ATAR of 99.55.

Every Opportunity



Andrea Sherwood

As another cohort of students become Old Scholars, we reflect on another year of exceptional education.

Characterised by its impressive breadth, the Westminster curriculum saw the Class of 2016 excel across our range of over 40 available subjects in Year 12. Over a third of students gained an ATAR of over 90; the number of As represent over 40% of the grades achieved; and there were 33 merits from 28 students over 12 subjects – this is a year group with excellent academic results.

Our graduates now move into their chosen tertiary courses – the future doctors and dentists, entrepreneurs, accountants, engineers and designers, scientists, academics and educators – while some will explore other fascinating avenues to further their life skills. No matter what their choice, we are confident that their Westminster education has provided them with the resilience and courage to approach this next stage of their lives as optimistic, flexible and charismatic global citizens.

As we know, Westminster students are not defined by their academic SACE achievements alone. Throughout the year, we have celebrated many of the personal successes of our graduating students, who have been motivated to attain great outcomes in their interests, passions and service within the community. We stand by our ethos to provide every opportunity to every student and there were several who gained Certificates IIIs in vocational areas alongside their academic study, while others gained merits through the development of their sporting talent.

Our Old Scholars are always encouraged to stay in touch, no matter where in the world they journey. We look forward to hearing from our Class of 2016 Old Scholars and to personally share in their amazing experiences when they return to Westminster to inspire another generation of students.

Andrea Sherwood
Director of Learning

SACE 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Our Class of 2016 has recorded some of the best results achieved since we have been analysing our annual performance in the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE), with the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) median and awarded Merits being amongst the highest on record.

TOP 10 ATARS

We recognise the 11 students who gained the top ten ATARs for the School:



Sarah Wyness is Dux of the School with an ATAR of 99.65 and three Merits.



Aine Garvey
Proxime Accessit
99.55 (Merit)



Madison Burn
99.15 (Merit)



Mikayla Opie
98.3
(two Merits)



Stan Feetham
98.2
(two Merits)



Lachlan Ryan
98.1
(Boarding student)



Jack Agnew
97.95 (Merit)
(Boarding student)



Annabelle Dennis
97.3 (Merit)



Ben Ollerenshaw
97.1



Hannah Carne
96.7



Zarli Skinner
96.7 (Merit)

MORE SHINING ATARS

Georgina Bradley 96.65	Georgia Brazier 94.65	Spencer Brown 91.85
Emily Reed 96.3	Lydia Carter 94.45	Emily Chan 91.85
Harrison Young 96.3	Laura Marchetti 94.2	Maddison Green 91.85
Katrina Edwards 96.15	Amelia Paterson 94.1	Megan Hargraves 91.2
Emerson Stark 95.95	Jaime Cliff 93.35	Kyah Purling 91.2
Sarah Wildy 95.3	Callum Lawrie 93.15	Joel Smith 90.95
Kate Sellers 95.2	Amy Rigg 92.85	Georgia Thomson 90.95
Kaytie Hosking 95.15	Elyssa Davis 92.8	Harry Hamilton 90.7
Daniel Wood 95	Matthew Hayden 92.8	Alana Henderson 90.7
Nao Hisada 94.95	Matthew Allen 92.4	
James Gillham 94.75	Madeline Young 92.3	

Specifically, of the 117 students who achieved their SACE and gained an ATAR:

- The median ATAR for the Class of 2016 was 85.5%
- 3% of students achieved an ATAR of 99 and above
- 17% of students achieved an ATAR of 95 and above
- 36% of students achieved an ATAR of 90 and above
- 61% of students achieved an ATAR of 80 and above
- 42% of grades achieved were As and 85% were As and Bs

SACE MERITS

In total, 28 students gained 33 Merits across 12 subjects:

- **Agricultural and Horticultural Studies** – one Merit
- **Chemistry** – one Merit
- **Creative Arts** – three Merits
- **Economics** – one Merit
- **English Communications** – three Merits
- **English Studies** – two Merits
- **Ensemble Performance** – one Merit
- **Mathematical Applications** – one Merit
- **Outdoor Education** – three Merits
- **Psychology** – one Merit
- **Research Project** – 14 Merits (including six awarded in 2015 and eight awarded to students in the Class of 2017)
- **Workplace Practices** – two Merits

DUX OF THE SCHOOL



Sarah Wyness is a determined young woman who commits fully to everything she chooses to undertake. As a result of her academic effort, Sarah is our 2016 Dux and earned three SACE Merits in the process. In Year 12 she studied Creative Arts (Fashion), English Studies, Mathematical Studies, Psychology, while in Year 11 she completed Dance Stage 2 SACE and received one of her Merits for her Research Project B. Having a strong creative spirit and drive for excellence, Sarah is certain to use her strengths and exceptional education to enhance her career prospects in the fashion industry.

