

A tradition of excellence

2023 VCE RESULTS



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It is with great pleasure that I extend my congratulations to Melbourne Grammar School's Class of 2023 on their exceptional VCE results.

We celebrate Alex Gao, Jerry Hui and Jaden Taveira who attained the highest possible ATAR of 99.95, as well as the 24 other students who achieved an ATAR of 99 or more. This places an impressive 14% of our cohort within the State's top 1%, continuing our School's legacy of academic excellence.

Academic success is not incidental. Throughout this year, and in years past, the Class of 2023 has demonstrated a consistent pursuit of excellence marked by their collective diligence and dedication to their studies.

We recognise and value all students who have been steadfast in their learning, and who have attained their own personal best ATAR.

In addition, this cohort has achieved success on the stage, the rostrum, the sporting field and more. We offer a holistic education at Melbourne Grammar, and the Class of 2023 has seized upon the opportunities available to them with enthusiasm, energy, and excitement.

Yet, it may be their sense of community for which the Class of 2023 will most be remembered. Their commitment to making a positive impact on the culture of the School has been exemplary. The care and consideration they have shown for others, grounded in values of respect, empathy, and responsibility, have left an indelible mark.

I would also like to pay tribute to the exceptional teachers who have guided each student's learning throughout their time at the School albeit during their early years at Grimwade House through to this pivotal year. Melbourne Grammar is fortunate to have an outstanding group of teaching and professional staff whose expertise and dedication have been instrumental in realising the excellent 2023 VCE results.

Of course, there are many measures of success, and an ATAR is only one of them. The truly wise know that life is more than a score on a piece of paper and ultimately an individual's values, work ethic and quality of their relationships will be far greater determinants of their future achievements and happiness.

It has been an absolute delight to accompany this remarkable group of students during our shared journey at Melbourne Grammar. I know they will take the lessons they have learnt at the School and go on to have a positive impact on the world around them.

I extend my heartfelt best wishes to the Class of 2023 for success in all their future endeavours.

Philip Grutzner
Headmaster

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Hear from our students, past and present, about their interests and aspirations.

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2023 VCE results highlights

ATAR OUTCOMES

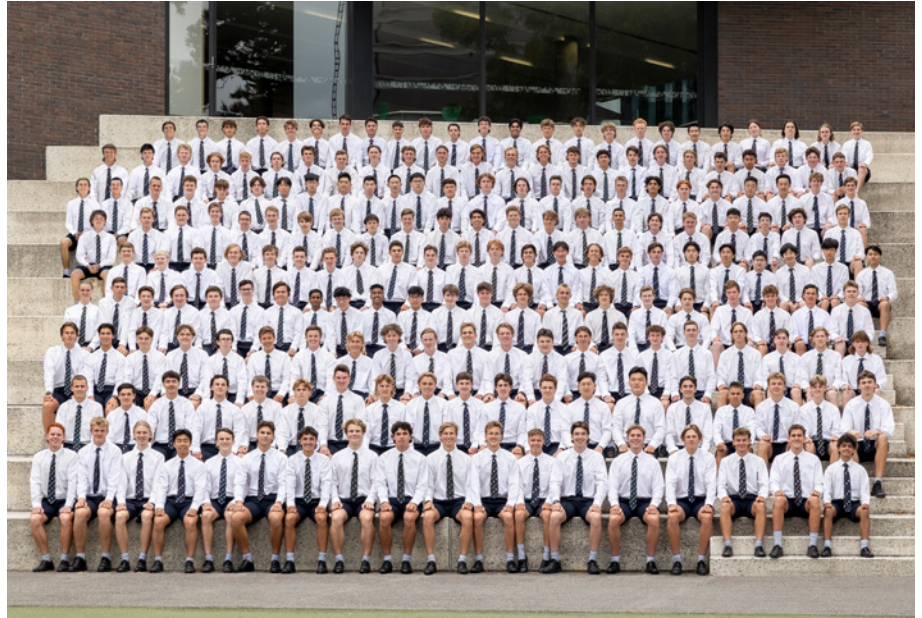
197 Melbourne Grammar School
Year 12 students attained the VCE
in 2023.

99.95

Three students achieved an
ATAR of 99.95. Only 39 students
across Victoria attained this result.

