

# 2016

EXCELLENCE



The Scots College  
Sydney Australia

**The Scots Advantage™**



# From the Principal

Each and every one of us has the potential to tread the path to excellence. *Excellence* provides an insight into the daily striving and achievement of boys and staff across a broad range of educational domains. In the context of The Scots College, scholarly excellence, vocational excellence, moral excellence and relational excellence combine to encourage virtuous wellbeing, intellectual maturity and spiritual formation. Excellence is the process of becoming better than I once was.

Finding one's purpose is the first step to living a life without limits. Maintaining hope in the future and faith in the possibilities will keep boys moving toward their goal. Maleness is about connection, linkages, and pathways from the past to the future. It is about collective excellence and a deep striving to please and be successful in order to honour those who have gone before them. It is about loyalty, hard work and belonging.

British table tennis champion, Matthew Syed, in his book, *Bounce: The myth of talent and the power of practice*, challenges the common paradigm that excellence belongs to the naturally gifted. He argues that opportunity; cultural legacies and purposeful practice over time are the best indicators of success in any field.

If we believe that attaining excellence hinges on natural talent or special giftedness, two things may happen: firstly, we may believe that because we seem to be better than those around us at the time we do not need to apply ourselves to continuous practice and refinement, and secondly, if we don't appear to have that natural talent, we are more likely to underachieve because we develop a set of beliefs that convince us that success is beyond our reach. If, on the other hand, we believe that talent is not implicated in our future achievements, we are likely to persist and persevere. Moreover, we will be inclined to move heaven and earth to get the right opportunities for ourselves and our families. Opportunity and purposeful practice provide the twin insights of modern research on excellence.

At another level, boys need time. Boys' schools give their students the time they need, time to come fully into adolescent experience at their own pace, time to adjust to the fact that life is moving on and taking them with it. And while this process is under way, the school continues to put positive images of manhood before the boys. This not only tells them about the world of men but builds a sense of anticipation as well. The expression "true happiness comes through fidelity to a worthy purpose" means being faithful to your own gifts, growing them,

sharing them, and taking joy in them. It means moving beyond the pursuit of self-satisfaction to the more mature search for meaning and fulfilment. That is our mission at Scots – Brave Hearts Bold Minds.

Scots to the fore!



Dr Ian PM Lambert  
Principal



# Academic Excellence

## HSC Results

An impressive year was had, once again, for the College across the breadth of all that we do with outstanding performances across our Academic, Sport, Co-Curricular and cultural programs.

In 2016, 242 students sat the Higher School Certificate (HSC), the largest cohort in the College's history. This included 200 Year 12 students and a further 42 students from Years 10 and 11 who are pursuing an accelerated pathway. This is a significant increase on previous years with 216 students sitting the HSC in 2015 and 190 in 2014.

The College's continued focus on Academic achievement across the board has seen us excel in a number of areas.

## Proportion of boys in top two bands by subject



100%

- Chinese Background Speakers
- English Extension 1
- English Extension 2
- French Continuers
- French Extension
- History Extension
- Latin Extension
- Mathematics Extension 2
- Music 1
- Music 2



>90%

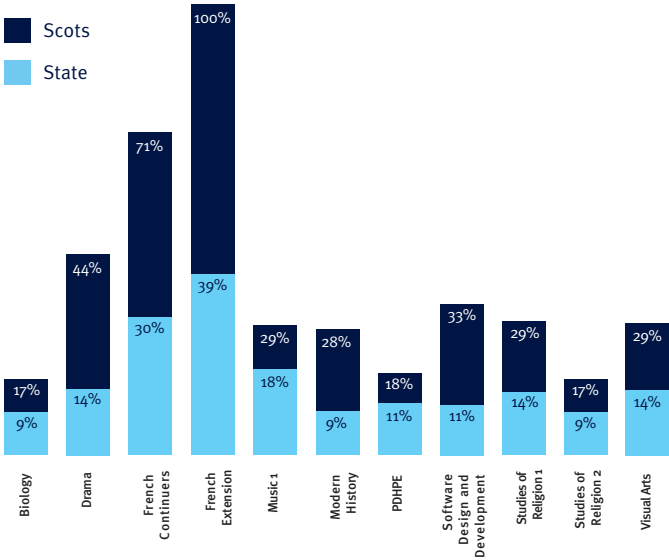
- English Extension 1
- Mathematics Extension 1



>80%

- Drama
- Latin Continuers
- Modern History
- Music Extension
- Studies of Religion 1
- Visual Arts

## Scots boys awarded Band 6 Compared to the State average



72%

Across all courses, 72% of boys' results were awarded in the top two Bands (Bands 5 and 6, E3 and E4).



We provide a comprehensive approach to teaching that encompasses the wider scope of learning experiences possible for children.

Mr John Crerar, Head of the Preparatory School – Deputy Principal



## NAPLAN Results

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian schools in 2008. Each year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are assessed in May using national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

The overall NAPLAN results for 2016 are pleasing with significant growth demonstrated by the Year 5 cohort in the Preparatory School. A highlight from this year's results sees 89 percent of our students in Year 3 and Year 5 achieving within the top two bands for Numeracy along with strong results obtained in Reading. Our writing results demonstrate steady improvement with 94 percent of Year 3 boys achieving in the top three bands.

The Scots College recognises, however, that there is a need in the Senior School to enhance our writing results. As such, work is currently underway to address this for 2017 and beyond with the introduction of a Writing Program led by Dr Cody Reynolds and the recent appointment of Mr Neil Smith as Academic Writing Coordinator. The Humanities Faculty has emphasised the need to lift the standard of writing in the junior years of the Senior School following the recent success such a focus has had in lifting writing in the senior years.

Ms Monique Fewkes  
Head of Learning Enrichment

	% Scots Students in the Top 3 Bands	% NSW Students in the Top 3 Bands	Relative Performance Scots/NSW
Year 3 Reading	89.1	70.8	1.3
Year 5 Reading	92	62.3	1.5
Year 7 Reading	76.3	53.1	1.4
Year 9 Reading	77.1	51	1.5
Year 3 Writing	94.1	80.8	1.2
Year 5 Writing	76.2	50	1.5
Year 7 Writing	65.6	41.2	1.6
Year 9 Writing	48.6	35	1.4
Year 3 Spelling	91.1	76.1	1.2
Year 5 Spelling	80.6	63.6	1.3
Year 7 Spelling	68.7	62.2	1.1
Year 9 Spelling	67.4	55	1.2
Year 3 Grammar and Punctuation	84.2	71.9	1.2
Year 5 Grammar and Punctuation	87.9	64.2	1.4
Year 7 Grammar and Punctuation	71.2	57.2	1.2
Year 9 Grammar and Punctuation	65.8	41.9	1.6
Year 3 Numeracy	88.1	61	1.4
Year 5 Numeracy	88.7	57.1	1.6
Year 7 Numeracy	85.7	60.7	1.4
Year 9 Numeracy	82.3	52.8	1.6

## ATAR High Achievers



**Christopher Cooper**  
99.9

Christopher was a highly intelligent student who achieved top band results in all his HSC subjects. In 2016 Chris received

The College Prize for Extension 1 English; The Dr Arthur Quinell Prize for Chemistry, The Phillip Myerson Memorial Prize for Physics as well as being awarded the Dux of Year 12. In terms of Co-Curricular, Christopher was heavily involved in Music. His maturity and leadership were recognised in his appointment as Leader of Contemporary Music. Christopher was a member of the College Orchestra (1st Bass), College Big Band and Jazz Ensemble, as well as a rock band he formed with fellow students. In recognition of his great contribution to Music, Chris was awarded Colours for Music in both 2015 and 2016. His ambition is to follow his passion and become a professional musician.



