



Ravenswood

— CLASS OF 2024 —

ACADEMIC RESULTS



Message from the Principal

I am thrilled to present the academic results for Ravenswood's Class of 2024. Our students have made remarkable achievements – testament to their commitment, passion, resilience and grit.

Ravenswood is the only school on the upper North Shore to offer Senior students the flexibility and choice of the Higher School Certificate (HSC) or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme.

Since our founding 124 years ago, our School has enjoyed a long-standing reputation for academic excellence, a tradition continued this year by our 170 Year 12 students (115 HSC Class of 2024 and 55 IB Diploma students) and five Year 11 HSC Accelerants.

Four Ravenswood students achieved our highest IB score of 44 out of 45, equating to an ATAR of 99.30 to 99.60. This placed them in the top 3% of IB students in the world. A total of seven

HSC and IB Diploma students achieved ATARs above 99. One HSC student achieved First in Course in English EAL/D, and two students were acknowledged on the HSC Top Achievers in Course list for placing fourth in German Extension and ninth in Textiles and Design.

The median ATAR (HSC and IB combined) for all students was 90, 4% of students achieved an ATAR above 99, 28% achieved an ATAR above 95 and 50% achieved an ATAR above 90. These are exceptional results for a proudly non-selective school.

Beyond their academic success, all our Year 12 HSC and IB Diploma students have shown an inspiring willingness to support and encourage one another to strive for personal excellence, both within and beyond our School, and we are tremendously proud of all their accomplishments.

I am also immensely grateful for our extraordinarily devoted, compassionate and talented teaching

and non-teaching staff, including our Teaching and Learning Team, Wellbeing Team, Learning Enrichment Team and School Leadership Team. In particular, I commend our superb Year 12 teachers for their hard work and support in guiding each student to draw on their strengths and approach their final year with academic rigour and a *semper ad meliora* mindset. Their skills and commitment have helped our Class of 2024 advance towards actualising their goals, supporting and inspiring our students to fulfill their potential.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank the parents and carers of our Year 12 students. You have shown your daughters unwavering encouragement. It has been a privilege and joy to partner with you on their educational journey.

Dr Anne Johnstone

Principal, Ravenswood School for Girls



2024 School Vice Captain Sabine Brett, Principal Dr Anne Johnstone, School Captain Laura Parker, School Vice Captain Xiaowei (Shirley) Ding.



Highest ATARs of IB and HSC

IB 	99.60 Zihan (Olivia) Jin	99.50 Lillyana (Lily) Graham	99.05 McKayla Tan	98.55 Anran (Olivia) Du	98.40 Yufei (Ariel) Chen	98.40 Esther Cho
	99.60 Tong (Grace) Zhang	99.40 Sabine Brett	99.05 Mei Ying (Emma) To	98.40 Xiyuan (Carmel) Bai	98.40 Zimo (Molly) Chen	98.40 Amanda Hu Yue

HSC 	99.25 Lefeng (Chloe) Zhang	98.90 Annabelle Scarlett	98.75 Sarah Colley
	98.95 Lee Baral	98.85 Esmé Tew	98.15 Halle Masters

2024 Academic Performance Highlights



99.60

ATAR achieved
by two students



44/45

IB Score achieved
by four students



90.00

Median ATAR, HSC and IB
students combined



193 Mentions

HSC Distinguished Achievers List for
a result in the highest band for one
or more HSC course



99+

4% of students with an
ATAR of 99 or above



95+

28% of students with an
ATAR of 95 or above



90+

50% of students with an
ATAR of 90 or above



7 Students

HSC All-Round Achievers List
(achieved a result in the highest
band possible)

Higher School Certificate: Overview



HSC ATARs

≥ 99: 1%
≥ 95: 20%
≥ 90: 39%
≥ 80: 68%
≥ 70: 88%

All-Rounders

7 students HSC All-Round Achievers List

Emerson Aurisch
Lee Baral
Sarah Colley
Ava Marriott
Halle Masters
Esmé Tew
Lefeng (Chloe) Zhang

