

HSC Academic Results

Class of 2022



SHORE



From the Headmaster



It gives me great pleasure to share a very exciting set of HSC results from the Class of 2022.

On behalf of all the teachers, coaches and mentors who have been a part of their educational journey at Shore, we warmly congratulate all our Year 12 leavers.

This year's cohort have navigated their final year with enthusiasm and true Shore spirit, taking the School to new heights in academic leadership, creativity and sport.

Dr John Collier
Headmaster

The unerring determination of our boys to perform at their best

in all that they turn their hand to is again recognised, not just by the excellent HSC results, but by the high numbers of students who have received early entry offers into their chosen course and by the 38 HSC Showcase nominations received.

The direction our students choose from here will inevitably be shaped by their individual passion and ambition, but as Proverbs 16:9 states 'The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.'

I wish you all the very best as you take these early steps.



Senior Prefect, Henry Oxenham (left) and Second Prefect, Toby Brandon-Cooper, at the start of their Year 12 journey

The Results are in...



Matt Leeds
Deputy Head Academic

Shore's Class of 2022 academic achievements have been outstanding, with results that represent personal bests for many. My message to the entire year is simple – well done!

The Year 12 cohort's median ATAR of 90.35 is particularly remarkable for a comprehensive boys' school, especially because it cuts across a wide range of subjects, demonstrating something we are especially proud of at Shore: that our boys are encouraged to follow their passions and interests to excel in all they do.

This diversity is best exemplified in the journeys of three of our Class of 2022 Year 12 boys:

- Toby Brandon-Cooper was our Second Prefect in 2022 and Captain of Swimming. It is wonderful to see him also recognised as an HSC All Rounder, attain an 8th in the State in Geography and an ATAR of 99.6.
- Jackson Stiel was the 1st XV Captain of Shore Rugby for

2022, representative Captain of the GPS 2nd XV and an NSW *Gen Blue* representative. So it was tremendous to also see him recognised as an HSC All Rounder for receiving Band 6 results in Business Studies, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, PDHPE and Visual Arts.

- Jordan Li was our Captain of Music and an RAI Grant Music Scholar. He received a perfect score of 50 in Music Extension, 98 in Music 2 and also Band 6 results in Mathematics Extension 1 and Mathematics Extension 2, earning him an ATAR of 99.55.

I also want to highlight Nathan Zhou, who came equal first in the State with the highest possible ATAR available in Australia of 99.95: the perfect score!

This year, 216 students from Shore sat for the HSC, between them securing 347 Band 6 / E4 results and 560 Band 5 / E3 results. The Band 6 / E4 success appropriately records them in the State's Distinguished Achievers rankings, but it is also worth recognising that 16 boys made it onto the HSC All Rounders list – Tom Blackwell, Toby Brandon-Cooper, Will Defina, Andrew Ding, Will Edwards, Edward Ellis, Luke Guilda, Max Lo Russo, Alex Murray, Daniel Rowe, Jackson Stiel, Ryan Wang, Oliver Withington, William Wulff, David Xie and Nathan Zhou – while the following five students were acknowledged as being amongst the State's absolute top performers:

- Nathan Zhou 2nd in Mathematics Extension 2 and 8th in Chemistry
- Edward Ellis 3rd in Business Studies
- Dominik Mautner 4th in German

Extension (achieved in Year 11)

- Alex Murray 6th in Mathematics Extension 2
- Toby Brandon-Cooper 8th in Geography.

Other HSC highlights include:

- 115 Band 6 results in Mathematics – the most we have ever received as a School and only the second time over 100
- We also saw our best ever HSC results in Drama with every boy who did Drama achieving Band 5 or above and 77% of them receiving a Band 6.
- 98 out of 99 students achieved a Band 5 or 6 in English Advanced (with 27 Distinguished Achievers)
- 50% of our Economics students and 35% of our Business Studies students achieved Band 6
- 83% of our Music 1 students received a Band 6 and Jordan Li received a perfect score of 50 in Music Extension.