**Huw Evans**  
99.9

Huw will be remembered as a highly focused and diligent student. In 2016, Huw was awarded The Tony

McFadyen Prize for English Essays, The Daniel Mendoza Memorial Award, The Bowman Senior School Verse Speaking Prize, The College Prize for Extension 2 English, The College Prize for Software Design and Development and The Akon Prize for Proxime Accessit to the Dux. Huw was actively involved in all aspects of College life. He was Captain of 2nds Volleyball and Audio Visual Solutions in 2015 and 2016. He was a member of the 1st Debating team where his talent was recognised when selected in the Independent Schools' Debating Association Senior A Debating team. Huw was an effective Peer Support Leader and was Vice-Captain of James Bee House.



**Henry Higgins**  
99.85

Henry's passion for knowledge and learning saw him receive an outstanding set of HSC results with

English, Modern History, History Extension and Studies of Religion being his strongest subjects. His commitment to consistently producing his best work was obvious, as was his attention to detail and the high standards he set himself. Henry's participation in a range of activities during his time at the College included Athletics, The Ashburner Society and Community Service. In 2017, Henry plans to study a combined Arts and Commerce Law degree at The University of Sydney.



**William Simpson**  
99.6

William has always been motivated to achieve academically. Achieving top band HSC results in Economics, English

Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Modern History and French Continuers was a fine reward for William's hard work over the years he was at Scots. William was an exceptional athlete, representing the College in both the 1st XV Rugby and 1st XI Cricket team. He was selected in the Combined Great Public Schools (GPS) Cricket team in 2016, for which he received Higher Honours. William showed exceptional leadership skills as College Prefect and House Captain of Gilchrist House. William is looking at the opportunity to study overseas.



The Senior boys of 2016 are genuinely holistic achievers. They have created a student culture of kindness, and respect, hard work and quiet achievement. Their success across all educational domains from Chess to Community Service, Athletics to Drama is astonishing and will serve to mark this year as a golden year for the College. It has been an honour to work alongside Head Prefect Will Lawrance and his Prefect team and I sincerely congratulate them on their achievements.

Mr Andrew Potter Head of Students (7-12)





**Hugh Green**  
99.5

Hugh's HSC results were thoroughly deserved and an accurate reflection of the effort he applied to his studies during his time at the

College. He performed particularly well in English, Modern History and French. His work ethic was always one of diligence and perseverance, and the maturity he showed in balancing the demands of especially rigorous subjects with his dedication to College Sport and other extracurricular pursuits was truly impressive. He was a wonderful role model to the peers in his year group, and more broadly the younger members of Armstrong House. Hugh is planning a gap year in England before returning to Australia to study Science and Law in 2018.



**Ian Xing**  
99.2

Since entering the College in Year 7, Ian has always left a lasting impression on staff with his enthusiasm and desire for learning. His list of

academic achievements is extraordinary by its consistency: A College Prize for Academic Excellence was received by him every year at Speech Day from 2011 to 2016. In addition, he also received awards at the 2016 Speech Day for first place in 2 Unit Studies of Religion, Christian Studies and a Prize for History Essays and Prize for Christian Leadership. Ian was selected in the 2016 Deans' Honour Roll. He made a significant contribution to the Co-Curricular Program and was an enthusiastic participant in Debating and Drama. He was a member of the College's 2nd Debating team. He was also a member of The Ashburner Society.



**David Chong**  
99.15

David was a highly motivated student who performed well in all subjects over the six years he was at Scots.

His performance in Science was particularly strong. David was named in the Deans' Honour Roll in 2016 and was awarded Colours for Academic Excellence in the same year. David was an enthusiastic member of the 1st Debating team from 2011 until 2016, for which he was awarded Colours. He played double bass in the College Orchestra as well as participating in the Strings Ensemble. He has a Diploma in Performance (Hons) for Piano and regularly played at school assemblies and functions. David is keen to pursue a career in finance and investing.



**Joshua Lui**  
99.15

Joshua has achieved a considerable amount since entering the College as a Year 7 student. He has shown persistence and perseverance in

his application across all curriculum areas. Joshua received A College Prize for Academic Excellence in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2016 as well as the University of NSW Prize for Mathematics Extension in 2016. Joshua was Dux of Year 10 and 11 in 2014 and 2015, respectively. Joshua was a member of the College Orchestra A band, and the Wind band. Joshua also participated in STEAM Co-Curricular as well as the Da Vinci Decathlon for five years. He is looking to pursue a career in the medical field.



**Angus Chadwick**  
99.05

Angus started at the College in Year 7. He demonstrated his academic potential early and was awarded Dux of Years 7, 8 and 9. In 2011

and 2012, he was awarded A College Prize for Academic Excellence and was placed on the Deans' Honour Roll in 2016. In 2015 and 2016, Angus received College prizes for Latin and Latin Extension. Angus also made a significant contribution to the Sport Program. In his final year at the College, Angus was selected to captain the Athletics team. He achieved Higher Honours in 2014 for his participation in the 4x400 metre intermediate team that won the NSW State Championship. In 2015, Angus received Colours in Rugby as a member of the GPS Premiership winning 2nd XV Rugby team. Angus' leadership qualities resulted in his selection as a College Prefect.



**Thomas Hielscher**  
99.05

Thomas entered The Scots College as a Year 7 student. During his time at the College Thomas has impressed his teachers with his

attitude towards his studies and his desire to take the most out of every lesson. A quiet achiever, Thomas achieved top HSC band results in English Advanced, English Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Modern History and Visual Arts. Also a talented musician, Thomas made a significant contribution to both the College Music Program as well as Pipes and Drums. He was a member of the College Orchestra, Wind Band A, Jazz Ensemble, Big Band and Percussion Ensemble. He was also successful in achieving a Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Thomas's goal for 2017 is to travel the world before commencing tertiary study, possibly in England.

