
2016

QUEENWOOD
OUR YEAR
IN REVIEW



“We are a community that comes together for the purpose of serious study. We strive for outstanding results, but examinations should never overshadow the more important objective of developing flexible, disciplined and creative minds.

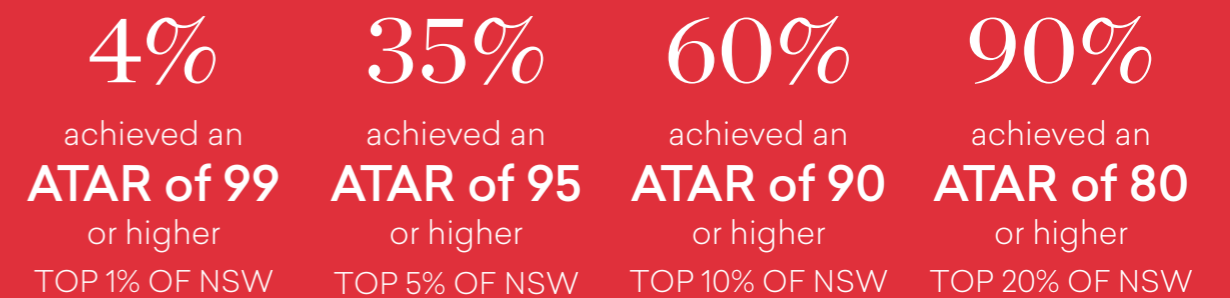
Whatever her tastes and talents, there should be an arena in which she can forge resilience, perseverance, commitment, focus, tolerance and generosity.

We encourage our students to pursue excellence, but at the same time we value them not for what they achieve, but for who they are.”

MS ELIZABETH STONE
PRINCIPAL

Year 12 Academic Success

From a cohort of 97 students



Highest ATARS



International Baccalaureate



Board of Studies

- 12 Queenwood students were named on the BOSTES All-round Achievers List for attaining marks of 90 and above in at least 10 units.
- 191 HSC Band 6/E4s out of a cohort of 86 girls.
- 196 mentions on the BOSTES Distinguished Achievers List and there were 72 individual Queenwood students who appeared on the Distinguished Achievers' List.
- 3 students on Top Achievers in Course List.
- 5 students had major works nominated for inclusion in BOSTES HSC showcase events.

Leaver Destinations

Students from the Class of 2016 gained offers from top international universities including: Yale, London School of Economics, St Andrews, Durham, King's College London and the University of Bath.

Within Australia destinations included a broad range of universities with many students winning scholarships, most notably University of Melbourne's prestigious National Scholarship, the University of Sydney's Chancellor's Award and Sydney Scholars Awards, the UNSW Coop Scholarship in Engineering, Macquarie Global Leadership and Elite Sport Program and Bond University.

Remarkably, Carina Stone also became our second consecutive Tuckwell Scholar, winning ANU's premier award.

98% of the Class of 2016 went on to enrol in tertiary education. Most popular destinations (in order): University of Sydney, UTS, University of Melbourne, ANU, UNSW and Macquarie.



English

40% of HSC Advanced English students in highest band, with 95% in highest two bands.

92% of HSC Standard English students in highest two bands; Charlotte Wilson placed 17th in NSW.

84% of HSC Extension 1 students in highest band, 100% in highest two bands.

100% of HSC Extension 2 students in highest two bands.

82% of IB English Literature students achieved two highest grades (6 or 7).

Extension 2 major work by Sophie Serisier selected from field of 1600 for inclusion in the NESAs Young Writers Showcase of outstanding student work.

First place, Nan Manefield Writing Award
Lucinda Peace, Year 8.

Poem by Alexandra Lester, Year 7, selected for publication in the Write4Fun Schools Writing Competition.

Wide array of workshops and excursions:
Bell Shakespeare's Such Sweet Sorrow for Year 9
Sport for Jove's production of Macbeth for Year 10
Visit to Sydney Jewish Museum for Year 8 to complement study of The Merchant of Venice and The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas with personal narratives from Holocaust survivors.