Q How long were you at Westminster?

I started in Year 4 in the Preparatory School and stayed at Westminster for the remainder of my school education.

Q What were your strongest subjects?

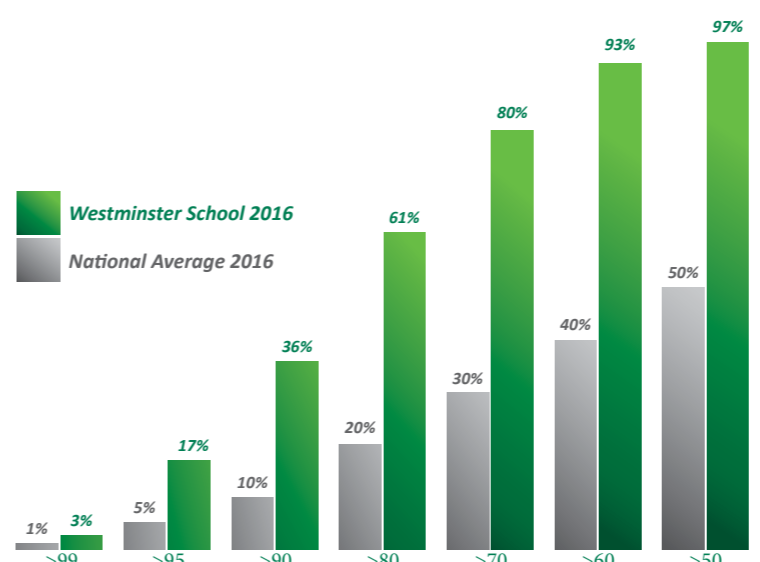
My strongest subjects have always been in the Humanities, Creative and Performing Arts streams. My Research Project focused on how to become a fashion journalist. I also love dance, having learnt both classical and contemporary forms, and was thrilled to be appointed as Dance Captain in my final year.

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

I have been offered a Scholarship for Excellence to Bond University in Queensland where I will study Journalism. Ultimately, I would like to see myself working in fashion but not as a designer. What really interests me is how to creatively present, capture and promote the clothes in a published folio or spread. Spending time in New York to explore this would be a dream come true!

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

A great lesson that I learned while at school is that the secret to starting something is not so much about motivation but discipline, and the secret behind discipline is habit. Set study habits for yourself – avoid distractions, set realistic goals, take frequent breaks. Don't study harder but do study smarter.