## Dux Profiles



**Dux of Year 7**  
**Simon Naglost**  
**Fraser House**

Simon is an amazing young man who joined the Senior School in 2016 from the Preparatory School. He has a real love of learning and desires to always give his very best. An extremely diligent and conscientious student, he has excelled in every Academic endeavour he engages with and demonstrates a mature work ethic well beyond his years. During 2016 he quickly established himself as an outstanding scholar and a strong, versatile musician. Simon is a member of the College Pipes and Drums and represents Scots in Basketball and Association Football. He is a respectful, charismatic student with a natural creative flair. Above all, he is a delightful, personable young man who is modest about his achievements. Simon is a wonderful ambassador for the College.



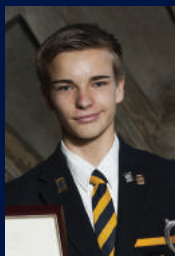
**Dux of Year 8**  
**Dylan Hansen**  
**Armstrong House**

Dylan's Dux of Year 8 achievement is the product of unwavering commitment to his studies. Across all subjects, he excelled and set an extremely high standard for his peers to follow. His teachers have recognised and appreciated his fine level of engagement in the classroom, attention to detail, enthusiasm and quiet confidence. Not only this, Dylan's mature and rigorous approach to every task, project or challenge undertaken, reflects responsibility of the highest order and has resulted in him developing a genuine love for learning. As a member of Armstrong House, he complemented his studies with spirited participation in various House competition events and always sought to model an excellent attitude and fine presentation to the younger students in the House.



**Dux of Year 9**  
**Hayden Fleming**  
**Brandt House**

Hayden has consistently set himself the highest Academic targets and is armed with the study skills and determination to achieve them. He writes in a sophisticated manner and responds positively to the feedback that his teachers provide him with – a key trait that means he rarely misses an opportunity to learn and improve his understanding. Hayden has undertaken the accelerated Mathematics courses and will sit his HSC in Mathematics in 2017. Not only does Hayden excel in his Academic studies, but he is also a valued member of the College's Athletics Program as an excellent middle-distance runner. Hayden embodies the characteristics that the College values in our learners and his application to achieving excellence is an inspiration to others.



**Dux of Year 10**  
**Emlyn Evans**  
**James Bee House**

Emlyn entered the College as a Year 7 student in 2013. Since then, he has proved to be a very impressive student. He enjoys a diverse range of interests, excelling all that he takes on, including STEAM and Debating. He enjoys challenging concepts and thinks creatively. Emlyn is an excellent Academic student and is highly committed to achieving outstanding results in all areas of study. During Year 10, he completed accelerated Mathematics ('2 Unit' course) and will go onto study Extension I and II in 2017. Described as a remarkable student, he has an analytical mind. During 2016, with his team, Emlyn won the National Junior RoboCup – an outstanding achievement. He has also been the recipient of multiple Speech Day awards for Academic excellence.



**Dux of Year 11**  
**Sebastian Spillane**  
**Anderson House**

Sebastian's achievements have made him a stand-out amongst his peers. He is an exceptional mathematician and has accelerated in the subject since Year 8. Sebastian completed HSC 2 Unit Mathematics Advanced in 2015 and in Year 10 attained Academic Honours. In 2016, Sebastian completed HSC Extension 1 and Extension 2 Mathematics. In both these courses he ranked first amongst his Scots peers and subsequently received The David Luber Memorial Prize. He combined this with an outstanding performance in Preliminary Chemistry to also receive The Dr LM Simmons Prize for Chemistry for coming first in the course in 2016. Fittingly, Sebastian has been recognised for his efforts by the awarding of The Reverend Dr George Davidson Prize for the Dux of Year 11.



A Scots education brings the students into contact with the brightest researchers, practical achievers and creative dreamers, and trains them in the type of critical thinking that leads to significant advances in knowledge and understanding.

Dr Ian PM Lambert, Principal





## ARTEXPRESS Nominations

Six Scots Art students were nominated for the HSC Visual Arts showcase, ARTEXPRESS, in 2016. Charlie Crawford was nominated for *Impact*, Thomas Hielscher for *Primal Instincts*, Lachlan Hird for *The Hand that Feeds You*, Jordan Hybki for *Lost*, Finn Linstrom for *Currency of War* and Guy Swift for *Kinder-und Hausmarchen*. The students utilised a variety of mediums from iron, polyurethane, coal and gold leaf to video animation and digital imaging.

**Guy Swift's photomedia *Kinder-und Hausmarchen*.**



## Shape 2016

Only the second year since its inception, the Shape Exhibition showcases HSC works from Design and Technology, Industrial Technology and Textiles and Design. With only one of these subjects being offered at Scots, the College was delighted to have two nominations. Angus Key and Matthew Hammond were nominated for Shape 2016 for their Major Works in Design and Technology. Whilst Matthew designed a wheelie bin transportation system, Angus upcycled an old piano to become a television unit. If successful, these will be displayed at the Powerhouse Museum, Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences.

**Angus Key's upcycled piano.**



## Writing Prodigy makes it into the WordeXpress Anthology

From over 1,700 Extension 2 English major works completed in New South Wales in 2015, Luke Harry's ('15) short story, *Dancing with the Shadows*, was one of only 18 pieces selected for inclusion in the Young Writers Showcase anthology. Luke's work was displayed in WordeXpress – part of the New South Wales State Library Educational Outreach Program, which showcases original materials in regional schools and libraries.

Despite the seemingly lyrical and poignant way that Luke writes, *Dancing with the Shadows* was the result of an exhaustive research and drafting process, demonstrating Luke's maturity, diligence and introspection.

**An elated Luke Harry with his work *Dancing with the Shadows*.**

## OnSTAGE Nomination Success

HSC Drama students demonstrated incredible versatility, work ethic and passion in their 2016 studies. As a result, several of our young dramatists received OnSTAGE nominations.

James El-Rassi, Ben Herlihy and Thomas Watson were nominated for individual performances. Additionally, the boys received two nominations for group performances including *He Who Wears the Crown* performed by James El-Rassi, Freddy Johnston, Finbar Todd and Thomas Watson, and *The Golden Pineapple* performed by Ben Herlihy, Grant Loxton, William Roche and Cameron Thomas.

It is particularly noteworthy that this is the first time in Scots history that two group performances have been nominated in the same year.

**James El-Rassi, Freddy Johnston, Finbar Todd and Thomas Watson performed in *He Who Wears the Crown*.**





## ENCORE Nomination for Matthew McGowen

Nominations for the HSC Music showcase, ENCORE, are awarded only to students who demonstrate an entire program of music at an exemplary performance level. So it was with great pride that HSC Music 1 student, Matthew McGowen, was selected for consideration in the exhibition. His performance for acoustic guitar and bagpipes earned him this and it was particularly wonderful to note that Matthew was recognised as equally virtuosic on both instruments.

Matthew has demonstrated outstanding commitment to his performance work and so it is wonderful for him to receive this accolade, especially considering his determination to study music performance after leaving the College.