Students who achieved highest band possible in 10 or more units (Band 6/E4)

HSC Distinguished Achievers

Students who achieved the highest band possible (90/100 or higher, or 45/50 or higher) for one or more HSC course or optional exam

73 students (62% of cohort)
193 mentions on the HSC Distinguished Achievers List Achieved by 73 students across one or more of their courses

Past years' top band %

Year	% in top band
2024	30%
2023	31%
2022	28%
2021	38%
2020	25%
2019	26%
2018	24%
2017	30%

Note: Figures based on student-reported and Uniscore ATARs. Accurate as of 11/02/2025

3 Showcase Selections

ARTEXPRESS (Visual Arts)	Isabelle Colbert and Sin Yu (Sera) Fung
Young Writers Showcase (English Extension 2)	Esmé Tew

29 Showcase Nominations

An historically high achievement

ARTEXPRESS (Visual Arts)	Emma Blinkhorne
CALLBACK (Dance) Core Performance	Olivia Hasib and Sophie Horlin
CALLBACK (Dance) Core Composition	Sophie Horlin
CALLBACK (Dance) Major Study Performance	Sophie Horlin
ENCORE (Music Performance)	Hannah Kim
OnSTAGE (Drama) Group Performance	Hannah McCutcheon, Annabelle O'Halloran, Mia Sampson and Lucinda Vince
OnSTAGE (Drama) Individual Performance	Annabelle O'Halloran, Poppy Pickering, Amelia Reed and Mia Sampson
SHAPE (Design and Technology)	Catalina Blom, Zara Froebel, Sin Yu (Sera) Fung, Harriet Logie-Smith and Isobel Sewell
SHAPE (Textiles and Design)	Emerson Aurisch, Ashleigh Graham, Anna Kellaway, Charlotte Lawrence, Ava Marriott, Olivia Ottawa, Mia Sampson and Francesca Williams
Young Writers Showcase (English Extension 2)	Pia Bobeff and Halle Masters

17 HSC subjects in which all students achieved the top 2 bands

2-Unit Subjects	Extension Subjects
Chinese and Literature Chinese in Context Design and Technology English EAL/D French Continuers Music 1 Music 2 Studies of Religion I Visual Arts	Chinese Extension English Extension 1 English Extension 2 French Extension German Extension History Extension Mathematics Extension 2 Music Extension

100%

Students achieved in the top two bands in English Extension 1 and English Extension 2 courses

92%

Students achieved in the top two bands in English Advanced and English Extension courses

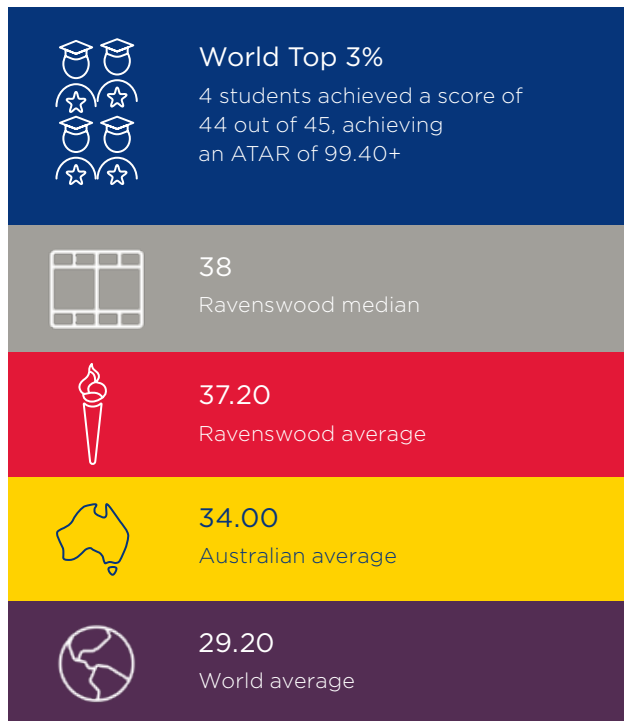
92%

Students achieved in the top two bands in Mathematics Extension 1 and Mathematics Extension 2 courses

