

CONGRATULATIONS Class of 2023



HIGH ACHIEVERS AND HSC RESULTS

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The Class of 2023 achieved excellent academic results at the end of a very busy and productive year. The students were excellent role models and very active as leaders in a range of areas of school life. Much of the success of 2023 is due to their efforts.

Congratulations to the College Dux, Darcy Keenlyside with the excellent ATAR of 99.85. It was a great credit to the top end of the cohort that two other students, Jack Lonergan and Joshua Bewley, also gained ATARs above 99. Jack and Darcy were also mentioned in the Top All Rounders list. Twenty-three students gained ATARs above 90 with 10 of them gaining ATARs above 95, which ranks them in the highest levels in the state, especially creditable as St Pius X College is a non-selective school.

The Class of 2023 were ably led by Eamon Boyle, who was one of the top students who performed many public duties over the year. There were also two Top Achievers: Connor Lynch was 4th in State for the Business Services Examination and Hunter Thornton was 5th in State for the Retail Services Examination. In total there were 51 mentions in the Distinguished Achievers list.

Other special mentions include Henrik Hogg who was nominated for ARTEXPRESS and Caleb Hanrahan who was nominated for OnSTAGE for his Individual Drama Performance.

I want to express my appreciation to all the boys for making me feel so welcome in 2023.

Mr Michael Ronchetti • College Principal

2023 HIGH ACHIEVERS INSIGHTS

Darcy Keenlyside College Dux ATAR 99.85 and HSC All Rounder

St Pius X provided me with the opportunity to excel in all my endeavours. I was able to be involved in many extracurricular activities and be

My advice for younger students is to support and encourage each other and get involved in all the opportunities that the College has to offer. One of my best memories was the Snowy Hike as I was able to take on a challenge with my mates.

My tip for getting good results is to be consistent from the very beginning, learning and bouncing back from mistakes and taking on board feedback from teachers.

Studying Actuarial Studies and Applied Finance at Macquarie University.

- College Prefect Academic Portfolio
- College Gold for Academic Studies
- Academic Honours First Class
- The Macquarie University Prize for **Outstanding Academic Achievement**
- Represented the College in Athletics (College Blue), Cricket (College Blue), Football and Squash
- Peer Support Leader, Peer Mentor, Edmund Rice Society Leader, Da Vinci Decathlon, the What Matters? Writing Competition, Mosman Young Awards in Literature and the Nan Manefield Young Writers Competition, Be Connected Willoughby Library Program and assisted with the Science Club and Chinese Club
- Volunteered at the Matthew Talbot Hostel and Centacare
- **Snowy Mountains Hike**

Joshua Bewley ATAR 99.60

surrounded with like-minded individuals.

My best memories include winning the ISA Open V's Basketball and the Year 12 retreat.

My tips for getting good results are to learn from your mistakes and analyse them thoroughly. Checking on homework tasks or practice exams allows you to improve upon your weaknesses. Go the extra mile and delve into how and why you made mistakes!

Studying a Bachelor of Actuarial Studies and Economics at UNSW.

- College Vice Captain
- College Gold for Academic Studies
- **Academic Honours**

- Awarded the Br J R Killian Award for Personal Character and Influence on the Life of the College
- Represented the College in Athletics (College Blue), Basketball (College Blue), Debating (College Silver) and Music
- Be Connected Willoughby Library Program, Centacare at Belmore, Da Vinci Decathlon, the Nan Manefield Young Writers Competition, What Matters? Writing Competition and the Mosman Young Awards in Literature
- Peer Support Leader, a Peer Mentor, a Eucharistic Minister and a Member of the Edmund Rice Society
- **Snowy Mountains Hike**

Jack Lonergan ATAR 99.35 and HSC All Rounder

St Pius X provided me with a solid work ethic and resilient mindset which helped to guide me through my HSC studies. My best memories were the Year 7 ski trip, the Year 12 Tallows beach retreat and the Da Vinci Decathlon.

My tips for getting good results are to keep calm, create a study timetable and do as many practice papers as possible.

