



# A high tide raises all ships

St Peter's Girls' School's unwavering commitment to seeing our girls achieve their full potential has once again delivered outstanding results among our Year 12 Class of 2016.

This extends across both SACE and IB Diploma pathways, with our 54 students achieving the following combined results:

- **18.5%** placing in the top 1% nationally (ATAR of 99 plus)
- **48.2%** placing in the top 5% nationally (ATAR of 95 plus)
- **59.3%** placing in the top 10% nationally (ATAR of 90 plus)
- **64 Merits** awarded across 21 subjects (up from 46 in 2015).



Dux of the School, **Jaida Bouhamdan**, achieved the top score of 99.95 ATAR equivalent in completing her IB Diploma and earned a total of 7 Merit Awards.

Meanwhile SACE student **Kritika Mishra** earned a total of five Merit Awards, qualifying her to receive

the Governor of South Australia's Commendation, as well as an ATAR of 99.85. Our top SACE ATAR of 99.9 was achieved by Mila Loechel.

Over the past five years, at least half of each cohort has performed in the top 10% nationally. That's because our students are supported to perform at their best thanks to our outstanding teaching and learning programs. What's more, their tertiary and career goals are informed by innovative initiatives such as the Careers Networking Breakfast that helps clarify professional pathways and sets students up with ongoing assistance and support through invaluable contacts amongst our Old Scholars and current parents.

Senior students are offered two study pathways: SACE and IB Diploma, the latter comprising a globally-focused curriculum with a focus on preparation for university study.

## SACE results

A total of 23 students earned 46 Merit Awards across 12 subjects and achieved a median ATAR of 94. The number of A grades out-performed the State's figures, with 62% compared to 24%.

For the fifth year in a row, a St Peter's Girls student was awarded the Tennyson Medal. Ashleigh Jones was presented with this award, which goes to the highest achieving English Studies student in SA.

## IB Diploma results

In 2016, eight students completed the IB Diploma, earning 18 Merit Awards across 9 subjects. An impressive 25% placed in the top 1% nationally and 75% placed in the top 10%. They, too, have far exceeded the global 2016 cohort, achieving an average score of 34.75 out of a possible 45 compared to 29.21. This is a 90.74 ATAR equivalent.

# SACE Results



**TOP  
ATAR**



**MEDIAN  
ATAR**

**17.4%**  
ATAR 99  
OR ABOVE



**GOVERNOR OF SA  
COMMENDATION**

**50%**  
ATAR 95  
OR ABOVE

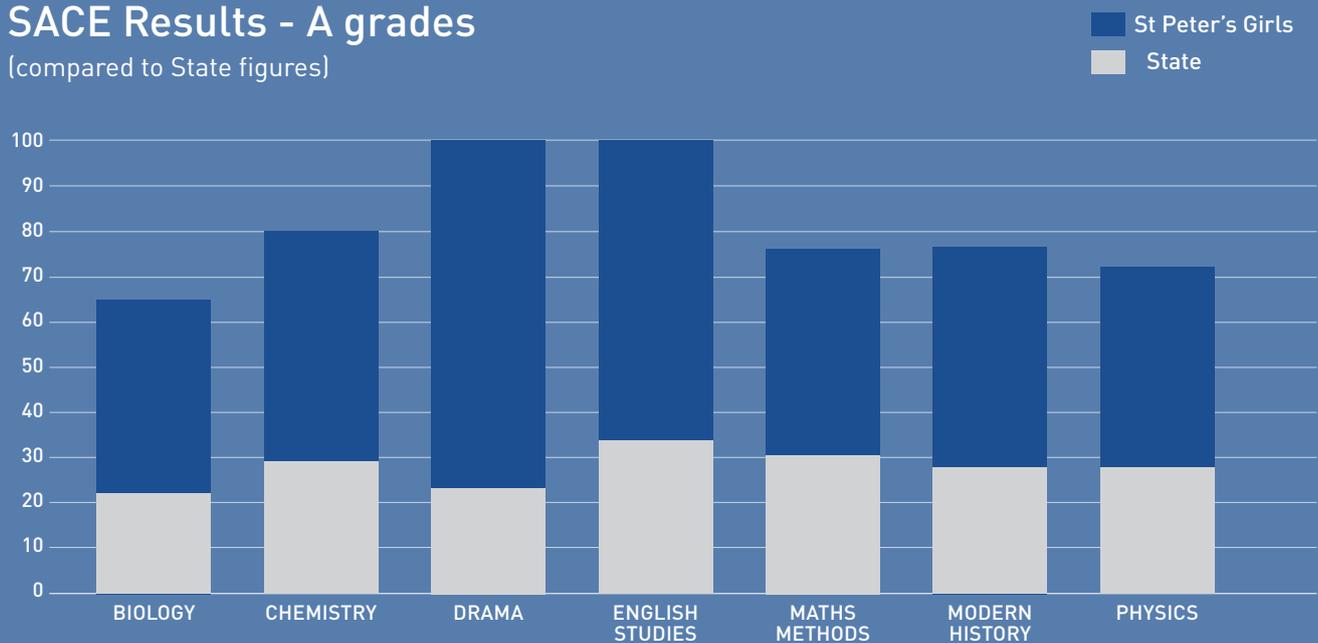
## TENNYSON MEDAL OUR FIFTH YEAR IN A ROW



