



# ST ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE

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Congratulations to the Class of 2017 on their academic results in the Higher School Certificate (HSC), and to their parents and teachers on their contribution to these achievements.

This Year Group made a significant contribution to our College life and they will be remembered for their dedication to the mission of St Aloysius'. Their love of our Jesuit school was their lasting legacy. Their academic results are strong and a reflection of their willingness to commit themselves to their studies.

Attached you will find some data relating to their performance. The College hopes that their studies at St Aloysius' have provided them with the necessary academic foundation to follow the vocation they are called to.

Finally, a special acknowledgement and thanks to the Year 12 teachers for their dedication to each student.

We wish our College community a peaceful, blessed Christmas.

**MARK TANNOCK**  
Principal

**KATE QUINANE**  
Director of Teaching and Learning



## 2017 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE REPORT

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The Class of 2017 has received a pleasing set of results in the HSC.

**There were a number of highlights:**

- The College estimates that 75 students (49%) of a cohort of 153 achieved an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 90 or above. 33 students achieved an ATAR of 95 or above, while 9 students had an ATAR above 99.
- The Dux for 2017 is **Stephen Witts**. Stephen achieved an ATAR of 99.95, the highest possible ranking.
- There were 282 mentions on the *Distinguished Achievers* list. Distinguished Achievers are the students who achieved a result in the highest band (Band 6 in a 2 unit subject or Band E4 in an extension subject) for one or more courses.
- The *Premier's All-round Achievers* list recognises those students who received a Band 6 or Band E4 result in 10 or more units in their course of study. This year, 9 St Aloysius' College students were named on the list.
- 27 subjects studied at St Aloysius' College were above the State mean.
- 6 subjects studied at St Aloysius' College were 10 marks above the State mean. These included Ancient History, Biology, Drama, Geography, General Mathematics, PDHPE.
- 100% of Accelerated 2 Unit Mathematics students received a Band 6.
- 92% of students studying Visual Arts achieved a Band 5 or Band 6.
- 91% of Music 2 students received a Band 5 or Band 6
- The percentage of Band 6 and Band E4 results achieved from examinations sat is 31.1% (282 from 908 examinations sat).



## HISTORICAL COMPARISON

### Band 6 results per 100 students: HSC 2002-2017

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
All NSW Catholic	28	34	36	41	45	46	52	51
St Aloysius' College	84	106	74	90	122	117	156	147

  

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
All NSW Catholic	55	52	49	47	49	55	61	62
St Aloysius' College	162	174	158	186	178	193	218	184

These figures show the number of Band 6 awards per hundred students enrolled.

- The total number of Band 6 results does include all E4 Extension course results, but not Notional Band 6 results in Extension Mathematics.
- The total number of students in the school is calculated as the sum of the candidatures in non-Extension English courses.

### Distinguished Achiever Mentions

*Distinguished Achievers* lists the students who achieved a result in the highest band (Band 6 or Band E4) for one or more courses. This year 67.6% of our students were Distinguished Achievers. The College ranked 36 on the list of the top 150 schools with students who achieved Band 6 or Band E4 in a course.

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Mentions	256	236	273	266	273	320	304	290	345	282

  

% DA	30%	29%	31%	35%	31%	36%	34%	32.4%	36.8%	31.1%
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SAC Rank	29	35	29	22	30	20	28	29	23	36
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## RESULTS IN BANDS

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The following table reflects strong results across the top bands.

### Band Results for all 2 Unit courses

Band	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
6	276 (35.5%)	244 (32.1%)	233 (30.3%)	274 (34.0%)	219 (28.6%)
5	378 (48.6%)	394 (51.8%)	385 (50%)	391 (48.6%)	365 (47.7%)
4	107 (13.8%)	105 (13.8%)	135 (17.6%)	123 (15.3%)	152 (19.8%)
3	17 (2%)	13 (1.7%)	15 (2%)	17 (2.1%)	24 (3.1%)
2	1	4	1	-	6 (0.8%)
1	-	-	-	-	-

(2017: Total of 766 individual student results in 2 Unit courses, including 1 unit Studies of Religion)

### Band Results for all Extension courses

Band	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
4	44 (43%)	59 (48%)	57 (45%)	71 (52.2%)	60 (44.8%)
3	57 (56%)	64 (52%)	68 (53.5%)	59 (43.4%)	66 (49.3%)
2	1	-	2	6 (4.4%)	7 (5.2%)
1	-	-	-	-	1 (0.7%)

(2017: Total of 134 individual student results in Extension courses)



## SUBJECT RESULTS

The following table presents all the Higher School Certificate test results, with figures representing the actual student numbers in each band.