**Matthew McGowen playing the bagpipes.**

## Winners of the Australian Statistics Competition

In a magnificent display of time management and application, Huw Evans and Cameron Webb, both in Year 12, observed and analysed their way to become the winners of the 2016 Australian Statistics Competition. The pair surveyed students to form the basis of their presentation *Effects of Expectations on Exam Results*.



## AMEB Performance Success

In November, William Chang (Year 5) sat his Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) Grade 7 violin performance exam and achieved an A+ High Distinction grading. This is an outstanding achievement for any musician, particularly for a boy so young. Preparation for the exam was almost a year in the making. William dedicated hours of practice and took additional music lessons, all while balancing other commitments, including schoolwork, sports, play and his many other music commitments. Not only did this exam test his tenacity, dedication and endurance, but also his perseverance and resilience – traits of a fine Scots boy.

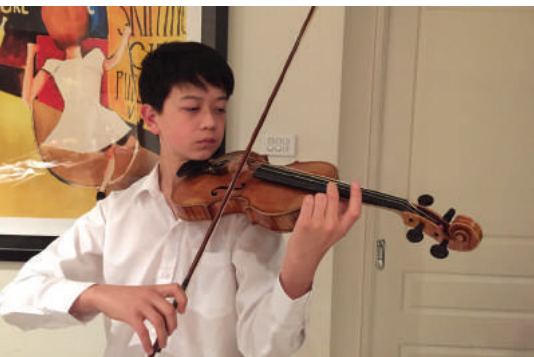
**William Chang (Year 5) proudly showing one of his awards.**



## Winston Kloster – Music Multidisciplinary Talent

In Music, students are encouraged to not only find and explore their own passions but to use their God-given gifts to His glory. Preparatory School Captain of Music, Winston Kloster, exemplified what it meant to truly embrace and share these gifts with the Scots community. Demonstrating exceptional leadership as Music Captain, Winston also humbly served as Captain of Bands. He plays the trumpet, euphonium and drum kit with proficiency. He was a dedicated member of five ensembles and was a featured soloist for special events. Winston always approaches the challenges of leadership with a humble and servant heart and is not only an outstanding musician, but very giving of his time.

**Winston Kloster performing at the Sydney Town Hall for the Independent Primary School Heads of Australia (IPSHA) Music Festival.**



## Striking a Chord of Excellence

Dedication and commitment are only two words that describe Year 8 student Ken Noonan. Ken was awarded an Associate Diploma of Music Performance (AMusA) by the Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB), passing his exam with a distinction.

Ken's instrument of choice is the violin, which he practises vehemently. A rare achievement for such a young student, the Diploma is awarded to outstanding candidates in the field of musical performance and music theory. Ken has not only been busy in practice – he has entered recitals, eisteddfods and performed in masterclasses as a way of furthering his performance and skill.

Ken Noonan playing his much-loved violin.



## Nick Ward's Award-Winning French Film

Tasked with a theme – a dream, and a signature item to include – a balloon, Nick Ward (Year 9) rose to the challenge with his French film *La vie*. The film was written, directed and edited solely by him. The score was composed and performed by Nick as well, and the cinematography, all his work. He received assistance from Jack Gerrard (Year 9), Thomas Ward (Year 9) and French exchange student, Evan Compere, in narration and acting.

Amongst other accolades, the film won first prize in the Woollahra Municipal Council 2016 Youth Photographic Award and Short Film Prize competition and also won the People's Choice Award and Highly Commended in the MLTANSW (Modern Language Teachers Association of NSW) Linguafest competition. Nick's achievements culminated in his film being aired at the Sydney CBD Event Cinemas.

A still from Nick Ward's short film, *La vie*.

## Huw Evans Tops State in Software Design and Development

Structured algorithms and coded solutions might be the recipe for a headache to most, but for Huw Evans (Year 12), navigating his way through these was a walk in the park. The James Bee House Vice-Captain, Captain of Audio Visual Solutions and Captain of 2nds Volleyball finished off his HSC year first in NSW for the Software Design and Development course. In a special ceremony, Huw was awarded a Certificate for Excellence by the Minister for Education, Mr Adrian Piccoli.

Minister for Education Mr Adrian Piccoli presents Huw Evans (Year 12) with his certificate.



## Students Delve into God's Word

A group of students from the class of 2016 undertook the Theology course offered by the College. Seven of these students passed external examinations set by Moore Theological College, which resulted in them being awarded the Preliminary Theological Certificate.

Students studied six subjects: Introduction to the Bible, Promise to Fulfilment, Old Testament, New Testament, Doctrine and Ephesians. They explored themes as diverse as biblical metanarratives, Graeco-Roman background to the New Testament, early Church history including persecutions and heresies, and the shape and purpose of Mark's Gospel.

The students awarded the Preliminary Theological Certificate were: Zachary August, Oliver Belford, Tom Cattana, Henry Higgins, Austin Irwin, Will Lawrance and Ian Xing.



## Co-Curricular Excellence



### Will Lawrance – Scots' Own Lion

The Lions Youth of the Year Award rewards young people who show outstanding leadership potential. Head Prefect, Will Lawrance, performed outstandingly, winning at every level and finally emerging as the Public Speaking winner at the State Finals.

In the State Finals, Will competed against four other students. The questions were 'What are your views on lockout laws in hotels and clubs?' and 'What have been the events in Australian history that have defined the nation?' Will gave excellent responses to both of these and also delivered his prepared speech with confidence and charisma.

**Will Lawrance, Lions Youth of the Year Public Speaking winner.**

### Evatt Competition Grand Final

Year 11 students, Joe Bonic and Harry Crawford, represented Scots at the Grand Final of the New South Wales Evatt Competition run by UN Youth Australia. The boys were chosen after beating 250 other teams in the preliminary rounds. The final round, with 15 teams competing, was held in the Parliament of New South Wales.

The Evatt Competition is a mock United Nations Security Council diplomacy competition for students. It takes the form of a mock session of the Security Council. Both boys argued exceptionally well and gained invaluable public speaking experience and insight into the art of effective diplomacy on the world stage.

**Joe Bonic and Harry Crawford competing in the Evatt NSW Competition.**



### Mock Trial Team Triumph

In 2016, Year 10 students Harrison Adkin, Emlyn Evans, Tom Hodgson, Matthew Lowe, Oliver Oayda, Sam Watkins and James Wily made it to the top 32 of 150 schools in The Law Society of New South Wales' Mock Trial competition. Our boys won all four regional rounds and entered the elimination rounds undefeated. They then survived two knockout trials – an outstanding achievement, particularly when most opponents were in Year 11.

**The undefeated Mock Trial team.**

### Oratory Success

Debating and Public Speaking Captain, Zachary August (Year 12), achieved third place in the prestigious Lawrence Campbell Oratory Competition, beating a formidable field of speakers from Great Public Schools (GPS) and Combined Associated Schools (CAS).



