

2017

EXCELLENCE



The Scots College
Sydney Australia



The Scots AdvantageTM



From the Principal

This year, we celebrate 125 years since the foundation of The Scots College in 1893. I am sure we all remain passionate and proudly enthusiastic about The Scots College in the modern era. It continues to provide an educational engine room powerful enough to produce conviction leaders – fine young men who work hard, dream big, champion the team, and have the values and tenacity to see things through. As you read through the highlights of student, staff and community achievement in 2017, I am confident you will gain a sense of the depth and breadth of learning that makes Scots a truly amazing College.

The Scots College is a place that seeks you out, finds you, challenges you, and supports and celebrates with you. Excellence in all the spheres of human endeavour remains extremely important for us all. We seek to be deliberately wholistic in our pursuit of excellence, and trust that every boy will find an interest and passion in at least one of our many programs.

In a world full of educational grey, Scots boys are comfortable with, and look for, vibrant colour – especially if there is a hint of blue and gold! The 100 boys who arrived back from Glengarry recently, after six months of amazing outdoor adventure-based experiential learning, experienced the full palette of colour. When they trekked back for six days from Kangaroo Valley to Bellevue Hill, along bush tracks, beaches, rivers, oceans and clifftops, they tasted the colour of creation in all its glory. They did it together, and they will never forget it.

In sharp contrast, sociologist, Peter Berger argues that people in the 21st century are living in “a world without windows.” Moreover, because today’s world is in a constantly accelerating state of flux – always changing, never staying the same – people crave constancy and depth. Such painful impermanence makes people open to, and desirous for the things truthful and historical – ancient and proven.

Os Guinness makes the observation that, “Colour blindness is the apt metaphor for some: They miss the rich-hued splendour of the spiritual vision of life and see only the colder, duller world of black and white.” Thrusting its way up between the cracks in a sterile world of secular disenchantment, a Scots educational journey becomes a human quest that values mystery, eternal questions and yearnings, and a deep sense of awe and wonder.

Ultimately, education is about belief and conviction. Convictions are not merely beliefs we hold – they are those beliefs that hold us. These convictions both compel us, and inspire us to lead and to pursue human excellence.

The perpetuation of conviction and the furtherance of a worthy and noble mission is what will, I trust, remain when we are all gone. Convictional leaders prize endurance for one other fundamental reason – the endurance of truth. The quest for truth involves both a search and a contest.

The Scots College is truly a remarkable school and a leading force in educational reform and innovation on the world stage. The quest for excellence is a mindset and a cultural standard at The Scots College. Masculinity is explored, honoured and affirmed in its multi-dimensional facets. This is The Scots College that we all love and cherish – adventurous, passionate, fast and fun, self-effacing and generous.

The Scots College’s quest for excellence in all spheres of learning, Sport, Co-Curricular, leadership and service was clearly evident in many boys’ lives in 2017. The depth and breadth of high achievement continues to amaze and astonish the staff as they work alongside our fine young boys and men.

Scots to the fore!

Dr Ian PM Lambert
Principal



Academic Excellence

HSC Results

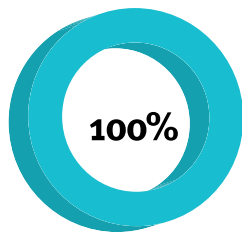
2017 was an impressive year for the College. We witnessed many outstanding performances across the breadth of our Academic, Sport, Co-Curricular and cultural programs.

We are very proud of the excellent results from our 2017 Year 12 boys, particularly considering it was a smaller cohort than the year prior.

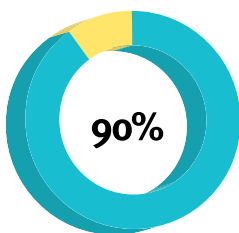
2017 saw a record number of Band 5 and 6 results, with a total of 741 being awarded to Scots boys – an increase of 17 percent.

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

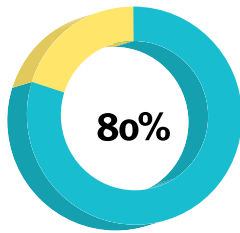
Proportion of boys in top two bands by subject



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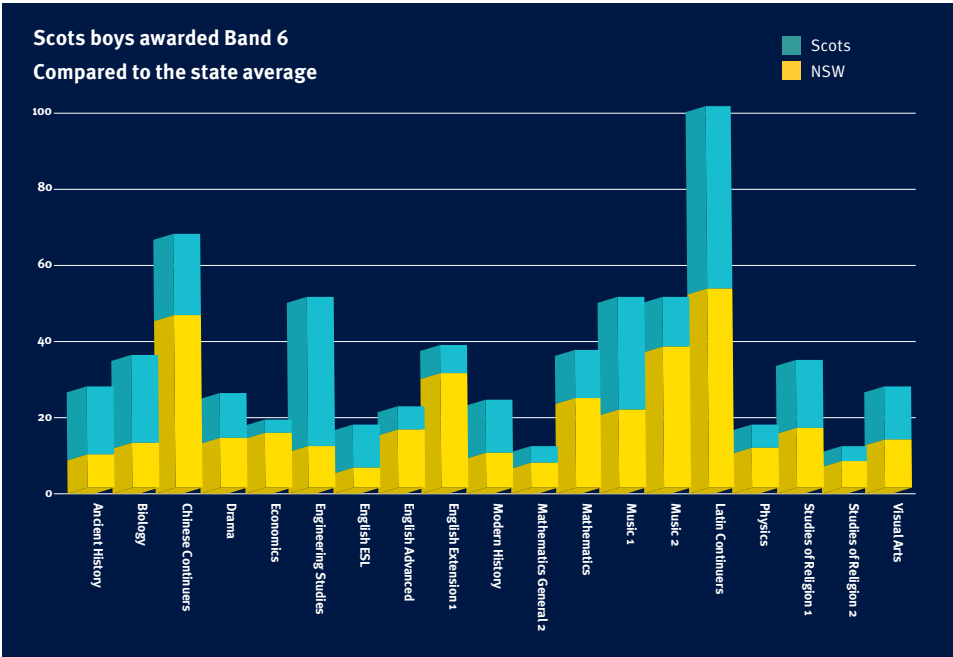
English Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2



Ancient History, Engineering, Information Processes and Technology, Studies of Religion 1, Visual Arts

ATAR >95
 was achieved by 15.5%
 of the 2017 boys
 eligible for an ATAR.

Scots boys awarded Band 6
 Compared to the state average





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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 2017 are pleasing, with significant growth demonstrated by the Year 3 cohort in the Preparatory School. A highlight from this year's results sees 90 percent of our students in Year 3 and Year 5 achieving within the top two bands for Reading along with strong results obtained in Spelling. Our writing results demonstrate steady improvement with 94.1 percent of Year 3 boys achieving in the top three bands.

The Scots College recognised in 2016, that there was a need to enhance Writing results across the College. As a result, the College implemented targeted refinements to the teaching of writing. Already, there has been a marked improvement in the College's 2017 NAPLAN Writing results in both Year 7 and Year 9. There is also steady improvement by the Year 9 cohort in Reading, with 80.8 percent of Scots students achieving in the top three bands. Numeracy results in the Senior School continue to be absolutely outstanding, a highlight being the Year 7 cohort with 92.4 percent of Scots boys in the top three bands.