Subject	#students	2	3	4	5	6	% 5-6
Ancient History	25	0	1	3	16	5	84%
Biology	26	0	0	4	14	8	85%
Business Studies	31	0	0	13	11	7	58%
Chemistry	29	0	3	2	14	10	83%
Drama	16	0	0	1	5	10	94%
Economics	32	0	1	6	17	8	78%
English (Advanced)	138	0	2	21	90	25	83%
English (Standard)	14	0	5	8	1	0	7%
French Continuers	7	1	0	4	2	0	29%
Geography	14	0	0	2	6	6	86%
Japanese Continuers	4	0	0	0	2	2	100%
Legal Studies	12	0	1	4	6	1	58%
Mathematics	100	1	3	13	24	59	83%
Mathematics General 2	39	0	1	17	12	9	54%
Modern History	76	3	1	14	47	11	76%
Music 1	3	0	0	0	1	2	100%
Music 2	11	0	0	1	6	4	91%
PDHPE	28	0	1	8	11	8	68%
Physics	41	0	1	10	21	9	73%
Senior Science	6	0	2	3	1	0	17%
Studies of Religion I	60	1	2	12	27	18	75%
Studies of Religion II	29	0	0	4	20	5	86%
Visual Arts	25	0	0	2	11	12	92%

In Extension Courses, there are four bands E4 to E1, with E4 being the highest.

Subjects	#students	E1	E2	E3	E4	%E4
English Extension 1	19	1	0	10	8	42%
English Extension 2	5	0	0	2	3	60%
French Extension	3	0	2	1	0	0%
History Extension	23	0	1	17	5	22%
Japanese Extension	2	0	0	2	0	0%
Mathematics Extension 1	57	0	3	26	28	49%
Mathematics Extension 2	16	0	1	6	9	56%
Music Extension	9	0	0	2	7	78%



## PREMIER'S ALL-ROUND ACHIEVERS

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There were 9 students named in the *Premier's All-round Achievers list*. These students scored 90 or better in 10 units. They were:

**Mark Eckert**  
**Ricky Gao**  
**Thomas Hodgson**

**Michael Kim**  
**Emmet Maher**  
**Lewis McNamara**

**Alexander Murphy**  
**Jacob Parker**  
**Stephen Witts**

It should be noted that we had 5 students who missed out on this list by the narrowest of margins. These students scored 90 or better in 9 units. They were **Henry Bruce, Harrison Hoffmann, Conor Kennedy, Calum Peiris** and **Blake Russell**.

## CREATIVE ARTS

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The Class of 2017 has had a significant number of students nominated to display/perform in the varying showcases for the HSC Creative Arts courses. This reinforces the healthy state of Creative Arts at St Aloysius' and the important place it plays in both the cultural and academic life of the College.

### Drama

- **Liam Alexander** (*The White Mask*), **Luke Cadorin-Taylor** (*Sketchy*) and **Jeremy Heddle** (*Reckoned*) were nominated for *Writers OnSTAGE OnSCREEN* Individual Video Production.
- **Harry Allen, William Biviano, Tristan Miller, Trent Walsh** and **Hugo Young** were nominated for *OnSTAGE* for their group devised performance, *Safe Happy Free*.
- **Lewis McNamara** was nominated for *OnSTAGE* for his individual performance, *The Player*.
- **Oscar Ryan** was nominated and subsequently selected for *OnSTAGE* for his individual performance, *Shallow. Quick*.

### Music

- **Henry Bruce**, a Music 2 student, was nominated for *ENCORE*, the Music showcase.

### Visual Arts

It has been a particularly successful year for our Visual Arts students with eight students nominated for *ARTEXPRESS*, the Visual Arts showcase:

- **Liam Alexander** for *Memories of Melodies Past*
- **Henry Arnold** for *Blind, Deaf and Dumb*
- **Luke Cadorin-Taylor** for *Oasis*
- **Liam Carson** for *Paradigm Shift*
- **Emilio Gabriel Lapitan** for *The Hero Path*
- **Jacob Parker** for "Who in the world am I? Ah that's the great puzzle"- Lewis Carroll, *Alice in Wonderland*
- **Luke Rizzo** for *Moneo*
- **Sevan Tcharlassian** for *Though the course may change, rivers always meet at the sea*

**Liam Alexander and Luke Rizzo's works have been selected for inclusion in ARTEXPRESS 2018.**



## ATAR CALCULATIONS

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- 9 students achieved an ATAR above 99, with 33 students scoring between 95 and 99.
- 75 boys achieved an ATAR over 90. Thus about 49% of the cohort achieved this rank compared to 16.4% in the State.
- The median ATAR was 90.2.
- The following students achieved an ATAR above 99:

**Mark Eckert**

**Ricky Gao**

**Cormac Lennon**

**Harrison Hoffmann**

**Emmet Maher**

**Lewis McNamara**

**Alexander Murphy**

**Jacob Parker**

**Stephen Witts**

## CONGRATULATIONS

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Congratulations to the Class of 2017, we are delighted for the boys and their parents and we wish them every success in their future endeavours.