Congratulations to:

- Alex Gao
- Jerry Hui
- Jaden Taveira



99+

14% of our students achieved an ATAR of 99+, placing them in the **top 1%** of the State. In addition to those who achieved an ATAR of 99.95, congratulations to:

- Benjamin Archibald
- Charlie Harley
- Krish Sen
- Christopher Arabatzis
- Lachlan Houghton
- Leo Shen
- Daniel Cash
- Lachie Jennings
- Teddy Stewart
- Felix Chen
- Evan Jia
- Adrian Wang
- Leo Dinelli
- Michael Jiang
- Seb Whiteley
- Konrad Dowse
- Lucien Marcel
- William Young
- Oliver Falcon
- Yang Yang Ni
- Alexander Georgiou
- Jacob Ng
- Tommy Gourlay
- Shakhram Rakhmatullaev

95+

35% of our students achieved
an ATAR of 95+, placing them
in the **top 5%** of the State.

90+

55% of our students achieved
an ATAR of 90+, placing them
in the **top 10%** of the State.

STUDY SCORE OUTCOMES

50

Fifteen students achieved the maximum score of 50 in one subject in 2023. One student achieved this score in three subjects. Congratulations to:

- Christopher Arabatzis
– Chemistry
- Hugo Backwell
– English
- Albert Chen (Year 11)
– Mathematical Methods
- Arno D'Andrea (Year 11)
– Physical Education
- Alex Gao
– English as an Additional Language
- William George
– Philosophy
- Alexander Georgiou
– Geography
– History: Revolutions
– Physical Education
- Johnny Guo (Year 11)
– Mathematical Methods
- Lachlan Houghton
– English
- Jerry Hui
– Physics
- Max Kelly (Year 11)
– Physical Education
- Finn Keyes-Tilley
– General Mathematics
- Sanjeet Sampath (Year 11)
– Biology
- Shakhram Rakhmatullaev
– Philosophy
- Teddy Stewart
– Legal Studies
- Henry Walters (Year 11)
– Physical Education

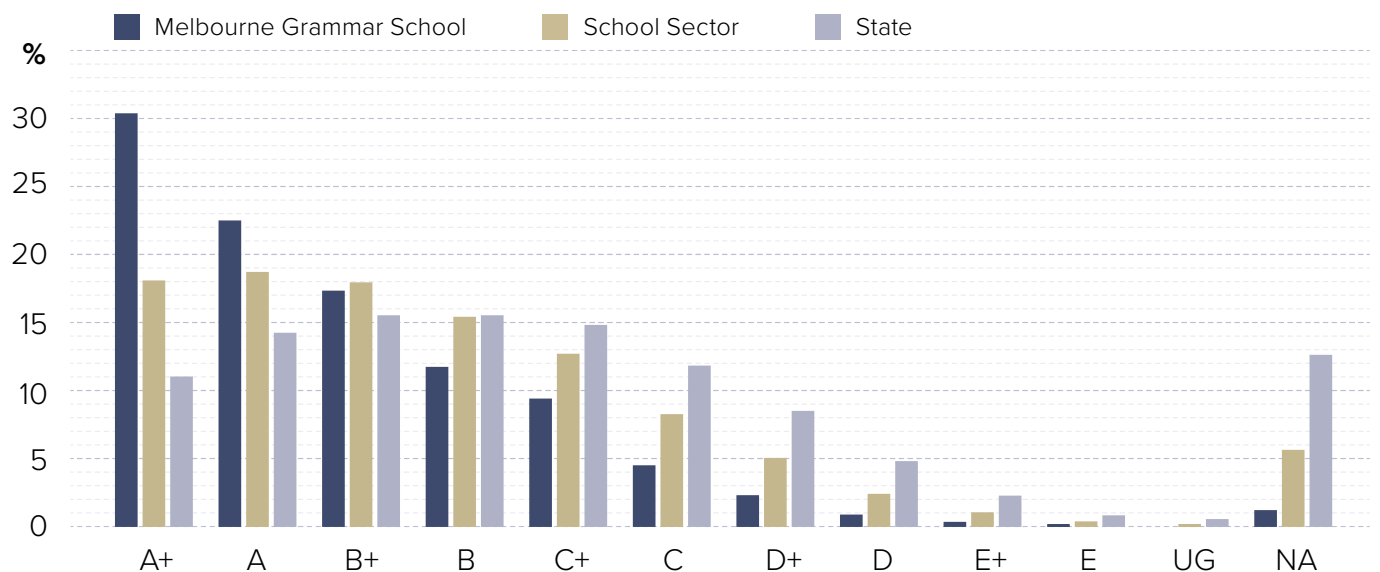
45+

8.1% of all study scores were graded as 45+, placing those students in the **top 1%** of their subjects.