All students who studied the following three subjects received a result in the top band:

Music 2
German Extension
Music Extension

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme: Overview



IB Results Summary

Median IB score (Maximum 45)	38
Average Subject grade (Maximum 7)	5.86
ATAR conversions ≥ 99	11%
ATAR conversions ≥ 95	43%
ATAR conversions ≥ 90	70%
Median ATAR	94.4
Grade 7 (Maximum) in one subject or more	70%
Grade A (Maximum) in TOK and/or Extended Essay	33%
Students achieving their Diploma	100%*

*Every Ravenswood IB Diploma student in the November 2024 session successfully achieved their Diploma.

IB Top Performers 2024

	IB Score	ATAR
Zihan (Olivia) Jin	44	99.60
Tong (Grace) Zhang	44	99.60
Lillyana (Lily) Graham	44	99.50
Sabine Brett	44	99.40
McKayla Tan	43	99.05
Mei Ying (Emma) To	43	99.05
Anran (Olivia) Du	42	98.55
Xiyuan (Carmel) Bai	42	98.40
Yufei (Ariel) Chen	42	98.40
Zimo (Molly) Chen	42	98.40
Esther Cho	42	98.40
Amanda Hu Yue	42	98.40



University Scholarships and Programs

Ravenswood students from the Class of 2024 have been offered a range of university scholarships and placements in prestigious programs.

School Vice Captain Xiaowei (Shirley) Ding has received an offer to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford University.

Tong (Grace) Zhang has received a Dalyell Scholarship from the University of Sydney.

Lillyana (Lily) Graham has received a Creative Arts Scholarship for Visual Arts and Dance from St Andrew's College, University of Sydney.



Name	Scholarship or Program
Shoni Doshi	Choral scholarship at St Andrew's Residential College
Amanda Hu Yue	Dalyell Scholar at University of Sydney
Tong (Grace) Zhang	Dalyell Scholar at University of Sydney
Grace Nicol	High Achievers' Scholarship at ICMS
Asha Watkin	ICMS Professional Scholarship
Daria (Darleen) Odarchenko	International student award at University of Sydney Macquarie University Scholarship UTS scholarship
Mia Sampson	Future Business Leaders Scholarship at Notre Dame
Emerson Aurisch	Leaders and Achievers Scholarship at Macquarie University High Achievers Scholarship at ICMS
McKayla Tan	National Merit Scholarship at University of Melbourne
Zimo (Molly) Chen	Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarship at University of Sydney
Xiyuan (Carmel) Bai	Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarship at University of Sydney
Zijun Zong	Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarship at University of Sydney
Hannah Kim	The Ted and Susan Meller Memorial Scholarship at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music
Hannah McCutcheon	High Academic Achiever Scholarship at Southern Cross University
Ho Ting (Angie) Chan	Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarship at University of Sydney
Lillyana (Lily) Graham	St Andrew's College Creative Arts Scholarship for Visual Arts and Dance Selected Altus Summer Intern Program as a Client Advisor

Profiles



Zihan (Olivia) Jin (IB) was the Dux of the International Baccalaureate Diploma at Ravenswood, with an IB score of 44, equivalent to an ATAR of 99.6. She was a member of the 2023 IB Diploma Economics team that won a gold medal in the semi-finals in Hong Kong for their oral defence submission in the prestigious S.T. Yau High School Science Award (Asia) competition. The team also won a bronze award at the finals in Beijing.

Olivia also embraced service-learning opportunities at Ravenswood, including participating in the Duke of Edinburgh International Award, and was an active badminton player. Olivia plans to study a double degree in Law and Commerce, either in Sydney or the United Kingdom.



Tong (Grace) Zhang (IB)

Grace Zhang achieved an IB score of 44, equivalent to an ATAR of 99.6. She plans to study Science and Commerce at university. She says her favourite memories of Ravenswood are of spending entire days in the labs performing experiments under the watchful eye of her 'great Ravenswood Science teachers and technicians'.

