Dear College Community

The HSC results have been released, our first-pass analysis has been completed, and once again it has been an outstanding result for the boys and Scots collectively.

Without doubt, 2015 at Scots has been one of the best in the College’s history. On the following pages, I will share some highlights of the early analysis, but in summary, the boys have done very well. They are a credit to themselves, their families and the College.

As a College community, we can be very pleased with our ever deepening academic culture. The focus on striving for excellence in all Academic, Sporting and Co-Curricular programs has helped the boys achieve to their full potential.

Of course, this could not have been possible without the hard work, dedication and support of our staff, parents and broader community. Most importantly, it would not have been achieved without the enormous effort, teamwork and collaboration of the 2015 Year 12 boys.

The partnership between the College and our community is critical to our goal of developing fine young men. Over the next few days, please take a few moments to pause and reflect on the enormous impact that The Scots College community has had on these fine young men and the part, however small, you have played, because you too deserve to be recognised and thanked.

I look forward with anticipation to following the boys’ progress as they move into this next phase of their journey where the Scots Advantage bears fruit.

Yours sincerely

Dr Ian PM Lambert

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2015 HSC Highlights

- 12 Scots’ boys achieved an ATAR above 99.00, a 50 percent increase on 2014 results.
- 14 boys were recognised on the Premier’s All-round Achievers’ award list.
- 65 percent of all results were awarded in the top two Bands for NSW (Bands 5, 6, E3 and E4).
- Two thirds of all results were in the top 20 percent of NSW.
- Scots had 238 Distinguished Achievers (Band 6) and 30 students achieved an HSC exam mark of 90 and above in Advanced English.
- Seven Scots boys received nominations for OnStage, one nomination for Encore and two nominations for ARTEXPRESS.
- The College maintained 51st position in The Sydney Morning Herald’s analysis of students who achieved Band 6 results.
Scots High Performers 2015

**Simon Weng**

HSC Results
Chemistry – 96%
English Advanced – 93%
English Extension 1 – 94%
Mathematics Extension 1 – 99%
Mathematics Extension 2 – 95%
Physics – 96%
ATAR: 99.90

**Ambition Statement:** To go to The University of Sydney to study Space Engineering and hopefully fly to Mars one day.

**Achievements:** Dux of the College 2015

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**Denny Chen**

HSC Results
Chemistry – 94%
English Advanced – 94%
Mathematics Extension 1 – 100%
Mathematics Extension 2 – 96%
Music Extension 2 – 97%
Physics – 94%
ATAR: 99.85

**Ambition Statement:** To pursue a career in finance, studying a combined law degree and beginning my cadetship at UBS.

**Achievements:** Head Day Boy Prefect, Captain of Music, Associate Diploma in Music Australia, Debating, Pipes and Drums

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**Dominic Cooper**

HSC Results
Chemistry – 96%
Economics – 92%
English Advanced – 92%
Mathematics Extension 1 – 98%
Mathematics Extension 2 – 95%
Physics – 95%
ATAR: 99.70

**Ambition Statement:** To ski through Europe for several months, before returning to Australia to study something I am passionate about.

**Achievements:** College Prefect, 1st XI Football, 1st Tennis, GPS 1st Football Representative

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**Gyan Ainkaran**

HSC Results
Chemistry – 93%
Economics – 92%
English Advanced – 93%
Mathematics Extension 1 – 98%
Mathematics Extension 2 – 91%
Physics – 94%
ATAR: 99.65

**Ambition Statement:** To pursue a career in either medicine or teaching. To serve the local community and work with developing countries in a charity role.

**Achievements:** Deputy Head Prefect, Proxime Accessit, Senior Leader - Christian Union, CUO Pipes and Drums, 1st Tennis

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**Bovey Zhao**

HSC Results
Ancient History – 90%
Chemistry – 93%
English Advanced – 95%
Mathematics Extension 1 – 97%
Mathematics Extension 2 – 94%
Physics – 93%
ATAR: 99.60

**Ambition Statement:** I wish to start my own business and dedicate myself to make it into something of a ‘biggie’. Fingers crossed until I achieve the dream!

