



A CELEBRATION OF  
**YEAR 12 RESULTS**  
Class of 2024

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL



As Principal of Overnewton Anglican Community College, I am filled with a sense of pride as I reflect on the journey of the graduating Class of 2024. This year's cohort has navigated their final school year with grace, determination, and a spirit of resilience that speaks volumes about their character and the strength of our community.

Each year, we celebrate not just the academic successes of our students but the myriad ways they grow and flourish. The Class of 2024 has exemplified the true meaning of education; learning that extends beyond the classroom into the realms of character-building, community service, and personal development. This holistic approach is what sets Overnewton apart, and this year's graduates are a testament to that vision.

Last year, the College took a significant step forward in broadening the pathways available to our students with the introduction of the Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major (VCE VM). Fifteen of our graduating class this year have undertaken the VCE VM pathway with great success. This two-year program, designed for those who thrive in hands-on, real-world learning environments, has opened new doors for our students, equipping them with practical skills and experience that will serve them well in their future endeavours.

To the families of our graduates, your support and encouragement have been the bedrock upon which these achievements stand. The late nights, the early mornings, the quiet reassurances, and the unyielding belief in your children have culminated in this moment.

To our dedicated staff, who have guided these students through the challenges and triumphs of their educational journey, I extend my deepest gratitude. Your commitment to nurturing these young minds, fostering their passions, and supporting their growth has been invaluable. You have played an essential role in shaping not just their academic abilities but their character and values.

This graduating class has proven that success is not one-size-fits-all. For some, it has been about achieving academic excellence. For others, it has been about discovering new talents, contributing to the community, or overcoming personal challenges. Whatever form it takes, success at Overnewton is as diverse as our students themselves.

As these young adults prepare to step into the next chapter of their lives, I have every confidence that they will do so with the courage, compassion, and integrity that have been the hallmarks of their time here at Overnewton. Whether they are heading into higher education, entering the workforce, or exploring other avenues, they carry with them the values and skills that will enable them to make a positive impact on the world.

To the Class of 2024, I say this: The future is wide open. Embrace the challenges ahead, remain true to yourselves, and never stop learning. As the philosopher Heraclitus wisely observed, "The only constant in life is change." Your journey outside of Overnewton is just beginning, and we will be watching with great pride as you continue to grow, achieve, and inspire.

May God bless you and guide your steps as you embark on this new journey.

*Emily FitzSimons*

PRINCIPAL

# DYLAN GEKAS

2024 DUX - 98.85



**The College Dux for 2024 is Dylan Gekas who received an ATAR of 98.85 and is Dux of Sociology.**

Dylan's contributions to the College were as inspiring as they were multifaceted. A dedicated student with a natural aptitude for academics, Dylan also earned Subject Dux for Sociology, exemplifying the pursuit of excellence in his studies.

His journey at Overnewton began in Prep and, over 13 years, he grew into a student who truly embodied the values and spirit of the College.

Known for his unassuming and friendly nature, Dylan was admired by peers and staff alike for his kindness, humility, and genuine enthusiasm for all aspects of College life.

As the lead singer of the College rock band Pink Yeti, Dylan transformed into a dynamic frontman, captivating audiences with his charisma and talent. His ability to balance this artistic passion with academic rigour highlighted his exceptional versatility.

Dylan was also recognised with the Andy Matiszak Award, a testament to his collegiality and dedication to fostering strong connections within the College community.

His involvement in the RAP Committee, Co-curricular Colours accolades in music, and active participation in College events further underscored his legacy of diligence, creativity, and leadership.

Dylan's presence has left an indelible mark on the College, inspiring those who follow in his footsteps.

# STUDENT RESULTS

2024 SNAPSHOT



**150**

Students successfully completed their Victorian Certificate of Education

**15**

Students successfully completed their Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major

**16%**

ATAR over 90

**43%**

ATAR over 80

**61%**

ATAR over 70

**77**

Median ATAR

**31.9**

Study Score Average

**31**

Study Score Median

**9%**

Study Scores 40+

**19**

Subjects 40+ scores

**23%**

Grades of A/A+

**58 (32%)**

Students completed a Unit 3&4 subject at Year 11 2023

# ATAR ABOVE 90

## LAUREN GRIMAUD

**2024 PROXIME ACCESSIT - 98.60**

Lauren, 2024 College Co-Captain, exemplified excellence in leadership, advocacy, and service throughout her 13 years at the College, having begun her journey at Overnewton in Prep. A dedicated scholar, she was recognised as the subject Dux for Indonesian, demonstrating her exceptional aptitude and passion for language studies. As a Newton House Leader and Kwong Lee Dow Scholar, she championed social justice, YMCA Youth Parliament, and Synergy initiatives. Her impactful contributions to the Media Team, People of Colour Alliance, and SRC reflected her commitment to fostering inclusivity and meaningful change. Lauren's passion for advocacy, creativity, and leadership leaves a legacy that will inspire the College community for years to come.



