



**ST PETERS  
GIRLS**



# 125 Years of Excellence

As St Peter's Girls celebrates its 125th anniversary in 2019, the School is proud to reflect on the achievements of generations of young women.

This tradition of success is exemplified by our South Australian graduates of 2018, who recorded these incredible results:

- A third received an ATAR of 95+ (top 5% nationally)
- Well over half achieved an ATAR of 90+ (top 10% nationally)
- A median ATAR of 92.4
- 39 Merit Awards

Dux of the School Bethany Cross received the top ATAR of our cohort with a near-perfect 99.85, which included four A+s and three Merit Awards. Bethany was also one of only 25 students to receive the prestigious Governor of South Australia Commendation – Excellence Award.

In the SACE, our girls eclipsed State totals in every discipline; overall, 63% of our grades were As compared with 26% across South Australia.

Among the outstanding highlights of our International Baccalaureate graduates, Ziyi Yeoh achieved a score of 40 (98.25 ATAR equivalent) along with four merits. Another student, Felicia Mi, received the same score and was rewarded with three merits. In total, 12 Saints Girls were awarded an IB Diploma, our biggest IB cohort since the programme began at the School.

Excellence in academics has always been a hallmark of St Peter's Girls, and 2018 was no exception. The outlook is just as positive for 2019 and beyond, with a host of new facilities, resources and programs taking teaching and learning to the next level.

Our new Science Centre will cement Saints Girls as a national leader in STEM education. Featuring seven laboratories, preparation areas and breakout spaces, it will open in late 2019, coinciding with our 125th anniversary.

This remarkable project will also result in a doubling of our Visual Arts floor space, a new Junior School Art hub and upgraded pool facilities.

2019 also sees the whole-School delivery of our new wellbeing program, #EMPOWHER. Developed specifically for our girls following extensive surveys and research, the program was launched in our Middle and Senior Schools in 2018. It has now been expanded into our Junior School, providing all of our students with a range of tools and strategies to overcome the challenges faced by young women. Vital programs such as this aim to give our graduates the strength, resilience and confidence to take on the world as women of character and influence.

Indeed, our offerings go far beyond the schooling journey; St Peter's Girls places immense focus on creating pathways for our students with exclusive career events, industry exposure, tertiary links and more. Through our Old Scholars, current parents and the wider School community, we provide our girls with a professional network that can last a lifetime.

With a history of success spanning 125 years, the future at Saints Girls has never been brighter.

**Julia Shea**  
Principal

# Year 12 Results

WE CONGRATULATE OUR SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GRADUATES ON ACHIEVING:



TOP  
ATAR



MEDIAN  
ATAR



GOVERNOR OF SOUTH  
AUSTRALIA COMMENDATION  
- EXCELLENCE AWARD



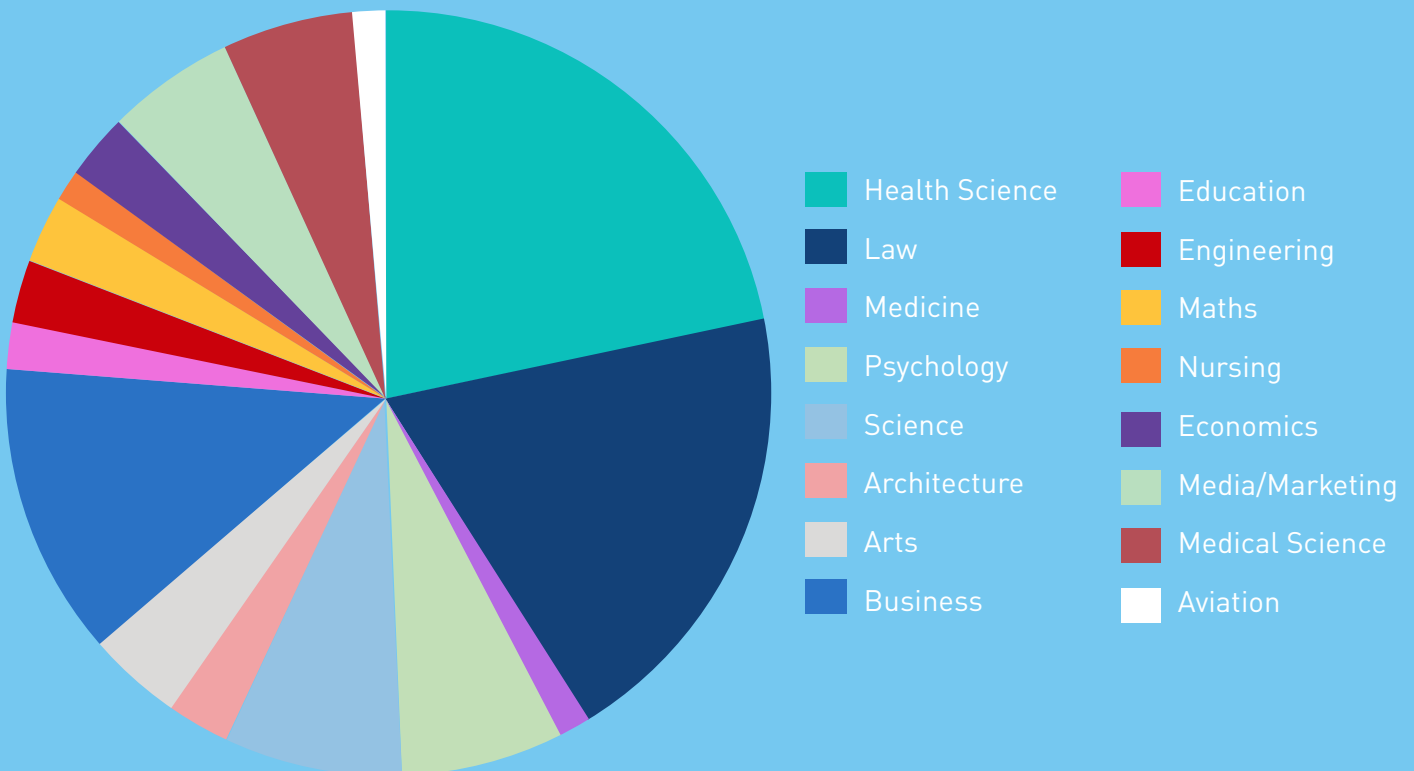
1 in 3  
ATAR 95  
OR ABOVE

63%

OF ALL GRADES IN THE 'A' BANDS  
COMPARED WITH STATE AVERAGE OF 26%

## Tertiary Placements

First round university offers by course field





# MERIT AWARDS

## SACE SUBJECTS

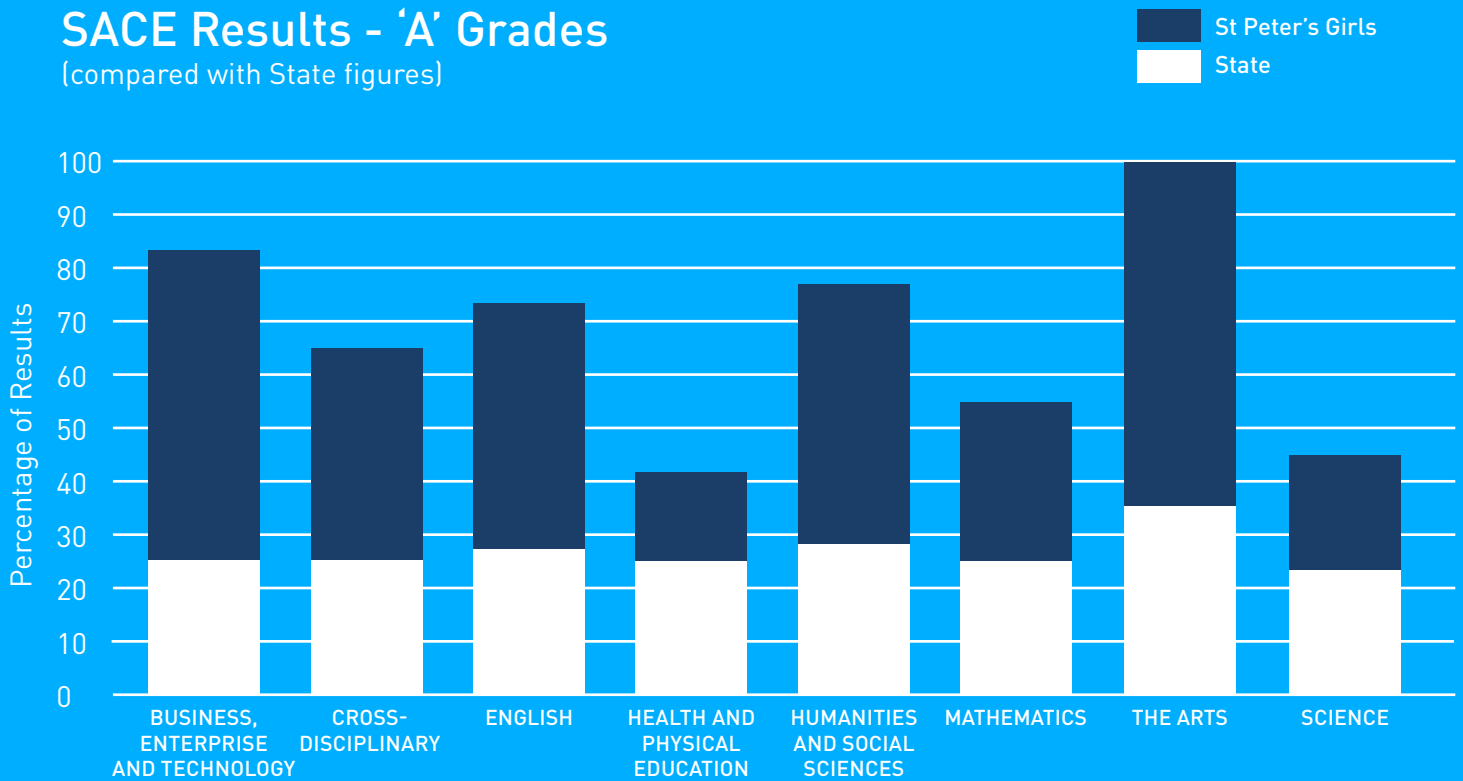
ENGLISH LITERARY STUDIES	4
DRAMA	4
MODERN HISTORY	3
GENERAL MATHEMATICS	2
SOLO PERFORMANCE	2
RESEARCH PROJECT	2
BIOLOGY	1
ENGLISH	1
PHYSICS	1
ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE	1
VISUAL ARTS - DESIGN	1