	% Scots Students in the Top 3 Bands	% NSW Students in the Top 3 Bands	Relative Performance Scots/NSW
Year 3 Reading	90.6	73.7	1.23
Year 5 Reading	89	65.8	1.35
Year 7 Reading	80.8	60.2	1.34
Year 9 Reading	80.8	58.4	1.38
Year 3 Writing	94.1	80.8	1.16
Year 5 Writing	72.6	50	1.50
Year 7 Writing	59.5	42.9	1.38
Year 9 Writing	63.3	45.2	1.40
Year 3 Spelling	91.1	76.1	1.20
Year 5 Spelling	80.6	63.6	1.26
Year 7 Spelling	68.7	62.2	1.10
Year 9 Spelling	67.4	55	1.23
Year 3 Grammar and Punctuation	84.2	71.9	1.17
Year 5 Grammar and Punctuation	87.9	64.2	1.37
Year 7 Grammar and Punctuation	71.2	57.2	1.24
Year 9 Grammar and Punctuation	65.8	41.9	1.57
Year 3 Numeracy	88.1	61	1.44
Year 5 Numeracy	88.7	57.1	1.60
Year 7 Numeracy	92.4	63.9	1.45
Year 9 Numeracy	82.3	52.8	1.56

ATAR High Achievers



Sebastian Spillane
99.90

An exceptional Mathematician, Sebastian ranked first amongst his Scots peers in both Extension 1 and

Extension 2 Mathematics. He subsequently received The David Luber Memorial Prize for Extension 2 Mathematics and Higher Honours in the HSC. Complemented by outstanding results in 2 Unit Chemistry and 2 Unit Physics with The Dr Arthur Quinell Prize for Chemistry and The Phillip Myerson Memorial Prize for Physics, Sebastian was also awarded The Nathan Chaina Memorial Prize for Science and Mathematics. These prestigious awards culminated with The Hugh Hamilton Newell Medal of Honour for Dux of the College. A natural leader, Sebastian was appointed to the role of Anderson House Captain and College Prefect in 2017 and received The Susan Collett Prize for the Captain of Anderson House.



Sebastian Galetto
99.30

Sebastian entered Scots in Year 7 with a determination to succeed, and this he certainly achieved. He received numerous

awards throughout his schooling, concluding 2017 as Proxime Accessit to the Dux. He contributed to Scots' academic culture as an Ashburner Society member, and had success in the Mathematics and Physics accelerated HSC programs. Sebastian also contributed to the Association Football, Rowing and STEAM Programs. His maturity and readiness to assist others saw him selected as a College Prefect in 2017. The high regard in which he was held saw him represent Scots at the 2016 International Boys' Schools Coalition Annual Conference in Vancouver. Sebastian was also the worthy recipient of a Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. He is a young man with great integrity and readiness to assist others.



Christopher (Tommy) Arms
99.15

Tommy was an industrious student, often gaining recognition for his excellent attitude

and standard of academic work. He was a talented Cricket player, representing the 1st XI in 2016 and 2017. He received the Most Improved Player award in 2016 and 2017 along with the same award in 2015 as part of the 2nd XI. He was a member of the GPS Athletics team in 2015 and 2016 and also enjoyed playing Rugby. Tommy was an enthusiastic member of the College Pipes and Drums from Year 7 to Year 10, and also enjoyed Co-Curricular Photography in his Senior years. He was a valued member of Gilchrist House who actively involved himself in House competition events, assisting the House to win several championships during his time at the College.



Thomas Matsumoto
98.90

Thomas Matsumoto commenced his journey at Scots in Year 8 and excelled in his academics from the beginning. In

2016, he was the recipient of the Speech Day Award – A College Prize for Academic Excellence. In 2017, he made the Academic Honour Roll and received The Norman Pinwill Memorial Prize for Shakespearean Essays and The Dorothy Cowie Memorial Prize for English. Thomas was also a highly accomplished sportsman, representing the College in 1sts Basketball and 1sts Volleyball, as well as being a member of both the State and National Snowsports teams.



Year 12 2017 will be remembered fondly for their great capacity to work together as a team. From Year 7 they have been a strong and cohesive group with outstanding skills and talents. It has been a pleasure being involved with the growth and development of these special young men.

Mr Andrew Potter
Head of Students (7-12)





Nicholas Hudson
98.70

Nicholas' tremendous HSC result was the product of an unwavering commitment to his studies and a

genuine passion for learning. Staff always appreciated his level of engagement in the classroom, which had a positive influence on other students. Drama was one of Nicholas' major areas of involvement, providing opportunities for him to perform in several College productions and compete in several Theatresports competitions. Nicholas was a fine sportsman who rowed in the 2nd IV and played in the 5th XV Rugby team. His membership of the College's Ashburner's Society offered great opportunities for him to exercise his strong intellect and he served the College and his peers as a Prefect in 2017.



Robert Fenton-Lee
98.65

Robert is a very capable, articulate student with a quick wit who really rose to the challenge of the HSC. In his Senior years, he

applied himself to his studies with great enthusiasm and determination – continually challenging himself to improve. Robert was a committed member of the prestigious College Pipes and Drums for many years and his fine leadership was recognised in his appointment as Pipe Major. It is a credit to him that he was able to balance the demands of this role with his high achievement in his Academic Program. His excellent results are testimony to his wonderful work ethic and determination.



Max Cattana
98.40

Max's outstanding HSC result accurately reflected the energy he invested in all subject areas over several years at the College. He was

a conscientious and fastidious learner, always looking to improve and take into account his teachers' advice. His maturity in the classroom, on the sporting field and as a leader, was always well received and set a high standard for his peers. Max's involvement within the College spanned widely. He was a sprinter in the Athletics team, a member of the highly successful 2nd XV Rugby team, a valuable helper in the Community Service Co-Curricular group and a College Prefect. His leadership skills were honed and cultivated tremendously in his role as Captain of Armstrong House in which he had a positive influence on students of all age groups.



Fraser Ellison
98.40

Fraser was a consummate academic, providing exceptional leadership and role modelling for students in

Aspinall House, who

admired his unquestionable work ethic. His acceleration and top band results for Extension 1 Mathematics and Extension 2 Mathematics courses prior to 2017, demonstrated his unique academic maturity formed from a basis of hard work and his continual quest for excellence. Fraser went on to excel in HSC Chemistry and Economics in 2017, where he was a leader in his cohort. His ability to express himself verbally and in the written form was one of Fraser's many strengths – this was recognised and rewarded in his Band 6 HSC Advanced English result. Fraser was goal focused, and he blessed Aspinall House with his clever wit and worldly knowledge.



Lachlan Rodwell
98.25

Lachlan was a student at the College since Year 4. He was a passionate and enthusiastic member of the College Drama Co-

Curricular group and was involved in several performances and musicals during his time at the College, including *Crazy for You* (2016), *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (2015) and *Macbeth* (2015). Lachlan was also highly involved in Theatresports competitions, representing the College on several occasions. He placed fourth in the Sydney Eisteddfod Dialogue in 2015. Lachlan worked in the role of Head of Scripts in 2017 and achieved College Colours in 2016. He undertook a rigorous academic load in the HSC and demonstrated perseverance, character, humility and integrity in undertaking his responsibilities.



Tianze (Peter) Yu
98.00

Peter's great success is a tribute to his high motivation and commitment to his academic studies. He arrived in Year 9 from overseas

with English as his second language. Peter was determined to do Advanced English and he impressed staff with his incredible tenacity and determination to master the language, which he did. He was always a courteous, respectful student – an absolute gentleman who deserved his great success in the HSC. Peter is a clear example of what hard work, great application and a positive attitude towards one's own learning can achieve.

Dux Profiles



Dux of Year 7
Marcus Nguyen
Macky House

Marcus is an impressive student who has involved himself in all aspects of College life throughout Year 7.

He approaches his studies with great maturity and obvious enjoyment, always ready to question staff and willing to extend himself scholastically into areas of interest, as displayed by his Honours Program projects. Marcus is a talented musician who contributes enthusiastically in various components of the College Music Program, playing the viola in the String Ensemble. Marcus has also been involved in Debating, displaying speed of thought and persuasive argument, as well as playing Tennis. He is an engaging young man who is always ready to assist others and had a phenomenal Year 7 at Scots.



