



Newington College

# RESULTS 2020

# Strong results in a year like no other

I am delighted to share this complete picture of the very strong performances of our Year 12 2020 cohort in what was an undeniably tumultuous year.

The boys rose to the unique challenges of 2020. Scoring an ATAR with 9 as its first number is an outstanding achievement; a great many of our boys did just that, and many more far exceeded their goals. Our IB boys delivered a median ATAR of 39 (which converts to an ATAR of 97.3) and placed us among the top IB schools in the country\*. The mean ATAR achieved by the year was the third strongest set of results over the past 20 years (they were pipped only by 2017 and 2014) – an extraordinary achievement given the challenges they faced. The strong majority of our boys have taken up their first preferences at university or re-evaluated their options after surpassing their own expectations.

The boys who feature in this publication are undoubtedly the academic stars of their year. However, some of the results we are proudest of come from boys who were not aiming at the high 90s. I salute the boys who got a 70 ATAR when they had been tracking on a 60, or boys who managed to complete 10 units of HSC study when writing has been a challenge since the day they started Kindergarten. Their fortitude to complete their years at school in these circumstances is something I really admire.

Congratulations to every student, and especially to those who developed the inner resolve to work harder than they thought they could. I hope they all feel they have the integrity, the rigour and the character to head confidently into the next stage of their lives.

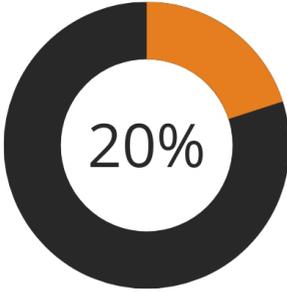


**Mr Michael Parker**  
Headmaster

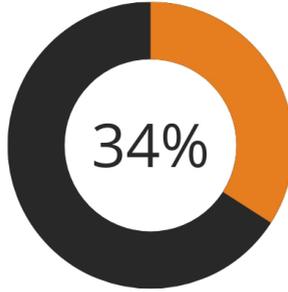


\* as ranked by IB-Schools.com

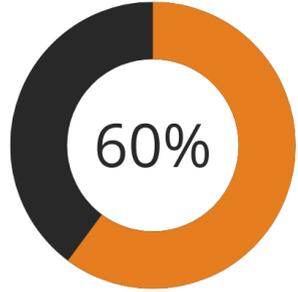
# Key results



ATARs over 95



ATARs over 90



ATARs over 80

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE



**31**

ATARs over 95



**39**

Newington median  
IB score  
(97.3 ATAR equivalent)



**29.8/45**

Global average  
IB score

## HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE



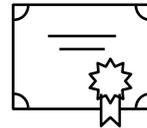
**11**

ATARs over 95



**3**

All-Round Achievers  
(Band 6 or E4 in 10  
or more units)



**97**

Distinguished Achievers  
(Band 6 or E4 in an  
HSC subject)

# Top ATAR achievers

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ATAR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ATAR</b>
Toby Goldschmidt	99.75	Christos Fotopoulos	97.30
Alistair Shaw	99.75	Ethan Haffenden	97.30
Kevin Wang	99.75	Jiaqi Lu	97.30
Joshua Cosgrove	99.55	Sam Lydon	97.30
Allen Ma	99.55	Zak Murray	97.30
Grayson Richardson	99.55	Max Tobin	97.30
Tom Sherratt	99.55	Bill Athanassiou	96.75
Krishen Thevarajah	99.50	Mack Fell	96.45
Benjamin Diskin	99.20	Martin Mai	96.45
Lachlan Eyles	99.20	Dylan Rubin	96.30
Thomas Hart	99.20	Isaiah Gee	95.90
Woojin Lee	99.20	Jake Williams	95.75
Alex McEvoy	99.20	Harrison Garofani	95.55
Samuel Gresham	98.85	Oscar Bell	95.45
Nicolas Yule	98.70	Liam Giang	95.45
Nicholas Bulley	98.05	Dylan Howard	95.45
Edward Dam	98.05	Oliver Hunt	95.45
Adrian Freiburg	98.05	Felix Laubi	95.45
Arky Wild	98.05	Zach Razaleigh	95.45
Oscar Liu	97.95	Robert Ward	95.45
Adrian Lo	97.60	Zachary Leung	95.30

