



**Shellharbour**  
Anglican College

# 2023 HSC Top Achievers





Ava-Elise Aleman

Nyah Amponsem

Layla Anstee

Ava Ashford

Harmonie Baker-Werth

Nissi Boafo

Stefani Brdnik-Donevska

Lexie Brown

Michela Cavallarin

Eve Christensen

Lilly Clarke

Jazlyn Cleary

Scarlet Coombes

Georgia Craddock

Ian Dang

Kiara Denn

Sage Dixon

Ethan Dolenc

Brandon East

Benjamin Evans

Abbey Friend

Benjamin Gerges

Alec Giles

Dylan Griffiths

Finn Griffiths

Lilly Gutterson

Liam Hampton

Kieran Harris

Imogen Harrison

Thomas Harrison

Oliver Hawkins

Denica Janse van Rensburg

Harry Jenner

Chloe Kallenbach

Tiana Kelly

James Kennedy

Lillian Kofod

Stefania Kollias

Bodhi Lean

Cooper Marino

Jordyn Martin

Jordan Moore

Ethan Morris

Phoebe Mustafa

Jebediah Newman

Mason O'Hara

Sophia Oliverio

Joel Palermo

Chloe Pearman

Sabina Pedroza

Kyan Phillips

Katie Philpot

Imogen Quintal

Taylah Riboldi

Ashley Roulston

Eva Savic

Charlotte Scarratt

Andrew Schumacher

Eliza Schweitzer

Olivia Sloan

Sarah Stacey

Matthew Thorpe

Mitchell Ung

Cooper Veitch

Georgia Wadwell

Matthew Walker

Jamie Wells

Kyle Williams

Jarvis Wraight

Jackson Wright

# Message from the Principal



Within these pages, you will read of the stories of some of our remarkable Class of 2023 graduates. Many of our students have achieved incredible academic success; realising aspirations they've long envisioned through tireless dedication and hard work.

In the midst of this celebration, let's not lose sight a crucial truth: success extends beyond numerical scores. Beyond the academic accolades, we honour the trailblazers and leaders who have fortified the very fabric of our College's culture. Those who've been mentors, guiding their younger peers, and imprinting lasting legacies on our College community. It is the richness of relationships, the kindness shared, and the indomitable spirit displayed that are the true markers of achievement.

As we send forth the graduating class, let them carry the profound understanding that their impact on the world goes far beyond academic accomplishments. The journey doesn't end here; it's a collective endeavour that stretches far beyond the school gates. May your paths be filled with purpose, your hearts with courage, and your impact enduring.

Continue to **Pursue Tomorrow**, together.



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For Tiana, Pursue Tomorrow is a commitment she carries forward as she envisions a fulfilling academic and professional journey ...

# Tiana Kelly

## Future Doctor

**Tiana Kelly, a standout 2023 graduate of Shellharbour Anglican College, is making waves with her early entry into the esteemed Bachelor of Health Science Program at the Australian National University (ANU).**

Tiana credits much of her academic success to the unwavering support provided by mentors such as Dr Molkentein, Mrs Williamson and Miss Close, describing them as intelligent, passionate, and approachable, Tiana highlights their instrumental role in keeping her focused and supported throughout her academic journey.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award has been integral to Tiana's personal and academic development. Beyond being a program, it served as a launchpad during the ANU application process, spotlighting Tiana's resilience in facing challenges and her meaningful contributions to society.

Fuelling her passion for medicine, educators Miss Close and Miss Morley played a significant role in Tiana's decision to enter the health sector. Their commitment to instilling a love for learning became the catalyst for her pursuit of a career in medicine.

Beyond academic achievements, Tiana takes pride in her role as the Duke of Edinburgh Captain, a position that reflects her leadership skills and ability to navigate challenges. This experience, coupled with the demanding Higher School Certificate (HSC) period, has equipped Tiana with the resilience needed for the transition to university life.

As Tiana embarks on her academic journey at ANU, she plans to leverage the Bachelor of Health Science as a stepping stone to post-graduate Medicine. Her goal is to explore various facets within medicine, maintaining a mindful balance between academic pursuits and personal wellbeing.

For Tiana, **Pursue Tomorrow** is a call to work diligently on personal and professional development, a commitment she carries forward as she envisions a fulfilling academic and professional journey in the field of medicine.



Tiana received early entry to the Australian National University.



As Shellharbour's 2023 Duke of Edinburgh Captain, Tiana's leadership skills thrived.



Tiana looks to pursue tomorrow with a career within the field of medicine.