## Australian RoboCup Championships Victory

Using robots that they had built and programmed themselves, five bright students completed 2016 as the national champions of the RoboCup Junior Australian Open Championships. The STEAM group consisting of Year 10 students, Emlyn Evans, Geordan Lirantzis, Harry Mead, Alex Muddle and Andrew Taylor, all contributed with hard work and countless late nights to the construction and programming of building a soccer-playing robot.

The boys entered the Opens Division – one of the most challenging school-age robotics competitions in the world. As the national champions, the boys have the opportunity to represent Australia at RoboCup 2017, in Japan.

**Geordan Lirantzis, Andrew Taylor, Alex Muddle, Harry Mead and Emlyn Evans with their robots at the RoboCup Junior Australian Open Championships.**



## Year 8 Debating Triumph

It was a great night for Year 8 debaters when they beat the competition in the Independent Schools' Debating Association (ISDA) Grand Final and carried away the shield, placing them at the top of a competition of 32 schools.

James Brown, Kai Saalman, Adrian Hidayat and Jamie Porter were the negative side on the topic 'That we should ban the use of animals for scientific research'.

It was an extremely close debate and the panel of three adjudicators was split. Debating is a zero sum game, and though the opponents were highly effective, two judges agreed that the result went in Scots' favour.

**Adrian Hidayat, Kai Saalman and James Brown proudly showing their shield.**



## Prestigious Prize for Nicholas de Bres

Year 12 student, Nicholas de Bres was recognised for his longstanding commitment to a broad range of areas within the local community by being awarded the John Lincoln Youth Community Service Award from The Order of Australia Association.

Nicholas selflessly provided exceptional service to the local community in a broad range of areas including fundraising and volunteering for children with disabilities at the Holdsworth Community Centre for the last four years. He was involved in initiating and organising a Mental Health and Wellbeing Forum for local school students; managing fundraising and event planning as a member of the REELise Film Festival Youth Council; and was Principal Trombonist of Bondi Brass community band.

**Nicholas de Bres (Year 12) with his grandfather, Dr Harding Burns OAM, mother, Janet and father, John accepting his award.**

## Six Students Achieve Professional Speech Qualifications

In 2016, The Scots College had its first six students complete the Diploma of Communication from the Australian Speech Communication Association: Zachary August, James El-Rassi, Lucas Giannesini, Richard Guo, James Lockhart and Charlie McIlroy. The Diploma gives students skills they require to excel in the professional world. A candidate must complete two prerequisite examinations, including a Certificate of Communication. The Diploma involves a practical examination where a student completes six sections in the span of one hour: a major presentation, leading a discussion, interview, informative talk using technology, occasional address and a recitation. They also complete a three hour written paper.



## Preparatory School Visual Arts Exhibition

For the third time, the biennial Preparatory School Visual Arts Exhibition was on display in Deane Hall. The exhibition showcased the great variety of ideas, approaches, imagination and art forms that the boys explored from Cubs through to Year 6. Influenced by the early childhood philosophies of Reggio Emilia as well as Harvard University's Project Zero, the program gave boys practice in specific skills and tools, allowing them to express themselves in open-ended, creative and engaging ways throughout their entire Art journey. Paper engineer, Mr Benja Harney, was the visiting Artist in Residence and helped install a Paper World, which included artworks from boys across the Preparatory School.

**Kindergarten boys explore the Paper World installation by artist Mr Benja Harney.**



## Scots Pipes and Drums is amongst the Top Ten Worldwide

A group of 43 Pipes and Drums students and four teachers attended The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Scotland last year. The trip was long but the boys were excited and eager to perform.

The students played in the presence of the King and Queen of Jordan and many other international dignitaries before performing in the World Pipe Band Championships. Here, the B Band placed ninth out of 24 bands and the A Band placed fifth in their grade – a fantastic achievement. Scots is proud to have two bands in amongst the top ten in the world.

**The Scots massed bands at The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.**



## The New Normal is the Mayor's Choice

It says a lot when the Woollahra Mayor chooses your photograph from over 200 entries as her favourite. This is what happened to Thomas Vaughan of Year 10. His powerful photograph, *The New Normal*, was presented the Mayor's Choice Award in the Woollahra Municipal Council's 2016 Youth Photographic Award and Short Film Prize. This competition is open to all local high school students living in the area.

Luke Stammer (Year 10) also represented the College magnificently with his artwork, *Transformation*, which was highly commended.

**Thomas Vaughan's winning photograph, *The New Normal*.**



## Run Away Sheep

A chance encounter, a keen eye and deft handling of his Canon camera – this is all it took for Year 8 student, Cassidy Stratton, to earn his place as a semi-finalist in the Years 7 and 8 Secondary Schools category of the Moran Contemporary Photographic Prize. The competition runs nationally and aims to promote contemporary Australian photography.

“I was on my way back from just taking photos of a flooding river and I passed a man mustering some sheep on the way there. This lamb lost its way from the herd and was running towards the bridge. I had my camera with me, I put it out the window and snapped this photo,” Cassidy said.

**Cassidy Stratton's photograph, *Run Away Sheep*.**



Hugo Lefebvre  
6DS



William Johnstone  
6AM

## Travelling Art Show at Scots

An overriding aim of the College has been to develop boys in Creative and Practical Arts. In 2016, the Preparatory School demonstrated great progress in this regard. The Independent Primary School Heads of Australia (IPSHA) Travelling Art Exhibition arrived at Scots in August and showcased a range of works from local independent schools. Many of Scots' own artworks were selected for display, including work by Ethan Wei (Year 1), Diesel Willams (Year 1), Zann Scrimgeour (Year 2), Teddy Wiles (Year 2), Cameron Moodie (Year 3), Henry Wadds (Year 3), Thomas Argyrides (Year 4), Samuel Bradford (Year 4), Will Howard (Year 4), Thomas Connolly (Year 5), William Johnstone (Year 6), and Hugo Lefebvre (Year 6).

**Picasso inspired cubist works by Year 6 students, Hugo Lefebvre and William Johnstone, were selected for display in the IPSHA Travelling Art Exhibition.**



## Woollahra Environmental Schools Sculpture Prize Winners

In a great feat, three students from the Preparatory School won prizes in the Woollahra Environmental Schools Sculpture Prize. There were also many Scots finalists who were awarded certificates of participation. It was this combined demonstration of excellence that caused the Woollahra Mayor, Ms Toni Zeltzer, to state that she was especially impressed with the entries and efforts from The Scots College.

The boys (all in Year 3) who won prizes were James Randall, Kody Davis Warrington and Aston Weir for *Bee Hive*, Harry Kyle and Charles Treffry for *Carrying Pigeon*, and Jack Lamshed and Henry Wadds for *Revenge of the Piranha*.