Grace is passionate about improving society and the environment, was involved in social justice initiatives throughout her time at Ravenswood, and hopes to work in the field of sustainability.

Grace also participated in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, played tennis at Ravenswood and was actively involved in Chinese debating.





Xiyuan (Carmel) Bai (IB) would like to study Mathematics and Philosophy at an American university before settling in the finance or technology sectors. 'I am grateful to my teachers at Ravenswood,' Carmel says, 'especially my English teachers, who supported me to build up my communication skills.'

An avid badminton player and involved in social justice initiatives during her time at Ravenswood, Carmel was also awarded Silver Honours in the 2022 International Astronomy and Astrophysics Competition.



Sabine Brett (IB)

Since starting at Ravenswood in Year 4, Sabine Brett has participated in a variety of co-curricular activities and social justice initiatives, including playing basketball and netball for the School, and thriving in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award program.

Sabine says she loved taking part in activities that benefit the community, and that leading the Student Representative Council with her fellow Vice Captain was one of her most cherished accomplishments.

Sabine aspires to make a difference in the community through pursuing studies in Family Law and Social Work.



Lee Baral (HSC) was acknowledged on the HSC All-round Achievers list (achieving Band 6 and E4 in 10 units).

With all-rounder talents, including partaking in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award and Senior Dance Ensemble, Lee aims to pursue medicine as a career. 'I'd love to gain a double degree in Medical Science and Biomedical Engineering,' she says, adding that she can also envisage living in Paris to fulfil her interest in French.



Yufei (Ariel) Chen (IB) came to Ravenswood as a 12-year-old, unable to communicate in English. A stellar student, she has clearly mastered the language, saying she will be forever appreciative of her teachers and 'the love, kindness and patience every single one of them offered me. [They] shaped me as a person, motivating me to continue pursuing my goals and reach my full potential.'

A talented tennis player and Ravenswood's Tennis Captain for 2024, Ariel has wide-ranging aspirations. 'I'm interested in the business side of the medical profession, particularly aged care, diabetes treatment or post-surgery care,' she says. 'I'm also keen to explore international law - entering the UN or becoming a lawyer.'



Zimo (Molly) Chen (IB) says the passion that Ravenswood's teachers have for educating their students is what she will remember most from her time at the School.

In particular, she loved undertaking the IB Diploma and the opportunities that this brought. 'I hope to study Actuarial Science, Economics, or a business-related subject at university – here or in Hong Kong,' Molly says.

In 2023, Molly won a gold medal (in the semi-finals) and a bronze medal (in the finals in Beijing) with her IB Diploma Economics team at the S.T. Yau High School (Asia) competition. That same year, Molly also finished in the top 10% of 19,000 candidates in the prestigious Oxford University John Locke Institute Global Essay Competition.



Sarah Colley (HSC) placed fourth on the HSC Top Achievers in Course list for German Extension. She has also been acknowledged on the HSC All-round Achievers list (achieving Band 6 and E4 in 10 units).

Sarah was passionate about German at Ravenswood and would like to become fluent in other languages while living and travelling in Europe.

Passionate about helping others, Sarah was also involved in the student magazine and in social justice initiatives. 'I like helping people and pursuing justice and fairness in society,' she says. 'The spirit of "always looking out for other people" is something that's part of Ravenswood's social justice initiatives. It's trying to bring about equality in the world, and not just staying in your personal bubble.'



Esther Cho (IB)

Social Justice Prefect for 2024, Esther has a passion for travel, which was fuelled by her trip to Italy in Year 7 with Ravenswood peers to compete in the da Vinci Decathlon.

She now plans to work overseas following studies in Law at either the University of Sydney or UNSW. Recipient of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Gold Award in 2024, Esther says she 'made life-long friends at Ravenswood' and praises the School's 'amazing' community.



Anran (Olivia) Du (IB) loves helping others, as evidenced by her participation in social justice initiatives and her appointment as Year 9 Group Mentor for 2024.

A Proficiency Prize winner, she hopes to put her love of Visual Arts to practice following her studies at Ravenswood. 'I really want to be an illustrator,' she says, adding that she hopes to attend university next year to study Design and Humanities.