Dux of Year 8
Benjamin Scott
James Bee House

Benjamin is an articulate, intelligent, hardworking student who consistently achieved outstanding results in each of his

subjects in Year 8. In 2017, he took on the Academic Honours Quest, and was one of very few students in the College who achieved Triple Honours in a variety of academic areas. Benjamin demonstrates a high level of commitment towards his academic achievement as well as towards Sport and Co-Curricular activities such as Pipes and Drums. Benjamin has consistently achieved excellence in all aspects of the College, demonstrating a positive example for his peers. In 2017, he was awarded The Scots College Women's Association Prize for the Best Junior School Debater and The Scots College Parents' Association Prize for the Dux of Year 8.



Dux of Year 9
Joshua Mitchell
Gilchrist House

Joshua has continued to fully immerse himself in all aspects of life at the College and enjoys an extensive array of

Co-Curricular interests. Joshua plays in the Pipes and Drums as a piper in A Band, and regularly carries out community service by piping at charity, community and official events. Joshua is involved in the Christian Union, where he has led groups at camp and spoken at Chapel and Assembly. He is a member of the Year 9 ISDA Debating team and captained and played board one for the Scots Intermediate Chess teams. Joshua is also an enthusiastic sportsman. He was involved in Rowing and played in the Under 15A Rugby team. A strong academic, Joshua was selected in the Accelerated Mathematics Program and is also a member of the da Vinci Decathlon team.



Dux of Year 10
Chaeyoung Jeong
Fairfax House

Chaeyoung is a reliable, dedicated and thoughtful student with strong Christian values. He has exhibited fine

leadership skills and considerable personal integrity and his interactions with peers and staff reveal him to be a conscientious and open-minded young man. Chaeyoung's conduct and presentation have always been impeccable, and he has been committed to a more rounded education since his move from the academically prestigious James Ruse High School. This is evident by his involvement in extra academic programs, sports and as a GPS Championship winning debater. He was also recently admitted to The Ashburner Society. In 2018, Chaeyoung will complete HSC Mathematics courses in his journey for academic excellence.



Dux of Year 11
Jack Lee
Brandt House

Jack is a true all-rounder who approaches every aspect of College life with great enthusiasm

and determination. He communicates effectively with his teachers and strives to leave no stone unturned in his pursuit of academic success. Jack is a talented musician, actor and dancer who contributes to College productions and looks for opportunities to mentor other students in this area. He is also a capable athlete, working hard on the technical aspects of sprint hurdling. Jack has a strong sense of responsibility, supporting his peers and the wider community. His leadership skills were recognised in his appointment as Brandt House Captain and Prefect of the College, exemplifying the traits of a fine Scots boy.



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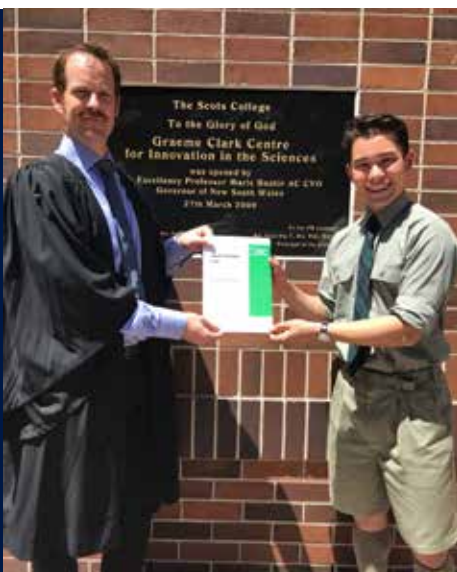
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A High Distinction for Scots Chemist

The Australian Science Olympiads are national extension programs designed to provide opportunities for high achieving Year 10 and 11 students to extend themselves through challenging examinations. Jack Lee (Year 11) was awarded a High Distinction for his performance in the recent Chemistry Olympiad examination. Of the top five percent of students in Australia that are encouraged to attempt these exams, only ten percent of those students achieve a High Distinction, indicating the enormity of Jack's achievement. Jack was the first Scots student in six years to achieve this accolade.

Mr Tom Cameron presenting Jack Lee (Year 11) with his certificate.



Edwin She takes Gold in International Mathematics Contest

Edwin She (Year 8) was one of five Australians to receive a gold medal for his excellence in the 13th International Mathematics Contest held 3 to 8 August 2017. Australia was participating for the first time, and 45 students were selected to take part in the contest. The competition featured 1,179 students from 14 countries around the Asia-Pacific area, including China, the Philippines, Singapore and Vietnam. During the ceremony, Australia acquired five Gold medals and nine Silver medals, with a total of 19 medals in all.

Edwin She (Year 8) wins a Gold medal at the 13th International Mathematics Contest.



Scots Pushes Ahead in Chinese Excellence

Late 2017, Year 8 elective Mandarin students were chosen to perform in the annual Sydney Chinese Language Spectacular at the Sydney Town Hall. In its fourth year, the Spectacular fosters greater enthusiasm for the Chinese language and culture. The boys sang a classical Chinese song, *Gei Wo Yi Ge Wen*, which means, 'give me a kiss'. Our singers Jack Brann, Luke Clark, Rupert Hanning and Zak Perry were accompanied by Scots Band members Toby Carvosso – Euphonium, Barnaby Hanning – Drums, Guy Ruse – Bass Guitar and Isaac Zhang – Clarinet, with Ms Rebecca Cheng on piano.

The College's first cohort of three students studying Chinese Continuers, achieved outstanding success in the HSC, with two Band 6 and one Band 5 results. Mr John Zhang, Chinese Tutor, did a fabulous job in preparing the boys for their exams to achieve optimal results.

Mr John Zhang teaching students about the nuances of Chinese language and culture.

Outstanding Standards in Early Childhood

2017 saw both the Early Years and Early Learning Centres recognised for educational excellence. In Term 1 the Early Years Centre (EYC) at Rose Bay was assessed according to the National Quality Standard for Early Childhood. In an extraordinary result for the College, the Early Years Centre received the outstanding rating of Exceeding National Quality Standard in all seven assessment areas:

1. Educational program and practice
2. Children's health and safety
3. Physical environment
4. Staffing arrangements
5. Relationships with children
6. Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
7. Leadership and service management

This means the College received an overall rating of Exceeding National Quality Standard.

Our EYC Coordinator, Ms Arina Aktova, and her team are commended for this outstanding result. We also acknowledge with thanks the work of Mrs Gaye Entwistle, Director of the Early Learning Centre, for her superb work in helping coordinate the assessment.

Early Years Centre students enjoy a variety of learning experiences, both in class and outdoors.





Budding Scots Filmmakers Win 2017 Trop Jr

Year 10 students Aiden Emery, Toby Goodman and Nick Ward took out first place at the 2017 Trop Jr short film festival. The boys' film *Pupils*, which they produced in Year 9 Film and Television Studies, was up against student films from around Australia, as well as some international films produced from as far afield as Germany.

Pupils depicts the struggle of schoolyard bullying using black and white, slow-motion moments in time. Nick, the film's director, gained inspiration from the French masterpiece *Vivre Sa Vie* (*My Life to Live*).

"We wanted to do something about the theme of bullying, but from a different perspective [of how] other films have treated it," he said.

The judging panel included industry personalities such as actor and producer Justine Clarke. "I am so excited about the future of film in Australia, if this is any indication," Ms Clarke said.

The students won over \$5,000 in cash and prizes, which they have decided to put towards their next film project.

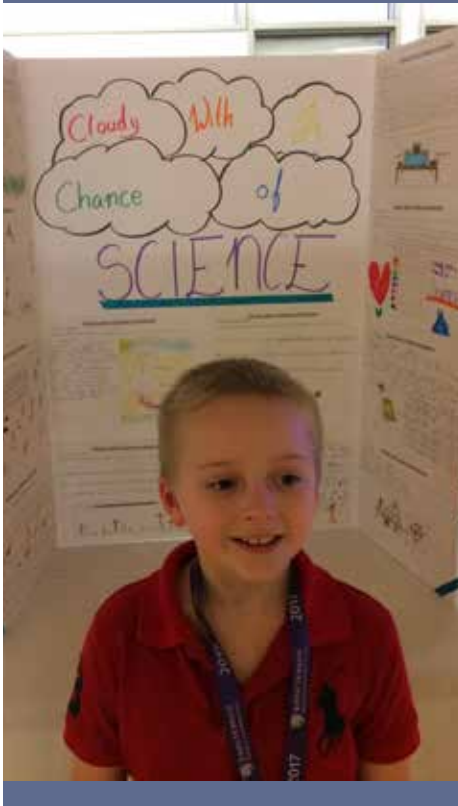
Nick Ward, Aiden Emery and Toby Goodman – 2017 Trop Jr winners.