*This list shows ATARs for HSC and IBDP students in rank and then alphabetical order. Results are based on figures available on 12 February 2021. The University Admissions Centre (UAC) awards the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR).*

## Our top achievers



Kevin Wang



Alistair Shaw



Toby Goldschmidt

**Newington's top-performing students Kevin Wang, Toby Goldschmidt and Alistair Shaw are excited for what the future holds.**

All three achieved a score of 44 in the IB, which equates to an ATAR of 99.75 and puts them amongst the top achievers in the state.

'I'm glad that my work has paid off after these last couple of years,' Kevin said.

The three students achieved their outstanding results while pursuing a full complement of co-curricular activities and embracing leadership roles. Kevin was Vice Captain of Music in Year 12 and holds Manton House Honour Colours and Music Colours. Toby was Vice Captain of Kelynack House, Captain of Water Polo and winner the ONU Prize for Leadership, Scholarship and Sport.

Alistair was Captain of Fencing, led the Gender Equity Committee, holds Le Couteur House Honour Colours and Fencing Colours, and was winner of the Jack Thorncraft Trophy for Loyalty and Service.

Kevin's mum was with him as he checked his results, but Toby chose to find out his results alone before sharing them with his family.

'Mum and dad were very happy. My brother was there too, and we sort of cheered for a little bit,' he said.

Toby, Kevin and Alistair agree that balance was an important factor in their academic success.

'Co-curriculars are a nice break from study and helped prevent the year from just seeming like a long study slog for me. ', Alistair said.

So, what about life after school?

'It's quite a big change from having been to school every day for so many years,' said Toby.

'To be honest, I'm enjoying the feeling of not knowing what to do with myself!'

Toby plans to study a Commerce/Law degree at Sydney University, while Kevin hopes to pursue further study in maths, science or music. and Alistair TO COME

# VET award recognises outstanding achievement

**Hard work during practical training and hands-on work experience paid off for Aiden Helu, who received a VET Excellence Award in 2020. The award recognised his outstanding work during a Certificate II in Construction Pathways, which Aiden completed alongside his HSC studies.**

Senior students at Newington College have the option to pursue three distinct pathways: the HSC, the IB and dual accreditation through the Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Schools program.

Aiden chose to complete a VET course while at school because it offered a combination of practical units and multiple work placements.

'I think the best part of the course was being able to get physically involved and hands-on with the practical units, as it developed our skills and understanding of future occupations,' he said.

'The course involves a range of technical, practical, personal and organisational skills used in and beyond the workplace. I was able to gain experiences that can be applied in a range of contexts, including work, study and leisure, and that will help me to make informed career choices.'

Aiden's placements saw him work in both the commercial and residential building sectors on projects that included new-build homes, renovations and shop fitouts. He now hopes to study construction management in the future while gaining other construction industry qualifications.

Newington offers a range of other VET programs, including courses in business services and hospitality. Students are also able to pursue TVET courses delivered by external providers in disciplines such as nursing, electrotechnology, plumbing, design, animal studies and automotive engineering.



Aiden Helu  
with his VET  
Excellence  
Award

Robert Ward, Toby Goldschmidt, Lachlan Eyles and  
Marcus Harrison on Valedictory Day





# HSC showcases and exhibitions

Outstanding works in Visual Arts, Drama, Music and Technology are celebrated at the annual HSC showcases and exhibitions. This year, 15 boys from Newington were nominated for inclusion in an exhibition or showcase.