This is the top prize awarded to the highest achieving English Studies student in SA.

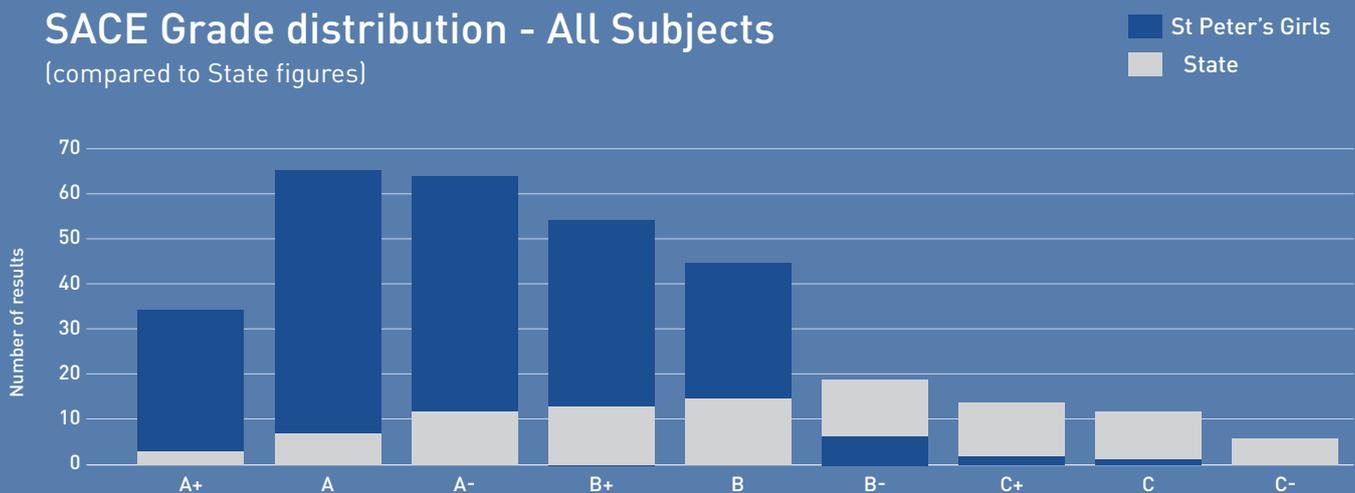
### SACE Results - A grades

(compared to State figures)



### SACE Grade distribution - All Subjects

(compared to State figures)