# Cooper Veitch

## Pro Snowboarder

**Graduating from Shellharbour Anglican College's Class of 2023 is Cooper Veitch. His recent triumph in securing the DV1 Snowboard Slopestyle Gold at the 2023 State Interschool Snowsports Championships isn't just a win – it's the beginning of a great story.**

Reflecting on his schooling journey, Cooper shares the start of his passion on the slopes: "The College participated in the annual interschools championship at Perisher each year, allowing me to compete at a young age." Cooper's unique situation, with frequent travel impacting his class attendance, was met with the College's unwavering commitment to adapt to his schedule. This dedication ensured he struck the right balance between academic pursuits and his passion for snowboarding.

Beyond the slopes, Cooper's versatility shone through on the sports field – Swimming, Cross Country, Athletics, Rugby, Touch Football, Cricket and Soccer were just a few of his additional hobbies. These varied pursuits not only showcased Cooper as a dedicated sportsman but also contributed to the gradual development of his confidence on the field, propelling him into the realm of competitive sports.

Among the standout experiences during his time at Shellharbour, the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award trips hold a special place in Cooper's heart. "... Particularly the Gilgandra trip, where we assisted the community", he fondly reminisces.

As Cooper embarks on the next phase of his journey, adorned with a well-deserved gold medal, his vision transcends the peaks of Perisher. Contemplating a career as a helicopter pilot, he is steadfast in his commitment to intertwining passion with profession. A future enriched with travel and chasing the northern hemisphere winter awaits him, promising a thrilling and purposeful path ahead as he continues to **Pursue Tomorrow.**



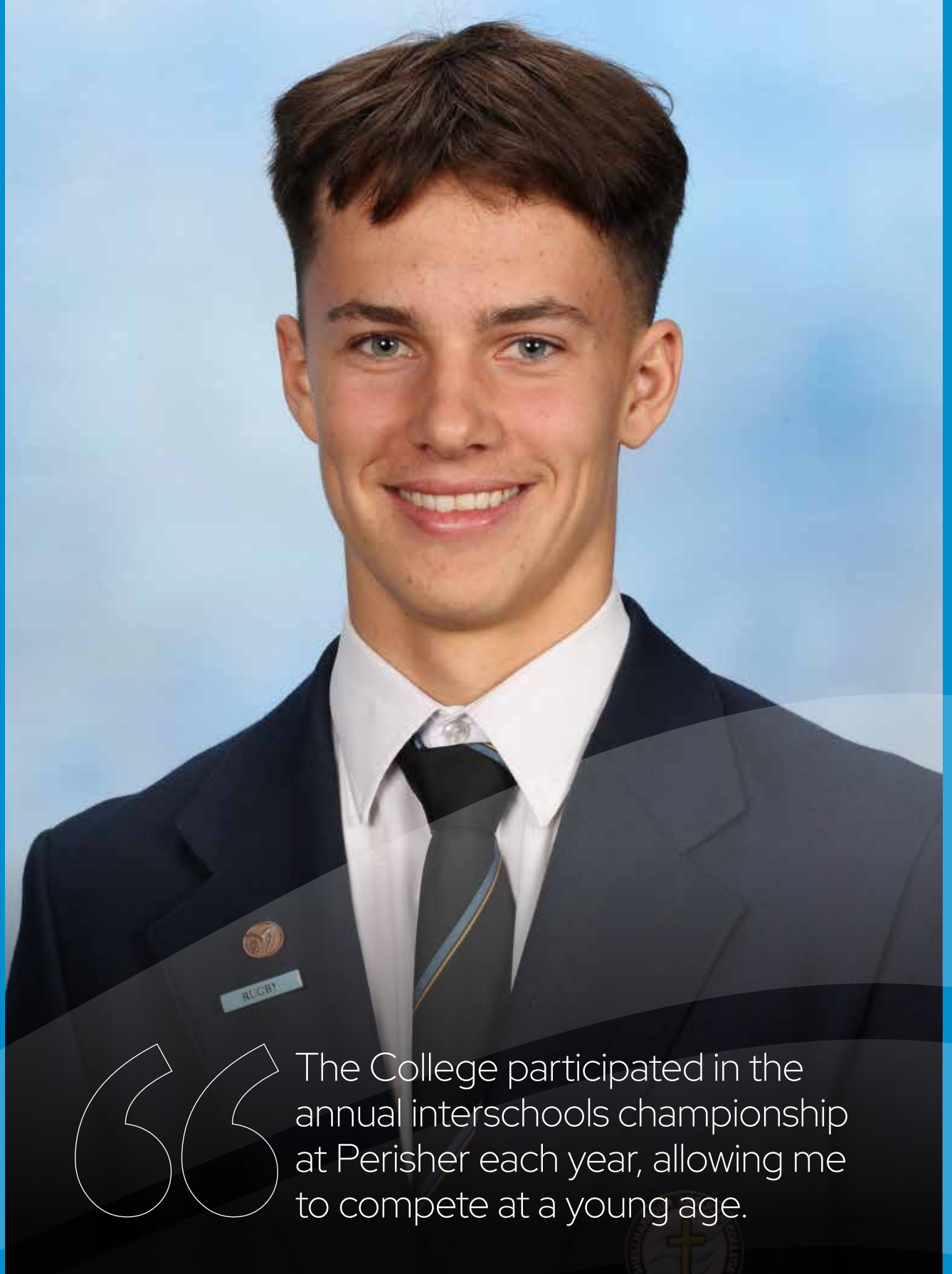
A highlight of Cooper's Year 12 experience was his participation in the Duke of Edinburgh trips.



