

# 2015

EXCELLENCE



The Scots College  
Sydney Australia

**The Scots Advantage™**



# From the Principal

*Excellence* is a snapshot of life lived richly at our College. Excellence is not only discovered on the podium in the Mathematics paper. It is formulated in the mind and expressed through the motivations of the heart. At The Scots College, we strive for excellence together. How does Christian heritage, as a quest for contemporary spiritual experience, academic rigour and excellent creative expression, find meaning in the culture of a traditional boys' school?

The integration of faith and learning involves far more than the conjunction of liberal learning and student formation. The ideal of liberal neutrality continues to be problematic in 21st century faith-based educational institutions.

How does a school leader recreate and reform faith expression in a traditional school? What does it mean to learn, lead and serve? How can theology and philosophy, the sciences of meaning, provide a secure foundation for boys to play, innovate, challenge, risk, adventure and create?

A careful analysis of our individual schools' histories will more often than not reveal a consistent theme, conviction and motivation underpinning the purposes and priorities of our founding institutions, individuals and communities. Typically, the essential questions of life – meaning, purpose, and conduct – served to define and direct an intellectual

tradition and a lived educational and communal reality expressed and embodied in an ethos, and a way of life. Under the influence of the sponsoring tradition's vision, ethos and leadership a religious vision and narrative provided a powerful platform for learning and creative expression.

Ideas about culture not only set the parameters for human involvement, but also shape the character of popular culture and criticism and determine what the legitimate roles are for popular culture to serve. It is hoped that our boys' educational enterprises should always seek to contribute to the larger task of developing and sustaining a fair and rigorous Christian intellectual criticism – one that investigates weakness, takes pleasure in achievements, celebrates virtues, and laments failed opportunities. In equipping young men for cultural leadership, we should rest our endeavours and exploration upon the following three pillars: help preserve the best features; improve the weakest parts; and eliminate the worst traits of popular culture. Such an educational perspective openly acknowledges that the vision of life that an individual person or an interpretative community such as ours holds, is fashioned through a complex process involving relational learning, and sincere exploration of spiritual, cultural, and worldview expression, celebration and reflection.

Our foundational faith and traditions may well provide the motivation and direction that will serve to unearth creativity in individual students and also serve to focus and direct the vision, mission, ethos and staff in preparation for the new challenges of the 21st century.

Scots to the fore!



Dr Ian PM Lambert  
Principal



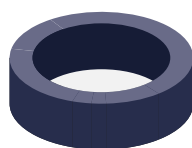
# Academic Excellence

## HSC Results

The College's continued focus on academic achievement across the board has seen us excel in a number of areas. Our Science and Mathematics results continue to be outstanding and our English results were incredibly pleasing.

In 2015, 170 students sat their Higher School Certificate (HSC), with 11 Scots boys completing studies in a Diploma of Tertiary Preparation. Across the entire HSC group, 65 percent of all results were awarded in the top two Bands (Bands 5, 6, E3 and E4). This means that nearly two thirds of all results were in the top 20 percent of NSW.

### Proportion of boys awarded in top two Bands by subject



**100%**

English Extension 2,  
Indonesian Extension,  
Latin Continuers,  
Music Extension, Music 2



**>90%**

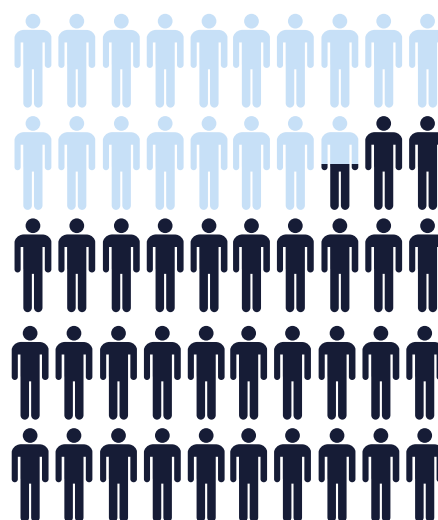
English Extension 1,  
Mathematics Extension 1,  
Mathematics Extension 2



**>80%**

Drama, Studies of Religion I

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



**65%**

Across all courses, 65% of boys' results were awarded in the top two Bands (Bands 5 and 6, E3 and E4).