I would also like to acknowledge the crucial role parents and families play in the boys' success and enjoyment of all that Shore offers. The support of Year 12 parents has been overwhelming and I am especially grateful for our partnership this year.

They came to us as boys, but leave us as young men, equipped to lead and serve others as they make a positive mark on our world.

It is important to recognise that this booklet celebrates the achievements of every Year 12 student. These results are testament to Shore's capacity to unlock the unique gifts and talents of our boys and an acknowledgement not just of the diligence and hard work of the boys, but also of the expert guidance and support of our teaching staff and parents.

HSC Snapshot

One perfect score (Nathan Zhou), five boys on the State Top Achievers list, 16 All Rounders and 38 HSC Showcase nominations ... the HSC Class of 2022 performance has surpassed all expectations and is truly reflective of the outstanding guidance of our experienced academic staff and considerable support from the parents and broader Shore Community.

90.35



Shore students median ATAR

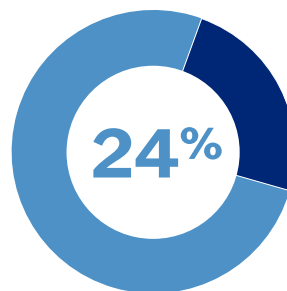
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Band 6 /
E4 results

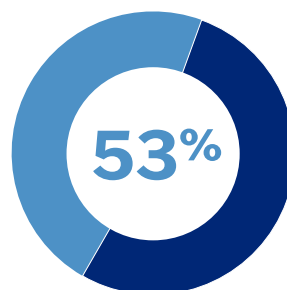


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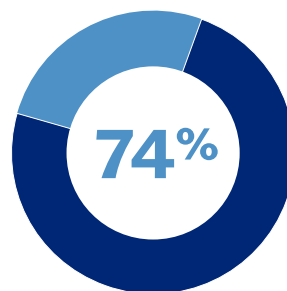
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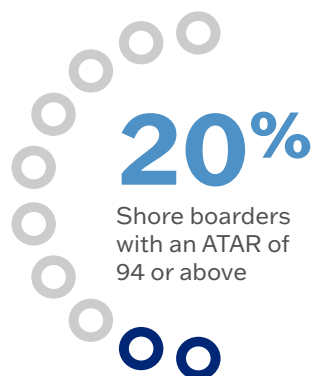
Shore students with an
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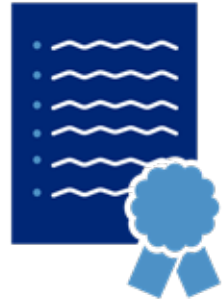
Shore students with an
ATAR of 90 or above



Shore students with an
ATAR of 85 or above



Shore boarders
with an ATAR of
94 or above

38HSC Showcase
nominations**5**Shore students
recognised as top
State performers**16**Shore students
on the All
Rounders List**1**Perfect score
of 99.95

Reading the Results

Higher School Certificate (HSC) results are reported by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) in bands.

A Band 6 represents a NESA HSC mark between 90-100, a Band 5 represents a NESA HSC mark between 80-89 and so on. Extension subjects are reported as E4 for 45-50, E3 for 35-44 and E2 for 25-34.

Band 6 and E4 recognise students as Distinguished Achievers. NESA also releases a list of 'All Rounders' comprising of students who receive Distinguished Achiever listings in ten or more of their units of study.

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is a rank, not a mark, and indicates a student's position relative to all students in their age group nationally.

An ATAR of 80, for example, means a student is in the top 20% of possible results of the cohort of students who completed Year 12 nationally.

Early Entry Offers

The number of Early Entry offers made and accepted by Shore students has risen exponentially in the last five years, more than doubling since 2019 and 2022 has again seen a large number of Year 12 students securing options for a place at university prior to receiving their final HSC results.

This is a further endorsement of Shore's academic quality, affirming that students receiving a Shore education are highly regarded in the tertiary education arena.



