

Penleigh and Essendon
Grammar School

VCE Results
Class of 2024



An open letter to the Class of 2024

To the Class of 2024,

As this chapter of your lives comes to a close, I've been reflecting on the many voices of your cohort—those shared at the Valedictory Assembly, in our yearbook, and in quiet moments of conversation. Each reflection carries its own perspective, but together, they tell a shared story of what you stand for as a group: kindness, courage, and a deep sense of connection to each other.

Malindu captured this beautifully: *"Looking back, it's not the big events that stand out, but the small moments. These are the memories that define who we have become and how we have grown together. We have learned so much, not just from textbooks and teachers, but from each other. We have discovered the true meaning of friendship, kindness, and love."*

Malindu's words remind us that while receiving your results today is a milestone, life is rarely defined by singular milestones; instead, it is shaped by the choices we make in the small, everyday moments. Your cohort has shown this in so many ways—through the shared laughter, late-night study sessions, team victories, and quiet acts of kindness that have made your time at PEGS so meaningful.

Victoria, too, remarked that what has really made school special for your cohort was not the big moments, but, *"the simplest of all: teary-eyed laughter, and it didn't matter if we were separated in classes or made distant by google meets. We always found each other, in the same spot outside or at the same table every day. Wherever we went, we still had each other."*

This ability to find joy in simplicity and meaning in connection is what you stand for. It's the way you've embraced the present while preparing for the future. You've demonstrated resilience and creativity, whether excelling in academic pursuits, performing in the Musical, striving for Premierships, or debating fiercely in the House competitions, or lending your voice to important causes.

Michael generously shared how much these connections have meant to him: *"There's a really prominent sense of community at the core of the Music and Performing Arts community at PEGS. I am so grateful for all the friends I've made through bonding over our love for music and performing."* While Michael's focus here is on Music and Performing Arts, I know the same is true for many of you within the areas and activities you love. I see it among our visual artists, who speak of the importance of this department to them in feeling "at home", or in our

athletes who wait all week for the Saturday game with the teammates they love. And I know you have found great joy and meaning in the connections.

Ella, with her metaphor of a rollercoaster, reminded us of the courage it takes to move forward: *"At the very end, we all step off the ride. Our feet are on stable ground if only for a moment, and we look back at the track we were just on. Some of it was scary and hard, but part of me really wishes we could do it all again."*

As a cohort, you stand for the strength of friendship, for the courage to face challenges, and for the determination to create a better world. You stand for the values that will carry you forward: kindness, curiosity, and a commitment to becoming the best versions of yourselves.

And although you may have walked under the LC arches for the last time, know that this isn't goodbye. Your memories, your experiences, and the lessons you've learned at PEGS are not left behind—they are the foundation on which you will build the future. As Ella said so eloquently, you carry these moments as part of the mosaic that will make up the rest of your lives.

The results today, a snapshot of which are summarised in this publication, will no doubt bring some of you great excitement and joy, for others, it may be disappointment. Whatever the case, the measure of success isn't a perfect score or material possessions. Instead, it's found in the courage to commit to your values, the willingness to try and fail, and the persistence to bring your dreams to life.

To your teachers, I offer my thanks for the dedication and care they have shown you. To your families, I offer thanks for the love and support that has helped guide you here. And to each of you, thank you for the privilege of watching you grow into the remarkable people you are today.

So, Class of 2024, as you step into this new chapter, carry with you the strength of what you stand for. Let the memories and lessons of your time here guide you as you move forward with courage, kindness, and purpose.

Congratulations on everything you have achieved. We are so proud of you.

Kate Dullard
Principal

Highlights

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students attained ATARs of 99 or above, including one 99.95 and two 99.90

100%

VCE
pass rate

20%

of students were in the top 5% of the state

5%

of students were in the top 1% of the state

10

students in the top 0.5% of the state

13

study scores of 50 were achieved in 12 subjects

Students with an ATAR of 99+

placing them in the TOP 1% of students in the state:

Vansh Agarwal

Hamish Brewer

Xin Yi Chin

Tony Gu

Amy Hawking

Sienna Lee

Sarah Macphee

Ella Nunan

Mingjun Song

Lillian Sun

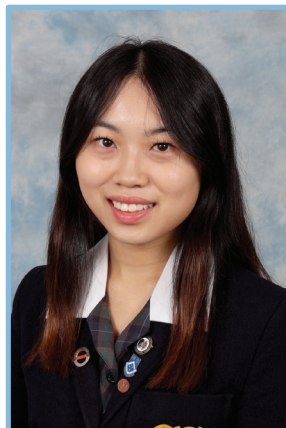
Jessica Tran

Nathan Truong

Ivy Zhang

Louisa Zhu

Duxes



Sienna Lee
with an ATAR of 99.95



Vansh Agarwal
with an ATAR of 99.90



Ivy Zhang
with an ATAR of 99.90

Study scores of 50

Alessandra Heywood
Accounting

Minh-Quyen Tran
Biology

Ella Nunan
English

Sienna Lee
English Language

Amy Hawking
Geography

Sarah Macphee
Global Politics

Sarah Macphee
History: Ancient History

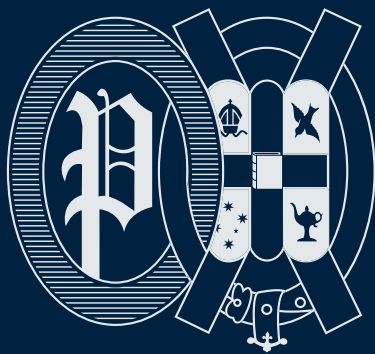
Amy Hawking
History: Revolutions

Kate Hannan and Simran Kaur
Legal Studies

Sienna Lee
Mathematical Methods

Sienna Lee
Specialist Mathematics

Jasmin Nguyen
Visual Communication Design



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