## NAPLAN Results

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian schools in 2008. Each year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are assessed in May using national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

During the past few years, Scots staff have focused on Literacy and Numeracy. This has translated into an overall improvement as evident in our HSC results and other measures that track student progress. Students are placed in one of six Bands and our boys achieved the following results in the top three Bands:

	% TSC Students in the Top 3 Bands	% NSW Students in the Top 3 Bands	Relative Performance TSC/ NSW
Year 3 Reading	85.7	71	1.20
Year 5 Reading	87.4	59.8	1.46
Year 7 Reading	80	57.6	1.39
Year 9 Reading	77.4	50.4	1.54
Year 3 Writing	88.4	77.4	1.14
Year 5 Writing	70.6	52.9	1.33
Year 7 Writing	52.7	40.8	1.29
Year 9 Writing	55.4	38	1.46
Year 3 Spelling	84.6	68	1.24
Year 5 Spelling	80.4	65.1	1.24
Year 7 Spelling	81	66.9	1.21
Year 9 Spelling	74.1	58.8	1.26
Year 3 Grammar and Punctuation	93.6	76.1	1.23
Year 5 Grammar and Punctuation	84.3	60.2	1.40
Year 7 Grammar and Punctuation	77.4	56.9	1.36
Year 9 Grammar and Punctuation	64.2	46.1	1.39
Year 3 Numeracy	77	61.9	1.24
Year 5 Numeracy	83.3	56.3	1.48
Year 7 Numeracy	82.4	55.2	1.49
Year 9 Numeracy	88.6	54.6	1.62

## ATAR High Achievers



Simon Weng – 99.9

Simon is a highly intelligent student who excelled in all subjects over the course of his six years at The Scots College. He

has always been a high achiever, being awarded many academic prizes over the years. In 2015, Simon achieved Dux of the College for which he received a standing ovation at Speech Day. Simon achieved Band 6 results in all HSC subjects including English Advanced, English Extension I, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics Extension I and Mathematics Extension II. Simon is now looking at studying Medicine at the University of New South Wales in 2016.



From the start, the Class of 2015 has always had an incredible drive, energy and personality that has set them apart from other year groups.

Mr Andrew Potter,  
Head of Students (Years 7-12)





**Denny Chen – 99.85**

Denny has been a busy, highly accomplished student from the beginning of his Scots journey in Year 7. An outstanding musician,

he has been successful in a number of external examinations as well as being a key member of the College Music Program. Academically, he has demonstrated his zest for learning and determination to succeed in every subject area. Denny was an active and important member of Debating and was awarded Colours, and also played Basketball and Football with equal enthusiasm and commitment. He was appointed Senior Day Boy Prefect for 2015 and fulfilled this role with maturity and integrity. Denny was awarded a cadetship with UBS working in the Equities Division commencing in 2016 and will be completing a combined Commerce/Law degree. He is an outstanding example for our boys.



**Dominic Cooper – 99.7**

Dominic entered the Senior School as a Year 7 student. In his time at Scots, Dominic has consistently

impressed his teachers with his academic drive and his desire to make the most out of every lesson. Dominic's academic success was recognised with his placement on the Deans' Honour Roll. A talented sportsman, Dominic was a member of the 1sts Tennis team from 2013 until 2015 and was subsequently awarded Colours for Tennis. Dominic was a member of the 1st XI Football team from Year 10 and gained GPS selection in 2014 and 2015. Dominic possessed natural leadership attributes and was acknowledged with his appointment as a College Prefect and Captain of Macky House.



**Gyan Ainkaran – 99.65**

Gyan has achieved an enormous amount since entering the College in Year 7. He was Dux in both 2011 and 2012

and despite the many hours devoted to achieving academic success, Gyan was actively involved in all aspects of the College. Gyan was well respected by his peers and teachers and was appointed Deputy Head Prefect, a role he performed with distinction. He was awarded the Presbyterian Church Trustees Award for Christian Leadership in 2015 and the Professor McDonald Holmes Prize for Service in the Chapel. An outstanding sportsman, Gyan was a member of the 1sts and 2nds Tennis team. He also held important positions in both Pipes and Drums and within the Music Program.