High Achievers



Nathan Zhou
ATAR 99.95
 2nd in the State for Mathematics Extension 2 / 8th in the State for Chemistry
 HSC All Rounder
 Distinguished Achievers list: Chemistry, Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2 and Physics



Alex Murray
ATAR 99.90
 6th in the State for Mathematics Extension 2
 HSC All Rounder
 Distinguished Achievers list: Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics and Latin Continuers



Ryan Wang
ATAR 99.85
 HSC All Rounder
 Distinguished Achievers list: Economics, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics and Japanese Continuers



Daniel Rowe
ATAR 99.85
 HSC All Rounder
 Art Express Nomination
 Distinguished Achievers List: Biology, Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Visual Arts



Toby Brandon-Cooper
ATAR 99.60
 8th in the State for Geography
 HSC All Rounder
 Distinguished Achievers list: Chemistry, Economics, English Advanced, Geography and Mathematics Extension 1



Jordan Li
ATAR 99.55
 Perfect Score of 50 in Music Extension
 Encore Nomination
 Distinguished Achievers list: Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Music and Music Extension



William Defina
ATAR 99.50
 HSC All Rounder
 Distinguished Achievers list: Chemistry, Design and Technology, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2 and Physics



Edward Ellis
ATAR 99.45
 3rd in the State for Business Studies
 HSC All Rounder
 Distinguished Achievers list: Business Studies, Economics, English Advanced, Geography and Modern History



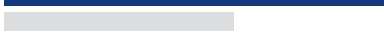
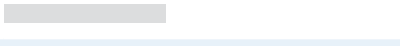
Oliver Withington
ATAR 99.45
 HSC All Rounder
 Distinguished Achievers list: Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Physics and French Continuers



William Wulff
ATAR 99.30
 HSC All Rounder
 Distinguished Achievers list: Chemistry, English Advanced, Industrial Technology, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2 and Physics