Harry Prodes' Honours Quest Achievement

Harry Prodes (Year 8) has a notable and unique talent. As part of the Honours Quest, Harry submitted a beautiful gown which he had designed and made himself. Harry's dedication to this task is commendable. He worked consistently, with commitment, throughout the duration of the Quest, and his hard work paid off.

The Honours Quest is aimed at students capable of achieving A grades and maintaining this high standard of work. It is a rewarding program that gives boys the opportunity to challenge themselves and produce unique work within their own areas of interest. It also encourages students to be self-driven and is an opportunity for them to 'think outside the box' and explore their own passions. In addition, the Honours Quest formally acknowledges the significant contribution that our students make to the academic life of the College.

A model showcases Harry Prodes' creation.



James Baulch Selected for Elite Maths Program

James Baulch (Year 7) gained entry to a Maths program at Johns Hopkins University in July 2017.

James is a highly gifted nine year old who joined The Scots College at the beginning of 2017. During the year, he completed accelerated subjects in the Senior School. James attended a three week Science program run by the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY) in New York City, a gifted education program for school-age children.

James gained entry into the course after achieving High Honours in the School and College Abilities Test which is an above-grade level exam written by thousands of bright children from the United States and abroad as part of the CTY global talent search. People such as Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg attended Johns Hopkins CTY programs when they were young.

James Baulch with his Science presentation at CTY.



Ken Noonan's Musical Mind Impresses

When Year 9 student Ken Noonan was selected to work with the Australian Youth Orchestra and join the Sydney Youth Orchestra, it was incredibly exciting, but not surprising.

An outstanding violinist and performer, his acknowledgement from two of Australia's most respected institutions shows a standard of excellence at a national level.

Scots Director of Music, Mr Paul Vickers said Ken had been given the opportunity to join the ranks of the prestigious alumni who had come before him. "He has enjoyed many great successes, far beyond the College," Mr Vickers said.

In 2016, when he was in Year 8, Ken achieved his Associate of Music (AMusA) diploma with Distinction – an achievement quite remarkable for someone so young. In 2017, he worked with Goetz Richter, Associate Professor of Music and Chair of Strings at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, performing in a masterclass at the conservatorium as well as winning the duet section of the Sydney Eisteddfod.

Ken Noonan (Year 9) with his Associate of Music (AMusA) diploma.



Success in ICAS English

Scots Years 7 to 11 English students again produced excellent results in the 2017 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) testing administered by the University of New South Wales. Notable results were:

- 110 Scots students performed in the top third of all Australian and New Zealand entrants.
- 38 Scots students performed in the top ten percent of all Australian and New Zealand entrants.
- 6 Scots students performed in the top one percent of all Australian and New Zealand entrants. These students were Lachlan Johnstone (Year 7), Charles Crowe (Year 8), Tom Fenton-Lee (Year 10), Nguyen Dang (Year 11), Jack Lee (Year 11) and Harry Mead (Year 11).

Distinctions and High Distinctions were presented by the Principal at the College Assembly. Special congratulations to all these boys.

Head of English, Mr Dougla Parsons instilling students with a passion for English.



A Well-Deserved Encore

Jordan Ng has been nominated for inclusion in ENCORE 2018 for his Music 1 Performance and received a result of 99 percent in the subject of Music. For his HSC submission, he performed pieces from genres ranging from gypsy tango to contemporary classical on his alto sax.

Jordan's impeccable performances contributed to him being placed third in the state in Music 1.

Jordan's discipline and dedication to all aspects of the Music course has led to a well deserved result. Jordan is also commended on his involvement in other areas around the College, particularly in the Music and Christian life of the College.

Jordan Ng (Year 12) with his alto sax.



Co-Curricular Excellence



Scots Part of Global Study in Boys' Character Education

As part of our commitment to educating fine Scots boys, the College has partnered with leading schools and research institutions around the world to best understand the nature of character development in boys.

In 2017, as part of the International Boys' Schools Coalition, the College commenced its involvement in the largest ever study of character in boys' schools. The study involved whole-school surveys and smaller focus groups, revealing that Scots places very strong emphasis on character and good cultures of care.

The final report made a number of helpful recommendations about how the College might further develop its capacity to teach character more intentionally and measure it more rigorously.

Researchers from CIRCLE interviewed boys, parents and staff about character development at the College.

Scots Committed to Fundraising

Network Kokoda presented the College with the Victoria Cross honour board for Bruce Kingsbury VC in recognition of the special fundraising initiatives of Scots' boys in 2017.

Private Kingsbury was one of the few survivors of a platoon that was overrun by the Japanese on 29 August 1942 during the Battle of Isurava. He immediately volunteered to join a different platoon, which had been ordered to counter-attack. Rushing forward and firing his Bren gun from the hip, he cleared a path through the enemy and inflicted several casualties. Private Kingsbury was shot by a Japanese sniper, then seen to fall and die instantly. Private Kingsbury's actions, which delayed the Japanese long enough for the Australians to fortify their positions, were instrumental in saving his battalion's headquarters. He was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross as a result.

Papua New Guinea Consul-General, Mr Sumasy Singin, The Hon Charlie Lynn OL (co-founder of Network Kokoda, who has just led his 90th trek along the Kokoda Trail), Assistant Head of the Preparatory School, Mr Duncan Kendall, and Director of Network Kokoda, Mr Tom Hayward.



Debating and Public Speaking Excellence

Congratulations to Captain of Debating and Public Speaking, Joe Bonic (Year 12) and Tom Hodgson (Year 11) who were selected to participate in the Great Public Schools representative debates. It is a tremendous achievement for Joe, the third speaker in the 1sts, and Tom, the third speaker in the 2nds.

Scots was the only school to have two representatives in the top teams, reflecting the hard work and dedication of students and coaches throughout the Debating and Public Speaking Program.

Year 11 debaters and Mock Trial team: Michael Niven, Oliver Oayda, Sam Watins, Tom Hodgson and Max Samengo.
Year 12 students Max Bonic, Jack Rumble, Harry Crawford and Joe Bonic (Captain of Public Speaking and Debating).



da Vinci Decathlon Success

Out of hundreds of highly competitive students from across New South Wales, the Scots Year 5 team, comprising of Tennyson Crowe (Co-Captain), Angus Newman (Co-Captain), James Baulch, Macgregor Finlayson, Hugh Jonker, Hamish Millmore, Vladimir Pak and Max Soepono rose to the challenge at the 2017 da Vinci Decathlon. The da Vinci Decathlon is an academic competition requiring higher order thinking skills, problem-solving and creativity across ten disciplines: Art and Poetry, Cartography, Code Breaking, Creative Producers, Engineering, English, General Knowledge, Ideation, Mathematics and Chess, and Science.

At the end of the day, the Year 5 team finished with an impressive first place in Creative Producers, second place in Cartography and seventh place overall in NSW. Honours Teacher, Mrs Julia Wilson, said the boys displayed outstanding teamwork skills whilst applying focus and commitment to each discipline. "It was an exciting, electric environment involving multi-tasking, time limits and loud countdowns," Mrs Wilson commented.

2017 da Vinci Decathlon competitors hard at work.

Thomas Hodgson's Public Speaking Success

Thomas Hodgson (Year 11) was one of only six students selected to speak at the Great Debate – an esteemed annual event at the University of Oxford, run as part of the Oxford Royale Academy Summer School program – in front of a packed Sheldonian Theatre audience. The event was adjudicated by Lord William Hague, ex-Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom. Thomas acquitted himself very well in such a daunting task, speaking with incision and flair.