DISTRIBUTION OF ATARS

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 OFFERS

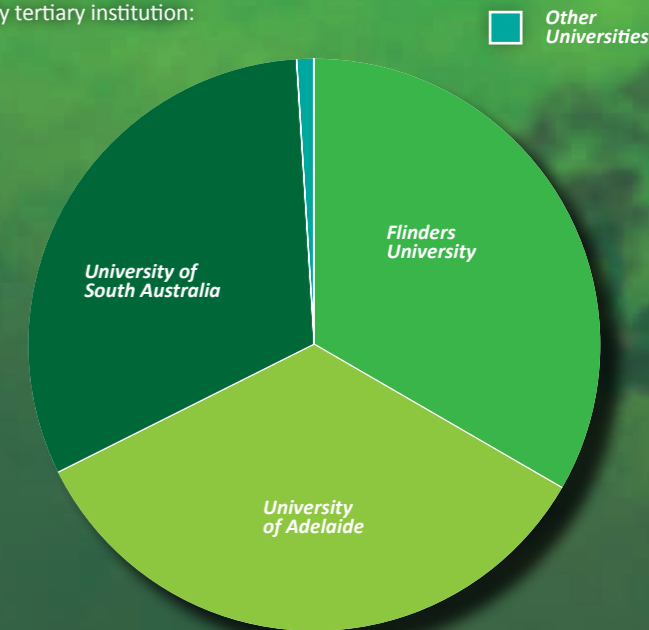
FIELDS OF INTEREST



- Health Sciences: Medical, Psychology, Nursing, Nutrition, Pharmacy, Advanced Health, Human Movement, Speech Pathology
- Business: Commerce, Economics, Marketing, Accounting, Finance, Tourism and Hospitality
- Mathematical Sciences: Engineering (architectural, electrical, civil and structural, mechanical, aero, chemical, biomedical, mechatronic, sports), Information Technology, Computer Science, Aviation, Software Development
- Humanities and Social Sciences: Arts, Creative Arts, Media, Language, Journalism, International Studies, Visual Arts
- Sciences: Animal Behaviour, Vet Bioscience, Marine Biology and Aquaculture
- Law and Justice
- Architecture and Design
- Education

TERTIARY PLACEMENT OFFERS

Offers made to our Class of 2016 students, summarised by tertiary institution:



CLASS OF 2016 ACHIEVEMENTS

Each year our students have every opportunity to participate in rich and fulfilling programs both at Westminster and beyond. The Class of 2016 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

Matthew Allen won the Google CodeIn competition by completing the most tasks and making the biggest contribution to a project called 'Ubuntu', an Open Source Operating System.

Hayley Barney received a certificate for Highly Commended in the Senior Student Section, in the 2016 Balco Balaklava Art Prize and Associated Awards Exhibition.

Tayla Beck received third overall in the Urrbrae Award for Best Relationship between Steer and Handler at the 2016 Royal Adelaide Show.

Spencer Brown received a Distinction in the Mathematical Association of SA 2016 South Australian Schools Mathematics Competition for SPE Prizes.

Kellie Francis was the only female from SA to receive a round one offer to participate in the 2016 Jetstar Little Athletics Australia National U15 Camp at the AIS in Canberra.

Aine Garvey attained first place in the 2016 Australian Society for Medical Research's National Secondary Schools Quiz.

Harry Hamilton was awarded the 2016 ADF Long Tan Leadership Award in recognition of his demonstrated values and respect, leadership and teamwork within both the School and local community.

Brittany Oliver was the winner of the Senior School Art Prize, and the Balco People's Choice Award (Open Category) at the 2016 Balco Balaklava Art Prize and Associated Awards Exhibition.

Georgia Thomson was selected to compete in the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup in Albury, before being selected to represent SA Country at the Australian National Junior Championships in Adelaide.

Sarah Wyness received second place in the 'Casual' category at the Apex SA Fashion Awards.

TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

In the Royal Australian Chemical Institute Analytical Chemistry Competition, **Maddy Rawson, Emily Reed, Katrina Edwards, Aine Garvey, Mikayla Opie** and **Phoebe Wiggins** each received the Certificate for Excellent Accuracy and Precision both at School and the State Finals. Maddy, Emily, and Katrina also received a Gold Medal in the National Finals, as well as the plaque for Most Excellent Team.

At the 2016 Royal Adelaide Show Dairy Cattle Competition, **Sarah Averay, Hayley Barney, Jaime Cliff** and **Laura O'Sullivan** were awarded third in the Holstein Junior Cow or Heifer category and also the Junior Show Competition (age 15 to 21) for Heifer or Yearling, as well as taking out Best Overall School.

Edward Davis, Oscar Welch and **James Meyer** were part of Big Band 1, who were winners of the ABODA SA 2016 competition for the Advanced Big Band Category.

In the 2016 IGSSA Shield Competition, **Courtney Eckert, Ashlee Francis** and **Meg Prior** were members of the winning Open B Netball team, and **Sarah Wildy, Hayley Johnson, Paris Francis, Emerson Stark, Ceinwyn Gibbs, Meg Prior, Zarli Skinner, Hayley Brown** and **Alanna Metcalfe** were members of the winning Open A Girls' Volleyball team.

Jackson Agnew, Riley Kelly and **Dylan Forster** were members of our Sailing Team that won the 2016 South Australian Metropolitan Secondary Schools Team Racing Regional Championship. The team then went on to place second at the National Secondary Schools Team Sailing Championships, before placing second overall at the 2016 Pacific Rim Inter-Schools Team Sailing Championships in Warkworth, New Zealand. This is the best an Australian team has ever done in this event in NZ.