Cooper looks to pursue a career as a helicopter pilot.



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# Lilly Gutterson

## Leaving a Legacy

**Lilly Gutterson's journey at Shellharbour Anglican College unfolds as a story of leadership, faith and educational aspirations, leaving an lasting mark on her and the College community.**

Starting at the College as a non-Christian, Lilly's faith journey blossomed at Shellharbour through programs like Christian Studies, Chapel and Cru. Teachers, notably Mr Odell and Mr Young, played pivotal roles, guiding her through questions and fostering excitement. Cru became a space to share the greatness of God. Serving as co-House Captain of Chiswell in 2023, Lilly treasured the blessings of her leadership role. The experience enriched her with valuable leadership skills and collaborative spirit, working alongside peers and teachers. Connecting with students of all ages became a highlight, shaping her ability to lead across diverse groups, "I hope that I showed people God's love and also provided exciting and happy environments for the people around me."

Enrolling in Primary Education and Social Science, Lilly's choice reflects her journey since Year 4 at the College. Overcoming initial challenges, she found support in teachers like Mrs Luke, shaping her passion for creative subjects. Lilly aspires to be a teacher forging strong connections with students, creating exciting learning environments. Looking ahead, Lilly envisions a future uniting her love for children and God. Aspiring to be a teacher with a warm, welcoming classroom, she plans to deepen her leadership knowledge with theology. Lilly dreams of becoming a chaplain or youth minister, aiming to impact young lives positively.

In Lilly Gutterson, Shellharbour Anglican College has helped to shape a leader, learner, and person of faith, poised to make a meaningful impact in education and faith communities. As she embarks on the next steps, Lilly carries the lessons and connections forged at the College, ready to inspire future generations.



Teachers Mr Odell and Mr Young played pivotal roles in fostering Lilly's excitement about God.



Lilly aspires to be a teacher and study theology, combining her love for children and God.



Lilly looks to pursue the future as a leader, learner and person of faith.

# Construction Overview

**Opportunities continue to expand at Shellharbour Anglican College. This year saw the successful completion of the College's first HSC VET Construction Major Work by three Year 12 students, with an additional eight students set to undertake Construction for their HSC in 2024.**

By introducing HSC Construction into the list of subject choices available at Shellharbour Anglican College, students are given the opportunity for more diverse learning. The skills, knowledge and experiences gained through this program empower students to excel in their chosen paths and contribute positively to their communities and the broader workforce.

The construction industry focuses on activities related to construction, demolition, renovation, maintenance or repair of building and infrastructure. It encompasses a broad spectrum of services, ranging from planning and surveying, to structural construction and finishing services such as painting and decorating.

The Construction Curriculum Framework places mandatory emphasis on the following areas:

- Safety
- Construction skills
- Utilisation of construction tools
- Industry work practices

Students will acquire the following competencies:

- Applying Work Health and Safety (WHS) requirements, policies and procedures within the construction industry.
- Effective and sustainable work practices in the construction industry.
- Proficiency in using construction tools and equipment.
- Reading and comprehending plans and specifications.
- Executing a basic construction project.

Furthermore, it is a compulsory requirement for the Higher School Certificate (HSC) that students complete a minimum of 35 hours of work placement. This work placement is essential for assessing competencies that





are required within a construction work environment, providing students with an opportunity to gather the necessary evidence to demonstrate their competence.

