



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

*Congratulations*

## OLMC HSC RESULTS 2014

The 2014 OLMC HSC class has achieved outstanding results, demonstrating how central the pursuit of academic excellence is to a Mercy Education. These Mercy Girls join a long line of graduating classes throughout the College's history who have been encouraged to work to the absolute best of their ability and have been rewarded with impressive HSC results.

- **Top 100** school
- **Highest ATAR 98.65** – Isabella Khoudair
- **1<sup>st</sup> in state** in PDHPE – Isabella Khoudair
- **6<sup>th</sup> in state** in PDHPE – Caitlin Edmonds
- **3<sup>rd</sup> in state** in Mathematics General – Elizabeth-Anne Maroon
- Two students on **the All Rounders List** – Imogen King and Isabella Khoudair
- An estimated 20% of students achieved **ATARS over 90**
- An estimated 40% of students achieved **ATARs between 80-90**
- 60.2% of students achieved a **Band 5 or 6** in one or more subjects at the HSC Examination. This improvement of 2.4% on the previous year indicates a growth in collective Bands 5 and 6s. A longitudinal study of the HSC results since 2010 indicates a steady academic growth pattern at OLMC.



Elizabeth-Anne Maroon with Principal Stephen Walsh



Imogen King & Isabella Khoudair with Principal Stephen Walsh

- The College has 53 students on the **Distinguished Achievers List**. This acknowledges students who achieved a Band 6 or equivalent in the respective courses.
- Anneliese Mathews and Bianca Calarco were nominated for **Callback**, the showcase of exemplary performances and compositions by HSC students of Dance. This is particularly significant as the 2014 class is the first HSC Dance class for OLMC.
- Laura Bucci, Anita Donovan, Jasmine Miskovich, Anna Williamson and Lauren Dalton were nominated for the **OnStage**, a presentation and exhibition of group and individual performances and projects by HSC Drama students.

OLMC Principal Mr Stephen Walsh said College staff are extremely pleased with the excellent performance of all our HSC students; "Our Year 12 girls have worked very hard throughout their years at OLMC to achieve these wonderful results."

Deputy Principal, Teaching and Learning, Tanya Appleby says that it is with great pride that the College acknowledges these outstanding academic results. "In celebrating these achievements, it is important to reflect on the students' learning journey which, at OLMC, is characterised by high expectations, motivation, self-regulation and a growth mind-set as well as a readiness to embrace challenge as an opportunity to learn. These are the expectations we have of all students, and the class of 2014 has certainly set the standard for our learning community. A Mercy Education prepares young women for life in a dynamic world and changing future."

## HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS OF 2014

**Isabella Khoudair** has dreamt of being a sports physiotherapist since childhood; she is now well on her way to making that dream a reality after achieving an ATAR of 98.65. The Sports Leader, who also achieved first in the state in PDHPE, is hoping to study Physiotherapy at Sydney University and eventually specialise in paediatric physiotherapy. Isabella's tips for future HSC candidates is to make notes every day; "I went home and made notes under each syllabus heading every day for every class that day." She also attributes her success to her emphasis on balance which included spending five to six hours a week in triathlon training as well as being very involved in College life as a leader. "I know that without OLMC's support, I could never have achieved anywhere near what I did. With encouragement and hard work, I improved significantly between Year 10 and Year 12 and exceeded my expectations.



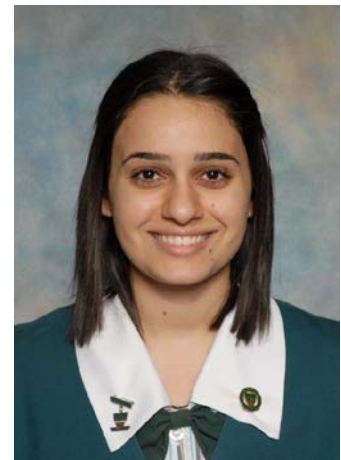
**Marisse Sonido** came to OLMC in Years 11 and 12 from her homeland, the Philippines. She adjusted quickly to the demands of a new curriculum in a new country. Marisse feels her teachers and peers at OLMC have been very supportive and have constantly encouraged her to grow in all aspects of her school life; "The academically stimulating and vibrant environment at OLMC helped motivate me to achieve my goals and share my talents with others." Marisse achieved an ATAR of 98.60 and hopes to study Medicine; she has a strong interest in the sciences and a desire to positively influence the lives of others, especially children with learning disabilities.

Assistant Head Girl **Caitlin Edmonds** will also be heading into the area of the human sciences after achieving an ATAR of 98.2. She placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the state in PDHPE and plans to combine her passions for health, sport and food to become a sports dietician. Throughout her HSC Year, Caitlin played netball and exercised regularly; “I found it so important to ensure I kept exercising and socialising – to create that balance. I kept motivated throughout the year because I had a clear goal and I knew what I had to do in order to achieve it – I set high expectations.”



