

# 2014

EXCELLENCE



The Scots College  
Sydney Australia

**The Scots Advantage™**



# From the Principal

Culture is one of the most difficult aspects to change in an organisation. There is no single ‘best culture’ for all schools. Nevertheless, having a teaching and learning culture that is aligned to the values and aspirations our College community wishes to achieve, is critical for quality growth and improvement. With staff and students engaging in learning across eight specialist learning centres, from the Snowsports Academy to the Early Years Centre, Rose Bay, aligning and realigning culture is the most challenging and exciting area to address. Culture lays the foundation for excellence. Our quest for excellence in all spheres of learning, leadership and service was clearly evident in many boys’ lives in 2014.

Our vision for learning is framed by our Brave Hearts Bold Minds philosophy where creative thinking, rigorous and disciplined learning, consistent application and refined character come together in a culture of high expectations. Creativity, initiative, intelligence, determination, entrepreneurship and individual and team effort uncovers new ways of living and sharing and new resources for human experience. These unique points of focus align to provide a united philosophy and a common ethos.

Our collective aim is that our boys and young men will become confident and well-grounded men of integrity with a strong sense of

identity, values, and character. The quest for knowledge, insight and wisdom is part and parcel of the life of the one who excels. To reach a goal on one’s own is often a hollow and lonely experience. To bring a team, a friend, a family, or a group of classmates together and see the dream of success realised corporately, brings community to success and success to community.

John Calvin, influential theologian and pastor during the Protestant Reformation, said:

“All the blessings we enjoy are Divine deposits, committed to our trust on this condition, that they should be dispensed for the benefit of our neighbours.”

At Scots, we plan for and desire to see young men who are principled, compassionate and engaged learners striving to maintain a firm grasp of every aspect of their humanity. Excellence in learning, leadership and service go hand in hand.

This publication recognises the high achieving students of 2014. These students have applied themselves to a range of pursuits and we congratulate them on their success in these endeavours.

Particular congratulations must go to the numerous boys who achieved top ten results in the state for their HSC courses, and of course to the College Dux of 2014, Ramon Xu. I trust you enjoy reading about the breadth and depth of student and staff excellence and gain a sense of our culture of striving for excellence in all spheres of learning, sport, co-curricular, leadership and service.

Scots to the fore!

Dr Ian PM Lambert  
Principal





# Academic Excellence

## HSC Results

Analysis has demonstrated that an overwhelming majority of boys from The Scots College have significantly exceeded academic expectations when School Certificate performance is compared to Higher School Certificate (HSC) performance.

In 2014, 166 students completed their HSC. When analysed across the entire HSC group, 65 percent of all results were awarded in the top two Bands (Bands 5 and 6). This means that nearly two thirds of all results were in the top 20 percent of the state.

### ATAR above 95



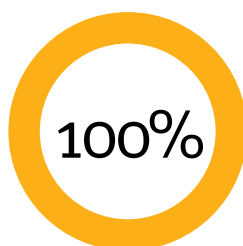
**21% (35 boys)**

### ATAR above 90

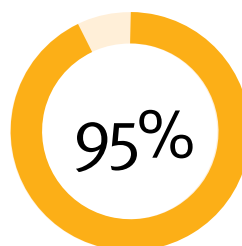


**42% (68 boys)**

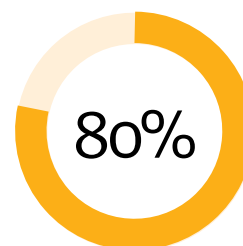
Proportion of boys awarded Band 5 and 6 by subject



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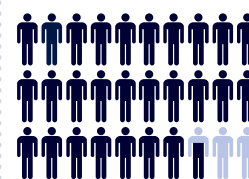
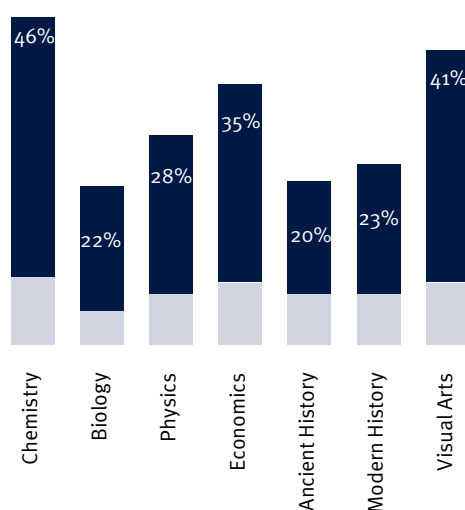


Studies of Religion 1 and Mathematics Extension 1



English Extension 2, Engineering Studies, Maths Extension 2 and Senior Science

Scots boys who were awarded Band 6 compared to the NSW average



**92%**

In extension courses, 92 percent of students achieved in the top two performance bands (E3 or E4) in: English Extension 1; English Extension 2; Indonesian Extension; Latin Extension; History Extension; Mathematics Extension 1; Mathematics Extension 2.