**Achievements:** College Orchestra, GPS Premiership Debating Team

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**Harry Brink**

HSC Results
Biology – 92%
Chemistry – 93%
English Advanced – 92%
Mathematics Extension 1 – 97%
Mathematics Extension 2 – 95%
Physics – 93%
ATAR: 99.50

**Ambition Statement:** To attend university and possibly study Engineering.

**Achievements:** GPS Cross Country Premiers, NSW Athletics Team
Luke Harry  
**HSC Results**  
- English Advanced – 95%  
- English Extension 1 – 92%  
- English Extension 2 – 100%  
- French – 94%  
- Mathematics Extension 1 – 98%  
- Physics – 90%  
**ATAR:** 99.45  
**Ambition Statement:** Next year, I plan to take a gap year and figure out exactly what path I would like to follow later on in life.  
**Achievements:** 10th in the state in Extension 2 English, College Prefect

Josh Ng  
**HSC Results**  
- Economics – 95%  
- English Advanced – 94%  
- English Extension 1 – 92%  
- Latin Continuers – 91%  
- Mathematics – 98%  
- Mathematics Extension 1 – 94%  
- Physics – 92%  
**ATAR:** 99.40  
**Ambition Statement:** After finishing Year 12, I would like to study a Commerce/Engineering degree at university. From there, I hope to explore my career options, including possible entry into business.  
**Achievements:** Pipes and Drums

Vincent Carse  
**HSC Results**  
- Chemistry – 90%  
- Economics – 92%  
- English Advanced – 93%  
- English Extension 1 – 92%  
- Mathematics Extension 1 – 97%  
- Mathematics Extension 2 – 93%  
**ATAR:** 99.35  
**Ambition Statement:** I would like to travel overseas through the Northern Hemisphere followed by a journey through Asia. I then plan to study Economics at The University of Sydney.  
**Achievements:** College Prefect, 1st Debating, Cadet CSM, Captain of Public Speaking

Rocky Lagudi  
**HSC Results**  
- Economics – 93%  
- English Advanced – 93%  
- English Extension 1 – 90%  
- Mathematics Extension 1 – 95%  
- Mathematics Extension 2 – 89%  
- Modern History – 95%  
**ATAR:** 99.30  
**Ambition Statement:** I intend to complete a Commerce/Law degree at one of Australia’s leading universities and to pursue my ambition to play for a state football premier league team.  
**Achievements:** College Prefect, 1st XI Football, Senior Leader - Christian Union, Gold Duke of Edinburgh’s Award, Captain of Football, Cadet CUO

Jerry Yu  
**HSC Results**  
- Chemistry – 91%  
- English Advanced – 93%  
- Mathematics Extension 1 – 99%  
- Mathematics Extension 2 – 92%  
- Physics – 90%  
**ATAR:** 99.30  
**Ambition Statement:** I would love to travel to Europe or South America in early 2016, before undergoing a course that revolves around music or science, possibly Neuroscience or Physiotherapy.  
**Achievements:** 1st XI Football, GPS 1st XI Football Representative, Leader of Wind Band

Romy Motwani  
**HSC Results**  
- Economics – 89%  
- English Advanced – 91%  
- Mathematics Extension 1 – 98%  
- Mathematics Extension 2 – 93%  
- Physics – 96%  
- Latin Continuers – 83%  
**ATAR:** 99.1  
**Ambition Statement:** I would like to study a Commerce degree combined with another degree relating to maths or science at university while continuing my passion for sport.  
**Achievements:** 2014 Academic Excellence Award
Across all courses, 65% of boy's results were awarded in the top two Bands (Bands 5 and 6, E3 and E4).

Scots boys who were awarded Band 6 compared to NSW average

Proportion of boys awarded in top two bands by subject

100%
English Extension 2, Indonesian Extension, Latin Continuers, Music Extension, Music 2

>90%
English Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2

>80%
Drama, Studies of Religion I

The Scots Advantage
Leading performers in NSW 2015

Top performing subject compared to NSW average for Bands 5 and 6

Year on year comparison

SMH HSC ranking

Band 6 results

Premier’s List 2015

To be selected on the Premier’s List, a student must achieve a Band 6 in at least ten units of study. For most students, this means achieving at the highest level in all of their selected subjects.

Henry Kamp has been offered admission to Yale University in the USA.

Whilst studying at the Ivy League University he will continue his rowing career as a member of the Yale University Heavyweight Crew, following success at Scots where he rowed for two years. Henry was named GPS Sculling Champion in 2014, and has also represented Australia.