**Bovey Zhao – 99.6**

Bovey set a high academic standard and will be remembered by his teachers as a focused and diligent student. His high level of organisation

and impressive work ethic made him a natural academic leader amongst his peers. In 2014, Bovey's enthusiasm and commitment to his learning was rewarded with The College Prize for Physics, The Dr LM Simmons Prize for Chemistry, The RS Rankine Prize for Ancient History and A College Prize for Academic Excellence. Bovey displayed a passion for Music and was a role model for younger students. He was a Chapel Combo Band leader and was a member of the College Orchestra and Big Band for six years. Bovey was a 1st and 2nd speaker for Senior Debating and was part of the winning GPS Debating team in 2015.



**Harry Brink – 99.5**

Harry entered The Scots College in 2004 as a Year 1 student. He was an industrious student, often gaining recognition for his excellent

attitude and standard of academic work. He showed a determined and focused approach to his academic studies and had a passion and talent in the areas of Mathematics and Science. Harry was a talented sportsman, representing the top Rugby and Rowing teams in his Junior years. In his Senior years, Harry was a valued member of the Athletics and Cross Country teams. He was a member of the GPS Athletics, NSW Athletics and the Scots GPS Premiership winning Cross Country teams. We wish Harry all the best as he looks to study Engineering this year.



**Luke Harry – 99.45**

Luke is a remarkable young man whose achievements have made him stand out amongst his peers. From 2010 to 2015, he was an Academic Scholarship

holder and received awards for Academic Excellence in 2012, 2013 and 2014. In 2015 Luke made the Deans' Honours Roll, in 2011 he was awarded College Colours for Academic Excellence, and also received The John Garton Prize for Christian Studies and The William Angus Mitchell Memorial Prize for French in 2014. In his final year he was awarded The College Prize for Extension 2 English in recognition for topping the course. Luke furthered these accomplishments in the HSC performing exceptionally well and achieving Academic Honours in Advanced English, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, Mathematics Extension 1, Physics and French Continuers.



**Josh Ng – 99.4**

Josh started at the College as a Year 7 student. He demonstrated his academic potential early and continued to build on this over the coming years. He

was part of the Science Honours Program in his Junior years and was the recipient of The Cairns Family Prize for Commitment in 2012. He demonstrated an aptitude for Latin in Year 7 and continued through to HSC, being awarded The Captain Robert Aspinall Memorial Prize for Latin in 2015. Josh combined his academic pursuits with a wide range of co-curricular commitments. A member of Pipes and Drums, Josh achieved appointment as a Pipe Major in his Senior year. Josh also played Football, Rugby and Basketball as well as being a member of the Athletics Program. In 2016 he will be studying Civil Engineering at the University of New South Wales.



**Vincent Carse – 99.35**

Vincent joined the College in 2010. Despite his many commitments, Vincent successfully undertook a rigorous Academic program, including the

study of Extension 2 English, Extension 2 Mathematics, Chemistry and Economics. Vincent also achieved a Band 6 result in the 2014 HSC in the accelerated program in 2 Unit Mathematics. Vincent displayed outstanding leadership in the College Cadet Unit where he rose to the rank of Cadet Company Sargent Major. His calm yet authoritative leadership style left a lasting impression on staff. Vincent excelled in Debating and Public Speaking, being appointed Captain of Public Speaking in 2015 and the winner of the Lions Club Youth of the Year Eastern Suburbs Public Speaking competition. Vincent was also selected as a College Prefect and Vice-Captain of Macky House.



**Connor Lindstrom – 99.35**

Connor left a lasting impression with his enthusiasm and desire for learning. He was diligent in his application across all curriculum

areas. Connor's academic achievements resulted in him being awarded several prizes in his final year at Scots. The Dorothy Cowie Memorial Prize for English, The College Prize for Extension 1 English, The Morris Prize for Poetry and The Norman Pinwall Memorial Prize for Shakespearean Essays. Connor was also a member of the Deans' Honours Roll. Connor was a keen sportsman, representing the College with pride and enthusiasm in Basketball, Cricket and Football. Connor achieved an ATAR of 99.35 and is planning on studying Commerce and Liberal Studies at The University of Sydney.



**Rocky Lagudi – 99.3**

Rocky entered The Scots College in 2006 as a Year 3 student. He was an exemplary student and role model to his peers with his mature outlook and

well developed sense of responsibility. Rocky has always been a conscientious student with an incredible work ethic. He had a great influence on the academic culture within his peer group and also in encouraging the younger students in Gilchrist House. He developed significant leadership skills through his role as College Prefect and Captain of Association Football. He was enthusiastically involved in the College Cadet Unit as Cadet Under Officer of Reconnaissance Platoon and achieved his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award in 2015. We wish Rocky well as he plans to study Commerce/Law in 2016.