## NAPLAN Results

Scots Year 3 and Year 5 boys achieved encouraging results for their 2014 National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. Students are placed in one of six bands and our boys achieved the following results:

|                    | Scots | State |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
| <b>Literacy</b>    |       |       |
| Year 3             | 92%   | 72%   |
| Year 5             | 89%   | 61%   |
| <b>Mathematics</b> |       |       |
| Year 3             | 89%   | 64%   |
| Year 5             | 82%   | 56%   |

There are different options for schools to take when approaching NAPLAN testing. One is to teach to the test with a concentration of time and energy limited to the completion of specific test material. The other is to provide a comprehensive approach to learning that will encompass the wider scope of learning experience possible for children. At Scots we choose the latter and are very pleased with the progress and development of our boys, which becomes evident in NAPLAN-style testing.

**2014 Prefects: Senior Boarder Prefect Jock Bush, Head Prefect Benjamin Jeavons-Fellows, Senior Day Boy Prefect Simon Johnston and Deputy Head Prefect Jackson Dowling.**

Overall, the results in 2014 were well above the state average. Some of the highlights include 89 percent of Scots Year 5 boys are in the top three bands for Grammar and Punctuation; and 93 percent of the Year 3 boys in the top three strands for Writing and Spelling. Overall improvement in Mathematics, Punctuation and Grammar continue to highlight the focus upon literacy and numeracy initiatives in the Preparatory School.



The 2014 NAPLAN results are a clear indicator of the effectiveness of building a culture of empowerment in the classroom in which boys can thrive.

Mr John Crerar, Head of the Preparatory School.



## ATAR High Achievers



**Ramon Xu – 99.95**

An exceptional student in all respects, Ramon has pursued academic excellence throughout his time at the College and been the recipient

of outstanding HSC results and numerous academic awards including Dux of Year 10 2012; Dux of Year 11 2013 and Dux of the College 2014. Ramon was involved in Basketball and Association Football as well as Chess in which he was awarded Colours in 2014. It is Ramon's humble nature, despite his high level of achievement, and genuine interest in and regard for others displayed by his willingness to assist fellow students whenever he was able, that marked him as the impressive young man he is.



**Kevin Zhang – 99.4**

Kevin's attention to detail and his ability to find connections between ideas enabled him to excel in his studies. His teachers comment on his positive attitude,

determination and his tenacity in striving for his best. He was Dux of Year 7 in 2009 and was awarded Academic Excellence Awards in 2010 to 2014. Kevin was first in the State in the 2014 Australian National Chemistry Quiz and awarded a High Distinction in the 2013 Australian Science Olympiad. In 2014 he was awarded The AK Anderson Memorial Prize for Ancient History. He participated in Basketball and Football GPS competitions and contributed widely to the College's Orchestra, including leading the brass section and as first saxophone in 2014. He was also a committed member of the College's Debating team, representing not only the College, but also the GPS.



**Joseph Lin – 99.8**

Joseph arrived at the College in Year 7 and has shown himself to be a very consistent and determined student. His sharp intellect and attention

to detail has seen him regularly perform at the top of his year group, culminating in the award of proxime accessit to the dux in Year 12. It is no surprise that Joseph received a Band 6 in Chemistry, English (Advanced), Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2 and Physics. Joseph was an academic role model, combining focus and determination with genuine humility and thankfulness. His successful entry into The University of Queensland Faculty of Medicine is the fulfilment of a long-held dream. Alongside his academic excellence, Joseph also achieved sporting success in the upper echelons of both Great Public Schools (GPS) Tennis and Association Football.



**Matthew Burke – 99.7**

Matthew left no stone unturned in his Senior years of study. He is a highly intelligent and perceptive young man who used his time extremely

effectively in the pursuit of the highest standards. Matthew received a Band 6 in Chemistry, English (Advanced), Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2 and Physics. His great area of interest has been in the Sciences and yet he was also recognised by the English staff as a talented writer. Matthew's ambition continues well beyond school as he progresses into Aerospace Engineering at the University of New South Wales with a view to entering the industry subsequently.



**Colin Suvak – 99.45**

Colin is a young man of tremendous ability who contributed wholeheartedly to the Scots program across a range of pursuits with considerable

success. Academically Colin was a most conscientious student who worked diligently to achieve the goals he set himself. He was the recipient of prizes for Academic Excellence in 2013 and 2014, as well as attending summer school courses at Oxford in 2012 and Stanford in 2013. Colin was also an outstanding sportsman as a member of the New South Wales Sailing team between 2011 and 2014, and competed in the Australian Team Racing Championship in 2014. He was Captain of Sailing in 2014 and was awarded Colours from 2011 to 2014. Colin was an exceptional role model in terms of the spirit and effort he applied to all that he did.