Studying Medicine or Medical Science.

- College Gold for Academic Studies
- **Academic Honours**
- Awarded the Australian Defence Force Future Innovators Award for Leadership, Teamwork and Community Services
- Represented the College in Music (College Silver)
- Peer Support Leader and a Eucharistic Minister, Science Club Leader, Robotics Coach, Da Vinci Decathlon, Write a Book in a Day Competition, Francis Webb Poetry Memorial and the Nan Manefield Writing Competition





SUMMARY OF 2023 HSC RESULTS

College Dux	Darcy Keenlyside ATAR 99.85		
All Rounders (attained Band 6 in 10 or more units)	Darcy Keenlyside and Jack Lonergan		
ATARs above 95	10		
ATARs over 90	23		
Distinguished Achievers	84 mentions in the Distinguished Achievers List* 51 students achieved top band in a course		
Special Mentions 4th in State for Business Services Examination 5th in State for Retail Services Examination Nominated for OnSTAGE Nominated for ARTEXPRESS	Connor Lynch Hunter Thornton Caleb Hanrahan for Individual Drama Performance Henrik Hogg for Visual Arts		
Courses above the State Average	25		

* Includes Year 11 Accelerants

2023 HIGH ACHIEVERS INSIGHTS

Xander Buckingham ATAR 97.60

My advice for younger students is to find what you love to do, or what inspires you, and to pursue that with all you have. Enjoy your time, push through and realise that it's only temporary but worth all the effort you put in.

Studying Space Engineering and Physics at Sydney University.

- Academic Prefect Learning Portfolio
- College Gold for Academic Studies
- Awarded the St Pius X Award for Significant Contribution to Spiritual Life at the College
- Represented the College in Chess (College Blue), Cricket (College Blue) and Rugby (College Blue)
- Peer Support Leader and Peer Mentor and a member of the Edmund Rice Society
- Snowy Mountains Hike



Antony Di Mauro ATAR 97.30

St Pius X provided me with a genuine group of friends who have become an invaluable part of my life. My advice is to appreciate each day and the opportunity to build lasting friendships. Always strive to do your best and never settle for complacency. Work smarter and not harder by being accountable for your actions whilst studying.

Studying Law and Commerce.

- College Gold for Academic Studies
- Academic Honours First Class
- Awarded the Br Coll MacDonald Award for Consistent Effort and Desire to Improve
- Represented the College in Cricket (College Blue)
- Da Vinci Decathlon and Write a Book in a Day
- Peer Support Leader, Peer Mentor and member of the Student Empowerment Team



Jamie Leong ATAR 96.90

St Pius X provided me with a sense of belonging with genuine bonds with mates and outstanding support from teachers. My advice is to choose wisely how you build your character, be confident and strong. Look out for your mates, they will need your help and you will need theirs. Have faith in the process and everything else will fall into place. My tips are to take responsibility for the outcome of all your tasks. Achieving better results stems from relentless dedication to doing the work.

Studying Commerce/Arts at UNSW.

- College Prefect Learning Portfolio
- College Silver for Academic Studies
- Represented the College in Chess (College Silver), Cricket (College Blue) and Tennis (College Silver)
- Outdoor Education Program, Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and Snowy Mountains Hike
- Peer Support Leader, a Eucharistic Minister and a member of the Edmund Rice Society
- Leader and member of the Student Empowerment Team



Benjamin Woollard ATAR 96.90

My favourite memory was the Snowy Hike. I credit my success to the teachers at St Pius X who were always encouraging in my academic pursuits. They tirelessly worked throughout the year to support us including organising holiday workshops in Year 12 which were beneficial for improving my exam marks.

Received a scholarship from the Royal Australian Air Force to study Electrical Engineering at UNSW Canberra while at the Australian Defence Force Academy.