# IB Diploma Results



## MERIT AWARDS

ACROSS 12 SUBJECTS

ENGLISH STUDIES	14
MATHS (COMBINED)	9
BIOLOGY	7
DRAMA	3
RESEARCH PROJECT	6
CHEMISTRY	2
MODERN HISTORY	2

TOP SCORE AND  
ATAR EQUIVALENT



MEDIAN ATAR  
EQUIVALENT

92.65



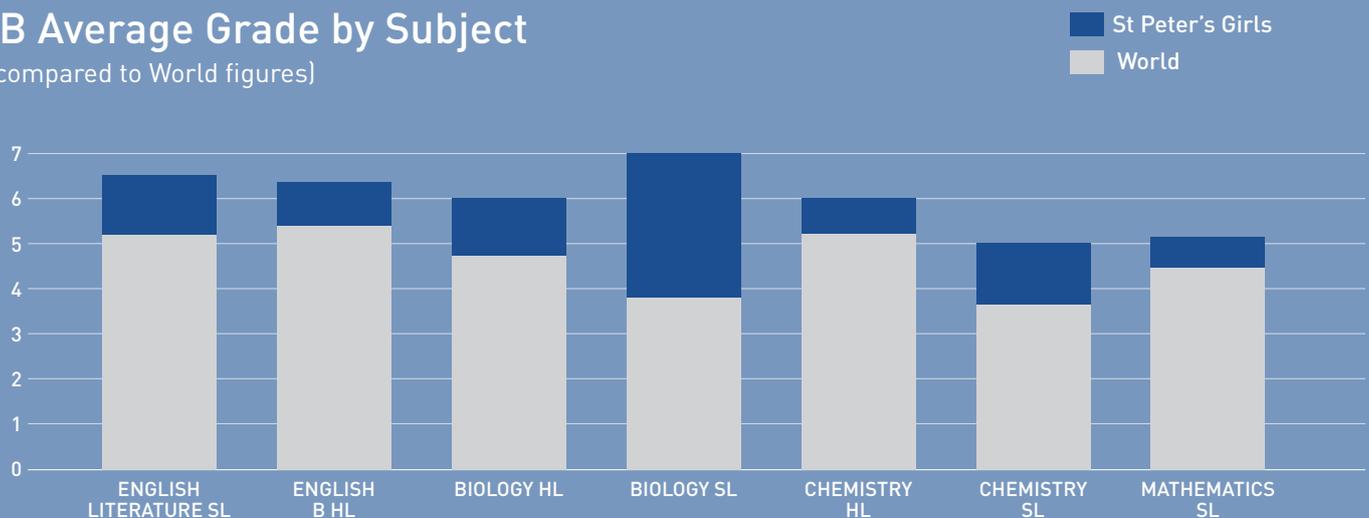
## MERIT AWARDS

ACROSS 9 SUBJECTS INCLUDING

BIOLOGY	3	MATHS	2
CHEMISTRY	2	EXTENDED ESSAY	3
FRENCH B	2	THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE 2	

## IB Average Grade by Subject

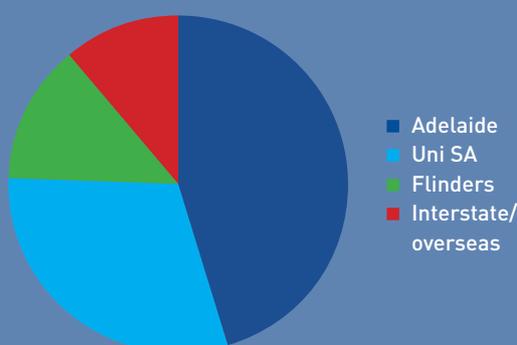
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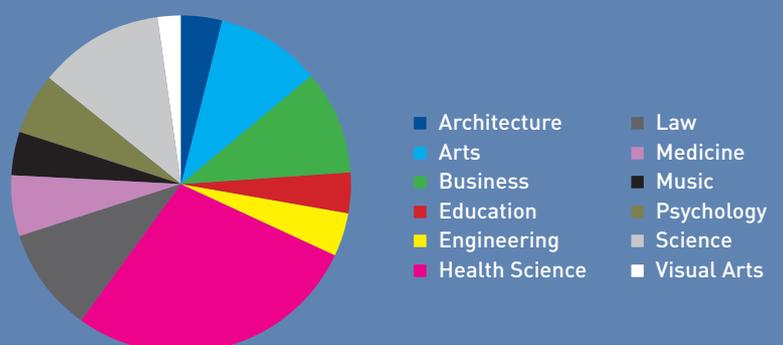
## Tertiary Placements

82% OF STUDENTS RECEIVED THEIR **FIRST PREFERENCE** FOR UNIVERSITY.

### University offers



### Course preferences



# Outstanding students



## Kritika Mishra

### What are your plans for 2017?

Next year I am hoping to study Medicine. I strongly believe that access to medical care is a fundamental human right and all individuals, regardless of their culture and socio-economic background, have the

right to lead healthy lives. By studying medicine and becoming a doctor, I will become a part of the movement which strives to maximise the availability of and accessibility to medical care, enabling me to contribute to scientific progression and apply my knowledge for the benefit of others.