## IB DIPLOMA SUBJECTS

EXTENDED ESSAY	3
THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE	3
CHEMISTRY	2
MATHEMATICS	2
PHYSICS	2
SPANISH AB INITIO	2
BIOLOGY	1
CHINESE A	1
ENGLISH A	1

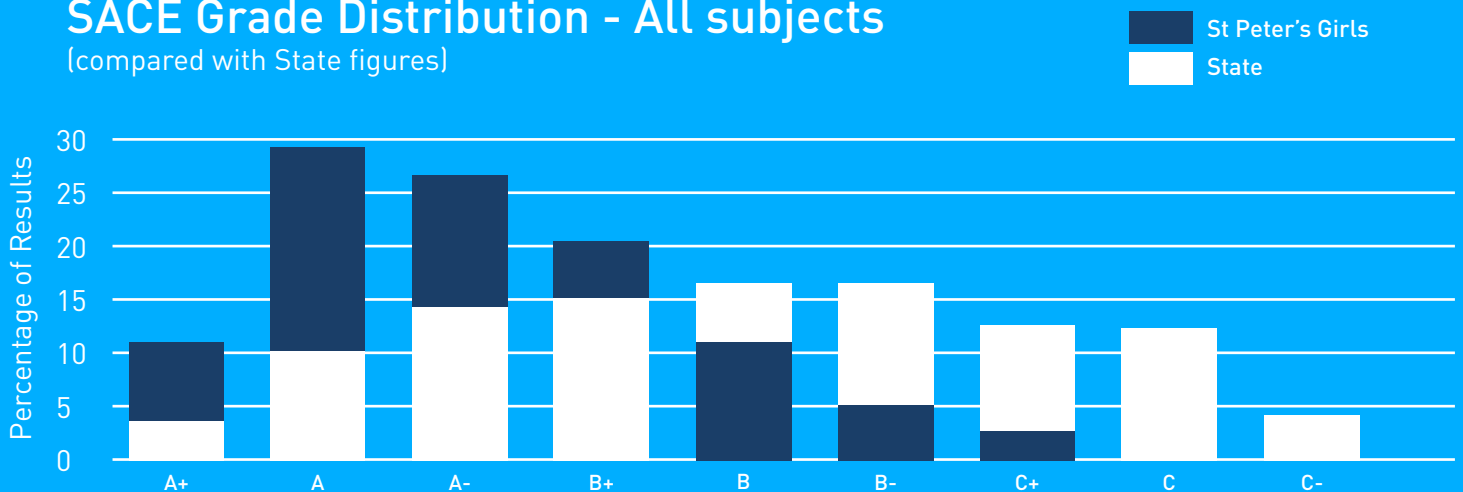
## SACE Results - 'A' Grades

(compared with State figures)



## SACE Grade Distribution - All subjects

(compared with State figures)



# Outstanding students



## Bethany Cross

### What are your plans for 2019?

I will be studying a double degree at the University of Adelaide in Law and Science, hoping to major in an area of Biology. The two degrees are both areas of interest for me and I am very much looking forward to the new challenges of university study and life.