Thomas was then a state finalist in the Plain English Speaking Award, a competition open to all NSW schools with a starting field of 300 speakers. Each student delivered an eight minute prepared speech and a three minute impromptu speech with just three minutes preparation time. Tom fought his way through four finals to take his place with the final six students.

In November 2017, Thomas represented the College in The Lions Youth of the Year Quest for 2018. In the Public Speaking section of the contest, Thomas presented an excellent speech on the value of Indigenous culture to Australia.



It is a pleasure to announce that Thomas won the Public Speaking portion of the competition, reinforcing his position as one of Scots' most accomplished public speakers.

Congratulations to Ms Elizabeth Walsh, his speech teacher, and most of all, congratulations to Thomas.

Thomas Hodgson (Year 11) wins the Public Speaking section of The Lions Youth of the Year Quest, joining the ranks of Scots' most accomplished debaters.



International Music Tour Strengthens Artistic Excellence

In June, Head of Keyboards, Ms Rebecca Cheng and Director of Music, Mr Paul Vickers led a small group of boys in The Scots College/St Andrews Summer Music School on a tour of Scotland. After some sightseeing, the boys settled into an intense period of study and practice which culminated in the production of a CD of solo repertoire. The touring program of the Music Department is now planned and inclusive of an international program for the next five years.

Nicholas Wright (Year 8) performing at the Dollar Academy, Scotland.



Joe Bonic's Oratory Victory

2017 Captain of Debating and Public Speaking, Joe Bonic won the Lawrence Campbell Oratory Competition – the third time in 83 years that Scots has been awarded the cup.

Widely regarded as the most demanding of the school speaking events, the Lawrence Campbell Oratory Competition is open to Great Public Schools and Combined Associated Schools. Competitors must deliver an eight-minute speech prepared in only 15 minutes.

Joe's winning speech topic was on the quote: "I may not agree with what you have to say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

Lawrence Campbell Oratory Competition winner Joe Bonic (Year 12) with Speech Teacher, Ms Elizabeth Walsh and Master in Charge of Debating, Ms Claire Duffy.



Award-Winning Filmmaking

In 2017, two Film and Media Co-Curricular students were awarded first and second prizes in a national short film competition.

Lachlan Thompson’s short film *Silence* won first place in the high school category of the Real Film Festival. The film is a fractured narrative that follows a young man’s journey to find the courage to ask for help in what seems like a helpless situation.

Second place was awarded to Jack Soepono’s visually rich short documentary *Tom*, which explores the hopes and aspirations of a young ballet dancer as he pursues a life-changing opportunity at The Australian Ballet School.

**Jack Soepono stars in Lachlan Thompson’s short film *Silence*.
Some dynamic and graceful dancing documented in Jack Soepono’s short documentary *Tom*.**

Young Sculptors Excel

The Preparatory School had some talented artists in this year’s Woollahra Environmental Schools Sculpture Prize competition.

Campbell Morgan (Year 3) won a Special Commendation award while Fynn Byrne (Year 3), Filip Jediny (Year 3) and Angus McPherson (Year 3) won the Viewer’s Choice Award for their collaborative sculpture.

The boys, who were up against some stiff competition, demonstrated the Scots values of creativity, commitment and community.

Fynn Byrne, Angus McPherson and Filip Jediny working on their award-winning collaborative sculpture.



Pipes and Drums Win NSW Championships

In fittingly Scottish-like weather conditions, The Scots College A Band won the 2017 New South Wales Pipe Band Championships at Gosford on Sunday 5 November. Knox Grammar School finished in second position with Scots B Band placing third.

Pipe Major Matthew Lim (Year 12) said the boys had worked their absolute hardest for the competition. “I’m glad we got the win we were all working towards,” he said.

Some band members also took part in the solo competitions in the morning, representing the College exceptionally well in what was a long day of piping and drumming for the boys.

The Scots College A Band, performing at the NSW Pipe Band Championships.



Battle of the Bands Musical Success

Year 10 band, Four Inch Crash, is comprised of Scots boys Jordan Dulieu, Oliver Naglost, Nick Ward and Tom Ward. Enjoying a fantastic end to the year, the boys took out first prize for Best Original Song, and second prize for Best Cover at the St Joseph’s Battle of the Bands Competition held on Sunday 12 November. The competition saw 32 bands from 17 schools compete across two categories – Original Song and Cover Song. Soon after this success, the band went on to win first prize in the Plumer Road Fair Battle of the Bands.

Four Inch Crash band members: Nick Ward, Jordan Dulieu, Oliver Naglost and Tom Ward and all Year 10.



Sporting Excellence

Sailors Win Nationals

In July, the Scots 1sts came from 'six deep' to win the finals series of the 2017 Australian Secondary Schools Team Sailing Championships, hosted by Nedlands Yacht Club in Perth.

The 1sts began their finals series against last year's grand finalists Westminster School, from South Australia, and were able to advance after a sudden-death match-up. Scots then took on local team Christ Church Grammar School in another sudden-death race and advanced through with a win.

However, their biggest scalp came in the next final when they had an epic match-up against the undefeated Purple team of The Friends' School, Tasmania, in a best of three match-up. In the end, it was all Scots as Scots 2nds team finished as runners-up – an outstanding effort by all the boys and coaching staff.

Scots 1st Sailing team at the Australian Secondary Schools Team Sailing Championships.



Scots Water Polo Goes Back to Back in GPS

In March 2017, the 1sts Water Polo team further cemented their place as leaders, taking out the Premiership title for the second consecutive year in the Athletic Association of the Great Public Schools (AAGPS) competition. The team was led by James Kolenda ('07), who last year represented Australia in the Australian Born 1999 team that played in the Pan Pacific Youth Water Polo Festival, New Zealand. The Scots team consisted of Thomas Bedingfield, Joshua Bousie, Charles Hoffman, James Kolenda, Joe Kospetas, Edward Lennox, Henry Lennox, Hamish McDonald, Hugh O'Neill, Harry Petch, Hugo Podgornik, James Underhill and Nathan Zylstra. Mr Vedran Cirkovic, Men's Born '97 National Australian Assistant Coach, member of the Cronulla Sharks Water Polo squad and Coach for the NSW Combined Independent Schools team, coaches the 1sts Water Polo team.

Scots 1sts Water Polo team after their second AAGPS title.



Joe Kospetas Defends Another Water Polo Victory

Love, passion and dedication to Water Polo drives Joe Kospetas (Year 12), as he trains morning, afternoon and late into the night.

Joe has achieved beyond his years, playing for Scots 1sts for the past four seasons, including the 2016 Combined Great Public Schools (GPS)/Combined Associated Schools (CAS) premiership, 2016 and 2017 GPS premierships and on track for the 2018 Combined GPS/CAS and GPS championships.

Alongside his contribution to Scots Water Polo, Joe's representative selections have also been impressive, including GPS and NSW Combined Independent Schools for the past two years, as well as New South Wales and Australian Born 2000 in 2015. In 2017, he represented NSW All Schools at the Australian Water Polo Championships in which his strong performance in defence helped NSW to victory.

Joe also plays in the Drummoyne Water Polo Club National League – the highest level water polo league in the country.

Joe Kospetas showing his commitment to training.



Athletics on the Rise at Scots

The Scots College 4 x 1500m relay team won a Bronze medal at the State Relay Championships held at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre in November.

Director of Athletics, Mr Matthew Williams said the routine of competing every weekend in the lead-up to the event had enabled the boys to improve on their race finishing times.

Luke Stammer (Year 12) also ran a very strong race in the 400m, finishing in a personal best time of 53:91 seconds.

Luke Stammer (Year 12) leading the pack at the qualifying meets for Great Public Schools.

Scots Players Represent NSW in Volleyball

In September, three Scots students and one Old Boy travelled to Queensland to represent New South Wales in the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships.

