



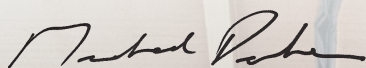
Newington College

# RESULTS 2019

# Introduction

We are proud of so many of our boys and what they achieved in 2019. There are the headline results, such as our dux – and senior warrant officer for our cadets – Angus Waldon on 99.95, our Proxime Accessit – and a brilliant pianist and organ player – Jonathan Lee on 99.85 and our top HSC candidate Mark Elwaw (99.55), who was also our Senior Prefect. There are many success stories for our boys, and we are as proud of the boy who was predicted to get a 55 but got a 68 as we are of someone who received a 98.

We watched their character develop in tandem with their study notes and their empathy rise along with their exam technique. We helped them work hard, we were proud as they got into the courses of their choosing and we watched with some awe as they excelled in so much of what Newington had to offer. I hope that you enjoy reading through the numbers – but more importantly, hearing from the boys behind the numbers. They got good marks and they are good men.



**Mr Michael Parker**  
Headmaster



# The 2019 ATAR range of results

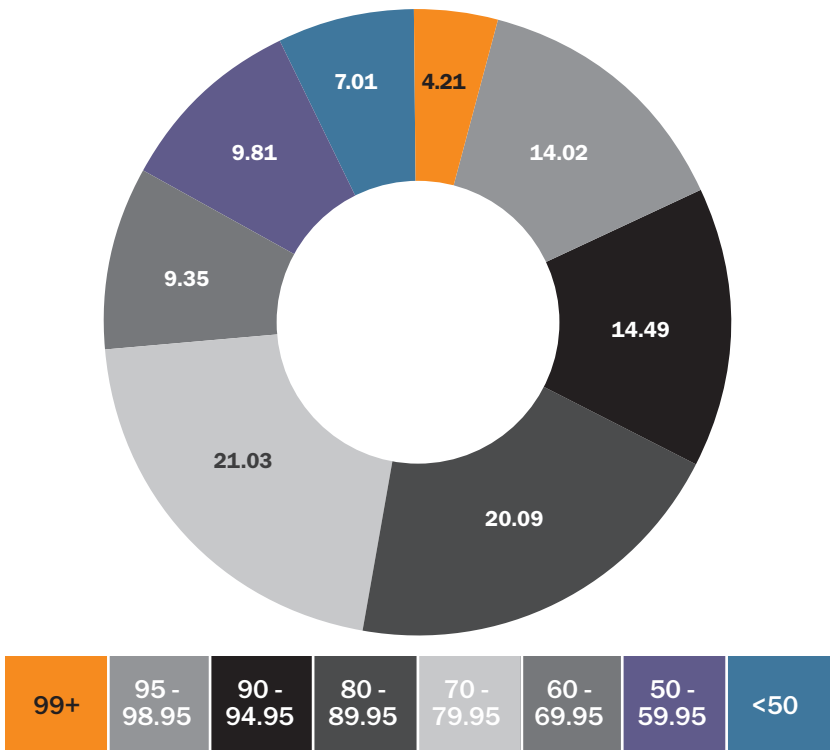
This chart shows the range of ATARs received by Newington College students across both the HSC and IB in 2019. The figures are calculated estimates and are accurate as of 31 January 2020.

Students receive their ATARs after completing the HSC or IB. The ATAR is a rank, rather than a mark, and is indicated by a number between 0 and 99.95.

It measures a student's overall performance in relation to the performance of other students. For example, an ATAR of 85.00 means a student has placed in the top 15% of students in their cohort.

ATARs are used by tertiary institutions to rank applicants as part of their candidate selection process.