Two Visual Arts students, Cassidy Cummins and Will Angus, were chosen for inclusion in ARTEXPRESS, the annual exhibition of outstanding student artworks developed for the artmaking component of the HSC examination in Visual Arts. In 2020, 8616 students from across New South Wales submitted bodies of work for the Visual Arts examination, from which just 575 were nominated for possible inclusion in ARTEXPRESS. Music student Oliver Smart was selected for inclusion in ENCORE, a program of outstanding performances and compositions by students from the HSC Music examinations. ENCORE will be delivered online in Term 1 2021.

Congratulations to all students who were nominated for inclusion in a showcase or exhibition.

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## **Design and Technology, Industrial Technology, and Textiles and Design: SHAPE**

The annual exhibition of a selection of exemplary Major Projects developed by HSC Design and Technology, Industrial Technology and Textiles and Design students.

### **Nomination:**

**Aaron Mueller**  
**Luka Stefanovic**

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## **Drama: OnSTAGE**

A presentation and exhibition of group and individual performances and projects by HSC Drama students.

### **Nomination (individual performance):**

**Daniel Blount**, *Bottleneck*  
**Oscar Moody**, *Rocket Ride*

### **Nomination (video drama or script):**

**Jack Newton**

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## **Industrial Technology: InTech**

An exhibition of outstanding Major Projects from HSC Industrial Technology students.

### **Nomination:**

**Will Braithwaite-Young**  
**Anthony Harrison**  
**Finn Hawkins**

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## **Music: ENCORE**

A selection of performances and compositions from HSC Music students.

### **Selected for inclusion:**

**Oliver Smart**

### **Nomination:**

**Christian McLoughlin**

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## **Visual Arts: ARTEXPRESS**

The annual exhibition of a selection of outstanding student artworks developed for the artmaking component of the HSC examination in Visual Arts.

### **Selected for inclusion:**

**Will Angus**, *Simultaneity*. Will's work will be exhibited at the Virtual Exhibition VX, Art Gallery of New South Wales.

**Cassidy Cummins**, *Scars*. Cassidy's work will be exhibited at The Armory, Sydney Olympic Park.

### **Nomination:**

**Jack Newton**, *Mother*  
**Jack Reid**, *Cogitation*  
**Oliver Smart**, *Synesthesia*



## Advice from the experts

**What helped the Class of 2020 when studying for the HSC and IB? Here is what some of our top achievers had to say.**

‘Be efficient. Studying only what will be helpful in assessments and final exams saves a lot of time which can be spent getting even more across your content.’

**Alistair Shaw (IB)**

‘Test a variety of environments, whether it be your home, the study centre, or a school or external library, and find a place that you are able to work well in.’

**Benjamin Diskin (IB)**

‘Have balance in your study – and not just in what you’re studying, but also by having a sport and a social life.’

**Toby Goldschmidt (IB)**

‘Don’t put too much stress on yourself when studying. Do what you feel is right, not what you feel you must do.’

**Kevin Wang (IB)**

‘My friends helped a lot. We’d go to the Year 12 study centre and we’d always do the most challenging questions, so we weren’t wasting our time.’

**Jake Williams (HSC)**



'The best thing about my education at Newington is the chance to experience an invaluable high standard of learning from not just an academic perspective but also from the co-curricular and service-learning perspective.'

**Krishen Thevarajah (HSC)**

'The way I study is I like a quiet environment and normally that involves coming to the school study centre.'

**Oscar Liu (HSC)**

'Because I trained in the mornings before school, I made sure to complete all my study and work in the early afternoon/evening at the Year 12 Study Centre, and therefore got home relatively early to ensure my sleep was not impacted.'

**Nicholas Clarke (HSC)**

'If you feel like you're stressed, if you feel like you're falling behind, you've always got people to talk to who have seen hundreds of students go before you and who actually know that everything is going to work out in the end and know the steps you need to take to succeed'

**Samuel Gresham (HSC)**





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