**Henry Wadds won a prize for his and Jack Lamshed's sculpture, *Revenge of the Piranha*.**



# Sporting Excellence



## Humility Shines Through

Although recent graduate, Joshua Stevens, has much to be boastful of, it was his fair play and sportsmanship that earned him the Pierre de Coubertin Award from the Australian Olympic Committee. Joshua was one of only 90 students in the state who received the award. His lengthy list of achievements includes taking on the roles of Senior Day Boy Prefect, Captain of Swimming, Captain of Snowboarding, Australian Snowsports team champion, Swimming Great Public Schools (GPS) representative, Cross Country Combined Independent Schools (CIS) representative to name but a few.

**Joshua Stevens has been recognised by the Australian Olympic Committee.**



## Rawley St John – Football Leader for Many

Rawley St John (Year 6) had an excellent season as the Captain of Football for 2016. He represented Combined Independent Schools (CIS) and competed in the New South Wales Primary Schools Sports Association (NSWPSSA) Boys Football State Carnival. It was a fantastic result for Scots to have a representative at this level of Football. Rawley also successfully led the Scots Preparatory School 1st XI Football team through an undefeated season. He is a fantastic footballer, a committed trainer and a strong leader who will no doubt make valuable contributions to Football in the Senior School in the coming years.

**Rawley St John (Year 6) displaying his skills.**



## Cross Country Growing in Leaps and Bounds

Under the leadership of MIC, Mr Jeremy Longworth, the Cross Country saw a very successful season in 2016. Jack Freer, Louis Lefebvre, Harrison Phillips and Madison Weekes took out the New South Wales Combined Independent Schools Cross Country Team Championships and the Intermediate and Opens teams both finished second in the Athletic Association of the Great Public Schools (AAGPS) competition.

The fantastic results are reflective of the hard work and dedicated training the boys completed. Throughout the holidays, the Cross Country team trained, even travelling to the Glengarry campus in preparation for the AAGPS competition.

**Louis Lefebvre, Madison Weekes, Harrison Phillips and Jack Freer showing the results of their training.**



## Undefeated Football Season

The Preparatory School 1st XI Football team finished the year undefeated. They competed in nine Independent Primary School Heads of Australia (IPSHA) competition matches and five Queensland Winter Sport Tour matches throughout the season. There were a few nailbiting finishes but the boys continued to rally together and secure a very inspiring and undefeated season.

**The Preparatory School 1st Football team.**



## NSWCIS Athletics Championships

Scots was proud to have 12 students from the Preparatory School Athletics team travel to Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre to compete at the NSW Combined Independent Schools (CIS) Athletics Championships.

Both Junior and Senior relay teams finished first, as well as Toby Pallett (Year 3) in the 100 metres. Charles Dixon (Year 5) finished second in the shot-put and discus events. Meanwhile, Jay McKenzie (Year 4) finished third in the 200 metres and Owen Douglas (Year 5) finished third in the high jump.

**The Senior Relay team finished first in their event: James Kotis (Year 6), William Jenkins (Year 6), Hugo Lefebvre (Year 6). Absent: Oliver Rouse (Year 5) and Leeuwin Kelly (Year 6).**



## Preparatory School Delivers Two State Rugby Representatives

The Preparatory School Rugby 1st XV delivered consistently strong performances throughout 2016. Dedication to their craft and the application of hard work were the qualities seen in Ted Kowaleczko (Captain of Rugby) (Year 6) and Harry Davis (Year 6) who gained selection into the New South Wales Combined Independent Schools (NSWCIS) Primary Rugby team to compete at the NSW Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) Championships.

Ted and Harry formed part of a very formidable CIS forward pack and Harry was presented the award for best forward from the CIS side – a great honour in a team full of very talented individuals.

**Ted Kowaleczko and Harry Davis after five tough Rugby matches.**



## A New Milestone in the History of Scots

In 2016, Scots Rugby achieved something it had never experienced previously. For the first time in the history of Scots, both the Rugby 1st XV and 2nd XV were Premiers for the Great Public Schools (GPS) season. For our 1st XV, this was no new feat, being the fourth consecutive year the team had won the Premiership.

Congratulations to both the 1st and 2nd teams on their successes this season. These were magnificent achievements for the teams and illustrate what can happen when a team works hard and thinks big.

**The Rugby 2nd XV with their trophy. The Rugby 1st XV celebrate their win with the College.**

## Rugby 4th XV Undefeated Season

The Rugby 4th XV enjoyed being crowned the only Senior team in the College that went undefeated during the trials and competition season in 2016. For their efforts, they were awarded the Ken Catchpole trophy. It was an open style of running Rugby that saw the team score 70 percent of their points, running the ball from their own try line. Thanks to Mr Robert Heritage's extreme coaching and Mr Will Ridley's (\*13) painful contact sessions, the team never lost their spirit and played every game as if it was their last.

**The Rugby 4th XV completed their season undefeated.**





## 2nds Basketball takes the AAGPS Premiership

The 2nds Basketball team enjoyed another successful season on the court, securing their second Athletic Association of the Great Public Schools (AAGPS) Premiership in two years.

The Scots College Basketball Program has humbly established its reputation on its strength in numbers, player depth and equity of service. Achieving six AAGPS 1sts and 2nds Premierships since 2011, is one yardstick of measurement, however the incredible team culture and camaraderie is the benchmark Scots values the most, and the standard the College will continue to strive for.

**The winning 2nds Basketball team with their shield.**



## Preparatory School 1sts Basketball Team Undefeated

The Preparatory School 1sts Basketball are an exemplar of the improved standard of Basketball at Scots in the past several years. The team finished undefeated in all of their Saturday games. This is a rare feat of and a sign of the depth of talent in the team. It is also a result of the involvement of many of the boys in club basketball competitions and in representative teams, as well as the guidance offered by coach, Mr Glenn Dunsmore. Many of these improvements have been implemented by our Director of Basketball, Mr David Todd. The College seeks to maintain this standard of excellence in the years ahead.

**The undefeated Preparatory School 1sts Basketball team.**



## Lachlan Butler Shoots High

Lachlan Butler (Year 6) represented Combined Independent Schools in Basketball at the New South Wales Primary Schools Sports Association Championships in Terrigal. The tournament took place over three days and Lachlan represented both Scots and CIS admirably. The CIS team were undefeated after their pool games and their semi-final, enabling them to play in the Grand Final.

Lachlan commented on what a tremendous experience it was participating in training with the CIS team and competing at the PSSA Championships. He has benefited from the experience not only as a player, but also personally, making some terrific friendships along the way.

**Lachlan Butler (Year 6) in action against Redlands Junior School.**

## National Youth Sevens Champions

Over 3,000 kilometres away from Scots, Year 11 students Billy Smith and Jakob Styles did not once let the College down. Members of the NSW Blues team, the two boys finished the 2016 National Youth Sevens Championships in Perth undefeated and in a stunning finale, scoring 34-0 against a Queensland opponent. Billy's skilful play and unfaltering positive attitude also earned him the title Player of the Tournament. At Scots, Billy and Jakob were both integral members of the 1st XV and 2nd XV Rugby Premiership winning teams respectively.