**Charlie Harper – 98.95**

Charlie had outstanding involvement across all areas of College life since starting in Kindergarten. He made significant

contributions to the College through his leadership roles as Pipe Major, College Prefect and as Vice-Captain of Gilchrist House. Charlie is a brilliant student, natural leader and an outstanding team player. As Pipe Major he has led public events of high importance, while skilfully managing the impacts on his highly successful academic career. He enjoyed playing Cricket for the 2nd XI and Association Football, and remained very organised and worked hard academically to balance his busy schedule. Charlie is attending The University of Sydney, studying Engineering Honours and Commerce.



**Nicholas Batchelor – 98.85**

Nicholas approached his challenging academic program with great zeal and a willingness to work to his utmost capacity to achieve his potential.

He was a deserved recipient of prizes for Academic Excellence and Academic Colours in both 2013 and 2014. Nicholas was also Captain of Music in 2014 and made an immense contribution to the Music Program of the College, especially in the College Big Band on the trumpet. A quietly confident and mature young man Nicholas had an outstanding time at Scots and has achieved his aim to study a combined Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Commerce degree.



**Guy Porter – 98.8**

Guy is an extremely capable and diligent student who has demonstrated a sound aptitude for all his subjects. His success in 2014 culminated in a College prize for

Academic Excellence, The Bain Family Prize for Economics Essays, The Tony McFayden Prize for English Essays and The Dorothy Cowie Memorial Prize for Modern History. These prestigious awards showcased Guy's academic ability across a range of disciplines. Guy went on and performed exceptionally well in the HSC, achieving Academic Honours in all his subjects: Economics, English Advanced, English Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 1 and Modern History. At all times, Guy was highly motivated to do well and to consolidate his skill and understanding. His excellent HSC result is evidence that he is prepared to work hard and strive to give his best.





**Dux of Year 7**  
**Hayden Fleming**  
**Brandt House**

Hayden is an enthusiastic and capable student who epitomises the concept of an all rounder. He is bright

and engaged in class and seeks out ways to extend and consolidate his understanding. Hayden is also a talented athlete who has represented the College with pride and determination. He was selected to represent New South Wales at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in the 3,000 metres and 2,000 metres Steeplechase. The positive manner in which Hayden approaches all aspects of College life serves to inspire others to give of their best. Rounding out his engagement and involvement in academic and co-curricular life, Hayden was also a committed member of the Eastside debating team.



**Dux of Year 8**  
**Oliver Oayda**  
**Brandt House**

Oliver combines a first rate intellect with a conscientious work ethic and a genuine love of learning.

Oliver is a talented orator, a skill that he not only uses in class to encourage his peers' learning, but also in co-curricular activities. In 2014 he was a member of the College's Year 8 Debating team that made it to the Independent Schools' Debating Association Grand Final. He is articulate and fluent in his argument making as well as being a good team player. Oliver exhibits many of the characteristics that the College honours in its learners, particularly that of Service Learning, with Oliver realising that learning too is a team game rather than an individual pursuit.



**Dux of Year 9**  
**Sebastian Galetto**  
**Macky House**

Sebastian is an exceptional young man who brings a positive attitude to all his College activities. He approaches

his studies in not only a diligent and conscientious manner, but with a dogged determination to work as hard as is required to achieve his potential and goals. He gives his best in every task he undertakes; this sort of effort is invariably what separates the good or great students from the average. Sebastian has an engaging and polite manner and is extremely well regarded by his peers and an appreciative staff. He is determined to achieve but always generous and ready to give time to assist others. Sebastian enjoys the physical challenge that sport can provide, Rowing during summer and playing Football during winter. He is an inspiring young man and superb role model.



**Dux of Year 10**  
**Joshua Lui**  
**James Bee House**

Joshua is a highly intelligent student who excels in many areas of College life. He is a mature and extremely determined

student who always applies a very diligent approach towards his studies. His teachers often referred to his excellent self-discipline, intellectual curiosity and a drive to learn. Joshua not only excels in the classroom but also on the sporting field. He is a very good Tennis player who was a member of the 2nds, as well as being a very good Football player who is often in the 'B' team. Having received multiple awards for Academic Excellence in the past, Joshua's hard work and positive work ethic have resulted in the award of Dux of Year 10 in 2014. In 2015, he has undertaken a rigorous pattern of study in the Preliminary course with an interest in studying a form of medicine beyond school.