- Cross Country Captain in 2023
- Represented the College in Athletics and Cross Country (College Silver) and Football (College Silver)
- Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award
- Peer Support Leader



YEAR 12 HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS, ATAR 90 OR ABOVE



Darcy Keenlyside COLLEGE DUX ATAR 99.85 All Rounder



Manas Bansal



Ryan Battley



Joshua Bewley



Joshua Biefeld



Eamon Boyle



Xander Buckingham



Isaac Byrne



Ding-Chang Chen



Ethan Chow



Antony Di Mauro



Zachary Hollinger



Jamie Leong



Jack Lonergan All Rounder



Enoch Lu



Hamish McCallum

YEAR 12 HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS, ATAR 90 OR ABOVE



Mitchell McGrath



Matthew Moore



Marco Segafredo



Hunter Thornton



Edward Turner



Daniel Walters



Benjamin Woollard

SPECIAL MENTIONS



Connor Lynch 4th in State for Business Services Examination



Hunter Thornton 5th in State for Retail Services Examination



Caleb Hanrahan OnSTAGE Nomination for Individual Drama Performances



Henrik Hogg ARTEXPRESS Nomination for Visual Arts



ST PIUS X COLLEGE STUDENTS ACHIEVING THE TOP 2 BANDS (BANDS 5, 6, E3 AND E4)

Subject	St Pius X College Top 2 bands (%)	State Top 2 bands (%)	Difference (%)
Legal Studies	100	42.2	57.82
Software Design & Develop	75	35.2	39.84
Chemistry	76.5	38.2	38.27
Music 1	100	68.7	31.3
Business Studies	65.4	35.8	29.63
Ancient History	58.3	33	25.34
Studies of Religion II	70.4	46	24.39
Personal Dev, Health & PE	52.9	30.7	22.24
Biology	53.3	31.8	21.51
Info Process & Technology	50	31.3	18.67
Modern History	48.8	34.9	13.92
Mathematics Extension 2	100	87.7	12.33
Geography	50	41.6	8.37
History Extension	93.3	85.2	8.12
English (Standard)	21.1	13.1	8.01
Mathematics Standard 2	39.4	31.4	7.97
Drama	66.7	60.3	6.38
Mathematics Extension 1	77.8	71.8	6
English Extension 1	100	94.2	5.77
English (Advanced)	72.3	67.1	5.19
Mathematics Advanced	54.4	49.7	4.67
Music Extension	100	95.8	4.16
Engineering Studies	33.3	29.2	4.15
Business Services Examination	27.3	23.7	3.57
Studies of Religion I	51.9	48.6	3.29

ST PIUS X COLLEGE COURSE MEANS ABOVE STATE

Subject	St Pius X College	State	% above State mean
Legal Studies	85.5	75.3	10.2
Ancient History	80.4	71.4	8.9
Info Process & Technology	79.0	70.7	8.3
Software Design & Develop	81.5	73.7	7.8
Business Studies	81.2	73.8	7.5
Mathematics Extension 2	89.6	82.2	7.4
Chemistry	81.1	74.1	7.0
Music 1	88	82	6
Mathematics Standard 2	77.7	71.8	5.9
Modern History	78.7	72.8	5.9
Biology	79.1	73.3	5.8
Personal Dev,Health & PE	78.3	73.0	5.3
Studies of Religion II	82.1	77.4	4.7
Business Services Examination	78.7	74.4	4.3
English (Standard)	74.4	70.1	4.3
Geography	77.9	75.9	2.0
Physics	76.7	74.8	1.9
Mathematics Advanced	79.6	78.0	1.6
Design and Technology	78.6	77.2	1.4
Economics	77.9	76.8	1.1
Engineering Studies	75.4	74.3	1.1
Drama	82.0	81.1	0.9
Mathematics Extension 1	78.4	77.8	0.6
Studies of Religion I	39.1	38.8	0.3
English (Advanced)	81.8	81.7	0.05