## Scots Rifles Shoot for Success

The end of July in 2016 saw a successful finish to Rifle Shooting with the 1st team setting a new record during the Athletic Association of the Great Public Schools (AAGPS) competition. They were rewarded with the Buchanan Shield and, on top of this, four students – Hamish Grogan, Axel Melkonian, Clancy Reynolds and Captain of Rifle Shooting, Cameron Wallace –

gained selection in the combined GPS team with Cameron being named Captain.

Scots also achieved great results in other competitions, winning the New South Wales Rifle Association All Schools Match as well as significant placings in the 119th Tasmanian Queen's Prize Meeting.

**The 1st and 2nd Rifle Shooting teams.**



## Snowsports Team Achieves Incredible Milestone

The Scots College Snowsports team reached an incredible milestone in what has now been a decade of success. The Preparatory School team claimed victory at the 2016 Australian Interschools Snowsports Championships for a tenth consecutive year, while the Senior School team also achieved victory to secure a ninth straight win.

Competing in teams across seven events – Alpine, Cross Country Freestyle, Cross Country Relay, Giant Slalom, Moguls, Skiercross and Snowboard Giant Slalom – the Interschools competition begins at the New South Wales regional level where approximately 10,000 students, from 330 schools, gather to compete.

**The 2016 National Snowsports team from Scots.**



## End of an Era for Snowsports High Achievers

The Snowsports team has achieved unprecedented success for the past decade. Throughout all this success were four students – Jack Adams, Adam Malouf, Joshua Stevens and Jack Weinert – who were all members of the Preparatory School Snowsports team in 2007 and, all the way through to Year 12, have been an integral part of the College's achievements ever since.

Nicknamed the 'Fab 4', these students have achieved incredible success and are an extraordinary example of a hugely successful Sport Pathway at the College.

Members of the first Scots team to win a National Championships title, the boys then contributed to a decade of unbeaten success in every Sydney, State and National Championships, leaving behind a record that will forever stand in the Scots history books.

**Jack Weinert, Adam Malouf, Jack Adams, Joshua Stevens beginning their journey in 2007. Jack Weinert, Adam Malouf, Jack Adams, Joshua Stevens at the 2016 Sydney Interschools Snowsports Championships.**



## Australian Secondary Schools Team Sailing National Championships

After much work and preparation, the Scots 1st Sailing team sailed their way through the NSW Secondary Schools Teams Racing Championships. Their performance led them to represent New South Wales at the Secondary Schools Team Sailing National Championships at Goolwa, South Australia.

Team racing is all about winning the start, understanding where your team mates are during the race and helping them gain an advantage over their opponent. Since participating in the Championships, the boys' understanding of the rules has lifted and they have developed a strong bond.

**The Scots 1st Sailing team with their shield from the NSW Secondary Schools Teams Racing Championships.**



## Sailing Talent Throughout Scots

The Scots College was proud to boast sailing talent from each facet of its community during 2016. John Cooley (Year 11) and Hugo Stoner (Year 9) teamed up with coach and Old Boy Harry Price ('13) to win the 2016 SHARP Australian Youth Match Racing Championship in October. This was a massive accomplishment considering that the



## Courage Amidst the Waters of Scots Preparatory School

Some of the most courageous individuals can be found in Preparatory School Sailing. This became evident when a dozen passionate boys made the trip to Lake Macquarie for the New South Wales Optimist State Championships last year. Henry Myers (Year 3) was the youngest student representing Scots and competed in the Intermediate Fleet against some who were twice his age and double his size. Our best result came from George Calligeros (Year 5), who finished all his races and dominated the majority of them over the days of the Championships.

**George Calligeros showed remarkable resilience by completing his race despite capsizing.**

## Success at the 2016 AON Youth Sailing World Championships

Years of hard work paid off when John Cooley (Year 11) and his crew, Simon Hoffman, finished their 29er campaign at the 2016 AON Youth Sailing World Championships placing third overall. Over five days in Auckland, the pair sailed in the 29er class before being announced the bronze recipients in an intense final race to secure a medal. They took out this medal with only two finishes outside the top ten and were placed behind the Great Britain and French teams.

**John Cooley and his crew, Simon Hoffman.**



Championship was an under 23 event with the majority of the competitors being over 20 years of age, coming from all over Australia.

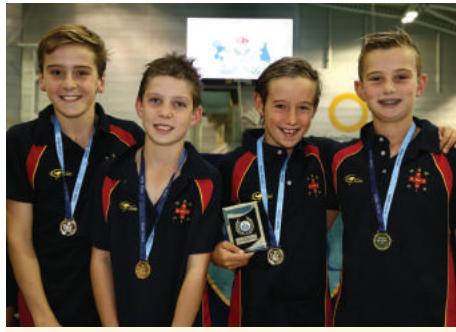
**Mr Harry Price ('13), John Cooley (Year 11) and Hugo Stoner (Year 9) (second, third and fourth from the left) at the SHARP presentation.**  
**Photo: Hamish Hardy, CYCA.**



## No Water too Deep for James Kolenda

You would have to search far and wide to find someone more at home in the water than James Kolenda (Year 11). James has been with The Scots College since the age of four and it was here that he discovered his talent for Water Polo. In the 2015/2016 Water Polo season alone, James' accomplishments included him representing NSW in the Combined Independent Schools (CIS) and Great Public Schools (GPS) teams, selection in the Under 20s NSW team and the NSW All Schools Water Polo team that won the National All Schools Water Polo Championships and representing Australia in the Australian Born 1999 team that played in the Pan Pacific Youth Water Polo Festival in New Zealand.

**James Kolenda ready to take a shot.**



## Fastest Swim Team in the State

Scots continues to lead the way in the pool with the Swimming team achieving significant success. This reflects both the excellent opportunities and the tremendous application of the boys. Scots had the largest team competing at both the Combined Independent Schools (CIS) and Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) Carnivals. Both the Junior and Senior Preparatory relay teams progressed through Independent Primary School Heads of Australia (IPSHA), NSW CIS and NSW PSSA Championships. Furthermore, the Senior Preparatory relay team: Thomas Grimm, Charlie Moore, Joshua Taylor and Harry Wolff were undefeated in all carnivals and took Gold at the NSW PSSA Championships as the fastest team in the state.