**Dux of Year 11**  
**Simon Weng**  
**James Bee House**

Simon has been a consistently high achiever in his academic subjects since he came to Scots in Year 7,

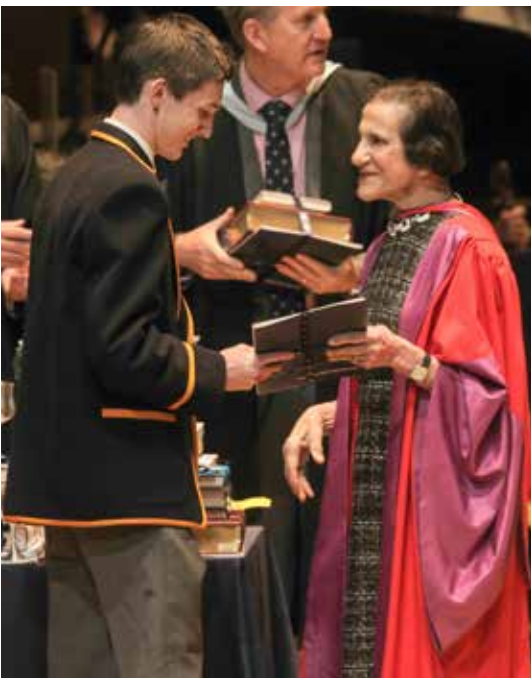
often awarded with Academic Excellence prizes in Assembly and on Speech Day. In 2014, Simon achieved Dux of Year 11 due to his dedicated approach towards his studies. He was part of the Maths Acceleration program and completed the 2 Unit Mathematics course, scoring an outstanding Band 6 result. Simon has embarked on a demanding study schedule, which includes Chemistry, English Advanced, English Extension I, Mathematics Extension I and II, and Physics. Once his HSC is completed, Simon would ideally like to study Space Engineering at The University of Sydney in 2016.



As an institution of learning and a community who value education, Scots is committed to fostering and nurturing the development of future leaders.

Dr Ian PM Lambert, Principal.





## Becan Dalton Excels in Indonesian Extension

In 2014 Becan Dalton came third in the state in Indonesian Extension. Becan's application demonstrates the enthusiasm he has displayed in his Indonesian studies throughout his years at Scots. He has proven to be intelligent, diligent and high achieving, which has enabled him to excel in his Indonesian studies. Becan is very interested in other cultures and languages. He has immersed himself in his Indonesian language studies and showed great enthusiasm for learning about Indonesian culture, as well as gaining in-country experience. He is keen to continue his Indonesian studies at university and into the future.

**Becan Dalton receives his award from the Governor of NSW Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO at Speech Day 2014.**



## Ramon Xu Excels at Physics and Chemistry

In the 2014 HSC Ramon Xu placed sixth in the state in Physics and eighth for Chemistry. Ramon has a flair for the sciences but it was his approach to refining and extending his responses to questions that made the difference. He continually assisted his classmates in shaping responses and better understanding the concepts, and in doing so, he refined his own conceptual understanding and scientific expression.

Ramon was clinical in his approach to problem solving and in short response questions. It was an absolute pleasure to read his answers. His depth and breadth of knowledge in both subject areas was astounding as was his approach to his studies. Ramon exemplified all that we would ever want in a student, he has set the standard.

**Ramon Xu proudly showing his prizes received at Speech Day 2014.**



## Mathematics Excellence

2014 was an exemplary year for our students. Scots' participation in numerous Maths competitions yielded very successful results. In particular, our results in the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians, where boys scored seven high distinctions, are outstanding. This competition is Australia wide and the results place students in the College in amongst the most capable in Australia. Congratulations to Harry Braithwaite, Cameron Fleming, Hayden Fleming, Ethan Foster, Mackenzie Moore, Jack Soepono and Jackson Watson.

We also had three boys score high distinctions in the Challenge Stage of the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians. In this competition, students are given eight questions to problem solve over a period of three months. Marks are awarded on the working and logical set out. Congratulations to Harry Crawford, Hayden Fleming and Sebastian Galetto for their success in this stage.

**Jack Soepono, Hayden Fleming and Harry Braithwaite achieved high distinctions in the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians.**



## Exceptional Performances at OnSTAGE Showcase

In 2014, Scots students were nominated across numerous HSC Showcases. In Drama, two items were nominated and included in OnSTAGE, a selection that showcases outstanding works in HSC Drama. *Manly Island*, a group performance created by Max Boddington, Harry Licence, Sam Payne and Joshua Wooller humorously and sensitively explored the expectations of a group of men in living up to preconceived ideas of masculinity. While Jackson Dowling's performance of an excerpt from *The Cake Man*, where his character attempted the difficult task of explaining Indigenous culture, was exceptional. Both items were performed in front of sold out audiences at the Seymour Centre.

***Manly Island*, a group devised Drama performance was selected for inclusion in OnSTAGE. (L to R) Joshua Wooller, Max Boddington (standing), Harry Licence and Sam Payne.**

## Jonah Soewandito Achieves HSC Honour Roll Recognition

Jonah Soewandito sat the 2014 HSC at age 11 and was recognised on the honour roll. He is on the 2014 distinguished achievers list after scoring marks of above 90 in Chemistry and Mathematics. Jonah was the youngest student in 2014 to sit the exams and one of the youngest in history to undertake the HSC in New South Wales.