### What does being a Saints Girl mean to you now that you're officially an Old Scholar?

To me, being a Saints Girl is about striving to learn, achieve and appreciate. Saints Girls has always been a dynamic and diverse community that is filled with a myriad of opportunities. As a school student I have been part of an environment in which motivation and determination resonates in each and every student. Being a Saints Old Scholar gives me the opportunity to contribute to the lives of current and future students and remain connected to the school in which so many friendships were formed and so many memories were made.

### What advice do you have for our Class of 2017?

Work hard, have fun and be organised! Your teachers, parents, friends and School community are there to support you every step of the way, so really take advantage of the support system around you. At times in the year you may feel overwhelmed, but always keep your goal in mind in order to remain persistent and committed. The year will go by quicker than you can imagine, and ultimately you want to look back on the year and be proud of everything you have learnt and the irreplaceable memories you have made that you will cherish for the rest of your life.



## Chelsea McGuiness

### What are your plans for 2017?

Next year, I will be studying Jazz at the Conservatorium. Music has always been such a huge part of my life at Saints, having been involved in various choirs and ensembles. It was really a 'no-brainer' as to

what I was going to study in 2017!

### What does being a Saints Girl mean to you now that you're officially an Old Scholar?

I've always been extremely proud to be a Saints Girl. Despite completing my education with the school, being an Old Scholar means I am still part of what I and many others consider an extremely special and close family. What creates this sense of family is the fact that despite our differences in appearance and personality, we are all still 'Saints Girls'. It is a community I know I will always belong in, and it allows each student to maintain a connection with the school, even after graduating.

### What advice do you have for our Class of 2017?

One of my teachers told me at the beginning of the year, 'Year 12 is not a sprint, it's a marathon - if you sprint at the start, you'll wear yourself out'. Seeing development and growth across the year is far more satisfying than any individual grade. As much as any other year of your schooling, Year 12 is still about furthering

your learning and developing your skills. Your goals should be aimed at personal development and improvement, rather than aiming for a particular grade. Be brave! Ask questions when you need to, answer questions even if you're not completely sure of the answer and use the teachers and facilities that we, as Saints Girls, are so lucky to have! And finally, give the year your absolute all so you know your final result is a true reflection of your abilities and hard work. I wish the beautiful cohort of 2017 the best of luck for what is a crazily busy yet extremely enjoyable year.



## Olivia Teh

### What are your plans for 2017?

In 2017 I will study a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at the University of Adelaide and hope, at some point during my degree, to study abroad.

### What does being a Saints Girl mean to you now that you're officially an Old Scholar?

Although I may not be at school, I will forever be a Saints girl and cherish all the memories that the School has provided me with. To be a Saints girl is to have a unique spirit and be a part of a proud tradition which will always be a part of me. I will continue to have a connection to the close knit, supportive community at Saints Girls and hope to maintain the relationships I formed with the staff and my peers. Undoubtedly I will also enjoy attending events such as Choral Night to support the current students as an Old Scholar.

### What advice do you have for our Class of 2017?

Maintain a balanced lifestyle throughout the year by dividing your time between study, co-curricular activities and social commitments. Year 12, although stressful, can be the most rewarding year so it is important to stay focused but also equally important to take breaks, spend time with friends and enjoy all that Year 12 has to offer.



## Ashleigh Jones

### What are your plans for 2017?

I will be studying a Bachelor of Law and Commerce at the University of Adelaide.

### What does being a Saints Girl mean to you now that you're officially an Old Scholar?

Being a Saints Girl was so much more than coming to school from 8.30 in the morning until 3.30 in the afternoon. At Saints I was a part of such a strong community where bonds and friendships were built that will last a lifetime. I was taught that I can aspire to do and be anything - the sky is the limit. Even though I am now an Old Scholar, I will always remain a Saints Girl. And all of the skills and knowledge I have gained throughout my years at Saints I will continue to build on throughout my tertiary studies and career. As the saying goes: 'You can take the girls out of Saints, but not Saints out of the girls'.

### What advice do you have for our Class of 2017?

Being organised and managing your time well will allow you to cope with the heavy workload. Work really hard, but also have fun! There are so many events in Year 12 that you will look back on with fondness, particularly Choral Night, School Formal and the Progressive Dinner.