The current Year 12 students expressed that the highlight of their construction course was the chance to partake in work placement. During this period, each student dedicated one week to working onsite, acquiring valuable insights and skills from a well-established company operating within the construction industry. Sophia chose to gain hands-on experience in carpentry, Cooper in plumbing and Olivia in property management.

The HSC Construction course offers a well-rounded education that prepares students not only for a successful start in the construction industry but also for a future filled with diverse career opportunities. The skills, knowledge and experiences gained through this program power students to excel in their chosen paths and contribute positively to their communities and the broader workforce.



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# 2023 HSC Top Achievers

Shellharbour Anglican College proudly celebrates the exceptional achievements of the Class of 2023 in the NSW Higher School Certificate. Congratulations to our Year 12 students for their outstanding HSC results, reflecting their commitment to a balanced approach to studies and active engagement in both College life and the broader community.

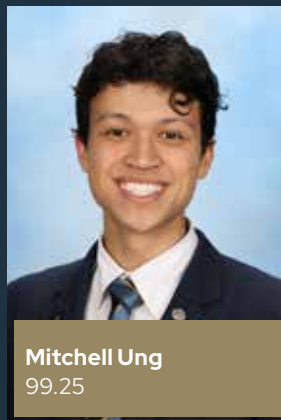
Demonstrating remarkable dedication, the cohort secured 26 Band 6s or E4s (or notional Band 6s) across 17 courses. A notable 62% achieved at least one Band 5, Band 6, or E4, with numerous students reaching personal bests. Remarkably, every student is set to embark on tertiary studies, a trade, or employment in 2023—a testament to the school's commitment to diverse academic interests. Equally commendable are those who completed VET

competencies in four courses, showcasing their passion in the vocational sphere.

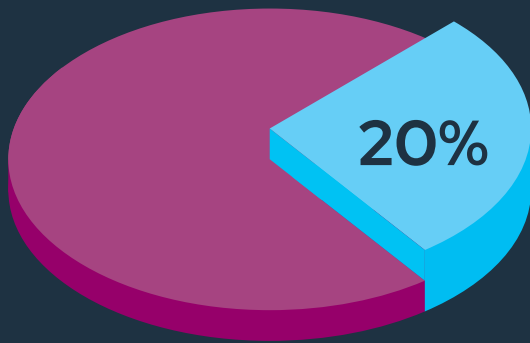
In facing the challenges of recent years, our Year 12 students exhibited resilience, independence, and problem-solving skills, fortified by courage, compassion, and hope.

Long after HSC marks are forgotten, it's these enduring qualities that will help them to thrive in a complex and rapidly changing world. Equipped with boldness, resilience, and flexibility cultivated during their time at the College, they are poised to courageously explore opportunities, celebrate success, and embrace life's challenges.

Our 2023 College Dux is **Kieran Harris**. Well done Kieran!



# Pursuing Tomorrow



**14** students made the **NSW Distinguished Achievers** list  
(20% of students)



**28** Gold **Duke of Edinburgh** Students



1 student ranked  
3rd in NSW in  
**Engineering studies**  
(Mitchell Ung)