Workshops for students of all ages from writer-in-residence Sarah Ayoub, working on character and voice, writing for publication, and challenges of journalism.

Continued growth in public speaking with students in Rostrum Voice of Youth, the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award, the Plain English Speaking Award, Voice NSW, the Sydney Eisteddfod and Festival of Speech.

Gemma Gray, Year 8 and Apsara Lindeman, Year 9 Highly Commended for their speeches at City of Sydney Eisteddfod.

Languages

Nearly 40% of Year 12 studied a language for HSC or IB

100% of HSC French Continuers students achieved a mark of 87% and over, 71% in highest band.

72% of HSC Italian Beginners 88% or more, 81% in highest two bands.

100% of IB Spanish ab initio students achieved a score of 6 or above, 62% gained a 7 (top mark).

100% of IB French Standard Level students gained a score of 6 or higher.

100% of IB German Higher Level students gained a score of 6 or higher.

LINGUISTICS OLYMPIAD
4 Gold, 4 Silver and 12 Bronze.

Students in Years 8-11 achieved
78 High Distinctions and
13 Distinction in ACER language test in French, German, Italian, Spanish.

1st place for Carina Stone in Alliance Française French speaking challenge.

Continuing growth in languages program, with Mandarin introduced for Year 11.

Language exchanges for students of French and Japanese.

Wide range of excursions and enrichment and immersion activities and exchange trips involving French and Japanese students.

Mathematics

Science & Technology

17th Kimia Nissaj ranked 17th in NSW for HSC Advanced Mathematics.

94% of HSC Advanced Mathematics students in highest two bands compared to 53% state-wide.

4th Queenwood ranked 4th in NSW for HSC General Mathematics.

82% of HSC General Maths students in highest two bands compared to 26% state-wide.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

1 High Distinction,
19 Distinctions &
43 Credits.

AUSTRALIAN PROBLEM-SOLVING MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD

3 students in top 10% nationwide.
Both Queenwood teams placed in top 25% of all teams.

North Sydney Region Mathematics challenge – team of Year 8 and 9 students performed strongly against schools across Sydney.

Year 7 & 8 Mathematics Club to develop problem-solving and creative applications of mathematical thinking, and additional enrichment and competition opportunities for talented students in all year levels.

Maths Inspiration Excursion for Year 10 students, hearing where mathematics can lead from mathematicians from a wide variety of backgrounds.

Stimulating talk from Dr Ian Opperman, Chief Data Scientist for NSW on the use of big data to solve real-world problems faced by governments and societies.

HSC SCIENCES

86% of students in top two bands for Biology;
52% for Chemistry;
33% for Physics.

IB SCIENCES

83% of students achieved top two grades for Biology;
67% for Chemistry;
100% for Physics (1 student).

CHEMISTRY COMPETITION

1 High Distinction *Clare Leslie*;
3 Distinctions
Madison Hall, Caitlin McCulloch, Kimia Nassaj.

HSC INFORMATION PROCESSES & TECHNOLOGY

43% of students in top band,
86% in top two bands.

Year 10 team reached second round of Brain Bee Neuroscience competition.

Three Year 10 students placed 12th in Coding Competition by Melbourne School of Engineering.

Robotics team national finalists in First Lego League Competition.

Real-world problem-solving for Year 9 students collecting data for a National Parks Association Citizen Science Project investigating impact of humans on water dragons.

Two students selected for University of Sydney Gifted & Talented Programme.

Wide range of excursions and enrichment activities:
Excursions to rock platform; Mt Piper Power Station; Jenolan Caves; North Head water processing plant; planetarium; snorkelling at Shelley Beach.

Forensic Program: Yr 7 & 8.

Engineers Without Borders and Women in Science forum at UNSW.

Women in Engineering talk for Year 10.