**THOMAS BLANCH**

**98.50**

**JORGIO PARASKEVAS**

**97.00**



Thomas, a 2024 Student Executive member, led the Academic Pillar and was also a Pasteur House Leader in 2023. Thomas has demonstrated exceptional dedication to academics and athletics. Thomas is the 2024 Subject Dux for both Specialist Mathematics and Physics. His accolades also include receiving the George Loizou and Reverend J. Leaver awards. A leader in public speaking and DAV Debating, Thomas also achieved top ranks in ACS Athletics. His commitment to personal growth and community excellence remains a hallmark of his time at the College.

Joining the College in Prep, Jorgio brought enthusiasm and collaboration to ACS sports and the People of Colour Alliance, leaving a legacy of teamwork and inclusivity that continues to enrich the College community. Jorgio is the 2024 Subject Dux for Biology, a proud member of Curie House.

# ATAR ABOVE 90

**PIPPA WIGGINS**

**96.00**



Pippa, Chair of the 2024 SRC, stood out as an inspiring advocate for inclusivity and empowerment. Pippa is the 2024 Subject Dux for English. Her work with the YMCA Youth Parliament and the People of Colour Alliance drove impactful initiatives like FightMND. Pippa's leadership and commitment to advocacy remain an enduring influence on Newton House and the broader College community.

**PAVITH RAJAPAKSE**

**95.50**



Pavith's dedication to fostering community and inclusivity was evident through his active participation in ACS sports and the People of Colour Alliance. Joining the College in Year 5, as a member of Curie House his contributions remain a valued part of the College's culture of excellence.

**WILLIAM CUTAJAR**

**95.55**



William's Overnewton journey began in Prep in Curie House. He was a diligent and accomplished student whose quiet determination and leadership made a lasting impact. William is the 2024 Subject Dux for Accounting. A talented musician and guitarist, he earned Co-Curricular Colours recognition for instrumental excellence. Recognised as an ACS All-Star for Hockey, he demonstrated exceptional skill and sportsmanship.

**RIYA GARG**

**95.15**



Riya brought positivity and optimism to every interaction, leaving a legacy of kindness and diligence. Riya is the 2024 Subject Dux for Economics and a member of Curie House. As an active participant in ACS winter and summer sports, she fostered teamwork and enthusiasm among her peers. Riya's ability to balance academics with community engagement continues to reflect the values of the College.

# ATAR ABOVE 90

**JAMES MARCHIONE**

**95.15**



James, a Student Executive member, joined Overnewton at Year 7 and is 2024 Subject Dux for Business Management. As Spirituality Leader and a member of the Overnewton People of Colour Alliance, James has used his voice as a DAV Public Speaker to represent and support his peers. A proud member of Newton House, James also demonstrated excellence in leadership with a key role in the 2024 House Performance.

**OSCAR KARANFILOVSKI**

**95.10**



Oscar's creative and inclusive leadership left a lasting impact on the College. As a member of the Synergy Media Team and the People of Colour Alliance, he inspired meaningful change through advocacy and collaboration. Oscar is the 2024 Subject Dux for Politics. Joining the College in Prep, Oscar's contributions to Newton House continue to resonate across the community.

**ELSIE HOLLAND**

**94.65**



Elsie, a 2024 Student Executive member, championed social justice and advocacy with unwavering dedication. Active in DAV debating, the People of Colour Alliance, and SRC, her efforts to inspire meaningful change remain a defining aspect of her leadership. Elsie is the 2024 Subject Dux for Politics. Joining the College in Year 7, Elsie's passion for public speaking and her work in the Be Heard Co-Curricular pillar are cornerstones of her legacy. Elsie is a proud member of Pasteur House.

**AURORA ARANEZ**

**94.60**



Aurora, a Student Executive member, joined Overnewton at Year 9. As Wellbeing Leader and leader of the Overnewton People of Colour Alliance, Aurora has used her strong voice and talents as a celebrated WYNSPEAK and DAV public speaker to passionately advocate for diversity and inclusion across the College. An accomplished singer, Aurora is the 2024 Subject Dux for both Media and Music Contemporary Performance. Aurora also participated in the Senior Choir and is a proud member of Edison House.

# ATAR ABOVE 90

**NICHOLAS FALLA**

**94.25**



Nicholas, 2024 Curie House Leader, combined his passion for music and leadership to leave a lasting impression. As a key member of the rock band Pink Yeti and an ACS Tennis competitor, he exemplified a commitment to excellence across diverse pursuits. Nicholas commenced his journey with Overnewton in Prep. His legacy of creativity and collaboration continues to influence the Overnewton community.

**SEBASTIAN DUPUY**

**93.65**



Sebastian combined his passion for IT and software development with a commitment to athletics as a member of the ACS Athletics Team. Fittingly Sebastian is the 2024 Subject Dux for Applied Computing: Software Development. Joining the College in Year 5, his curiosity and drive to excel across diverse pursuits continue to reflect the vibrancy of the College. Sebastian is a proud member of Curie House.

**ELISE SALIH**

**93.65**



As an enthusiastic member of Pasteur House, Elise has demonstrated a commitment to embracing the breadth of opportunities afforded to her at Overnewton since joining in Prep. This has also included important contributions to Community Service initiatives. As the 2024 Subject Dux for Health and Human Development, Elise has demonstrated excellence in academic achievement.