At the Coeducational Cup Athletics Carnival, first places went to **Georgina Bradley** (Under 20 Long Jump, Under 20 200m), and **Mackenzie May** (Senior High Jump, Senior Long Jump).

At the IGSSA Athletics Carnival, **Georgina Bradley** placed first in the Open Div 1 Long Jump. Georgina also set a new School record in 2016 in the Year 12 100m.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S GOLD MEDALS

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

Gold Medal: **James Ashby, Georgia Brazier, Hailey Brown, Ashleigh Bullock, Lucy Burns, Stanley Feetham, Alana Henderson, Kaytie Hosking, Natasha Hutt, Riley Kelly, Laura O'Sullivan, Emily Reed, Lachlan Ryan, Zarli Skinner, Madeline Young.**

SPECIAL AWARDS

Lawrence and Haese Medals 2016 for Excellence in Mathematics – Gold Medal: **Aine Garvey**, Silver Medal: **Katrina Edwards**.
Malcolm George Western Award (Agricultural Science) – **Tania Barber**;
SF Heaslip Award (Boarding) – **Lachlan Ryan** and **Madeline Young**;
Caltex Best All-rounder Award – **Laura O'Sullivan**;
Head of Senior School Award – **Todd Marsh**;
Chairman of Council Award (Service to the School Community) – **Georgina Bradley**;
Douglas Highmoor Forder Award (Excellence in Attitude) – **Jackson Agnew**;
Principal's Award (Leadership) – **Georgina Bradley**.

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: **Mikayla Opie**.

SCHOLARSHIPS & ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Mikayla Opie, Zarli Skinner and **Sarah Wyness** have been awarded 2017 Bond University Scholarships. Mikayla and Zarli have received Bond Collegiate Scholarships. Sarah has received a Bond Scholarship for Excellence.

Oscar Welch has been awarded a full scholarship on guitar to attend the Los Angeles College of Music, USA.

SACE STAGE 2 // SUBJECT PRIZES AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

Accounting – Academic Achievement Award – **Hannah Carne**;
Agricultural and Horticultural Studies – **Tayla Beck**;
Agricultural and Horticultural Studies, Mathematical Applications, Principal's Award for Academic Excellence – **Stanley Feetham**;
Biology, English Studies, German (Continuers) – **Georgina Bradley**;
Business and Enterprise, Academic Achievement Award – **Emerson Stark**;
Chemistry, Principal's Award for Academic Excellence – **Yashwanth Chandrasekaran**;
Chinese Background – **Yiyue Zhang**;
Chinese Continuers, Principal's Award for Academic Excellence – **Laura Marchetti**;
Classical Studies, Economics, Legal Studies, Academic Achievement Award – **Jackson Agnew**;
Creative Arts – Fashion Design, Principal's Award for Academic Excellence – **Sarah Wyness**;
Creative Arts – Art – **Annelise Smith**;
Creative Arts – Design, English Pathways – **Hayley Johnson**;
Creative Arts – Photography – **Harry Hamilton**;
Dance – **Izaak Westhead (Year 10)**;
Design & Technology – Communication Products Multimedia – **Matthew Allen**;
Design & Technology – Systems & Control Products – CAD Engineering – **Dylan Forster**;
Design & Technology – Material Products - Metal – **Harrison Lienert**;
Drama, Physics, Principal's Award for Academic Excellence – **Madison Burn**;
English as Second Language Studies, Musicianship, Performance Special Study, Academic Achievement Award – **Naohisada**;
English Communications – **Annabelle Dennis**;
Ensemble Performance, Principal's Award for Academic Excellence – **Jacob Wilson**;
Food and Hospitality, Psychology, Academic Achievement Award – **Sarah Wildy**;
Information Processing and Publishing – **Emma Agars**;
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Information Technology – **Jordan Gayler (Year 11)**.
Japanese (Continuers), Principal's Award for Academic Excellence – **Katrina Edwards**;
Mathematical Pathways – **Tara Blackburn**;
Mathematical Methods, Academic Achievement Award – **Mikayla Opie**;
Mathematical Studies, Specialist Mathematics, Principal's Award for Academic Excellence – **Aine Garvey**;
Outdoor Education – **Emily Reed**;
Outdoor Education – **Lachlan Ryan**;
Physical Education – **Cammie Williams**;
Research Project – **Hayley Barney**;
Solo Performance – **James Meyer**;
Visual Arts - Art – **Brittany Oliver**.