

Exceptional Academic Achievement at Riverside

- Two students achieved the Premier's Award for All-Round Excellence (over 90 in all 10 units)
- Two Top achievers in the top ten of their courses
- 75 Distinguished Achievers with a Band 6 in a course

Determination and hard work deliver outstanding ATAR results



DUX 99.65 ATAR

KATE MCFARLANE (right) DUX and recipient of the Premier's Award, achieved an outstanding ATAR of 99.65. Kate was awarded the highly competitive University of Sydney Dean's Scholarship to study

Medical Science, recognising both her academic achievement and her participation across extra-curricular activities offered at Riverside. She was placed 9th in the state in Extension English 1 and was also on the Board of Studies 'All Rounders' list.

NATASHA SMALL (left), also a Premier's Award recipient, will follow in the footsteps of her teacher mentors at Riverside and undertake a Bachelor of Education (Primary) degree at the University of Sydney. Her highly impressive ATAR of 98.10 is a credit to her hard work and determination. Her choice to pursue Education reflects a determination to inspire a love of learning in young children.

KRISHANI DHANJI (middle) will undertake a double degree in Journalism and International Studies at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) after a GAP year. International Studies is no surprise as Krishani has an interest in social issues and a passion for social justice, having been a long time member of the school's Amnesty International group.

THE CAPTAINS EXCEED OUR HIGH EXPECTATIONS



CASSIE (SPORTS), ROSIE (VICE), LUCY (CAPTAIN) AND KAREN (PERFORMANCE) EXCELLED IN THE HSC 2014.

CASSIE SIEPEN'S ATAR of 96.80 was one reason she gained entry to the University of Sydney's Special Studies Program, School of Chemistry. This highly competitive program is restricted to forty students Australia wide. The selected undergraduates work with PhD. (doctorate) students and academics on research projects around the topics of nanoparticles and anti-malaria agents. Cassie is proud to say that beyond her academic achievement, her extensive involvement in school life at Riverside helped her gain this prestigious university placement.

ROSIE BISSETT achieved Band 6 results in English (Advanced) and Business Studies and with an ATAR well above 90, gained entry into a Bachelor of Marketing at Macquarie.

LUCY BURKE, an outstanding School Captain, entertained us all with her inspiring and humorous speeches and performances in school musicals, in particular as the scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz*. She achieved an ATAR of 95.55 and was accepted into the University of Sydney to study Arts, Media and Communications in 2016. This seems like a natural progression following Lucy's success as the New South Wales Public Speaking Champion who went on to represent our state at the National Championship for Public Speaking at Alice Springs in 2014.

KAREN KONG continually impressed audiences as a violin virtuoso and played solo at many Arts Unit concerts at the Opera House. She achieved a Band 6 in both Music 2 and Music Extension. She will pursue a career in music after completing a Combined Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Commerce at the University of New South Wales.



Young women following their passions

JANA RIZOU (left) gained a Band 6 in her two Greek courses, Greek and Greek Extension, both studied at Saturday School. These fine results, together with high achievement in her school based courses, enabled Jana to study her first choice university course - Medical Science at Macquarie University.

EMMA TINSLAY (right) an accomplished equestrian, whose passion for show-jumping was financially supported by the Hunters Hill Rotary Aurora (Reach for the Stars) Scholarship in 2013, will study Animal and Veterinary Biological Science.



SOPHIE LARA-WATSON (left) will study a Bachelor of Commerce degree at the University of NSW to follow on from her experience as the Ryde representative at the Youth Parliament and success as a participant in the Max Potential Leadership program sponsored by the Club X consortium of Ryde Clubs. Sophie will continue to advocate for young women's rights and she is the proud and worthy recipient of a Price, Waterhouse, Coopers internship.

ANNEKE DE VRIES (right) achieved 8th in the state in Earth and Environmental Studies. She credits her teacher, Head of Science, Bill Moran, for her success and in particular his inspirational strategies and that fact that he always challenged the students. She intends to pursue her passion for science, studying Advanced Science at the University of Sydney.



The diversity of the paths our students have chosen:

KAYLA CARTER: Scholarship to the Academy of Music and Performing Arts.

SOPHIE TAYLOR: Entry to the Elite Athlete Program Scholarship at UTS as a result of her swimming talent as well as her fine academic results.

ZOE YOUNG: Full time traineeship with the NSW Business Chambers while studying for Certificate III in Business Administration at the Australian College of Commerce and Management.

RACHEL EWINGS: a school representative cricketer and winner of 'The Holroyd Council prize' to walk the Kokoda Track (completed late 2014), Rachel has been awarded entry to the University of Western Sydney High Achievers' program, studying a Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Applied Leadership / Critical Thinking .

Rosa Jee and Fadia Khan	Bachelor of Medical Science	University of Sydney
Elena Hunt	Bachelor of Global and International Studies	
Rosie Levy	Bachelor of Arts	
Caroline Kwan	Combined Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Commerce	University of New South Wales
Taylor Byrne	Bachelor of Nursing	University of Technology, Sydney
Caitlin McDermott and Julia Seo	Bachelor of Business	
Eliza Newman	Bachelor of Midwifery	
Ariana Patawaran	Bachelor of Design in Fashion and Textiles	
Hannah Flood	Bachelor of Archaeology	Macquarie University
Sahmiha Axe	Bachelor of Physiotherapy	Australian Catholic University



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