Luke Clarke (Year 8) was a member of the NSW Under 15 team; Year 12 students Oscar Lenior and Xavier Lenior represented NSW in the Under 19 team; along with 2016 Scots graduate and current Scots coach Tom Holland. Their selection followed Scots first Volleyball state representative Angus Henricks (Year 9), who represented NSW in 2016.

Master in Charge Volleyball, Mrs Claudia Brin said to have four Scots representatives at the prestigious and highly competitive national championships was an excellent achievement and one which very few clubs or schools could boast.

“The success of these boys is testament to the Scots Volleyball Program and the hard work and dedication of the coaching staff, led by Mr Dimitri Sidiropoulos and a group of talented and passionate Old Boys,” Mrs Brin said.

Scots boys were an integral addition to the NSW Volleyball team.



Connor Yetman to Play College Basketball in New York

Connor Yetman (Year 12) has committed to study and play basketball for Manhattanville College in New York. Connor was a key member of our Basketball Program throughout his time at Scots which led him to being named the 2017 Captain of Basketball. Connor joins a long list of Old Boys who continue their basketball journey at universities across the United States.

Connor Yetman (Year 12) is pursuing his passion in basketball.



Charles Hoffman – Excellence in Representative Swimming

Representative Swimming does not have a season. Boys train every day during summer and winter, and in most cases, in addition to their regular Sport commitments.

Charles Hoffman (Year 8) is one of these dedicated swimmers. He began swimming when he was about four and has trained ever since – now completing five to six sessions a week. He gets up at 4:30am for the morning sessions and swims about four to six kilometres after school.

In December, Charles competed in the 200m individual medley at the Pacific Schools Games in Adelaide, where he placed fifth in Australia. His selection was the result of his success during the Great Public Schools season in Term 1, where he competed in the Combined Independent Schools and New South Wales All Schools competitions.

Charles Hoffman (Year 8) after finishing second in the 200m individual medley at the NSW All Schools.



James Kolenda Heads to the University of Southern California

James Kolenda (Year 12) captained The Scots College 1st Water Polo team for the last two seasons and won two Great Public Schools titles, one combined Combined Associated Schools and Great Public Schools title and one Thomas Whalen Cup. James was also a member of the Australian Under 17 Youth Squad and plans to move to California to study and play for the University of Southern California Trojans Water Polo team.

James Kolenda (Year 12) looking to pass during a 1st Water Polo game.

Finley Dyer Serves up Success

Finley Dyer (Year 5) represented The Scots College at the 2017 NSW Combined Independent Schools (CIS) Primary Tennis trials. In extremely difficult conditions, Finley played against a predominantly Year 6 player opposition in singles Tennis. Finley demonstrated great sportsmanship and play, to gain selection into the CIS Primary teams as the second ranked player in the representative squad. This is the best result from a Scots player in the history of the Scots Tennis Program.

Finley Dyer representing Scots with great sportsmanship.



A Volleyball First for Scots

Angus Henricks (Year 10) has been accepted to the Under 17s New South Wales Beach Volleyball team and has been selected to attend the Junior National Championships in Western Australia in the April 2018 school holidays. Angus will be the first Scots boy to compete in the NSW Beach Volleyball team and represent the College at this level. Angus has proven to be a great Volleyball ambassador, being the first state representative in 2016 with the NSW Under 15s, going on to trial for the All Schools team and the NSW Under 17s side. Angus is known as a true team player who brings enthusiasm and prowess to the sport in whichever team he plays in.

Angus, the first Scots boy to compete in the NSW Beach Volleyball team.

Ted Ferguson Selected for Under 20 NSW State Basketball Team

Congratulations to Scots student and 1sts Basketball player, Ted Ferguson (Year 11), who has been selected for the Under 20 New South Wales State Basketball Team. Ted will compete in the Australian Under 20 and Ivor Burge Championships held on the Central Coast in February 2018. At 17 years of age, this will be Ted's first taste of the Australian Under 20 Championships, providing him with the opportunity to compete at this level for the next couple of years. Ted is to be commended for his hard work, effort and dedication throughout 2017. His development and progress on the court and as a leader for the Scots Basketball Program has been outstanding throughout his time at the College. We wish Ted all the best for the upcoming 2018 Championships and look forward to watching him lead our 1sts Basketball team for the remainder of the GPS Season.

Ted Ferguson (Year 11), selected for the Under 20 New South Wales State Basketball Team.



John Cooley Awarded NSWIS Scholarship for Sailing

John Cooley (Year 12) was selected as part of the New South Wales Institute of Sport Sailing Program in the 29er Class. This involves a scholarship, which was offered following John's Bronze medal in December 2016 at the World Sailing Youth Championships. John competed at the following events both nationally and internationally:

- Queensland Youth Week: Brisbane (Thursday 29 June to Tuesday 4 July 2017)
- US National Championships: California, USA (July 2017)
- 29er World Championships: California, USA (Tuesday 25 July to Saturday 5 August 2017)
- NSW State Youth Championships: Lake Macquarie (Saturday 30 September to Monday 2 October 2017)
- Sail Sydney (Thursday 14 to Sunday 17 December 2017)
- Australian 9er Championships: Brisbane (Tuesday 26 to Sunday 31 December 2017)
- 29er Worlds 2018: Hong Kong (Tuesday 2 to Monday 8 January 2018)
- Australian Youth Championships: Brisbane (Thursday 11 to Monday 15 January 2018)

John Cooley competed at various national and international sailing events as part of the NSW Institute of Sport.



Xavier Lenior Selected for Volleyball Teams

Year 12 student Xavier Lenior has shown his athletic virtuosity by being selected for the New South Wales Under 19 and the NSW Combined Independent Schools Volleyball teams in 2017. Scots 2016 graduate and now a Scots Coach, Xavier is an exceptionally talented player who plays outside hitter, and was appointed Captain of Volleyball for the 2016-2017 season.

Xavier has played Volleyball since Year 10, was a member of the College 1st IV side in winter 2016 and captained the three summer squads. Xavier is a wonderful team player who worked hard towards developing an enthusiastic and passionate culture within Volleyball.

As a result of his performances at both the Schools Nationals and Aged Nationals, Xavier has been offered an official sum for a Volleyball scholarship at the Queens University of Charlotte, USA. He will most likely take up the position late 2018.

Xavier Lenior (Year 12) achieved great success in Volleyball.

Scots Boys Continue Legacy of Rugby Representatives

Darcy Breen (Year 12), was one of the boys chosen for the Australian Schoolboys Rugby Union team and credits his selection to the rigorous Rugby Program at Scots.

"My most fond memory of Rugby was the 2016 Back to Scots Weekend victory, which sealed the Premiership for us last year," Darcy reflected. "I was able to score my first GPS try which capped off a great day."

Scots had nine players selected for the Australian Schoolboys trials, including Darcy Breen (Year 12), Billy Smith (Year 12) and Jeremy Williams (Year 11) for NSW 1s; William Harris (Year 11), Tom Yassmin (Year 12), Charlie Savala (Year 11) and Brett Wellington (Year 11) for NSW2s; and Ben Joseph (Year 12) and Charlie Baker (Year 12) for Combined States. Darcy and Tom were selected for the Australian Schoolboys Barbarians team. The boys featured in a series of games against New Zealand and Fiji in Sydney during September.

Jakob Styles, Billy Smith, Tom Yassmin and Darcy Breen – all successful members of the 1st XV.



Henry James Elected to the NSW AFL Team

Henry James was one of six boys from the QBE Sydney Swans Academy Under 12 group chosen to represent New South Wales at the School Sport Australia National Football Carnival. It is a great honour and a big achievement for Henry, who will don the pale blue NSW jumper for the first time as he takes on opponents from the other states and territories alongside his team.

The selection process is rigorous, as boys had to first gain selection to represent their school region, then impress the selectors at the NSW School State Carnival in Parkes in May.

Many AFL players have started their representative careers in the 12 Years and Under National Schools Carnival, including Swans star Isaac Heeney, who represented NSW in 2008.