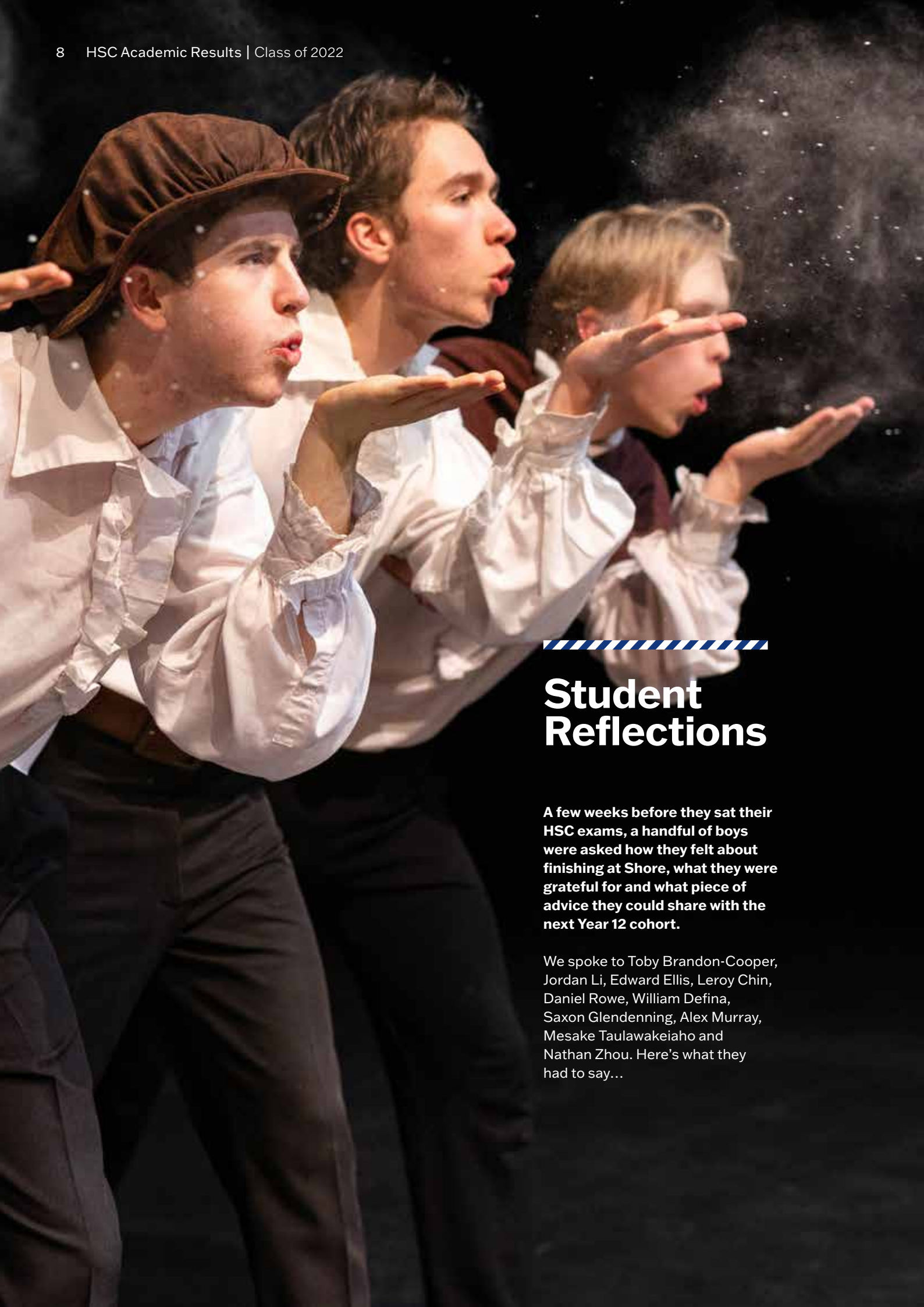
Students Achieving in Top Two Bands

Percentage correct to one decimal place

COURSE	NO. IN COURSE	SCHOOL %	STATE %	STATE VS SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
Biology	33	54.5	26.8	
Business Studies	126	77.8	34.9	
Chemistry	42	54.8	33.2	
Design and Technology	13	84.6	47.1	
Drama	27	100	58.6	
Economics	28	92.9	49.4	
English Advanced	99	99	67.2	
English Standard	118	44.1	15.5	
Geography	110	73.6	42.3	
Industrial Technology	14	57.1	21.9	
Mathematics Advanced	98	81.6	49	
Mathematics Extension 1	75	86.7	73.6	
Mathematics Extension 2	19	100	85.1	
Mathematics Standard 2	102	70.6	29.1	
Modern History	39	84.6	34.4	
PDHPE	82	70.7	45	
Physics	46	78.3	41.4	
Studies of Religion 1	16	87.5	40.9	
Visual Arts	20	90	65.8	

Notes

- Subjects with small candidatures (less than ten) have been omitted. It can be misleading to interpret statistics for small numbers.
- This table is meaningful only for comparing School and State percentages in each subject. We warn against superficial comparison between subjects and courses. Such comparisons are invalid because of the different sizes of candidature and different percentages in Bands 5 and 6 awarded State-wide.



Student Reflections

A few weeks before they sat their HSC exams, a handful of boys were asked how they felt about finishing at Shore, what they were grateful for and what piece of advice they could share with the next Year 12 cohort.

We spoke to Toby Brandon-Cooper, Jordan Li, Edward Ellis, Leroy Chin, Daniel Rowe, William Defina, Saxon Glendenning, Alex Murray, Mesake Taulawakeiaho and Nathan Zhou. Here's what they had to say...



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I'm excited and really looking forward to meeting new people.”

Jordan Li

On Finishing School...

Toby Brandon-Cooper – planning to study a Bachelor of Science and Economics at UNSW.

“I have mixed feelings to be honest: I'm a bit nervous and a bit excited all at the same time. I have been here for six years, so it's quite daunting to be opening that new chapter of life, but I'm very excited to be going to university and to see what lies beyond.”

Jordan Li – planning to study a Masters in Bio-medical Engineering and Electrical Engineering at UNSW.

“I'm excited and really looking forward to meeting new people, who share my passion for Maths and problem-solving.”

Edward Ellis – planning to study a Bachelor of Law and Commerce at Sydney University or UNSW.

“I'm looking forward to exploring something new, but there is a part of me that will miss the day-to-day structure in my life and some of the great relationships I've forged here, both with my friends and some of the teachers.”