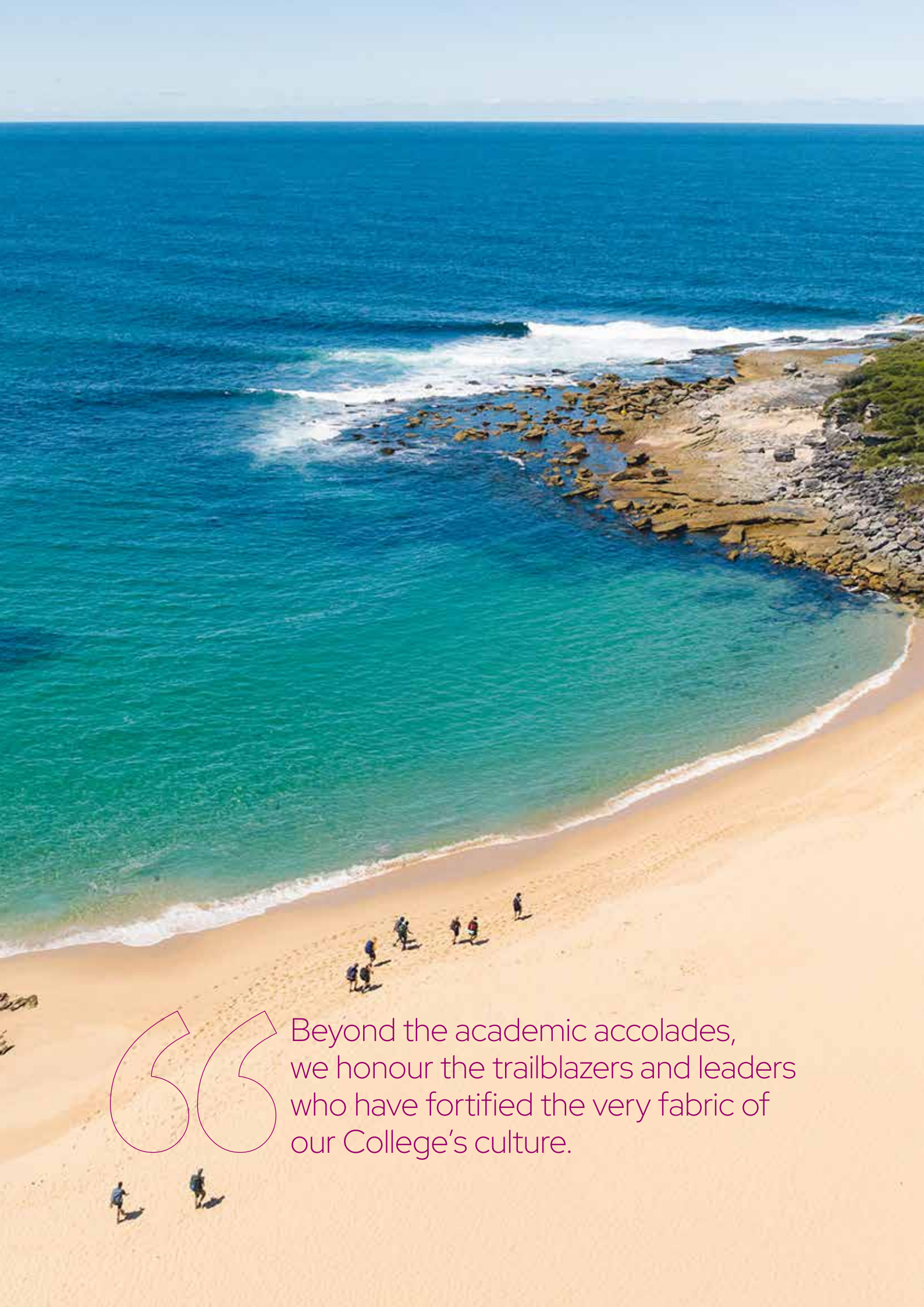


**99.8** Top **ATAR**  
(Kieran Harris)

Post-school destinations include **Health Sciences, Education, Engineering, Science, Business** and **Media and Communications**

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students achieved an **all-rounder** (achieving a result the highest band in 10 or more subjects)



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Harmonie  
Baker-Werth

Nissi  
Boafo

Stefani  
Brdnik-Donevska

Lexie  
Brown

Michela  
Cavallarin

Eve  
Christensen

Lilly  
Clarke

Jazlyn  
Cleary

Scarlet  
Coombes

Georgia  
Craddock

Ian  
Dang

Kiara  
Denn

Sage  
Dixon

Ethan  
Dolenc

Brandon  
East

Benjamin  
Evans

Abbey  
Friend

Benjamin  
Gerges

Alec  
Giles

Dylan  
Griffiths

Finn  
Griffiths

Lilly  
Gutterson

Liam  
Hampton

Kieran  
Harris

Imogen  
Harrison

Thomas  
Harrison

Oliver  
Hawkins

Denica Janse  
van Rensburg

Harry  
Jenner

Chloe  
Kallenbach

Tiana  
Kelly

James  
Kennedy

Lillian  
Kofod

Stefania  
Kollias

Bodhi  
Lean

Cooper  
Marino

Jordyn  
Martin

Jordan  
Moore

Ethan  
Morris

Phoebe  
Mustafa

Jebediah  
Newman

Mason  
O'Hara

Sophia  
Oliverio

Joel  
Palermo

Chloe  
Pearman

Sabina  
Pedroza

Kyan  
Phillips

Katie  
Philpot

Imogen  
Quintal

Taylah  
Riboldi

Ashley  
Roulston

Eva  
Savic

Charlotte  
Scarratt

Andrew  
Schumacher

Eliza  
Schweitzer

Olivia  
Sloan

Sarah  
Stacey

Matthew  
Thorpe

Mitchell  
Ung

Cooper  
Veitch

Georgia  
Wadwell

Matthew  
Walker

Jamie  
Wells

Kyle  
Williams

Jarvis  
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Wright



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