This outstanding achievement highlights the full experience of what Scots has to offer.
Academic Strategies in 2015

Our consistent focus on academic achievement across the board has seen us excel in a number of areas. It is pleasing to see the effectiveness of the strategies we have put in place including:

Our new academic strategies

- Edrolo online video tutoring and revision resource: This personalised resource is made available to all boys for their suite of available subjects.
- HSC success strategies: The top 13 strategies utilised by the most successful HSC students in previous years were explicitly taught and implemented with a focus on the top five. A particular focus was the most powerful strategy of completing practice papers. Practice HSC exams were offered during two of the vacation periods with overnight marking and feedback sessions provided the next day.
- Practice exams doubled: HSC holiday practice exams provided after both the Pre-Trial and Trial examinations, doubling the opportunity for students to activate this most effective strategy for improvement in performance.
- Study Skills Seminars: External providers delivered highly effective study seminars and provided ongoing online support with a focus on revision, examination preparation and time management.
- Appointment of Coordinator of Academic Writing: Dr Cody Reynolds was appointed to lead the development of academic and creative writing teaching and learning strategies across the College with a particular focus on English.

Our continued academic strategies

- Supervised study periods: All study periods were actively supervised by teaching staff.
- Extended library hours: The Library was open with tutors available to assist with study and assessment task development.
- Academic mentoring and seminars: Departments facilitated external speakers, mentoring and additional support classes to assist students in specific subjects.
- Academic Dean’s Honour Roll: Students who attained a predicted ATAR of over 95 at either the Pre-Trial or Trial examinations were recognised, honoured and encouraged.
- Predicted ATAR tracking: After the Pre-Trial and Trial examinations, Housemasters calculated how boys were currently tracking and provided assistance to monitor progress. This monitoring provided an opportunity for refining goals and targeting support.
- Holiday HSC practice exams: Overnight marking and next day feedback seminars were conducted.

What is an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)?

The ATAR is a number between 0.00 and 99.95 that provides a measure of a student’s overall academic achievement in Year 12 in relation to their age cohort. It is used by universities to help rank applicants for selection. The ATAR is calculated how boys were currently tracking and provided assistance to monitor progress. This monitoring provided an opportunity for refining goals and targeting support.

Congratulations to the teachers too

On the very same day as the ATAR announcements were made Dr John Montgomery, our own Head of Curriculum, received confirmation that he has successfully completed his PhD through The University of Sydney.

This further bolsters the College’s growing academic credentials with 11 members of staff now holding their Doctorate and 45 having completed their Masters degree.

The College does not receive formal notifications of ATAR results but there is a tradition of boys visiting the College to share their successes the day after they receive their ranking.

The Class of 2015 is an amazingly diverse cohort with outstanding individual talents as well as a strong sense of teamwork. From the start, on Year 7 Camp, they have always had an incredible drive, energy and personality that have set them apart from other year groups. They have risen to every challenge set before them, including being the first group to complete The Long Journey Home from Glengarry. Sporting and co-curricular benchmarks have been set by this group as well as academic excellence. They are truly the sum of their parts and will be remembered fondly by all who had the pleasure of being at the College in their time.”

Mr Andrew Potter
Head of Students

“From the start of the year, the challenge to work together in striving for academic success has been a hallmark for the class of 2015. A culture of encouragement and working together to rise to the challenge of academic excellence has been truly embraced.”

Dr John Montgomery
Head of Curriculum

“The creativity, innovation and vision demonstrated by this cohort has given a renewed vigour to all boys in the Creative Arts and set an extremely high standard for practical and theoretical Arts approaches for the future. With nominations to ARTEXPRESS, OnStage and Encore, the cohort of 2015 has reaped the rewards of hard work, enthusiasm and a passion for excellence.”

Ms Andrea van den Bol
Dean of Creative Arts

“The camaraderie and support shown to each other will be the impression that remains with me from the Class of 2015. They were a tight-knit group who displayed a great passion for the College. Their achievements in the academic, sport and co-curricular areas will be looked on in years to come with admiration.”

Mr Peter Young
Student Academic and Welfare Coordinator
Achieving academic excellence in 2015 ... and so much more

• 2015 GPS Champions - Rugby
• 2015 GPS Champions - Cricket
• 2015 GPS Champions - Cross Country
• 2015 GPS Champions - 2nds Basketball
• National Snow Sports Champions

• Winner 2015 GPS Head of the River - 2nd VIII
• ISDA Debating Premiers
• Gold, Silver and Bronze - NSW Bands competition
• NSW State Champions Pipes and Drums
• NSW Dance Eisteddfod Champions

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