Leroy Chin – planning on going on a gap year that includes an internship with a computer science company.

“I have bittersweet feelings: I'm looking forward to moving on, but have a lot of gratitude for the opportunities Shore has given me.”

Daniel Rowe – still considering whether to aim for dentistry or a broader Medicine degree.

“I'm still very much in denial! I've had a great six years here and it's going to be hard to let go of that.”

William Defina – planning to study an Engineering and Commerce degree at the University of Sydney.

“I feel very lucky to have been at such a good school, with such a great culture. Year 12 has just amplified everything: it has all meant so much more – every footy game you go to, the debates and all the other Co-Curricular activities in Year 12. You know it's your final year, so everything seems to matter so much more to the boys and even to those just watching.”

On Gratitude...

Saxon Glendinning – planning to study a Bachelor of Project Construction Management or a Bachelor of Architecture at UTS.

"If I had to choose one aspect of Shore that I'm grateful for, it would be the teachers. I've had such good teachers in all my subjects, but it's the extra support they offer that I've really noticed: they have helped me to stay motivated and offered me constructive advice. It has always felt like many teachers have a genuine interest in our lives, not just in our academic ability."

Alex Murray – planning to study a Bachelor of Actuarial Studies at UNSW or a Bachelor of Advanced Maths at University of Sydney.

"The Co-Curricular opportunities are probably the aspect of Shore life that I'm most grateful for, whether it's sport or the amazing band program. The facilities we have here are unmatched. These opportunities also promote a strong and healthy spirit of competitiveness, from classes to the playground, and that has helped me meet some amazing people and make some lifelong friendships."

Toby Brandon-Cooper

"I've really, really enjoyed school. I've loved playing the saxophone in various bands. I've relished the academic side of things. And I've also loved the Christian aspect of school. I enjoy Chapel and I'm quite sad that I now have to leave all that behind."



Saxon Glendinning competing

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Saxon Glendinning



Mesake Taulawakeiaho receiving the Innovation Award

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Find something that will be fulfilling when you study, so you'll feel like you've achieved something.”

Mesake Taulawakeiaho



On their advice to the next cohort...

Edward Ellis

“My main piece of advice, especially for those just starting Year 12, is to try to really enjoy your last year of school and all the events that come with it. In terms of study, make sure you really try to make good use of the teachers and the many other supportive people around you.”

Leroy Chin

“Take some time to find the right balance, between your academic commitments, ambition and your school social life: don't let either one control the other. Plus, always look to experience new things. Most importantly, have a good time.”

Mesake Taulawakeiaho – planning to study a double Law degree at ANU or a Bachelor of Communications at University of Sydney.

“My advice is to find a way to study that you really enjoy, whether that's grinding out a Maths exercise or doing an English paper. Find something that will be fulfilling when you study, so you'll feel like you've achieved something.”

Nathan Zhou – planning to study a Bachelor of Medical Studies at UNSW or Western Sydney University, or a Bachelor of Mathematics at Cambridge University (UK).

“Pace yourself over the entire year. You don't have to do everything the night before an exam. I spread out all the things I needed to do over a long period of time, so it actually felt like I was doing less work even though I was getting more done.”

William Defina

“Understand the processes behind the content you're learning rather than just trying to understand a question by itself. Sometimes embedding your knowledge in a principle or an idea is a lot more effective when you're trying to learn things deeply.”

Celebrating 38 HSC Showcase nominations

Shore's rich history and tradition, founded as it is on authentic and transformative Christian faith, creates a unique environment in which the intellectual, physical, social, emotional and spiritual growth and wellbeing of our boys can truly be nurtured. The outcome of this foundational learning environment is a truly rounded education and this is well-reflected by the high number of HSC Showcase nominations Shore has again attained for *OnSTAGE*, *InTech*, *ARTEXPRESS* and *ENCORE*, with 38 nominations all up.