Astronomy Club for junior years.

Successful trip to NASA and Johnson Space Centre with challenging workshops and problem-solving activities.



Social Science & History

10th Carina Stone ranking in NSW for HSC Economics.

50% of HSC Geography students in highest band and
100% in highest two bands.

41% of HSC Business Studies students in highest band and
94% in highest two bands.

40% of HSC Economics students in highest band and
73% in highest two bands.

75% of HSC Modern History students in highest two bands and
90% in highest two bands for HSC Extension History.

80% of IB History students achieved top two grades.

75% of HSC Ancient History students in top two bands.

Visiting speaker Naomi Simson, founder of Red Balloon and Shark Tank investor, spoke to students about female entrepreneurship.

Range of enrichment activities and excursions:

Teams from Year 9 Commerce launched a range of small businesses, raising over \$2500 which was donated to charity;

Year 11 Business Studies visited businesses in Inner West to learn direct from business owners;

Talk on intergenerational economic issues by John Daley, CEO Grattan Institute;

Great Barrier Reef trip for senior students to study ecosystems at risk;

Geography snorkelling excursion to collect primary data from underwater transects comparing marine health and stormwater management at Balmoral and Chowder Bay;

Year 9 Geography took part in Auburn Council's 'Refugee in My Neighbourhood' event as part of Refugee Week.

HTA History lectures at the University of Sydney;

World Studies excursion for Year 8 to explore multicultural life in Auburn and Cabramatta;

Big Ideas lunchtime club for discussion of current world issues.

Music

100% of HSC Music students in highest two performance bands.

Renowned choral director from the United States, Dr Chris Shepard, presented workshops and masterclasses for choirs and senior vocal students.

Rene Shi and Vanessa Li, Year 11, awarded Licentiate performance diplomas (LMusA) in Piano.

Rich program of public performances including:

Jazz Band at Balmoral in Mosman Council's 'Schools of Note' event;

Choristers in Haydn's Te Deum with guest conductor Dr Neil McEwan at Shore;

Performances by Junior and Senior Choirs in Sydney and Northern Beaches Eisteddfods and QVB Christmas Carols.

Links with quality music programs such as students involved in Sydney Youth Orchestra and Vanessa Li, Year 11, invited to National Music Camp and to join Australian Youth Orchestra.



Social Engagement & Impact

MACLEAY VOCATIONAL COLLEGE

Successful and growing partnership with Macleay Vocational College which caters for teenage Indigenous students from highly disadvantaged communities:

Multiple school visits between Queenwood and MVC students, with opportunity to share stories, learn about Indigenous culture and language and experience different perspectives on the world;

Queenwood Girls for Girls campaign successfully raised over \$185,000 to fit out an early childhood facility on-site at MVC to provide quality childcare and early learning to the babies and toddlers of Indigenous teenagers attending MVC, thus ensuring access to education and a path to break the cycle of disadvantage.

BALMORAL LECTURES

Launch of Balmoral Lectures at Queenwood, for students and the wider community, with distinguished Australians leading public debate on matters of importance to Australia:

Wendy McCarthy AO, activist and public figure: An Unexpected Public Life

David Irvine AO, Director-General of ASIO 2009-2014:

Foreign Policy and National Security

Graham Thom, Amnesty National Refugee Coordinator:

Australia's Response to Refugees.

CAMBODIA PROJECT

Over \$41,000 raised for our long-term Cambodia project supporting schools and teacher education. Rich engagement for students through the curriculum and opportunities such as our Year 10 service learning trip to Siem Reap & Pnomh Penh and the 'day in the life of a Cambodian school' experience for Junior School students.

TEDXMLC

Olivia Barnes (Year 9) a finalist and featured online in TEDxMLC talk:

Living with a Hearing Impairment

HUMPTY DUMPTY FOUNDATION

A record of 51 teams competing in the Humpty Dumpty Foundation Balmoral Burn.