Principal Dr Ian PM Lambert said, "Jonah's HSC results are outstanding and he deserves a lot of credit for how he has worked towards and achieved his goals."

Jonah plans to sit his remaining HSC subjects, Maths, Physics and English, in 2015.

**The youngest HSC student in 2014, Jonah Soewandito.**



## ARTEXPRESS Selections

Selection into ARTEXPRESS, an annual exhibition of works by New South Wales Visual Arts students held at the Art Gallery of NSW and other regional galleries, is truly an honour. Each year a curator is selected to put together a collection of works representing a range of media, that are sophisticated and technically accomplished. It highlights the skills of the students in both conceptual development and how materials can be manipulated. It usually takes on a conservative approach, being a representation of certain values so as not to upset the public. Barney Swan's sculpture 'String Theory' and Aiden Smith's photo media collection 'Vivid Recollection' were included in 2014, congratulations to Barney and Aiden.

**An artwork from Aiden Smith's photo media collection 'Vivid Recollection'.**



## Stop the Press

In early 2015, Joshua Wooller ('14) was informed that his major Higher School Certificate work in English Extension 2 was selected for the 2014 Young Writers Showcase – a very prestigious selection.

Congratulations to Joshua for his outstanding piece; worthy of the recognition it has received.



A group of students in a video production studio. One student in the foreground is smiling and looking at the camera, wearing a blue shirt and glasses. Behind him, another student is wearing a headset and holding a boom microphone. To the left, a student in a dark suit and yellow striped tie is also smiling. A professional video camera on a tripod and a studio light are visible in the background.

# Co-Curricular Excellence

## Scots Excels in Debating and Public Speaking

Debating and Public Speaking are highly competitive fields, and Scots is making an impact.

In three Debating competitions, more than half our 2014 teams made it into semi finals. Year 12 Eastside, and Year 8 ISDA were grand finalists – finishing at the top of a formidable cohort. In GPS Debating, Scots 3rds, 9B, 7A and 8C all finished at the top of the table.

Robert Rutledge, Year 11, was selected for GPS Representative debating. Lachlan Hamilton, Year 11, was Highly Commended in the Bond University High School Mooting Competition. Josh Wooller, Debating and Public Speaking Prefect, achieved third place in the Lawrence Campbell Oratory Competition, in which GPS and CAS select one student to deliver an eight minute impromptu speech, with just 15 minutes preparation.

**Josh Wooller, Debating and Public Speaking Captain at the Annual Awards dinner.**



## Accolades for *How the Koala Lost His Tail*

Lochlan Crossley's film, *How the Koala Lost His Tail*, has collected more accolades than any other film made at The Scots College. It is a parable about working together told as an animated Dreamtime story. Lochlan edited the screenplay, directed his Year 8 English classmates, played his didgeridoo for the soundtrack, helped edit the video and recorded all the original sound effects.

"It was a great experience producing this movie, and I couldn't have done it without the help of all my friends and teachers. I will definitely do it again and recommend it to anyone," said Lochlan.

*How the Koala Lost His Tail* was shortlisted for Tropfest Jr; it won first prize in the Woollahra Council Youth Film Prize; Best Junior Animation Winner at STUFFIT (Student Film Festival, Qld); Finalist, FlickerUp (Flickerfest at Bondi, Schools Section) and it was selected as the judges' nomination (Animation) in the Purbeck Film Festival (UK).

**Lochlan Crossley led his Year 8 English class in the production of *How the Koala Lost His Tail*. Max Rosen, Oliver Wright, Leon Wunungmurra, Elijah Chester and Lochlan Crossley.**

## Zachary August Meets the Prime Minister

After achieving third place in the Parliament of Australia's inaugural Public Speaking competition 'My First Speech' Zachary August, Year 10, travelled to Parliament House in Canberra, December 2014. The competition was open to Years 10 to 12 students from across Australia, and encouraged them to envisage themselves as a newly elected member of the House of Representatives giving their first speech on what matters most to them.

Zach's speech focused on the importance of funding education. He stated, "The most important vehicle for growth and development in society is education – it is the wisest investment our society can make." Zach delivered his speech in Parliament House, and then had the honour of a sit-down meeting with the Prime Minister. He also had discussions with the Speaker, and the Minister for Communications, Scots' local member, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP.

"The Prime Minister provided great background and perspective on the way in which he saw his reforms as an integral part of the future of the nation, and the importance of finding people with life experience to mentor you and assist with your leadership development," said Zach.

**Zachary August meeting the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP and Prime Minister Tony Abbott.**



## Ensemble Success in Festivals

The College's large ensemble program moved from strength to strength in 2014 with a significant increase in the number of boys involved under the direction of Scots impeccable Music staff. The musical standard of all groups was high and several ensembles achieved successes at external festivals. The Preparatory School Junior String Ensemble and the Senior School String Orchestra were both awarded Gold at the Australian School Orchestral Festival where the Preparatory School Senior String Ensemble and Senior School Chamber Strings were also decorated. At the NSW School Band Festival, the Big Band won a silver award in the Secondary Schools Open Big Band Division.