The following Individual *OnSTAGE* nominations have been received, for performance, set design and/or directorial work:

- Gus Allen-Burton
- Timothy Barrett
- Marlon Cayley
- Felix Chakrabarti
- Dylan Daniels
- Cameron Dickson
- Aaron Gruzin
- Lewis Howard
- James McCredie
- Samuel McCredie
- Edward Ritchens
- Caleb Gallant
- Cooper Gregory
- Aaron Gruzin
- Luke Guildea
- Lewis Howard
- James McCredie
- Samuel McCredie
- Edward Ritchens
- Alessandro Russo
- Nicholas Sarmiento
- Hugh Simpson
- Lachlan Watson

In addition to the above, the following 21 boys received Group nominations (nine of whom also achieved individual nominations) with the performance of Timothy Barrett, Marlon Cayley, Caleb Gallant, Cooper Gregory and Samuel McCredie also being 'selected':

- Gus Allen-Burton
- Timothy Barrett
- Finn Beachley
- Alec Carter
- Marlon Cayley
- Felix Chakrabarti
- Oscar Clarkson
- Christian Di Michiel
- Cameron Dickson

InTech nominations were also received this year for Noah Holt and William Wulff.

ARTEXPRESS nominations were received for Sam Brasher, William Hammett and Daniel Rowe.

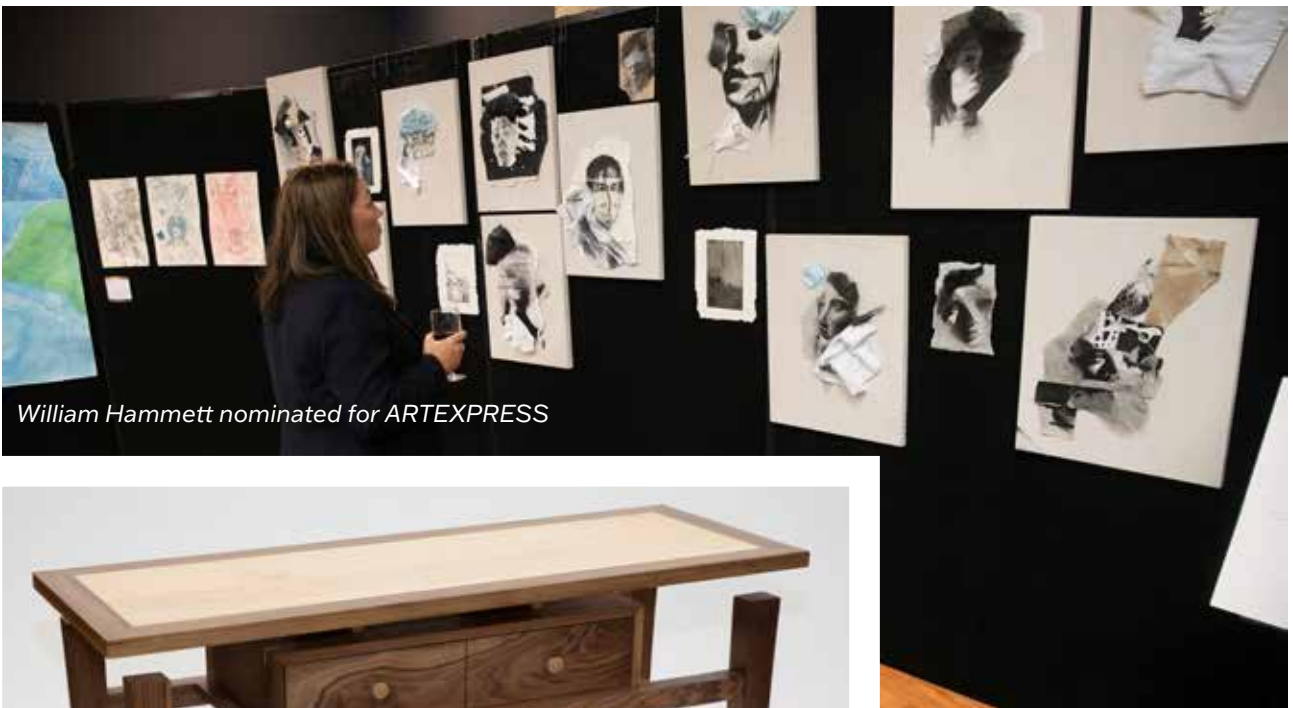
Finally, Jordan Li (pictured playing the viola on a previous page) has received a nomination for *ENCORE*.