**Nicholas Wolff, Joshua Taylor, Charlie Moore and Thomas Grimm finished first in the NSW PSSA Carnival.**



## An Excellent Swimming Season for Tom Grimm

Tom Grimm (Year 6) had an exceptional Swimming season. Starting with being crowned the 11 Years Age Champion at the House Carnival, he then won individual and relay medals at the Independent Primary School Heads of Australia (IPSHA), NSW Combined Independent Schools (CIS) and NSW Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) Swimming Championships. This culminated in being selected to represent NSW at the National Championships in Darwin. He had an excellent Championship with personal bests getting him in the final in his individual events and was part of the 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay team that won Gold at the National Championships.

**Tom Grimm competing in Butterfly at the NSW Combined Independent Schools (CIS) Championships at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.**



## Scots Inaugural GPS Water Polo Champions

Water Polo commenced as a Combined Associated Schools (CAS)/Great Public Schools (GPS) competition in 1988 and Scots was present, going on to win the first Premiership. Water Polo is a physically demanding game requiring speed, strength, endurance, ball skills and teamwork to be competitive.

The Scots College is committed to training with students before, during and after class. With this commitment, Scots has been the most successful school, winning the CAS/GPS 1st Premiership nine times since 1988 and in 2016 became the inaugural GPS Champions.

**The 1st Water Polo team with Director of Water Polo, Miss Yvette Higgins and Coach, Mr Petar Petrovic.**



## Staffing Excellence



### Harvard Business School Graduate

Dr Tom Cerni returned to Scots at the end of 2016 after successfully completing the General Management Program (GMP) at the prestigious Harvard Business School (HBS). The GMP involved studying over 100 business cases, reading over 2,094 pages, spending 150 hours in class and approximately 100 hours in study groups. At the end of the GMP Dr Cerni said "It was the best learning experience in my life and I look forward to sharing the knowledge, insights, and many experiences with the College community." Completing the GMP also enables Dr Cerni to gain HBS alumni status and connect with over 80,000 HBS alumni around the world.

**General Management Program Chair, Professor Sumil Gupta congratulates Dr Tom Cerni at his graduation.**



### Service Honoured by the Professional Teachers' Council

Although being the dean of a faculty encompassing four departments may already seem like an extensive job, Mrs Andrea van den Bol, Dean of Creative Arts at the College, does this all with a proficiency and excellence that has contributed greatly to music education in Australia. Nominated by the Australian Society for Music Education NSW, Andrea was named a recipient of the 2016 Outstanding Professional Service Award from the Professional Teachers' Council NSW. The President of the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) NSW, Mr Tom Alegournarias presented Andrea with the award.

**Mrs Andrea van den Bol receiving her certificate and trophy from Mr Tom Alegournarias.**

### Scots Attracts World Class Rowing Coach

It was with great pleasure and excitement that The Scots College welcomed Mr Andrew Randell to their coaching team in 2016. Andrew assumed the position of High Performance Manager and has since worked closely with all the College's coaches in programing and continued development of the Rowing curriculum.

Andrew has an impressive resume, being the head Rowing coach for the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Academy of Sport as well as the State Talent Pathway Coordinator for the ACT. He was also a member of the Australian coaching team at the recent Olympic Games Rio 2016. He has worked with the Australian Rowing team coaching across all age categories over the past 20 years and has had incredible success at the World Junior and Under 23 Championships winning two Gold and five Silver medals.



## A Top Eight Presentation

Year 3 teacher, Mr Stuart Pearson's Action Research Project was selected as one of the eight best presentations at the 2016 International Boys' Schools Coalition (IBSC) Annual Conference in Vancouver. Mr Pearson's project was entitled *The Power of the Stories We Tell: Creating a Multimodal Text to Foster Boys' Engagement with Children's Rights*.

This project saw boys undertake a process of researching, designing and writing a multimodal text. By the end of the project, it became clear that by having boys develop their own projects inspired by a genuine audience, greater understanding, engagement and empathy are engendered.

**Dr Hugh Chilton, Mr Jeremy Longworth, Mr Eric Gibbings, Mr Jeffrey Grundy, Ms Olivia Cox, Mr Chris Metcalfe, Mr Stuart Pearson and Dr Caitlin Munday at the IBSC Annual Conference.**



## Project Ghana takes Flight

What started as Project Ghana at The Scots College in 2009 has since flourished and grown under the guidance and patronage of MIC Community Service, Mr David Oswell. It was with great sadness, but pride and a sense of fulfilment that the College farewelled Mr Oswell as he embarked on a journey to take up his charity, Their Beautiful Game, full-time. The same premise behind Project Ghana seven years ago underlies Their Beautiful Game – the provision of football equipment so that underprivileged children may have the opportunity to play the sport.

**Mr David Oswell has facilitated the donation of items from the Scots community to children in Ghana for many years.**



## Staff Qualifications Continue to Grow

The College's Head of Curriculum (7-12), Dr John Montgomery, added another qualification to his resume in 2016. After many sleepless nights labouring away at his thesis, he was rewarded when his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the Faculty of Education and Social Work was conferred at The University of Sydney. Dr Montgomery's paper explored censorship in the arts curriculum and he has started applying his newfound knowledge to his work at Scots.

**Dr John Montgomery receiving his PhD award.**



## Early Learning Centre Action Research with Macquarie University

The Early Learning Centre (ELC) at Scots, under the leadership of Mrs Gaye Entwistle, has built a rigorous, reflection-rich professional culture. This was on display as teachers presented the fruits of their action research, in conjunction with the Early Childhood Education team at Macquarie University, on developing a philosophy for the ELC that integrates the best of the Reggio Emilia approach to early childhood formation. The results of the research are now the basis for the Centre's philosophy.

**Early Childhood Teacher Kitty Joson with Jack Dempsey and Indie Morton in Transition Lions.**



## Music Tutor Well-Versed in Creative Arts

An accomplished musician, Dr Irina Andreeva, has been teaching viola and violin at the College since 2015. She trained in Russia and New Zealand, performed for the King of Tonga, and conducts one of the Sydney Youth Orchestras. As with several staff at the College undertaking higher degrees by research to enrich their practice, Dr Andreeva has been working for several years on a Doctorate in Musical Arts at the Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand. Her thesis is titled *Virtuosity and Composer-Performer Collaboration in Viola Concertos by Darius Milhaud and Paul Hindemith*. The thesis has involved both written and performance components and was passed in 2016.

**Dr Irina Andreeva rehearsing with her viola.**



## Full STEAM Ahead for Prep Staff

Following a year of exciting and rigorous STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) development in the Preparatory School, under project 'Full STEAM Ahead', seven staff at the College and two students attended the Association of Independent Schools of NSW (AISNSW) STEM Symposium and Digital Technologies Conference. It was there that Preparatory School Science Facilitator, Stephanie Comino, and Coordinator of Curriculum and Staff Development, Lisa Sharpe, presented a workshop on the journey undertaken by Scots staff and boys throughout 2016.

**The Preparatory School STEM team with Year 5 students, Remy Davis Warrington and Charlie Whelan, attending the AISNSW STEM Symposium and Digital Technologies Conference.**



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