**Elizabeth-Anne Maroon** achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state in Mathematics General. After achieving an ATAR of 96.35, which she says came as quite a surprise, Elizabeth hopes to study Commerce/Law at either the University of Technology, Sydney or Macquarie University. Her advice to those embarking on the HSC is to be consistent and dedicated right from the beginning of Year 11; “Whenever I didn’t understand something, I would make sure I sorted it out and went and clarified it with my teachers straight away so I didn’t fall behind and was always on top of it. My teachers were great and always pushed me to try more – as soon as I would hand one thing in they would give me something else to try.”

**Kiana Mawad** was “simultaneously shocked and relieved” when she learnt of her 98.00 ATAR. She feels her support network was vital in her achieving this result: “The assistance from my wonderful teachers who went above and beyond was fundamental, as well as the support from my family (especially when it came to bringing me snacks and tea to keep me awake and their pep talks to keep me motivated).” Kiana advises HSC students to maintain a healthy balance between schoolwork and other parts of life. “While putting in long hours is a necessary part of the process, I found that studying in short blocks was easier and more effective. I allowed myself to have frequent breaks in order to do the things I enjoy. Most importantly, it’s important to try to stay on top of things in terms of keeping notes and doing assessments so that you don’t fall behind and cause unnecessary stress.” Kiana hopes to study Law either at the University of Sydney or University of Technology next year.





## 2014 Distinguished Achievers

The Board of Studies has identified the following students as 'Distinguished Achievers'.

These students achieved a Band 6 (90+) in a 2-unit course or Band 4 (45+) in a 1-unit Extension Course.

This mark is a combination of both the HSC Examination Mark and the Internal Moderated School Assessment Mark.

Marina Armanious	Arabic Continuers Arabic Extension Business Studies Legal Studies
Sikha Aryal	Studies of Religion I
Stephanie Assaf	Mathematics General 2
Bianca Baghdassar	Business Studies Society and Culture
Connie Bainey	English (Advanced) Studies of Religion I
Elyssa Balilo	Senior Science
Chelsea Briot	Mathematics
Laura Bucci	Drama
Maddison Burgin	Community and Family Studies
Taylah Contemplacion	Mathematics
Lauren Dalton	Drama
Anita Donovan	Drama Mathematics General 2
Marnie Donovan	Community and Family Studies Studies of Religion I
Caitlin Edmonds	English (Advanced) Food Technology Mathematics General 2 Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Studies of Religion I
Zoya Elias	Mathematics General 2
Danielle Fernandez	English (Advanced) Studies of Religion II
Ellaina Grixti	Society and Culture
Natalie Groesz	Mathematics General 2
Louise Howarth	Business Studies English (Advanced) Studies of Religion I
Emily Jones	Music 1
Isabella Khoudair	Biology English (Advanced) Mathematics Extension 1 Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Studies of Religion I
Jessica Khreich	Business Studies Mathematics Extension 1 Studies of Religion I
Imogen King	Drama English (Advanced) Society and Culture Studies of Religion II Visual Arts
Patricia La Hood	Senior Science
Ylianna Maneze	English (Advanced) English Extension 1 English Extension 2 Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Studies of Religion II
Elizabeth-Anne Maroon	Biology Business Studies Mathematics General 2 Studies of Religion I
Justine Maroun	Mathematics

Elissa Mastroianni	Biology Studies of Religion II
Jessica Matar	Ancient History
Annaliese Mathews	Dance English (Advanced) English Extension 1
Kiana Mawad	Ancient History English (Advanced) English Extension 1 Legal Studies Studies of Religion I
Marissa Mentis	Community and Family Studies Mathematics General 2
Jasmine Miskovich	Drama
Alexandra Nakhoul	Geography Studies of Religion I
Karuna Narang	Mathematics
Jasmine Noud	Ancient History Legal Studies Society and Culture
Louise Pamute	Business Studies
Jasmine Reyes	Community and Family Studies Drama English Extension 2 Legal Studies Studies of Religion I
Yasmine Sassine	Mathematics
Saara Schaffarczyk McHale	Visual Arts
Arielle Serrato	Music 1
Alison Siniawski	Biology Drama English (Advanced) English Extension 1 Studies of Religion I
Alicia Sohail	Studies of Religion II
Marisse Sonido	Biology Chemistry English Extension 2 Mathematics Extension 1 Studies of Religion I
Claudia Stafrace	Ancient History
Beatrice Tan	Ancient History Studies of Religion I
Anjana Thomas	Music 1
Robyn Thomson	Studies of Religion I
Shirley Wehbe	French Beginners Music 1
Ashleigh Williams	Business Studies Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Anna Williamson	Drama English (Advanced) English Extension 1 Mathematics General 2
Gabrielle Zammit	Biology Mathematics Studies of Religion II
Lucy Xi Zhang	Senior Science