**Jerry Yu – 99.3**

Jerry epitomises the fine Scots boy ideal of the College. From Academic to Sport to Musical pursuits, Jerry has always given his time freely and the community

has benefitted greatly as a result. His teachers commented, in particular, on his enthusiasm for learning and his ability to motivate himself and others to strive for excellence. Jerry played in the 1st XI Football team for four consecutive years (scoring his maiden goal in his last game!). He was the Leader of Wind Bands in 2015 and won a Silver medal at the NSW School Band Festival in 2014. He also attended the international Credo course held at Scots. Jerry's sheer delight in the process of learning will long be remembered at the College by those who taught him.



**Romy Motwani – 99.1**

Romy entered the College as a Transition student and subsequently spent 14 years at The Scots College. During this time, Romy built a healthy respect

from his peers as well as his teachers. He was a quiet achiever who successfully met his many commitments with minimum fuss. Romy was however a determined and dedicated student who was awarded numerous academic prizes in the Senior years, including A College Prize for Academic Excellence in 2015. Romy made a significant contribution to Fraser House, working as a Peer Support Leader. He also displayed great maturity when teaching younger students of the Brass section of the College Orchestra.

## Dux Profiles



**Dux of Year 7**  
**Samuel Braun**  
**Bruce House**

Samuel is a truly impressive young man. He joined the College as a new student and has set high standards from his first day. He has a mature work ethic and is a bright and engaged student in all areas of his studies. He is held in high regard by both his peers and his teachers because of his engaging personality and commitment. While Samuel excels academically, he has also thrown himself wholeheartedly into all other aspects of College life participating in Co-Curricular Music, Swimming, Rowing and Football. He also maintains an active participation in his local Surf Life Saving Club. Samuel epitomises the concept of the all-rounder.



**Dux of Year 8**  
**Hayden Fleming**  
**Brandt House**

Hayden has, since joining the College in Year 7, embraced the notion of a brave heart and bold mind in everything that he applies himself to at Scots and beyond. He is a diligent and capable student who gives his best in all areas of the curriculum. His teachers comment on his impeccable organisation skills and his meticulous work ethic. He is a talented athlete who has represented Athletics and Cross Country teams with distinction and dedication. Hayden is a member of the College's Pipes and Drums and he is an integral part of the Debating team. Hayden is a dynamic and accomplished student who gives everything to each task and he is a tremendous role model to those around him.



**Dux of Year 9**  
**Oliver Oayda**  
**Brandt House**

Oliver consistently demonstrates the attributes of a student with a love of learning and a willingness to lead through service and commitment. He joined the College in Kindergarten and has set about his academic studies with vigour, sitting the Year 11 Preliminary Mathematics exam as part of the Year 9 acceleration group. He represented the College in the GPS Debating Competition and was part of the STEM Co-Curricular Program. He took part in a mediation session with a school in India as part of the English Honours Program, discussing whether the United States should ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights for the Child. Oliver strives to excel in all that he does and appreciates the importance of teamwork in achieving academic success.



**Dux of Year 10**  
**Sebastian Galetto**  
**Macky House**

Sebastian is a true all-rounder who has displayed a passion for all his academic subjects. Sebastian's commitment to his studies has been rewarded with his award of Dux for both Years 9 and 10. He has aspirations of studying overseas once he completes his Higher School Certificate. Sebastian has a heavy commitment to the Rowing Program and is currently training with the 1st IV squad. He is also in the final stages of completing his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.



**Dux of Year 11**  
**Joshua Lui**  
**James Bee House**

Joshua has had a very successful completion of his Preliminary Year by once again achieving Dux of his year group in 2015. He excels in his academic subjects gaining extremely high ranks in English Advanced, English Extension I, 2U Mathematics, Mathematics Extension I, Physics, Chemistry and Latin. Joshua is an extremely diligent and self-directed student who has a very positive work ethic. He was awarded Dux of Year 11 in 2015 and is on track to achieving a very high ATAR. Joshua is currently interested in studying a form of Medicine in 2017, once he completes his HSC in 2016.