A number of students chose to write letters to the Australian government in support of closing offshore detention centres for refugees.

Introduction of successful Year 9 event with St Edmund's Wahroonga, with our girls hosting games and activities with 89 students with special needs.

RAINFOREST DAY

Program of activities to raise awareness of values of and threats to rainforests globally.

END EXTINCTION AND TARONGA ZOO

Delivered a presentation to Year 8 students, \$1,100 raised for WWF and 200+ signatures collected for mandatory palm oil labelling petition.



Visual Arts

Textiles Design & Digital Technologies

61% of HSC Textiles students in highest performance band, 100% in top two performance bands.

TEXTSTYLE EXHIBITIONS

Major works of Bianca and Yasmin Lepouris Cipolla selected for TexStyle exhibitions showcasing top HSC projects in NSW.

100% of HSC Visual Arts students in top two performance bands.

ARTEXPRESS

Major work of Sophie Serisier nominated for ARTEXPRESS exhibition showcasing top HSC projects in NSW.

Moran Photographic Prize for NSW Students:
2 finalists *Saskia Emery, Genevieve Livingstone*;
4 semi-finalists
Zoe Wyndham, Josafina Patterson, Alexia Parker and Helen Lin.

FLICKER FEST

Year 8 short film featured in Flicker Fest international film festival.

YOUNG ARCHIE COMPETITION, Art Gallery of NSW: Honourable Mention for Lily Nicholson.

Mosman Combined Schools Art Exhibition featured works from students Years 7-12. Mosman Youth Art Prize: Gemma Gray, Belanda Xu, Lily Nicholson.

Excursions to Art Gallery of NSW, Museum of Contemporary Art, White Rabbit Gallery, Arthur Boyd's Bundanon, Powerhouse Museum, Stitches and Craft Show, White House School, Australian Film Television and Radio School.

Robotics Lego League Regional Tournament: Invitation to Denmark invitational competition.

Wellbeing

Personal Development, Health, Outdoor Education

78% of HSC PDHPE students in highest performance band; 89% in highest two bands.

Further development of diverse programs from Years 7 to 10, including a series of increasingly challenging biathlons and lifesaving units.

Completion of two-year roll-out of Wellbeing Program Years 7-12 with weekly sessions differentiated for each year group on a range of topics including:

Friendship skills and challenging bullying;

Positive relationships and conflict resolution;

Time management and study skills;

Stress management;

Mindfulness;

Leadership skills.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

8% increase in participation and

20% increase in completion rates in 2016.

Sport

We were proud to see Old Girls flourishing at elite levels in the sports they took up at Queenwood:

RIO OLYMPICS

Queenwood Old Girls Holly Lincoln-Smith (Water Polo) and Georgie Gotch (Rowing) selected Rio Olympics.

AFL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Old Girl Nicola Barr made history becoming first draft pick in new AFL Women's League.

National representatives in a range of sports including:

ATHLETICS	Rebecca Bennett
EQUESTRIAN	Tess O'Connor
GYMNASTICS	Hayley Baulderstone
ROWING	National Champions in U17 4x+, and Bronze in SG8+
SNOW SPORTS	Georgia Stewart
WATER POLO	Matilda Kearns, Daisy Nankervis

State level competitors included:

AFL	Philippa Clegg
HOCKEY	Annabelle Miller
ROWING	State Champions in SG8+, U17 2x, U17 4x+, SG2 4x+, SG2 8+, six selections to NSW Rowing Pathway VIII
SAILING	Chelsea Connor
SNOW SPORTS	Hannah Stewart, Scarlett Green

Inter-school selection and achievement (NSWCIS, IGSSA, All Schools) included:

CROSS COUNTRY	Siena Gordon, Nikita Spalvins, Kelly Singleton
SWIMMING	Maeve Boakes, Gabriela Chubb, Madison Hall, Sophia Sillar, Nikita Spalvins
ATHLETICS	Billie Taylor, 1st in Division for Queenwood in IGSSA Track & Field
BASKETBALL	Jessica Robinson
ROWING	Wins for both 1st and 2nd VIII at IGSSA and NSW Championships
TENNIS	3rd place as a team at Tildesley Shield Tournament
TAE KWON DO	five medals at NSW tournament

Queenwood teams won two out of four premierships in Youth Girls AFL (U18 Division 1, U14 Division 2).



