

## Celebrating the Class of 2023

The Class of 2023 selected as their motto "Constantly Growing". This phrase summarises the spirit of resilience, adaptability, and the relentless pursuit of knowledge that defines these students. Throughout their academic journey, these individuals have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to personal and intellectual development. "Constantly Growing" reflects not only their academic achievements but also their dedication to personal growth, embracing challenges as opportunities for learning and evolving. As the Class of 2023 prepares to embark on the next chapter of their lives, they carry with them the mindset of perpetual growth, ready to face the future with confidence, curiosity, and a determination to embrace the ever-changing landscape of life.

Congratulations to all our students for their achievements. Your hard work and dedication have paid off, and we commend you for your efforts. As a SACE school, we take pride in the flexibility and diversity of our programs, allowing students to find their path, whether through VET programs, workplace learning, or accelerated university studies. The range of learning options available to Scotch students ensures that everyone can thrive in their own way. We acknowledge your results and the practical learning experiences gained through your studies in SACE.

And thrive they did with 63 students attaining an ATAR of 90 or above. We had an amazing 23% of the cohort score over 95 and an incredible 7 students over 99 placing them in the top 1% nationally. We would like to congratulate the following:

Dux of School and Dux of Sciences – Nicholas Vrodos

Dux of School and Dux of Combined Studies – Keagan Wallace

Dux of Humanities – Hannah Gardiner

We congratulate Nick and Keagan as they have both received the same ATAR – ensuring that they are joint Duxes of Scotch for 2023.

We are delighted to announce that Keagan Wallace has also received a Governor of South Australia Commendation Excellence Award for 2023. The Governor of South Australia Commendation acknowledges and celebrates overall excellence in the South Australian Certificate of Education. It recognises excellent achievement in Year 12 subjects as well as success in developing the SACE capabilities of Literacy, Numeracy, Information and Technology Capability, Creative and Critical Thinking, Personal and Social Capability, Ethical Understanding and Intercultural Understanding.

Our approach to learning is to provide a purposeful, caring, inspirational and well-resourced offering which enables enrichment beyond exam results. We have formed partnerships and designed approaches which have enabled our students to learn how to be effective researchers in the Research Project and Activating Identities and Futures where 84 students were in the A band. Our students chose diverse topics including: Genetic Disposition and Polycystic Ovary Syndrome, SARS-Cov2 Virus Impact on Mitochondria used to Treat Long COVID, Chinese Animation and Current Society, Cereal Cropping in the Yorke Peninsula, Finland and Sweden's push to join NATO, Nunga Court – Advantages and Disadvantages, The Cashless Debit Card in Regional SA, which broadened their intellectual horizons and nurtured their curiosity.

Results at a glance for the 2023 cohort:

- 63 students with an ATAR of 90 or above
- 35 students achieved a score of 95 or above
- 7 students with a score over 99
- 32 Merits across 17 subjects, of these 8 were achieved by Year 11 students
- 54.22% of students received at least an A grade

### Scotch90 Club Students

Amy Abbott	Chloe Garrels	Sophie Laycock	Charlie Shearer
Rosie Alderson	Louis Glen	Georgie Lines	Andreas Sitzler
Charles Arundell	Jasmine Gunn	Emma Lucas	William Starling
Oliver Atherton	Eliza Hall	Olivia Ludlow	William Thomas
Áine Bell-O'Brien	Elsie Harvey	Audrey Marquardt	Griffin Thompson
Olivia Buggins	Sebastian Henderson	Sophie Martens	Imogen Tomich
Lachlan Burgan	Eddie Hesketh	Louis Merrigan	Jemma Turnbull
Toby Bywater	Bethany Hollams	Cassandra Michos	Charlie Twelftree
William Carroll	Ella Ifould	Isla Mitchell	Lucy Voyvodic
Charles Clarke	Harry Ince	Thomas Moorhouse	Nicholas Vrodos

Ginger Cooke	Neve Jaffray	Mitchell Obst	Amelie Wakelin
Breanna Crowe	Sienna Johnston	Jack Pentelow	Keagan Wallace
Harry Dangerfield	Annabel Kidman	Sarah Price	Mollie Willson
Sophie Fox	Georgia King	Hannah Ralph	Isla Woods
Hannah Gardiner	Riley Klose	Gabrielle Redding	Peishan (Sandra) Wu
	Chin Ching (Lucas) Lau	Leila Revell	Hugo Wynter

We will formally recognise the Merit students, Scotch90 Club and Duces at the Scotch Commencement Chapel Service to be held on Friday February 2, 2024.