Henry's prowess on the AFL field led to his selection to represent NSW.



Billy Smith Makes Incredible Mark on Rugby

Billy Smith (Year 12) was recognised as a well respected and integral member of the 1st XV Rugby team in the Athletic Association of the Great Public Schools competition, contributing to the success of the Opens Rugby Program in 2016 and 2017. He first achieved Higher Honours in 2015, through his selection into the NSW Under 16 Schoolboys Rugby Union team. Further representative honours naturally followed in 2017 with his selection to the NSW Schoolboys 1st XV Rugby team and most notably the Australian Schoolboys Under 18 Rugby Sevens team. Billy enjoyed considerable success both on field and as an ambassador off field. As a result of his efforts and exemplary performance he was made Captain of Rugby in 2017. Overall, in all his sporting endeavours, Billy has made a positive and indelible mark on Sport at the College.

Captain of Rugby, Billy Smith leaves a lasting impression.



Prep Snowsports Success

The 2017 Prep Captain of Snowsports, Ruben Mead (Year 7), achieved an individual second place in Division 4 Alpine Giant Slalom at the Australian Interschools Snowsports Championships. Ruben was awarded the NSW Alpine Development Award for his age category based on his performances across the season. He was also selected in the Australian Junior National Alpine Squad for the 2017-2018 Northern Hemisphere season. Phoenix Johnston (Year 7), achieved an individual second place in Division 4 Snowboard Giant Slalom at the Australian Interschools Snowsports Championships. Phoenix was also part of the Scots Division 4 Snowboard National Champion team.

Ruben Mead and Phoenix Johnston (both Year 7).



Charlie Dixon Represents NSW in Rugby

After representing the Combined Independent Schools (CIS) at the NSWPSA Primary Boys Rugby Championships in August and playing an instrumental role in CIS winning the Championships, Charlie Dixon (Year 6) was selected to represent NSW at the National Primary School Rugby Championships in Darwin. The Championships were held in the October holiday period with Charlie being one of three boys chosen to captain the side. They beat the Northern Territory 96-0 and beat South Australia 127-0. They then went on to win the final against the Sydney Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) 24-0 in a tropical rainstorm and in the process, win the competition without a single point being scored against them.

Charlie Dixon (Year 6) proudly displays the Australian Prep Rugby Shield.

Scots Sailing Excellence

The Faulkner's Block gives parents the opportunity to sail with boys and coaches. Increased competition in 2017 led to five different winners from the five races. The Faulkner's Block trophy was awarded to Finn Tapper (Year 12), Mr Dave Tapper and Coach Matt Wales, with the John Cooley skippered boat comprising of Mr John Cooley Snr, Master in Charge, Mr Gary Faulkner and Fairfax Housemaster and Humanities Teacher,

Mr Ed Brenac. The following day was the annual Scots Teams Racing Regatta, where schools from across Sydney gathered at Woollahra Sailing Club. The Scots 2 team with skippers Alex Marinelli (Year 12), Darcy McCracken (Year 11) and Hugo Stoner (Year 11), and crew Oli Pollasky (Year 10), Sam Steinberg (Year 10) and James Watson (Year 10), had a consistent regatta by winning nine out of their ten races. Scots 2 placed second overall.

The Scots College versus Cranbrook School in the Scots Teams Racing Regatta.



George Verco Races Through National Cross Country Championships

In August, George Verco (Year 5) was involved in the 2017 School Sport Australia Cross Country Championships in Hobart.

George was part of the Under 11 New South Wales team, which was comprised of the top five runners from the NSW Primary Schools Sports Association Cross Country Championships. George earned himself a Bronze medal and finished third in the team's category. This fantastic result is a testament to George's hard work and time spent in the beginning of the season.

George Verco achieved first place at the NSW Combined Independent Schools Carnival.



Success for the Cricket 2nd XI

On Saturday 11 March, the 2nd XI won the Athletic Association of the Great Public Schools Premiership after a close victory against Sydney Church of England Grammar (Shore) School.

Harrison Conyngham (Year 11) bowled well with figures of 4/27, supported by William Harris (Year 11) with 12/15. This was a great effort in the field and the bowlers were backed up with some great fielding. The magnificent batting partnership of Mitchell Sciberras (Year 10) and William Harris (Year 10) saw Mitchell with 69 not out, and William with 56 not out.

Well done to the team who were led by Jack McCathie (Year 12) and Vice-Captain Angus McGrath (Year 12).

The victorious Scots 2nd XI team.

Swimming Relay Teams Undefeated

Scots had the largest team competing at both the New South Wales Combined Independent Schools and New South Wales Primary Schools Sports Association Carnivals and continued their victory in the pool.

Highlighting this was our Senior Relay teams – Lucas Mitchelmore, Will Sork, Archie Taylor, Joshua Taylor, and Junior Relay teams – Charlie Hatton, Michael Jenkins, Edward Johnstone, Harry Kyle – who finished first and second respectively at the NSWPSSA Championships. This is an incredible effort and a testament to their tremendous application and professionalism.

Junior Relay team: Charlie Hatton, Michael Jenkins, Edward Johnstone, Harry Kyle.

Senior Relay team: Lucas Mitchelmore, Will Sork, Archie Taylor, Joshua Taylor.



Scots Cricketers Continue to Rise Through the Ranks

The Scots College 1st bowlers Henry Thornton ('14) and Ryan O'Beirne (Year 12) have both received news from Cricket NSW that they have been awarded places in representative squads. Ryan O'Beirne has been awarded a spot for the 2017 season. The program, now in its fourth season, is designed to improve a player's T20 skills as a pathway to the Big Bash League. It will consist of a round robin tournament against the Sydney Thunder, Hobart Hurricanes and the Lahore Qalandars Rising Stars from the Pakistan Super League.

Ryan O'Beirne (Year 12) and Henry Thornton ('14) in action.



2017 NSW Interschools Snowsports Championships

Congratulations to the Scots Preparatory School athletes who represented the College at the 2017 NSW Interschools Snowsports Championships in Perisher. The team retained the NSW Interschools Snowsports Champion Primary School trophy against some very strong opposition. Special thanks go to Mr Nicholas Spencer and Mr Brent Wilsmore for their assistance with the boys during the Championships.

2017 State Interschools Snowsports Overall Primary Champions.



Jeremy Zhang Aces Tennis Tournaments

Jeremy Zhang (Year 7) has had an outstanding year of Tennis, winning four titles during the July holidays. During this tournament period, Jeremy was able to win 22 matches in a row, which in itself, is a superb achievement.

Some of his highlights include:

- Winner of the 2017 Hills Winter Championship
- Winner of the 2017 Sydney Closed Championship Under 12s
- Winner of the 2017 Sydney Closed Doubles Championship Under 12s
- Winner of the 2017 Northern Suburbs Tennis Association Winter Championships Under 12s

Director of Tennis, Mr Ryan Fowler with Jeremy Zhang (Year 7) and his trophy following the Hills Winter Championships Under 12s tournament.



Silver Medallist Tom Davies

Tom Davies (Year 10) is a talented young skier who represented in international races and won a silver medal in the Australian Interschool Championships. His effort and grace in the races led him to also being selected for the National Team in alpine in biathlon. Tom also competed in the Whistler Cup in Canada.

Tom Davies competing in the Whistler Cup, Canada.



Brett Wellington Makes Youngest Barbarians Player Since 1920

Brett Wellington (Year 11) became the youngest rugby union player to wear the Barbarians jersey since 1920. At 17 years and 207 days, Brett entered the field in the final minute of the third quarter from the bench – playing the last 21 minutes of the match.

“It means a lot to have broken that long standing record. This will be a game I will always remember,” Brett said.

“This was a massive opportunity for myself, set up by my school coach Mr Brian Smith, who was also the Barbarians Assistant Coach.”

Brett is hoping to make the Australian Schoolboys side in 2018, after being selected in both the Great Public Schools and NSW All Schools teams the past two years.