Olivia was a star tennis player at Ravenswood and contributed to the student magazine.



Lillyana (Lily) Graham (IB)

Ravenswood boarder Lily Graham is a sporting all-rounder. She played basketball, football, touch football and was the School's Netball Captain. She also embraced leadership opportunities at the School – including as Dance Captain for Tudor House in the House Performing Arts Festival – and participated in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

Lily commends the dedication of her teachers, who 'were always happy to stay behind after class to help'.



Annabelle Scarlett (HSC), a Year Group Mentor leader was actively involved in netball, swimming, water polo and social justice at Ravenswood, and travelled to the Northern Territory to experience the Red Earth Indigenous Immersion during her Senior years.

Annabelle thanks Ravenswood for her valuable friendships, and for supporting her to take part in a range of co-curricular activities. These include swimming, in which she reached a national level.

Annabelle plans to study Chemical Engineering at UNSW or the University of Queensland.



Halle Masters (HSC) was acknowledged on the HSC All-round Achievers list (achieving Band 6 and E4 in 10 units). As Ravenswood Dance Captain, some of her fondest memories from her time at Ravenswood are 'dancing with friends at Eisteddfods', and she was interviewed on Channel 7's *Sunrise* program at the Sydney Dance Eisteddfod.

Halle is keen to seek a career as a news anchor once she's completed a Media and Communications degree. She has two early university offers for double degrees – at UTS for Journalism and Law, and at Macquarie University for Media Communications and Law.

Halle's English Extension major work was nominated for the Young Writers Showcase, and she was also nominated for CALLBACK in Year 11, when she studied Dance HSC as a Year 11 Accelerant. Outside of dance, she played touch football and was involved in a range of social justice initiatives.



McKayla Tan (IB)

Choral Captain of Stuart House, McKayla Tan enjoyed a wide range of activities at Ravenswood, including representing Australia in the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships, serving as CUO in Cadets, and performing in the Senior Vocal Ensemble and RAVO Voices.

A passionate advocate for human rights, McKayla hopes to work in journalism, 'travel around the world and ... learn from a diverse range of human perspectives'.



Esmé Tew (HSC) was the Dux of the Higher School Certificate at Ravenswood. She was acknowledged on the HSC All-round Achievers list (achieving Band 6 and E4 in 10 units) and scored 50/50 for English Extension 2. Esmé was also selected for the Young Writers English Extension 2 Showcase.

Esmé was involved in social justice initiatives at Ravenswood and is passionate about helping others. She has dreams of becoming an English teacher and plans to attend university to study a double degree comprising law and another field. ANU has already made her an early offer for Arts/Law.

Esmé expresses her gratitude to her teachers at Ravenswood, especially those who supported her in Year 12. 'I am so thankful for all of my teachers – they are so great and passionate,' she says.



Amanda Hu Yue (IB) was an active member of the Ravenswood community. She was particularly involved in the various music ensembles as a clarinettist.

Amanda participated in social justice initiatives, including the Wrap with Love program, and in 2023 was an entrant in the Royal Australian Chemical Institute Titration Stakes competition. Her studies at Ravenswood were complemented by her performances on the badminton court.



Mei Ying (Emma) To (IB) enjoyed the various co-curricular activities on offer at Ravenswood. She was part of the Grainger String Ensemble and the Symphony Orchestra, and enjoyed performing at the Music Showcase and Commissioning Service.

In the sporting arena, she played netball, touch football, badminton and basketball. She hopes to study a Bachelor of Applied Science (Radiography) at the University of Sydney then follow a career in this field.



Lefeng (Chloe) Zhang (HSC) was First in Course in the HSC for English EAL/D. She was also acknowledged on the HSC All-round Achievers list (achieving Band 6 and E4 in 10 units).

Chloe participated in the Chemistry International Olympiad and various Mathematics competitions during her studies at Ravenswood. She also loved supporting the School's musical and stage productions as an enthusiastic member of the Girls in Black tech team.



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