

OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE

Hills high-flyers

Duo achieve ATARs in high 90s in HSC exams

Lawrence Machado

BAULKHAM Hills' Yamema Esber topped the HSC results at Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta, after she came first in the state in modern history and achieving an ATAR of 99.90.

The school dux said it was important to strike the right balance between studies and leisure and urged this year's HSC batch to persevere despite setbacks.

"My achievements, together with those of my fellow Mercy girls, would not have been possible without the hard work, encouragement and dedication of our teachers," Yamema said.

"My advice for those undertaking the HSC would be to work hard and persevere, especially in the face of challenges and setbacks.

"It is important that students balance school and relaxation, hobbies or sports, as life should not constantly revolve around exams and study.

"In the end, all students can ask of themselves is to try their very best and be proud of their efforts, re-



Yamema Esber.



Emily Dwyer.

gardless of the result."

Principal Stephen Walsh said the OLMC community was very proud that, as a non-selective school, the college ranked in the top 100 and climbed more than 20 places since last year.

North Rocks resident and assistant head girl Emily Dwyer achieved an ATAR of 96.45 and plans to study biomedical engineering.

"Enjoy the HSC because you will look back to your Year 12 year later in life and remember the memories not the studying," Emily said.

"Don't take on too much and don't be afraid to ask others for help because you can't do everything — this was important for me, being in a leadership role."

Our Lady of Mercy was ranked 76 from NSW's top 100 schools in the HSC in 2017, while being the eighth highest ranked Catholic independent girls' school in NSW. Overall, 45 per cent achieved in the top band and two students were named on the All Rounders Achievers' List for attaining marks of 90 and above in at least 10 units.



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CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12, 2017

In addition to leading the school through their service and leadership roles and actively participating in the school's co-curricular program, Year Twelve 2017 worked diligently to maximise their results and were well rewarded with excellent marks in their HSC studies.

RANKED IN TOP 100 HSC SCHOOLS LIST

- 45% of students achieved at least one Band 6 result
- 76% achieved at least one Band 5 result
- 18% achieved an ATAR of 90+
- 100% of Drama students achieved a Band 6 result

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