Brett Wellington (Year 11) and ACT Brumbies Skipper, Sam Carter ('07).

Ben Matsumoto Represents Australia at 8th Asian Winter Games

Ben Matsumoto (Year 12) was selected to compete for Australia at the 8th Asian Winter Games in Sapporo, Japan in February. Ben finished 12th in the men's freestyle moguls event and 13th in the dual moguls at Sapporo. At 16, Ben was one of the youngest competitors in his events which largely consisted of World Cup skiers, a true reflection of his hard work and dedication to excelling in Snowsports.

Ben Matsumoto and Olympian Matt Graham.



National Alpine Champion – James Huon

James Huon (Year 8) was selected for the National Alpine Team for Snowsports in 2017/2018. James is the National Champion in alpine and represented Australia in the Whistler Cup. After winning the first run, he finished second in his premier race, attended by the best Under 15 racers from around the world. James' National Team selection was well deserved based on his fantastic performance and work ethic during the season.

National Alpine Champion James Huon (Year 8).



Another Historic Year in Snowsports

Due to great team work and some outstanding individual performances, the Snowsports team won its tenth consecutive National Championship in Mount Buller.

Four Scots boys had the honour of being selected for the Australian team. Hugh McAdam (Year 12), Tom Davies (Year 10), Jasper Cobcroft (Year 9) and James Huon (Year 8) were selected to the National Team in alpine and Matthew Wright (Year 12) was selected in biathlon.

The boys' selection was well deserved based on their performances during the season and their exceptional work ethic.

Hugh McAdam is the current Under 18 National Champion in Giant Slalom and Slalom.



Matthew Wright won the Under 19 Australian Biathlon Individual and Sprint Championships.

Jasper Cobcroft represented in international races.

Another outstanding performance came from Hugo Hinckfuss (Year 8), who won the Australian Junior Cross Country Under 16 5km Freestyle Championships.

Clockwise from left: Hugh McAdam (Year 12), National Under 18 Giant Slalom and Slalom Champion.

Matthew Wright (Year 12), Australian Biathlon team member.

Jasper Cobcroft (Year 9) in the Australia-New Zealand Cup series.

Hugo Hinckfuss (Year 8), Australian Junior Under 16 Cross Country Freestyle Champion.





Staffing Excellence

Cennard Program

Assistant Head of the Preparatory School, Mr Duncan Kendall has introduced the newly created Cennard Program for boys in Years 5 and 6 at Scots. The Program entitles boys to receive a Cennard badge if they successfully meet the criteria of a servant leader.

The purpose of the Program is to combat the turbulent concept of masculinity that boys face today. The Program will provide Senior Prep boys with a compass and strong foundation as they grow into fine young men who are self-confident and able to lead through service in the community.

William Barr and Lachlan Mystakidis at the Year 6 camp.



Pipes and Drums Reaches New Heights

Scots Bandmaster, Mr Ray Lee OAM, has overseen the band reach a new pinnacle in 2017. Building on the success of the Pipes and Drums in 2016 at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and the achievement of a major placing at the World Pipe Band Championships, the Pipes and Drums have continued to serve the College with distinction throughout 2017. The massed band is well known for its central role leading the Anzac March through the streets of Sydney, but the competition bands have also excelled, winning the State Championships. The band performed at the acclaimed *Scotland the Brave* show at the Sydney Opera House and continues to be sought after to perform at vice regal, charity, military and community events.

All these successes demonstrate the culture that Mr Ray Lee has rigorously set within the Pipes and Drums Program, ensuring that every boy has a place within the College where they can thrive and develop brave hearts and bold minds.

Bandmaster, Mr Ray Lee and Pipes and Drums Tutor, Mr Mitchell Eaton, in the famous Pipes and Drums room.



Vedran Cirkovic – Assistant Coach to Three-Time Olympian

The 19th FINA World Junior Water Polo Championships took place in Belgrade, Serbia from 5 to 13 August 2017, between 20 of the best junior water polo nations from around the world. Scots Water Polo Coordinator, Mr Vedran Cirkovic, was the Assistant Coach for the Australian Junior Water Polo team, under three-time Olympian, Mr Andrei Kovalenko. Together, they coached a young, successful team, with athletes born in 1997 or later, making it an Under 20s competition. Many of today's current Australian Senior Men's Water Polo Team, known as the Aussie Sharks, have played at this junior tournament in the past as they have developed their skills in the game of water polo. The team played against Argentina, China, Montenegro, New Zealand and Serbia. They won their final game against China, producing some of the team's best water polo for the tournament, and finished 11th overall. "This was a great learning experience," Mr Cirkovic said.

From front left: Andrei Kovalenko, Vedran Cirkovic and their Water Polo team.

Julia Wilson Represents Australia at the 2017 Trans Tasman Masters Challenge

Preparatory Honours Teacher, Ms Julia Wilson, represented the Over 35 Australian Hockey team after being selected to play in New Zealand at the 2017 Trans Tasman Masters Challenge. In September, she also played for the Over 35 NSW Hockey team at the National Championship. Being selected as a representative hockey player came as a great honour for Ms Wilson, who when young, admired Alyson Annan and Jamie Dwyer after watching them represent Australia at the Olympic Games. Ms Wilson now aspires to be reselected to play for the Over 35 Australian Hockey team in the Masters World Cup in Barcelona, Spain in 2018.

Ms Julia Wilson prepares to take the field at the 2017 Trans Tasman Masters Challenge.



Chloe Collett's Top 10 IBSC Presentation

Ms Chloe Collett, Preparatory School Teacher 2-4, presented at the International Boys' Schools Coalition Conference in 2017. Her presentation, 'Participating in Collaborative Problem Solving to Encourage Perseverance in Math Learning Among Year 5 Boys', was recognised in the top ten presentations at the Conference. Ms Collett received accolades for her presentation, which was based on a research study conducted at The Scots College. Ms Collett presented methods to teach boys who had Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), low IQ, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and potential anxiety, low self-efficacy, and lack of perseverance.



Ms Chloe Collett, recognised as a Top 10 Presenter at the 2017 International Boys' Schools Coalition Conference.

Grace Hamilton in Ireland

Sports Administrator, Ms Grace Hamilton, spent the month of August in Ireland as a member of the Australian Women's Rugby team, the Wallaroos – competing in the Women's Rugby World Cup. The team ended in sixth place, competing as amateurs against many professional women's teams, as well as successfully overcoming their Irish hosts.

Aside from the team accomplishment, Ms Hamilton achieved several personal successes. She played and started every game of the World Cup at Number 8, and ended the tournament as Australia's Players' Player. Her



achievements culminated in topping the World Cup statistics for most carries, as well as most carries over the gain line.

Ms Grace Hamilton was selected for the Wallaroos, who played in the 2017 Women's Rugby World Cup, Ireland.

A Fighting Spirit

Assistant Head of the Preparatory School, Mr Duncan Kendall agreed to fight four-time boxing world champion, Anthony Mundine, in order to promote and fundraise for the vital role education has in both the Police Citizens Youth Clubs (PCYC) for young boys and The Scots College Indigenous Education Program. The fundraiser fight was held at Woolloomooloo PCYC on 4 November 2017. The Scots Indigenous Education Program received \$10,000 on the night, accepted by Mr John Crerar, Assistant Principal and Head of the Preparatory School. The Program gives disadvantaged Aboriginal boys access to high quality education. After a

five year retirement from amateur boxing that commenced in 2001, Mr Kendall trained for eight weeks for the fight, and dropped nine kilograms working out at two separate boxing gymnasiums in preparation.

The College is very grateful for the dedication of Mr James Dack, Mr Jonathan Hill, Mr Anthony Mundine and Mr Jonathan Samengo and for their role in supporting this night and supervising the Scots Indigenous boys who led Mr Mundine to the ring – a traditional ritual that certainly made the night unique.



Mr Duncan Kendall sports his boxing gloves, surrounded by his proud supporters after his fight with Anthony Mundine.



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