**Preparatory School Combined Band and String Orchestra perform at the Sydney Town Hall conducted by Mr Paul Vickers, Director of Music.**



## The Matthew Jones Art Award

*Kayaks In Motion*, a creative painting by Year 6 student Patrick Bligh, has won runner-up for his age category in the 2014 Matthew Jones Art Award. Patrick received \$500 for the College to allocate to special needs or arts programs as well as a prize pack, which includes an artist session with Sydney-based artist Anna Kristensen.

**Patrick Bligh's illustration *Kayaks In Motion*.**

## Woollahra Environmental Schools Sculpture Prize

Congratulations to 2014 Year 1 boys Alexander Reid, Campbell Skeffington, Kody Davis Warrington and Kailer Young, who were awarded Best Group Entry out of Kindergarten to Year 12 students in the annual Woollahra Environmental Schools Sculpture Prize this year. Their collaborative sculpture, *Feeling a Little Blue ...* about Manly's endangered little blue penguin colony was on display at Woollahra Council in conjunction with the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize. Their sculpture was made from fully recycled materials sourced from Reverse Garbage as well as materials from around the College campus.

**Kody Davis Warrington and Kailer Young with their winning sculpture.**



## Continued Pianistic Success for Scots Boys

2015 saw continued successes by the College's pianists. Recent alumni, Xin Yan (Ryan) Cai ('13), competed in the prestigious 4th Hong Kong International Piano Competition in January and was awarded second prize in the Youth Category (ages 18 to 35) and fifth prize in the Grand Finals.

Denny Chen and Stephen Cai of Year 11, were both awarded their Associate Diplomas in Piano Performance (AMus) with distinction. Denny also completed a recording for the Fine Music FM 102.5 Young Performers Award, performed for a graduation ceremony at the Great Hall, Sydney University and received prizes in the Ryde Eisteddfod and Inner West Eisteddfod. Denny topped off his year receiving the United Music Teachers' Encouragement Award, and being named the College Captain of Music for 2015.

**Denny Chen (Year 11) practising on the College's Steinway Model L rehearsal grand piano. Stephen Cai (Year 11) in rehearsal at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.**







## Sporting Excellence

### Ethan Eshuys and Sam Rigby Play AFL for State Primary Schools Teams

In 2014 both Ethan Eshuys and Sam Rigby represented the school at the Primary Schools Sports Association AFL Carnival for the Combined Independent Schools (CIS) team. The boys played six games across three days winning three out of six, with the team finishing a very respectable fourth at the Carnival. Both boys played an integral role in the CIS team and were certainly a big part of the team's success.

**Ethan Eshuys with his coach after receiving the CIS Most Valuable Player Award.**



### Thomas Mitchell Leads Team to CIS Championship Win

Thomas Mitchell proved to be a competitive and respected Tennis Captain during 2014. Thomas personally had a very successful year; he gained selection into the IPSHA Tennis team that competed at the CIS Championship, where his team was crowned champions of the tournament. Thomas is a highly motivated and well drilled tennis player who looks set to experience more success in the future.

**Thomas Mitchell holding the CIS Championship trophy.**



### Authenticity Key to Matthew's Basketball Success

Year 7 student, Matthew Wachter, currently plays Basketball in the 13As. In 2014, Matthew was named the Prep School Captain of Basketball. As a result of several dominant performances on the court for his school team (Prep 1sts), he was nominated to attend the IPSHA trials in February last year. Matthew was selected in both the IPSHA and CIS representative teams. The CIS team competed in the NSW PSSA tournament in Bathurst last year, and were the undefeated premiers of the tournament. Matthew's level of skill and competitive drive on the court are impressive to watch. However, it is his composure, his genuine encouragement of his teammates, authentic handshakes offered to opposition players after the game and his evident enjoyment of each game win; lose or draw that are so admirable.

**Matthew Wachter is a member of the CIS team that was named Primary School Basketball State Champions of 2014.**





## Unprecedented Success in Snowsports

The Scots College Prep and Senior Snowsports teams defended their Australian Championship titles during the last Snowsports season.

The Snowsports teams' performance during the Championships resulted in the College winning the 2014 SSA Snowsports School Club of the Year Award in May.

The Prep team achieved first place in both the Sydney division and NSW Interschool Snowsports Championships. At the Australian Interschools Snowsports Championships the boys won for the eighth consecutive year – an unprecedented achievement.

The Senior School team succeeded in defending their championship title in the Sydney and New South Wales divisions. The boys competed against 150 schools to claim the National Championship title for the seventh consecutive year.

The Snowsports team has been invited to represent Australia at the 2016 International Children's Winter Games in Innsbruck, Austria.

