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Mercy girls climb the HSC ladder

OUR Lady of Mercy College's 2017 HSC cohort has ranked eighth in the state for Catholic independent girls' schools.

This is in addition to its 76th spot out of all NSW schools after 45 per cent of students achieved in the top band.

The result saw them climb 20 spots on the previous year.

Principal Stephen Walsh said the school was about embracing challenges and that had been championed by the 2017 cohort.

"Their outstanding results in the HSC reflect the growth these young women have made over six years at the college," he said.

Placing first in state for modern history, Yamema Esber said her achievements and those of her fellow Mercy girls would not have been possible without their teachers.

"I am truly blessed to have had access to the academic opportunities provided by OLMC, as well as the ongoing support of my peers," she said.

The school had 151 mentions on the Distinguished Achievers list.

JAMES RUSE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Two decades at the top

James Ruse High still unbeatable

Stacy Thomas

JAMES Ruse Agricultural High School had 92 of its 157 students make the 2017 HSC All Rounder Achievers list.

These individual achievements are in addition to the school as a whole taking out the state's top spot for an astounding 22nd year in a row.

To get on the All Rounder Achiever list, students had to get the highest possible band (band 6) in 10 or more units of their courses.

The Carlingford school was way ahead of its nearest rivals — Girraween High School and The King's School — on 16 and 15 students respectively.

James Ruse High School was also home to at least six students with a perfect ranking of 99.95 and two students claimed first in course; Katelyn Zhang for agriculture and Gabrielle Seberry in Japanese extension.

All up 46 students across the state received the top ATAR of 99.95 — 22 girls and 24 boys from a mix of government and non-gov-

ernment schools.

The median ATAR this year was 69.00, slightly higher than 68.65 recorded in 2016, with just over 16 per cent of students receiving 90.00 or more, while 32.7 per cent received an ATAR of at least 80.00 and 48.5 per cent at least 70.00.

The results were announced mid-December and followed with the first round of universities offers last week.

The second round of offers will be released on Wednesday, January 31, with all applications due in by Friday.

Across the state there were 77,000 students who sat 117 different exams in October and November. 5500 HSC markers worked through the 420,000 exam papers, marking the end of their 13-year school journey.

During the past 50 years more than 2.3 million students have studied the HSC.

Across Auburn, Carlingford, Merrylands, Guildford and Parramatta, more than 4700 students completed their HSC in 2017.



James Ruse student Gabrielle Seberry (right) claimed first in the state in Japanese extension. She is pictured with Cherrybrook student Hansika Muthukuda who achieved first in English advanced.



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EMMA GRANT



JUDITA HUDSON



PATRICIA KOUBERSI



CAITLIN RAM

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- School Dux Judita Hudson with an ATAR of 99.7 and named a NESA All Rounder (Band 6 in every course)
- Top Achievers:
 - Emma Grant - 1st place in Hospitality examination
 - Judita Hudson - 7th place in Mathematics
 - Patricia Koubersi - 5th place in Business Services examination
 - Caitlin Ram - 9th place in Business Services examination
- 86% of courses above State average
- 53 Students named as Distinguished Achievers in the NESA Merit list
- ArtExpress nomination - Alyssa Phillips
- Style 2017 nomination - Ola Kobialka

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