2023 STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVED A RESULT IN THE TOP BAND IN A COURSE

Manas Bansal

Biology Mathematics Advanced

Ryan Battley

Ancient History

Joshua Bewley

Chemistry Physics Studies of Religion I

Joshua Biefeld

Ancient History
Studies of Religion I

Liam Boswell*

Mathematics Advanced

Eamon Boyle

Biology

Xander Buckingham

Physics

Christiano Buono

Mathematics Standard 2

Isaac Byrne

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

John Carroll*

Mathematics Extension 1 Mathematics Extension 2

Jacob Chang

Music Extension

Jack Charlton

Studies of Religion I

Ding-Chang Chen

Mathematics Advanced

Ethan Chow

Mathematics Extension 1 Mathematics Advanced Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Physics

Samuel Cummins*

Mathematics Advanced

Antony Di Mauro

Economics English Advanced Mathematics Advanced Studies of Religion II

Zavier Domenici

Visual Arts

Christopher Elliott

Mathematics Advanced

Nicholas Fragiacomo

Music 1

Patrick Frost*

Mathematics Extension 1 Mathematics Advanced

Fergus Fung*

Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Advanced

Christopher Harris*

Mathematics Advanced

Leo Hart

Mathematics Standard 2

Thomas Haymen

Studies of Religion I

Rhys Ho

Modern History

Henrik Hogg

Visual Arts

Zachary Hollinger

Modern History

Darcy Keenlyside

Chemistry
Economics
English Advanced
Studies of Religion I

Aaron Lau

Mathematics Advanced

Jaydan Lee

Studies of Religion I

Jamie Leong

English Advanced Studies of Religion I

Jack Lonergan

Biology Chemistry Physics

Joe Lonergan*

Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Advanced

Enoch Lu

English Advanced
Studies of Religion I

Connor Lynch

Business Services Examination

Patrick Marren*

Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Advanced

Cameron Masters*

Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2

Hamish McCallum

Business Studies English Advanced Modern History Studies of Religion I **Darcy Mills***

Mathematics Advanced

Angus Mullen

Mathematics Standard 2

Oliver Mullen

Information Processes and Technology

Aiden Parsons

Mathematics Standard 2

Marco Segafredo

Legal Studies Modern History Studies of Religion I

Callum Skinner

Music 1

William Slocombe

Legal Studies

Hunter Thornton

Retail Services Examination

Edward Turner

Biology

Lucas Wong

Mathematics Advanced

Benjamin Woollard

Physics

Studies of Religion I

Alexander Young

Business Studies
Studies of Religion I

Aston Yuen

Mathematics Standard 2 Studies of Religion I

* Year 11 Accelerant



CLASS OF 2023 MAJOR PRIZES



The Br M M O'Connor Prize	For General Excellence and Leadership	Eamon Boyle
The Br J R Killian Award	For Personal Character and Influence on the Life of the College	Joshua Bewley
The Macquarie University Prize	For Outstanding Academic Achievement	Darcy Keenlyside
The St Pius X Old Boys' Association Shield	For the Best All Rounder – Study and Sport	Mitchell McGrath
The Br Coll MacDonald Award	For Consistent Effort and Desire to Improve	Antony Di Mauro
The New Street Medal	In recognition of being a Good Man for Others	Luke Sissons
St Pius X Award	For Significant Contribution to the Spiritual Life of the College	Xander Buckingham
Blessed Edmund Rice Award	Significant Contribution to Social Justice	Luke Sarkissian
Tom Van Dijk Spirit of Pius Award	For contribution to academic studies, cocurricular life and student wellbeing	Thomas Haymen
The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Award	Leadership and Teamwork Award	Liam Thomson
ADF Future Innovators Award	STEM Capable Young Australian	Jack Lonergan
The Theo Scarf Shield	For Sportsman of the Year	Joel Austin
The Simon D'Arcy Trophy	For Contribution to Sport at St Pius X College	William Pavely
The Alan Ward Memorial Prize	For Contribution to Music & the Performing Arts	Jacob Chang
The Keith Kellett Award	For the Leading Senior Band Member	Aaron Lau
The Australian Olympic Change-Maker Award	In recognition of sporting achievements consistent with the values of the Olympic Movement	Zachary Flynn Cavan Ryan
Anthony Timmins Memorial Award	Excellence in Performing Arts - Curricular and Cocurricular	Henrik Hogg
		Zavier Dominici