Percentage of Newington College students in ATAR range



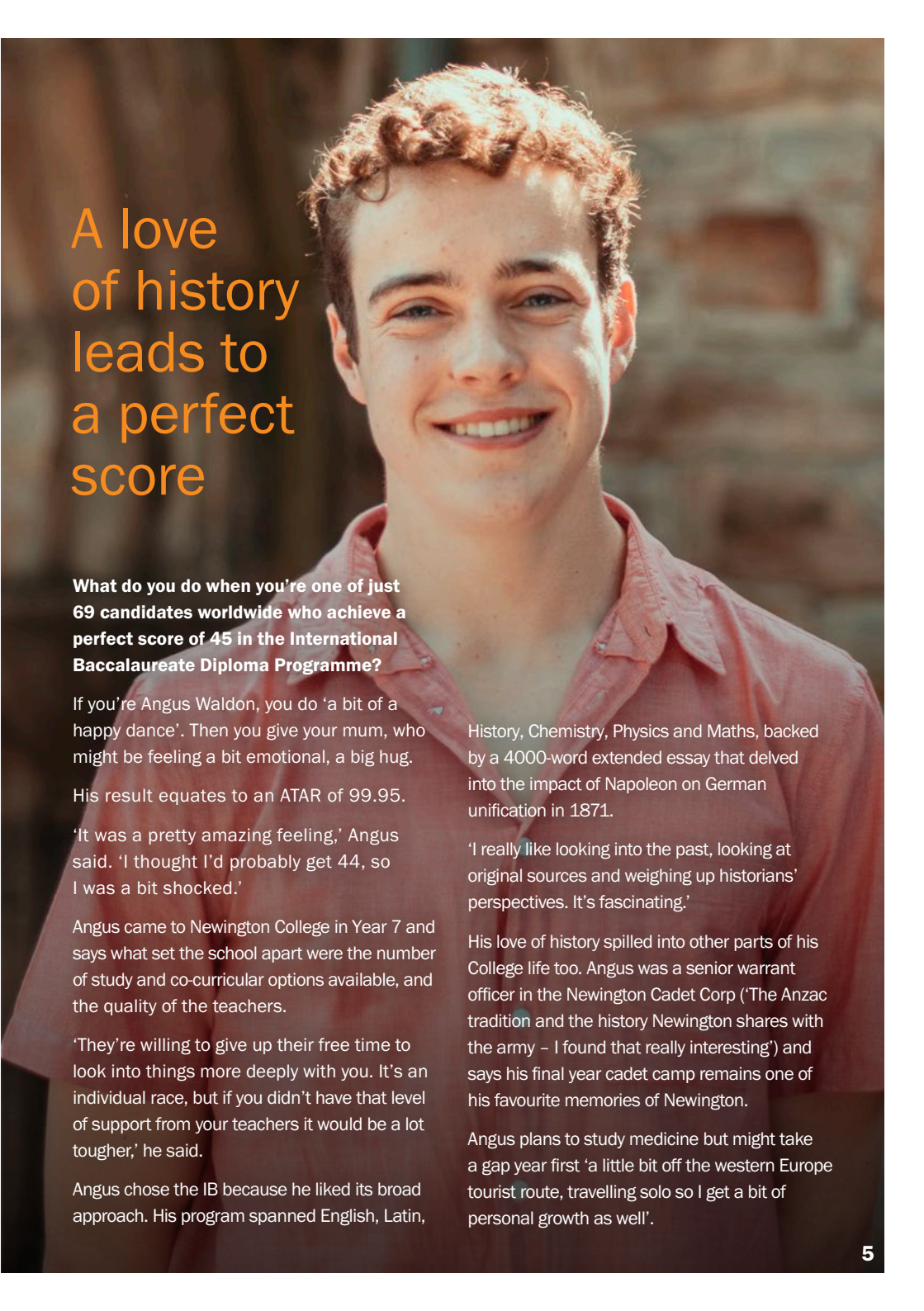
To view Newington College's HSC and IB Honour Roll, visit:  
<https://www.newington.nsw.edu.au/stanmore/latest-results/>

# Top ATAR achievers

NAME	ATAR	NAME	ATAR
Angus Waldon	99.95	Miles Parhash	97.65
Jonathan Lee	99.85	Gabriel Haslam	97.35
Angellos Korsanos	99.60	Joshua Macdessi	97.35
Samuel Perivolaris	99.60	Bradley Parker	97.35
Callum Stewart	99.60	Harry Quinn	97.35
Mark Elwaw	99.55	Lewis Waugh	97.35
Thomas Newham	99.25	Alvin Cherk	96.95
Yuxuan Wang	99.25	Ethan Hunt	96.70
Harrison Rowland	99.10	Rory Olsson	96.65
Ricky Zheng	98.85	Clancy Barrett	96.45
Charles Joyce Thomson	98.70	Kieran Corcoran	96.45
Benjamin Leung	98.70	Nicholas Jenneke	96.45
Thomas Charley	98.45	Henry Taylor	96.45
Samuel Boland	98.05	Jack Walker	96.20
Joshua Cappello	98.05	Finn Hoegh-Guldberg	96.15
Xavier Caputo	98.05	Xavier Papps	95.45
Ethan Hansen	98.05	James Triantafilis	95.45
Christopher Spiropoulos	98.05	Andrew Wu	95.45
Mack Walsh	98.05	Liang Qian	95.20
Andrew Xie	98.05		

*This list shows ATARs for HSC and IBDP students in rank and then alphabetical order. Results are based on figures available on 31 January 2020. The University Admissions Centre (UAC) awards the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR).*





# A love of history leads to a perfect score

**What do you do when you're one of just 69 candidates worldwide who achieve a perfect score of 45 in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme?**

If you're Angus Waldon, you do 'a bit of a happy dance'. Then you give your mum, who might be feeling a bit emotional, a big hug.

His result equates to an ATAR of 99.95.

'It was a pretty amazing feeling,' Angus said. 'I thought I'd probably get 44, so I was a bit shocked.'

Angus came to Newington College in Year 7 and says what set the school apart were the number of study and co-curricular options available, and the quality of the teachers.

'They're willing to give up their free time to look into things more deeply with you. It's an individual race, but if you didn't have that level of support from your teachers it would be a lot tougher,' he said.