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

Being a Saints Girl provides any graduate with relationships and links to people in a wide range of careers and places. Knowing I have connections all over the State, the country and probably the world is both comforting and intriguing and opens up some very unique and exciting doors. In addition to this, Saints encourages learning past curriculum and subjects, instilling an ambition and resilience in its graduates that helps them take on challenges and opportunities after school. Knowing I have this 'extended education' gives me confidence going into the relative uncertainty of university and, in the future, the workplace.

### What advice do you have for our Class of 2019?

Year 12 is challenging and demanding, but is also one of the most enjoyable years of school, and one in which a cohort becomes more tight-knit than it has ever been before. The extra opportunities, traditions and events you share with your classmates make for a truly memorable year, so be sure to enjoy this aspect of Year 12. In the same way, make time for the things you enjoy, because a balance of activities can keep you sane in an otherwise insane year. Allot time to whatever it is that you love - you'd be surprised how much spare time you have when you manage time well! Finally, learn because you're curious, ask questions (however off-topic), and if something in the course interests you, research further. This will make study more enjoyable, often easier, and may help you discover where you want to go after you graduate.



## Felicia Mi

### What are your plans for 2019?

I'm going to start my Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science) / Master of Optometry at Flinders University and hopefully travel a bit as well. I'm really excited for all the unexpected things the year ahead will bring.

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

Being a Saints Girl means being forever ingrained in a community of diverse and unique individuals. It also reminds me to have a deep sense of gratitude for having had all the opportunities that I did during my time here.

### What advice do you have for the Class of 2019?

The people around you are your greatest support and remember to try and maintain balance, even if it means going out when you could be doing an assignment. Mental health is important too.



## Ava Loechel

### What are your plans for 2019?

I have accepted an offer for Environmental Engineering at the University of Adelaide, however am still hoping to receive an offer into a Bachelor of Clinical Sciences/Doctor of Medicine at Flinders University. In 2019, I will be taking a gap year to pursue creative endeavours.

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

To me, being a Saints Girl is all about being a part of this amazing community, whilst also being encouraged to be your own person and forge your own path. Saints has so much more to offer than simply being an incredible supporter of academics (which it is!). Throughout my time here, I was given so many opportunities outside of the realm of academia, in many areas such as sport and The Arts. Being a Saints Girl means that you are a part of an interactive, inclusive culture that allows you to create bonds with girls across all year levels, and I will forever be grateful for this.

### What advice do you have for our Class of 2019?

Year 12 at Saints is actually a really fun year, so my advice to the Class of 2019 is to enjoy it! I definitely recommend keeping up your extra-curricular activities as these help to provide balance, and can help to prevent procrastination. Try to get as much sleep as you can, and make time to spend with your family and friends. As for the actual schoolwork, I encourage all the girls to be doing subjects for enjoyment and curiosity, and not simply because you feel like you should. Try to be as independent as you can, and take responsibility for your own learning. Finally, appreciate the unique opportunities you have been given while attending Saints, and take advantage of them as they come!



## Olivia Compare

### What are your plans for 2019?

In 2019, I will be taking a gap year to complete Camp America, and then travel around Europe during their summer. I am extremely excited to get out of my comfort zone and push myself to take more risks and live spontaneously.

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

Being a Saints Girl has always been one of the most important things in my life, and I treasure the community I was able to grow up in. Now that I am an Old Scholar, being a Saints Girl is more than just the school I attended, it is a conjugate between myself and successful women in all industries within South Australia and the world. Being a Saints Girl, and openly expressing the values and skills taught here, I believe, is an incredible professional advantage due to the School's stellar reputation.

### What advice do you have for our Class of 2019?

Take advantage of the teachers' incredible minds; ask every question on your mind; draft your work; stay involved in sport, music and clubs, it'll keep you sane; and remember to have fun, bask in these final moments and work hard because you only do Year 12 once.