**National Snowsports Team.**



## Dylan Hansen Captained the NSW CIS Team

In 2014 Dylan Hansen had a remarkable Rugby season. Not only did he lead the Scots Prep 1st XV to a very successful season, which included the first undefeated Queensland tour, he was selected in the Combined Independent Schools (CIS) Primary Rugby Union team. Dylan's selection in the CIS team was capped off when he was made Captain for the Primary Schools Sports Association State Carnival. Dylan led the team to a very respectful fourth place at the Carnival with three wins from four matches.

**Dylan Hansen (Year 6) successfully led the NSW CIS Primary Rugby Union team.**

## John Cooley to Represent Australia at World Championships

John Cooley, a member of the NSW Sailing team, excelled in 2014 and as a result will travel to Wales in August 2015 to compete in the World 29er Championships along with his crew. Coached by NSW Coach Larry Cargill, and Scots Old Boy Harry Price, John finished second at the Zhik Australian National 29er Championships 2014/ 2015 held in Perth.

John (Year 9 in 2014), will be competing against sailors who are under 19. He has a bright future ahead of him and the Scots community wish him all the best at this prestigious regatta.

**John Cooley at the helm alongside Angus Williams.**



## Henry Thornton Makes the NSW Under 19 Cricket Team

Scots fast bowler and top order batsman Henry Thornton was selected for the New South Wales Under 19s Cricket team in 2014. At the National Championships Henry performed extremely well, bowling with great pace and accuracy. His efforts, along with those in his team, saw NSW crowned the National Champions for 2014. In addition, Henry's performance during the Carnival were rewarded by being named in the Cricket Australia Under 19 Talent Squad for 2015.

**Henry Thornton displaying his cricket skills.**



## Scots 1sts Basketballers – National Champions

In 2014, Scots 1sts Basketball team won the Under 17 Gold Medal at the National Championships. The team went through undefeated, competing against Sydney High, Newington College, Westfield Sports High, Xavier College, Rowville Secondary and St Dominics. This is the College's first Gold Medal at the National Championships, after winning a Silver Medal in the U20 Championship Division in 2013.

The team secured a seven wins and one loss tour record. Defeating the 2014 British Columbia Provisional Champions, WJ Maout Secondary. The team lost its first round at BRIT in front of a massive (and loud) home crowd. This placed the team on the Plate side of the draw, where the team regathered and won the remaining three games to take out the Plate Final. The team won the hearts and minds of the community with their support of the team manager from Marion Graham Secondary –who has down syndrome –who played in the final 60 seconds of the game we dropped. They supported this wonderful boy on the court ensuring he scored a basket in front of a 2,000 strong home crowd. The team also enjoyed visiting Old Boy Andrew Williamson ('13), who is playing NCAA basketball and studying at Simon Fraser University.

**The Scots 1sts Basketball team at the 2014 National Championships in Canberra.**



## AAGPS Premiers 2014

The Scots College Cross Country team won the Athletic Association of the Great Public Schools (AAGPS) Premiership for the second consecutive year, completing an undefeated season. The team is defined by a culture of hard work, training and teamwork, leading to the lowest recorded team point total in AAGPS Cross Country history.

The Scots College Intermediate Cross Country team won its second straight AAGPS Championship demonstrating an impressive depth unrivalled by other schools. The team had 12 runners score throughout the season with the Shore Invitational having ten Scots runners finish in the top 20 of the 120 field.

Congratulations on an outstanding season.

**The Scots College Cross Country team proudly displaying their trophy from the AAGPS Premiership.**



## 1st XV GPS Champions 2014

While the 2nd XV had a tough season, with a string of narrow defeats, they can consider themselves fortunate to have had the opportunity to learn some valuable lifelong lessons. Looking at the GPS 1st XV league table, you may think that the 1st XV had no such test of character, but this is not true.

It was a good year of learning for everyone. Six seasons ago, the biggest problem was that Scots wasn't winning enough, and it seems success brings as many challenges.

The comeback against Riverview was just a key moment. To come back from three converted tries down is a rare thing. The resilience of the team at the time, and through the season that followed – through exams, public scrutiny, and bad weather – was nothing short of inspiring.

The 2014 1st XV have written themselves into the history books as AAGPS Rugby Champions. The 2015 season presents the challenge to repeat this achievement.

**1st XV champions with Mr Marcus Blackburn and Dr Ian PM Lambert.**



## Twenty20 Competition Winners

Scots 1st XI Cricket team secured their first Athletic Association Great Public Schools (AAGPS) Twenty20 title in 2014, defeating Newington in the final. The preseason competition was held over two weekends, with teams playing five matches. The Scots 1st XI were undefeated throughout the tournament, defeating all schools convincingly. The final was a close affair, with Scots restricting Newington to 130 after posting 135. The win set them up for a great start to their 2014/2015 campaign.