### Year 12 students who achieved Merits in 2023

Charlie Twelftree	English, General Mathematics
Nicholas Vrodos	Chemistry, English
Keagan Wallace	English, Human Anatomy and Physiology 1A – University of Adelaide
Lily Atsikbasis	Visual Arts - Art
Ginger Cooke	Visual Arts- Art
Sophie Fox	Food & Hospitality
Jasmine Gunn	Food & Hospitality
Elsie Harvey	General Mathematics
Georgia King	Sport Science & Technology
Riley Klose	Chemistry
Sophie Laycock	Drama
Olivia Ludlow	Health & Wellbeing
Hannah Ralph	General Mathematics
Gabrielle Redding	English
Andreas Sitzler	Environment and Society - Flinders University
William Starling	Management, People and Organisations – Flinders University
Griffin Thompson	General Mathematics
Imogen Tomich	Modern History
Amelie Wakelin	Health & Wellbeing
Isla Woods	Visual Arts - Design

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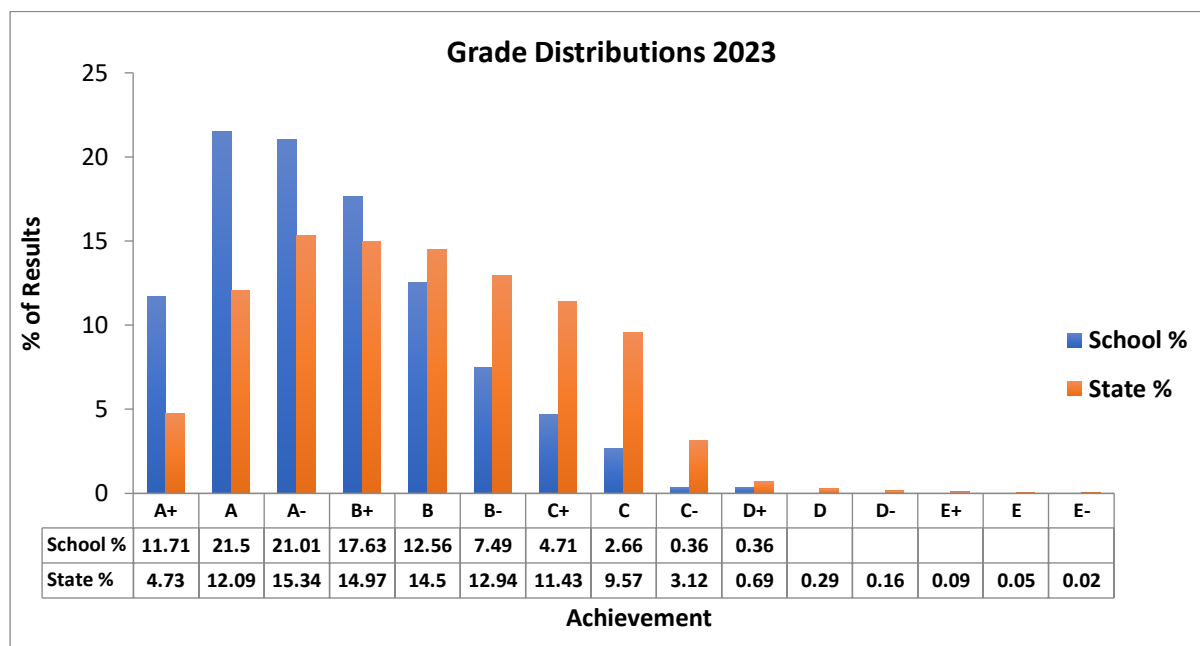
Breanna Crowe	Biology, Research Project
Eliza Hall	Biology, Research Project
Riley Klose	Biology, Research Project
Louis Merrigan	Design, Technology and Engineering - Material Solutions, Research Project
Nicholas Vrodos	Biology, Research Project
Keagan Wallace	Biology, Research Project
Toby Bywater	Research Project
Charles Clarke	Design, Technology and Engineering - Material Solutions
Hannah Gardiner	Biology
Chloe Garrels	Research Project
Louis Glen	Fundamentals of Computational Intelligence, Computer Programming – Flinders University (2021)
Elsie Harvey	Research Project
Eddie Hesketh	Biology
Ella Ifould	Research Project
Chin Ching (Lucas) Lau	Computer Programming – Flinders University
Sophie Laycock	Research Project
Emma Lucas	Research Project
Thomas Moorhouse	Research Project

Mitchell Obst	Research Project
Andreas Sitzler	Human Geography – Flinders University
Imogen Tomich	Research Project
Lucy Voyvodic	Research Project
Amelie Wakelin	Research Project

### Year 10 and 11 students who achieved a Merit in 2023

Amy Wallace (Year 10)	Critical Thinking and Nutrition, Physical Activity and Health – Flinders University
Aria Bradley	Research Project
Regan Hall	Research Project
Rueben Hill	Research Project
Rachel Sargeant	Research Project
Charlotte Triglau	Dance
Sarah Uhrig	Design, Technology & Engineering – Material Solutions
Emma Venus	Research Project
Adem Yelgin	Research Project

The following graph compares Scotch College students with results in the state. As is evident we have done particularly well in the A grade band – 54.22%. This is a significant achievement for our students.



It is important to recognise that not all students will pursue a university program post school. We have students who have already commenced their career in industry, and they have made an impressive start. Other students have faced significant adversity this year. The fact they completed their schooling is testament to their strength of character and courage.

Congratulations to every student in the Class of 2023 who has worked hard and achieved their personal best. Thank you to our amazing teaching team and their support of our students from ELC to Year 12. And to our families who work so closely with us over the journey of their child. It is the power of this partnership that allows us to realise our dreams of students achieving great success in a supported and connected environment where each belongs. Our pursuit of an educational offering with wellbeing at its core is being realised in every aspect of our students learning.

Wishing you and your families a peaceful, safe and festive season.

Teresa Hanel - Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning