



ST PETERS  
GIRLS



# Tradition of Success

As we approach 125 years of excellence in education, St Peter's Girls' School celebrates the dedication and tenacity of our girls in reaching their full potential in everything they do.

Our Year 12 Class of 2017 has reinforced our tradition of success across both the SACE and IB Diploma pathways, with the cohort achieving the following results:

- > 45.3% received an ATAR over 95, placing them in the top 5% nationally
- > Median ATAR: 94.75
- > Top ATAR: 99.95
- > Merit Awards: 37

Dux of IB Diploma Programme and overall Dux of the School, Emily Murdock, achieved a perfect score (45 out of 45 / 99.95 ATAR equivalent), earning eight merits - one of only two students in the State to do so.

Dux of SACE, Hannah Vine Hall, gained an ATAR of 99.8 which included five A+s and two Merit Awards.

Emily Schultz received the Tennyson Medal, awarded to SA's best English Literary Studies' student. It's the sixth year running where a Saints Girl has won the prestigious prize.

Sophie-Louise Shearwood received the prestigious Governor of South Australia Commendation - Excellence Award for her achievements, which included an ATAR of 99.75 and two Merit Awards.

An outstanding Year 11 student, Ava Loechel, was among a select few invited to participate in the 2018 SACE Art Show.

In addition to these incredible results, 100% of our students achieved A grades across seven SACE subjects including English Literary Studies, Drama, Musicianship and Visual Arts - Art.

All of this is a direct reflection of the diligence and determination displayed by our girls, along with the calibre of our staff, resources and facilities, which position us among the nation's leading girls' schools.

Our exemplary teaching and learning platform is supported by ground-breaking initiatives such as our Headstart program, our #EMPOWHER wellbeing program and exclusive careers events.

Through our Old Scholars, current parents and the wider School community, we provide our girls with a professional network that can last a lifetime.

And, with cutting-edge building works being completed in the build up to our 125th anniversary, it's no wonder why there's never been a better time to be at Saints Girls.

Julia Shea  
Principal

# Year 12 Results



TOP  
ATAR



MEDIAN  
ATAR



GOVERNOR OF  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
COMMENDATION  
- EXCELLENCE AWARD

45.3% ATAR 95 OR ABOVE



2018 SACE  
ART SHOW EXHIBITOR

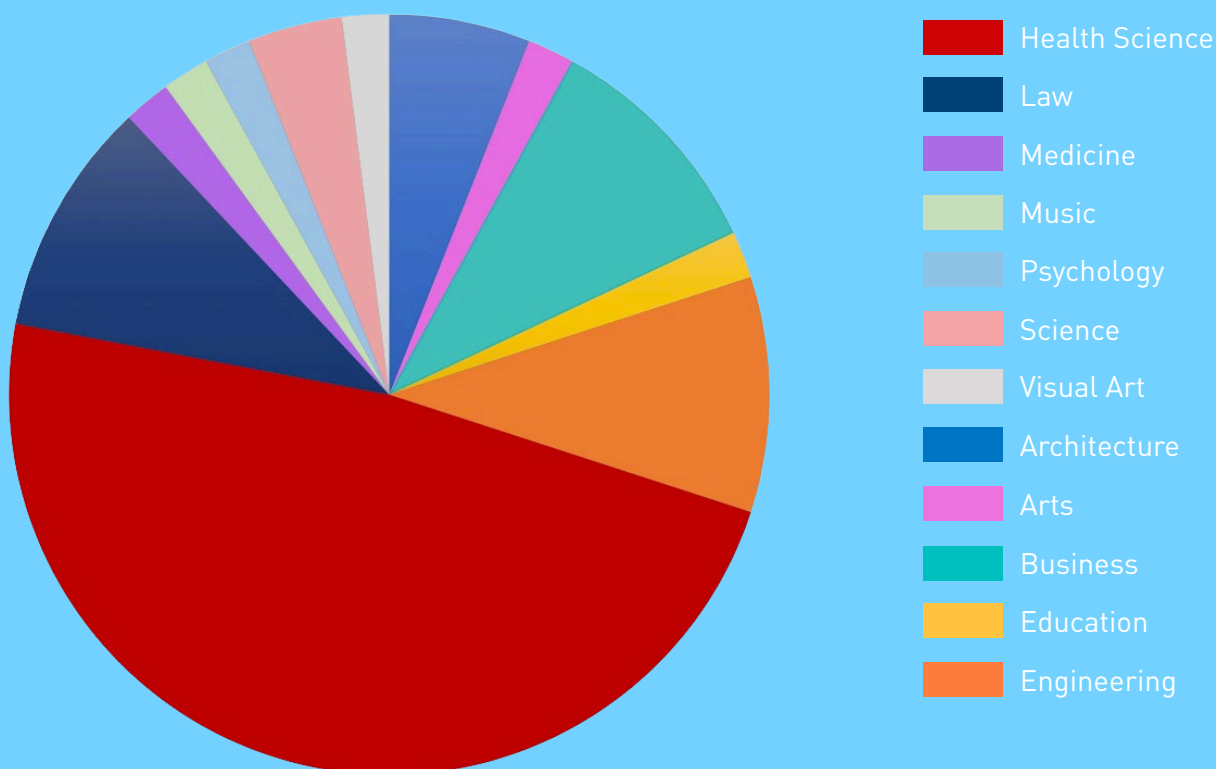
## TENNYSON MEDAL OUR SIXTH YEAR IN A ROW

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



## Tertiary Placements

First round university offers by course field





# MERIT AWARDS

ACROSS 21 SUBJECTS

## SACE SUBJECTS

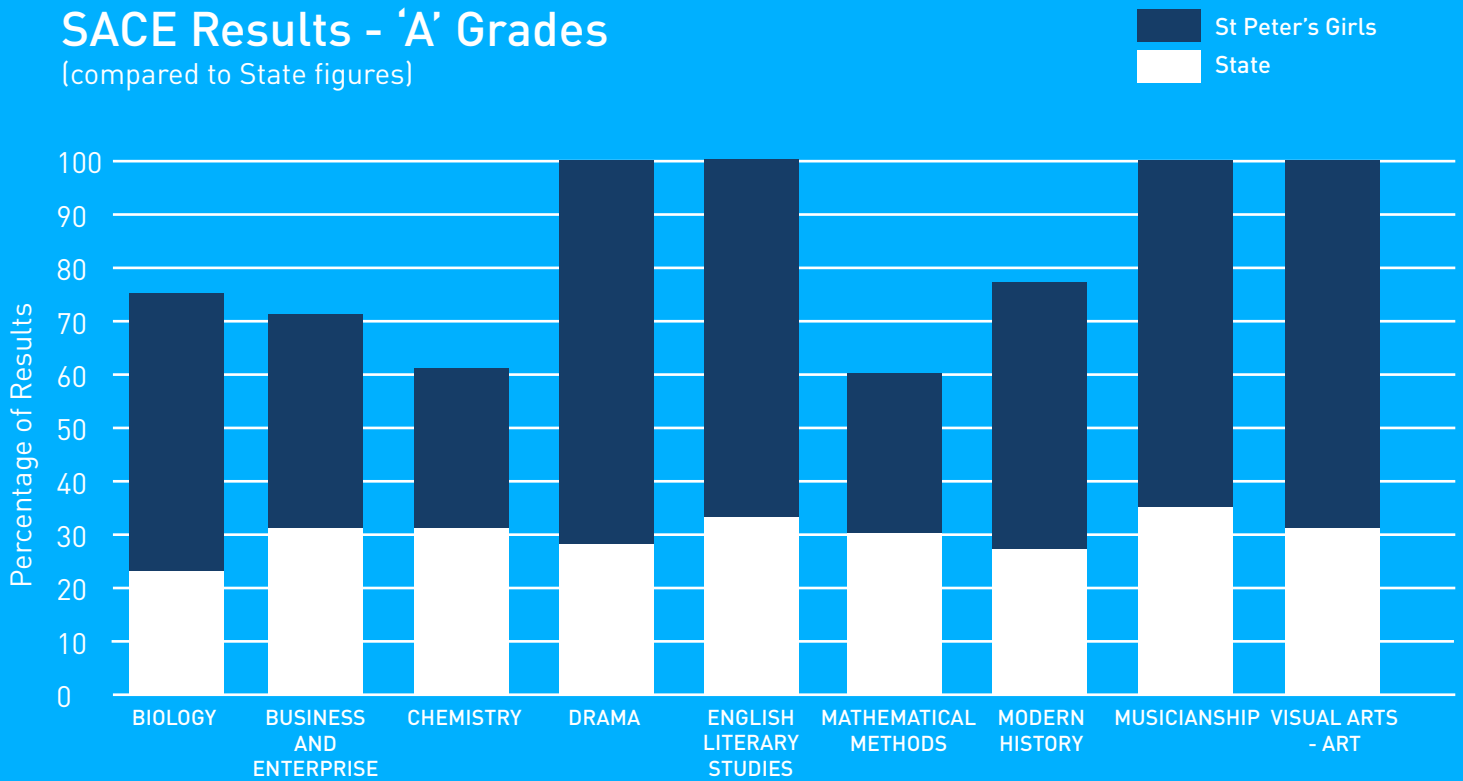
ENGLISH LITERARY STUDIES	6
RESEARCH PROJECT	5
DRAMA	4
CHEMISTRY	2
MODERN HISTORY	2
SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS	1
BIOLOGY	1
ENGLISH	1
PSYCHOLOGY	1
ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE	1
VISUAL ARTS - DESIGN	1
CREATIVE ARTS	1

## IB DIPLOMA SUBJECTS

MATHEMATICS	2
EXTENDED ESSAY	2
ENGLISH A: LITERATURE	1
ENGLISH B	1
FRENCH B	1
ECONOMICS	1
CHEMISTRY	1
PHYSICS	1
THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE	1

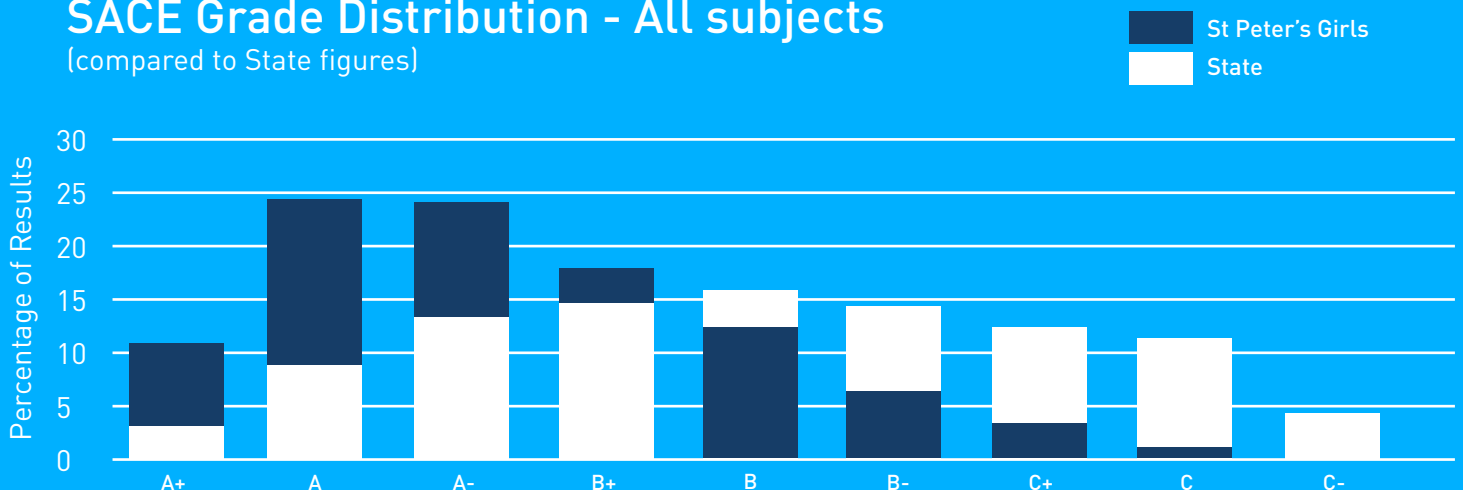
## SACE Results - 'A' Grades

(compared to State figures)



## SACE Grade Distribution - All subjects

(compared to State figures)



## Outstanding students



### Emily Murdock

#### What are your plans for 2018?

I am planning to undertake a Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Science at the University of Sydney. I'm a little nervous about the move, but extremely excited to start the course.

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

The Saints Girls' environment is one of encouragement and empowerment. We are supported every step of the way, whether that be by the teachers who inspire us to be better students and better people, or by the friends who push us to reach our goals and catch us when we fall. A Saints Girls' education is nothing short of an extraordinary privilege, and being an Old Scholar means that we have a responsibility to use the values we learned here to continue improving ourselves and our communities.

#### What advice do you have for our Class of 2018?

Make time for the people you care about. In Year 12 there will be plenty of demands on your time, and it's far too easy to get swept up in all the work. There is value in studying hard, but I would argue that the most valuable lessons you learn in Year 12 will not come from a syllabus. Also, get some sleep. It turns out school is a lot harder when you are only partially awake.



### Hannah Vine Hall

#### What are your plans for 2018?

I will be studying a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Mechanical and Aerospace) with a Bachelor of Mathematical and Computer Sciences at the University of Adelaide. I am hoping to be part of a team that designs and constructs spacecraft, joining the largest

peaceful international collaboration in the pursuit of scientific knowledge. Furthermore, I wish to be part of the movement that encourages young girls and women to pursue STEM-related careers which will be the foundation of the future workforce.

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

It means to always strive to be the very best you can be and having the drive to meet high expectations in all areas of life, not just academics. The Saints' community is a welcoming and nurturing one that fosters the pursuit of knowledge, while moulding each girl into a motivated student who will stop at nothing to achieve her goals. It gives me the opportunity to push myself to the limits to help others around me and society, while being supported by a strong and supportive community.

#### What advice do you have for our Class of 2018?

Work hard but look after yourself by regularly treating yourself to breaks and things you enjoy. Year 12 can get stressful and overwhelming, but make sure you always have a clear idea of what events and tasks are coming up weeks in advance and plan it out each night to ensure you finish everything on time. Also, study for the sake of curiosity rather than for a test or a grade. It will not only make it easier to recall information, but you'll enjoy studying as well!



### Sophie-Louise Shearwood

#### What are your plans for 2018?

I have accepted an offer, as well as the UQ Merit Scholarship, from the University of Queensland for its Medicine program. Since UQ's MD is post-graduate, I am planning to complete a Bachelor of Science in Biophysics. I'm also hoping I will be able to study abroad at some point!

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

I feel incredibly grateful that we are encouraged to pursue our dreams and passions, no matter how big they may be. I also feel as if we learn to look at the wider picture - we don't only learn about problems facing the world, but we learn how we can make an impact, regardless of how small. No matter how far away one may travel, as an Old Scholar you are still a part of the wonderful and remarkably unique Saints' community.

#### What advice do you have for the Class of 2018?

To not give up your extra-curricular activities. Some of my favourite memories from Year 12 come from music and debating, and having something to do that wasn't school work provided me with a much-needed outlet. On that note, savour and enjoy Year 12 with your friends and family, because the year flies by. It is undoubtedly a challenging year, but you can also form some incredibly strong friendships which you can carry with you for the rest of your life. Finally, appreciate the fantastic opportunities you have been given from attending a school like Saints and use them. We are very fortunate to have driven and passionate teachers who all want to see you succeed.



### Mikaela Georgiadis

#### What are your plans for 2018?

I am planning to study at Flinders University, where I will complete a double degree in Medical Science and Biomedical Engineering, hoping to later transfer into the Doctor of Medicine course, post-graduate.

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

I now have a wide community of life-long friends and a network I can always look to for support and opportunities. Saints Girls has provided countless opportunities for me to grow into the person I am today, and I will be forever grateful for my amazing time at the School and look forward to being able to give back to the community in the future.

#### What advice do you have for our Class of 2018?

To ensure a balance in your final year of school. I did this through maintaining part-time work as well as being involved in three sports throughout the year. It helped me to focus and have good time management because I knew how to organise my schedule and it stopped me from procrastinating when I had work to do. I would also encourage everyone to do the best that they can and to focus on their strengths. I was involved in subjects where I enjoyed what I was learning. Finally, be as independent as you can because, as much as the teachers are supportive and will do anything to help you, the best thing you can do is take responsibility for your own learning. This helped me when it came to studying for exams as I had trust in myself that I could figure out the problem at hand.