Junior Academic

DA VINCI DECATHLON

Year 6 team

1st in English, Art and Poetry, Code Breaking;
5th in Philosophy;
4th overall in all 10 disciplines.

Year 5 team

10th in Engineering and
11th in Science.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS TRUST MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE FOR YOUNG AUSTRALIANS

10 Distinctions and
1 High Distinction (for Year 3 student).

ICAS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMPETITION

16 Distinctions
3 High Distinctions.

ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION

12 Distinctions
3 High Distinctions.

ICAS MATHS COMPETITION

10 Distinctions
1 High Distinction.

Bronze Awards in 2016 WriteOn Competition.

HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARDS

in NSW Young History Challenge and
Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition.

MATHS CUP

5th overall.

MATHS OLYMPIAD Year 6 in top 10% and Year 5 students in top 25%. Special achievement award for one student placed in top 2%.

Junior Performing Arts

Strong growth in music program with higher numbers in extension ensembles and instrumental music lessons.

Increased options for compulsory instrumental program for Years 3 – 6.

Many students taking examinations with Australian Music Examinations Board, including 5 High Distinctions.

Wide involvement in external music programs and productions, including many girls singing with Sydney Children's and Australian Girls' Choirs and one student in production of Pied Piper of Hamelin with Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

Strong growth in dance program with over 130 of 300 students involved in 2016, and additional class offered.

Wide range of performance opportunities including:
Spectacular Mid-Year and End-of-Year Concerts;
Highly Commended in City of Sydney Eisteddfod at Sydney Opera House;
IPSHA Showcase Performance;
2nd place at DanceSpec Schools Challenge.

Junior Sport

Representative success including:

- 2 students selected for IPSHA Netball, placing placed 3rd at CIS Championships.

- 1 student selected in CIS Football team for NSWPSSA Championships.

- 5 students selected in IPSHA Hockey Teams.

- 4 students selected in IPSHA Athletics Team, with 1 student progressing CIS Team, competing in 3 events at NSWPSSA Championships

- 7 students selected in IPSHA Cross Country Team. Age group win for 8/9 Years team at IPSHA and 2nd place at CIS.

- 2 students represented CIS at the NSWPSSA Cricket Championships.

- 1 student represented IPSHA at the CIS Swimming Championships, reaching the final and setting school record for 10 Years Breaststroke.

Growing strength in tennis with several teams undefeated at IPSHA and our highest-ever placing (2nd place) at NSTA Tennis Champion School play-offs.

Fencing students competed at local and NSW age competitions, collecting gold, silver and bronze medals.

Queenwood team entered Regional & NSW Primary Futsal Championships for first time.

Gymnastics participation increasing with 70+ attending weekly and interest from K-6.

Continuing popularity for Indoor Hockey, with 1 student selected for Mosman All Stars Team.

Significant increase in participation for Saturday cricket with 4 teams entered. Introductory session from Cricket NSW for Year 4. Fund raising event at the Gala Day resulted in \$2500 raised for Girls for Girls Campaign.

New tennis coaching programs with expert tuition from Queenwood Tennis and Sports Centre resulting in doubling of student numbers and popular new holiday camps.

K-2 Ski Trip introduced to coincide with Regional Interschool races providing a positive family experience and providing valuable learning opportunity for youngest skiers.

In Snow Sports Queenwood placed 6th overall in Female Primary Points Score at National Championships. Broad success for the team with students placing at Interschools regional, State and Nationals in all downhill disciplines, including snowboarding.





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