**SIENNA PARISIS**

**93.35**



Joining the College in Prep, Sienna has demonstrated her natural leadership qualities as a member of the SRC and, most recently, as 2024 Newton House Leader which included a key leadership role in the 2024 House Performance. A strong all-rounder, Sienna has also proudly represented Overnewton in ACS Athletics and participated in important Community Service initiatives.



# ATAR ABOVE 90

**ELLIE TEMELKOVSKI**

**93.25**



Ellie, a diligent student who joined Overnewton at Prep and is the 2024 Subject Dux for both Legal Studies and Visual Communication Design. A proud member of Newton House, Ellie is also the recipient of the coveted 2024 College Art Acquisition Award. Ellie's wonderful contribution to showcasing the creative and innovative design work produced at the College will provide inspiration to future generations of students.

**KATHLEEN HANSPER**

**92.30**



Since joining Overnewton at Prep, Kathleen has been a passionate participant in the College's rich the Performing Arts program. A talented classical pianist and accomplished singer, Kathleen is the 2024 Subject Dux of Music Repertoire Performance. As a proud member of Pasteur House, Kathleen leveraged her natural talents to play a supporting role in the 2024 House Performance.

**FINNIAN ARMSTRONG**

**92.45**



Finnian, College Co-Captain and proud member of Curie House, joined Overnewton at Prep and has been a strong all-rounder. Finnian is the 2024 Subject Dux of Geography and was a Plain English Speaking Awards State Finalist. Captain of the ACS Football Premiership team and a strong advocate for gender equality, Finnian received the Synergy Award for his support of the Carlton Respects and FightMND fundraisers.

**STEPHAN PRATIS**

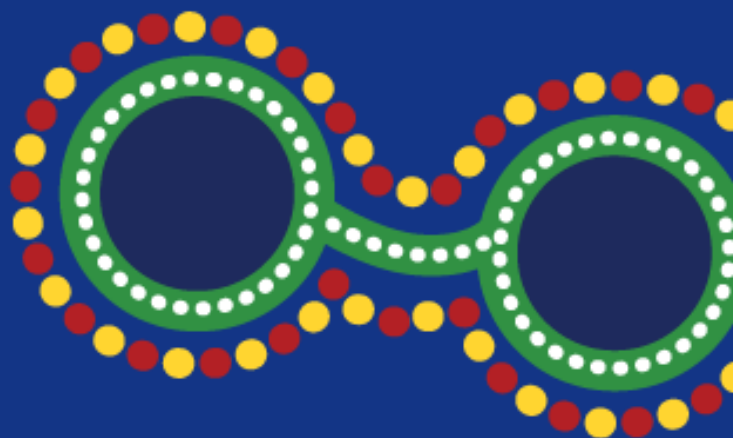
**90.25**



Stephan joined Overnewton at Year 5 and is a member of Edison House. Stephan has shown great commitment and dedication to his academic learning during his time with Overnewton. Studious and detailed-focused, Stephan's interest in the subjects of Accounting, Economics and Business Management are a perfect fit for his natural strengths.

# STUDENT RESULTS

2024 DUX OF SUBJECTS



Accounting

**WILLIAM CUTAJAR**

Applied Computing: Data Analytics

**TYLER BARRY**

**LACHLAN HARRISON**

**SAMUEL NASTASI**

Applied Computing: Software Development

**SEBASTIAN DUPUY**

Art Creative Practice

**JUSTIN NICOLO**

Biology

**JORGIO PARASKEVAS**

Business Management

**JAMES MARCHIONE**

Chemistry

**THARUKE JAYASINGHE**

Economics

**RIYA GARG**

English

**PIPPA WIGGINS**

English Language

**WILLIAM CUTAJAR**

General Mathematics

**NICHOLAS FALLA**

Geography

**FINNIAN ARMSTRONG**

Global Politics

**ELSIE HOLLAND**

**OSCAR KARANFILOVSKI (2)**

Foundation Mathematics

**MEGAN LUCAS**

Health and Human Development

**ELISE SALIH**

History Revolutions

**OSCAR KARANFILOVSKI (2)**

Indonesian

**LAUREN GRIMAUD**

Legal Studies

**ELLIE TEMELKOVSKI (2)**

Literature

**KATHLEEN HANSPER (2)**

Mathematical Methods

**MINHAO YUAN**

Media

**AURORA ARANEZ (2)**

Music Contemporary Performance

**AURORA ARANEZ (2)**

Music Repertoire Performance

**KATHLEEN HANSPER (2)**

Outdoor and Environmental Studies

**XAVIER COSTANZO (2)**

Physical Education

**XAVIER COSTANZO (2)**

Physics

**THOMAS BLANCH (2)**

Product Design and Technology

**NOAH VELJANOVSKI**

Psychology

**CHLOE PHAM**

Religion and Society

**CHARMAINE SAAD**

Sociology

**DYLAN GEKAS**

Specialist Mathematics

**THOMAS BLANCH (2)**

VCE VET Sport and Recreation

**NATASHA GRAVINA**

Visual Communication Design

**ELLIE TEMELKOVSKI (2)**



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