40+

27.1% of all study (subject) scores were graded as 40+, placing those students in the **top 8%** of their subjects.

DISTRIBUTION OF 2023 LETTER GRADES*



*This graph compares Melbourne Grammar School's 2023 results with our school sector (schools with similar characteristics) and those of Victoria as a whole. State and sector information relates to 2022, rather than 2023, as the 2023 data was not available at the time of publication. However, this data varies only very marginally each year.

Continuing the tradition

Recognition and achievement

Each year our Year 12 students step outside the classroom and excel across a variety of fields of endeavour.

Class of 2023 accomplishments include:

- Charlie Edwards and Hugh Henham led the running of a 'Big Freeze' event at the School in support of the FightMND (Motor Neurone Disease) program.
- Shakhram Rakhmatullaev played a key role in founding the Across Boundaries Committee and organising the School's first ever Cultural Diversity Forum which included a visit from the Victorian Multiculturalism Commissioner.
- An extraordinary opinion piece written by the Captain of the School, Daniel Cash, was published in The Age newspaper. The article focused on the views of the Presbyterian Church of Australia on student leadership in schools, with the readership expressing their admiration through hundreds of positive comments to The Age and to the School.
- Jaden Taveira was awarded the Best Year 12 Candidate in the prestigious Alliance Française 2023 Berthe Mouchette Competition.
- Jerry Hui was one of 24 students invited to participate in the National Physics Olympiad Summer School this year. His invitation was based on his performance in the Australian Physics Olympiad Exam.
- Elio Ongarato's artwork was showcased in the 2023 Top Arts exhibition. This annual event includes the most outstanding works of art created in VCE Unit 3/4 Art or VCE Unit 3/4 Studio Arts in the prior year.
- Harvey Larke won one gold and three bronze medals while swimming for Australia at the Trnabago 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games.

- Charlie Edwards and Ryley Sanders will play AFL football next year. Charlie was selected by the Adelaide Crows in the AFL Draft. Similarly, Ryley will join the Western Bulldogs.
- Ollie Will was selected to be part of the 2023 U18 Hockey Australia Men's Futures Squad. The group includes the best hockey players in the country who will be in their 'prime' age when the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games are staged.

Global pathways

Melbourne Grammar School endeavours to provide each student with a global perspective. Accordingly, many of our students look beyond Australia when considering their tertiary study options.

Three students have been offered 2024 scholarships at prestigious overseas universities due to their exceptional skills in specific fields, with other applications under consideration.

- Michael Liu will study at the University of Music and Theatre "Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy" Leipzig (HMT) in recognition of his remarkable musical talent.
- Nixon Murray secured an athletic scholarship at Boston University based on his exceptional rowing abilities.
- An impressive basketballer, Jack Whitbourn will be attending the University of California, Riverside.

In recent years, our students have been offered places at the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge and St Andrews, as well as King's College London, London School of Economics (LSE), Harvard, Yale, and Brown Universities, the University of California, Berkeley and NYU: Tisch School of the Arts and Osaka University in Japan.

2023 Premier's VCE Awards

The Premier's VCE Awards celebrate the highest achieving students across all VCE subjects in the prior year.

Melbourne Grammar School's 2022 Academic Head of School (Dux), Roddy Dong, was a recipient of a Top All-Round VCE High Achiever Award which is bestowed upon those students who achieved study scores of 46 or higher in at least five VCE studies. Roddy is currently studying a Bachelor of Biomedicine at the University of Melbourne.

Study Awards are given in recognition of outstanding results in a particular VCE 3/4 subject. The following students received this award in 2023 on the basis of their 2022 studies:

- Oscar Allen
– Physical Education
- Tom Carne
– Philosophy
- Roddy Dong
– Latin
- Chris Glynn
– Philosophy
- Jerry Hui
– Mathematical Methods
- Michael Liu
– Music Performance

Over the years, Melbourne Grammar students have performed at this exemplary level across a diverse range of subjects, from the sciences to the humanities, the performing arts and more.