**Scots 1st XI Cricket team happily posing with the final scoreboard.**



## Christian Waked Achieves Tennis at National and State Level

Up and coming Scots sportsman Christian Waked is a force to reckon with, especially when he holds a racquet. Christian's dedication and drive in Tennis is the backbone of his success and a credit to his determination.

Christian won the 2014 Under 13 NSW Medibank Junior Development Series titles held in Bathurst, NSW. Christian performed extremely well and maintained his focus to win the final in straight sets. To further cap off such a great achievement Tennis NSW selected Christian to represent the NSW team at the Under 12s Australian Team Championships during the December Showdown held at Melbourne Park. Christian performed exceptionally well in representing NSW and Scots, and played against the best Under 13 boys in Australia, as well as New Zealand, China and other countries across Asia. Christian finished as the number one NSW ranked player and seventh overall at the Nationals. An outstanding achievement for a young focused and driven individual.

**Christian Waked displays his excellent Tennis skills.**

## Henry Kamp is Declared 2014 GPS Sculling Champion

November 2014 was a landmark month in Rowing for Henry Kamp. On 21 November he was crowned the Great Public Schools (GPS) Sculling Champion winning the GPS Sculling Regatta held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre. This is an accomplishment that has not been achieved by any Scots athlete in the history of the GPS Selection Regatta. He also managed to break the longstanding school record on the ergometer pulling a time of 6:09.7 for 2,000 metres – an outstanding result. Both these results have Henry firmly in the sights of a number of top ten Ivy League schools in America, including Harvard University, Princeton University and Yale University.



**Henry Kamp (second from left) and the 1st VIII training on the Nepean River.**

**Henry Kamp (second rower) and the 1st VIII training at the Sydney International Regatta Centre.**







# Staffing Excellence

## If You Want to be a Good Leader, How You Think is Important!

Understanding how leaders think and the type of leadership style they use matters deeply at Scots, as we seek to develop 'Leadership through teams in a spirit of service, compassion, fun and community'.

Building on his extensive research into transformational leadership, cognitive information-processing systems and coaching, Dr Tom Cerni, Head of Counselling Services, has been examining the relationship between the way school leaders think according to the Cognitive-Experiential Theory (CET) and student learning outcomes. In a recent study published in the *Journal of School Leadership*, Dr Cerni and his colleagues found that school principals who indicated a preference for the rational system and conscientiousness, a subscale of behavioural coping, were found to have a significant positive connection with student learning outcomes. They also found that school leaders who experience satisfaction with their work, while being focused on doing things better, seem to inspire others to do more than they originally intended and more than they thought possible. Understanding the way school leaders think according to CET – at whatever level they lead – appears to be a key element in improving student learning outcomes and developing cultures of excellence.

Dr Ian Lambert, Nicholas Zylstra (Year 12), Taylor Kerr (Year 6) with Scots Head of Counselling Services, Dr Tom Cerni.



## Staff Provide Professional Development in PNG

During the first week of December 2014, a group of 11 Scots staff travelled to Tabubil, Papua New Guinea. The purpose of the visit was to further strengthen the relationship between Scots and the Ok Tedi community by providing the local teachers with some much needed professional development. Over 80 local teachers attended the two-day program, which concentrated on curriculum and pedagogy related to English, Maths, Geography and Science. Scots staff that shared their knowledge with PNG teachers were James Bowles, Edward Brenac, Nicole Coates, Freya Handscomb, David Ikin, Nikki McCathie, Adam Morelli, Stuart Pearson, Elisabeth Smith and Daniel Walsh. The group was led by Scots PNG Coordinator Roger Sattler. The trip was an outstanding success and staff look forward to further opportunities in the future.

**Ms Freya Handscomb engaging with students at a local PNG school.**



## Inaugural Masters Graduation for Scots Staff

2014 saw the first cohort of staff graduate from the Master of Education (Educational Management and Leadership) program the College conducts with The University of Sydney. Since 2012 Scots has been breaking new ground in offering a program specially designed to meet the needs of classroom teachers. With classes taught on-site and learning tasks developed around activities of staff, it provides a practical learning experience that enriches the College's culture of inquiry and reflection.

Staff undertaking the Masters program completed a number of units of study developing the strategic and management skills necessary for higher educational leadership. Giving staff the opportunity to design, implement and disseminate their findings from a research project was an especially valuable experience in developing a culture of research-led practice at Scots. A key element of the program, and for many a highlight, was the final unit on leadership styles and coaching methods, taught at Cambridge University by Professor Ann Brewer (Deputy Vice-Chancellor [Strategy] at The University of Sydney), Dr Ian PM Lambert and Mr Peter Moulds. This special experience brought together staff completing and commencing the Masters program, inspiring them to continue to grow as professionals and as lifelong learners, and energising them as change leaders within the College.

**Ms Donna Procter and Ms Hannah Falk graduating from their Master of Education in November 2014.**



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