Timothy Barrett, Marlon Cayley, Caleb Gallant, Cooper Gregory and Samuel McCredie – *36 Barrels* performance nominated for *OnSTAGE*



Sam Brasher nominated for ARTEXPRESS



William Hammett nominated for ARTEXPRESS



Noah Holt nominated for InTech



Will Wulff nominated for InTech

Helping to Shape your Future

Reflections from Alexander 'Xander' Jackman (2008 to 2013)



Currently studying a Bachelor of Civil Law – a one-year Master's course at the University of Oxford in England. Xander has thrown himself into university life, playing rugby, trying his hand at 'real tennis' and soaking up studying in a different country.

"While the constant assessments and looming HSC exams were certainly cause for stress at times, Year 12 was undoubtedly my favourite year at Shore. My fondest memories were actually associated with things outside the classroom: playing on the number one sports fields, watching friends in semi-professional dramatic productions, being entrusted with leadership responsibilities, and forming genuine and lasting connections with my teachers.

There is something really special about being among the most senior

members of the School, and I remain extremely grateful that I found myself in a year group that truly embraced that opportunity.

I remember a wave of relief washed over all of us after we finished our final HSC exam, but we were also a little dazed, after running on pure adrenaline for such a sustained period. I recall feeling somewhat guilty too, largely for not appreciating everything that my parents had done for me – ferrying me around town for various Co-Curricular interests that I was pursuing, keeping me fed and watered and turning over countless loads of washing!

That wave of relief was even stronger when my HSC results actually arrived and I discovered that my ATAR was going to help me to get into my desired university course straightaway.

I also discovered that it was the study habits and writing skills that I developed at Shore that were of even greater importance than my results, affording me a smooth transition to university.

However, the most lasting legacy of being a Shore boy was the opportunity it provided for a broad and rounded education, including pursuit of sport, drama, languages and history. The balance this afforded me has guided my approach to both university and professional life.

My advice for any Shore boy about to transition from school to tertiary education is, quite simply: be honest with yourself about what you want to do, as distinct from what you think you ought to do. Don't be afraid to change your mind. I don't think there's anyone out there who hasn't had a single doubt about their studies or their career, and it's very common for people to change their trajectory after the first year or two. No one expects you to have a fool-proof life plan at the age of 18, especially when you've been spending your high school years immersed in all the amazing things Shore has to offer.

I also encourage all of you to become active Old Boys and to impart your own unique experience and the wisdom that experience brings.

I have always had a good time coming back to Shore - for any excuse - and I've never regretted crossing the road to say g'day to an old Shore connection."



What lies ahead as you leave school?

A final word of advice from an Old Boy Dennis Cowdroy (1956 to 1961)



You are about to start a new and exciting chapter in your life. You will meet challenges, but the School has given you a strong foundation to help deal confidently with these challenges.

Some of the most important lessons that will guide you through life are contained in the School Hymn and the School Psalm:

- ***Ye servants of the Lord each in his office wait observant of his heavenly word and watchful at his gate.***

This affirms that a divine plan has been worked out for each one of you; and urges you to be alert to the opportunities provided and to give things your best.

- ***Do the thing which is right and speak the truth from your heart.***

If you always do the right thing and speak the truth, this will guide you throughout your life.

- ***Those who disappointeth him not, though it be to his own hindrance.***

This means, don't let people down (even if you might have had a better offer!)

I believe that if you follow the above basic rules, you will have a fulfilling life. I learnt them myself at Shore and they have been my constant foundation.

As the famous Italian singer Andrea Bocelli – blind from the age of 12 said: *“The secret is never to lose faith, to have confidence in God’s plan for us, revealed in the signs with which he shows us the way.”*

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If you always do the right thing and speak the truth, this will guide you throughout your life.”

*Vitai Lampada
Tradunt -*

They Hand on
the Torch of Life



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