Angus chose the IB because he liked its broad approach. His program spanned English, Latin,

History, Chemistry, Physics and Maths, backed by a 4000-word extended essay that delved into the impact of Napoleon on German unification in 1871.

'I really like looking into the past, looking at original sources and weighing up historians' perspectives. It's fascinating.'

His love of history spilled into other parts of his College life too. Angus was a senior warrant officer in the Newington Cadet Corp ('The Anzac tradition and the history Newington shares with the army – I found that really interesting') and says his final year cadet camp remains one of his favourite memories of Newington.

Angus plans to study medicine but might take a gap year first 'a little bit off the western Europe tourist route, travelling solo so I get a bit of personal growth as well'.



## Advice from the experts

**What does it take to succeed in the HSC or IB? This is what the Class of 2019 believe made the difference for them.**

‘I’ve really got to thank my mum and dad ... the opportunities I’ve had and the sacrifices they made, I’m really thankful.’

**ANGUS WALDON**

**(IB; ATAR 99.95)**

‘I changed my study routine during the HSC. Instead of just studying in my room, I went down to my local park and sat on a park bench for two hours and did my study in the open.’

**EMERY STRASSER**

**(HSC; ATAR 92.9)**

‘My teachers have always been there for me. I also felt really motivated by having my friends around me – they’re good influences on me.’

**RICKY ZHENG**

**(HSC; ATAR 98.85)**

‘Ask your teachers for help – they do so much. They’ll go out of their way to sit down and do a full read-through of an assignment to help you.’

**XAVIER PAPPS**

**(IB; ATAR 95.45)**

‘I had to make a conscious decision to step up. I got a lot of help from the teachers and coaches. My parents helped as well.’

**JACOB RATCLIFF**

**(IB; ATAR 91.40)**

‘Keep an open mind about the different avenues you could take with your assignments, because you do have to come up with original ideas. Plan well and stay committed.’

**SAMUEL PERIVOLARIS**

**(IB; ATAR 99.6)**

‘Year 11 and 12 are a really big step up workload wise. With that increased workload comes a lot more stress and a lot more pressure, so make sure you have a lot of time for yourself to do things you like, whether it’s co-curricular at school or time outside with your friends. For me that was very important.’

**MARK ELWAW**

**(HSC; ATAR 99.55)**

‘I think using all the resources available to you is the most important thing, and the teachers are your best resource. I’d go and see my teacher during lunch time. He’d sit down and go through the questions I didn’t get.’

**LIAM PIDCOCK**

**(HSC; THIRD IN STATE FOR CHINESE CONTINUERS)**





# HSC showcases and exhibitions

Outstanding works by HSC students in Visual Art, Drama, Technology and Music are celebrated in a series of annual showcases and exhibitions. In 2019, 11 students from Newington College received individual nominations for a showcase or exhibition, and 5 students were nominated for a group performance. Congratulations to these students on this impressive achievement.

## **Drama: OnSTAGE**

**Individual Performance selected for inclusion:**

Finn Hoegh-Guldberg

**Individual Performance nomination:**

Joshua MacFarlane, Jaga Yap

**Group Project nomination and inclusion:**

Finn Hoegh-Guldberg, Joshua MacFarlane, Alec O'Shea, Louis Pidcock, Jaga Yap

## **Music: ENCORE**

**Nomination:** Tu'uta Atiola, Joshua Roncolato

## **Design and Technology: Shape**

**Nomination:** Harrison Bird, Anthony Gestakovski, Jack Rathborne, Finn Tainsh

## **Industrial Technology: InTech**

**Nomination:** Finn Tainsh

## **Visual Arts: ARTEXPRESS**

**Selected for inclusion:** Thomas Charley

**Nomination:** Jack Walker

# One year out

The HSC, IB and VET programs offered at Newington College are a gateway to a huge range of post-school opportunities for our students. Alumni from Newington go on to pursue many different pathways after leaving school. Reed Nottage (ON 2018) is currently studying in the US on a full scholarship. This is what he had to say about life after school.

## **What have you been up to since you finished school?**

I have been in California at California Baptist University studying International Business and playing basketball on a full scholarship.

## **The best piece of advice I have is...**

Make sure you do your best in your final year. I know it is a tough, stressful year, but don't sell yourself short and cruise through the HSC or IB. You'll regret it later.

## **I was most / least prepared for...**

I was least prepared for how much work comes with living away from home. All the jobs that parents usually take care of are now all my responsibility. Cleaning, cooking, food shopping and washing clothes are all tasks that I didn't really think about until I moved out.

## **Newington made me...**

Able to manage my time well. It gave me the skills necessary to find a balance between basketball and my studies, while providing a safe, supportive ground for me to make great friends and strive both on the court and in the classroom.



*Reed Nottage (ON 2018, playing in black for California Baptist University, Riverside) taking on Grant Anticevich (ON 2016, playing in yellow for University of California, Berkley)*