The key focus is on educational experience. To learn something and then to apply it in practice becomes a much richer learning experience for each boy.

Dr Ian PM Lambert, Principal.





## Jonah, Year 9 – Final Stages of Completing HSC

In 2014 Jonah Soewandito sat the HSC at age 11. In doing so, he was the youngest HSC student that year and one of the youngest in the history of New South Wales. Scoring marks of over 90 in both Chemistry and Mathematics, Jonah defined excellence.

A year later, Jonah is still just as remarkable and near completion of his HSC. In 2015 he sat his HSC for English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1 and Physics. He performed outstandingly, particularly in Mathematics Extension 1 where Jonah achieved a Band E4 (the highest possible band).

Jonah plans to sit Biology, English Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2 and Software Design and Development in 2016.



Jonah Soewandito is near completion of his HSC.



## Christian and Jordan Amongst Top Mathematics Students in Australia

Christian Waked (Year 8) and Jordan Zhang (Year 9) have finished in the top 0.3 percent of Australian students who sat the annual Australian Mathematics Competition. Both students achieved scores that resulted in them being awarded a prize, an elusive and prestigious award for this competition.

Christian also received the Prudence Award for the College as the student who answered the most number of consecutive correct responses.

The Scots College entered students in three divisions: Junior, Intermediate and Senior, with a number of students across all three divisions receiving high distinctions.

Christian was invited to attend an enrichment workshop designed to help gifted young students to 'think mathematically'.

**Christian Waked and Jordan Zhang with their prize badges from the Australian Mathematics Competition.**



## Scots Leads the Way with 3D Printing

Three-dimensional design and printing has been revolutionising the manufacturing and medical industries in contemporary society. This year, Scots has worked hard to stay ahead of this trend and equip our students with the technology and knowledge needed to reap the benefits.

In Term 1, the College became the first school in NSW to adopt Makers Empire's 3D design and printing Lighthouse Program, aligned with the Australian Curriculum. A group of Year 4 students were the first to experience this program and it has since expanded to include Year 5 students.

Students proposed a design solution to a problem and then printed their design using the 3D printer. This stimulated their imagination, creativity and independent thinking as well as helping to develop spatial intelligence.

**Miss Jo Tatton, Samuel Hughes and Harvey Douglas finish their 3D model.**





# Co-Curricular Excellence

## Scots Debaters Triumph

Winning the largest Debating competition amongst Sydney's independent schools was a wonderful achievement for the Scots Senior A Debating team. Over 30 schools participated in this competition, which took place over 11 debates, each with one hour's preparation time. Not only did the team win a Grand Final victory over Saint Ignatius' College Riverview, it went through the entire Independent Schools' Debating Association (ISDA) competition undefeated.

To prepare for this moment, the four Year 12 students, Vincent Carse, Muhammad Jaame, Robert Rutledge and Jack Vaughan, underwent an intensive training program with Coach Alex Downie, former high school debating champion.



Following this success, Vincent Carse was selected into the GPS Representative 1sts Debating team, and was joined by Lachlan Hamilton (Year 12) who was selected to the Representative 3rds team.

**Muhammad Jaame, Robert Rutledge, Jack Vaughan and Vincent Carse proudly display the ISDA winners' shield.**



## Musical Talent Runs Deep at Scots

Last year saw success for the Music Department, with two talented Scots musicians achieving their Associate Diploma in Music, Australia (AMusA). This award is presented only to candidates who demonstrate outstanding skill in musical performance and theory. The award is considered the equivalent of receiving an undergraduate tertiary qualification in Music.

Year 11 students Austin Irwin and Angus Key amazed examiners with their respective cello and saxophone performances. The examiners praised Austin for his "technical precision, sensitive phrasing and musically considered performance".

Ken Noonan (Year 7), Justin De Solom (Year 8) and Hugh Beith (Year 11) also achieved excellence in receiving their Certificate of Performance from the Australian Music Examinations Board. This award is the direct precursor to the AMusA.

**Angus Key and Austin Irwin were acknowledged for their Associate Diploma in Music qualification at a Senior School Assembly.**

## Sydney Eisteddfod Success

In 2015, Scots students competed with great success at the Sydney Eisteddfod.

The Co-Curricular Drama and Scots Extra Activities Dance programs won first place in the School Boys Dance Group event. Participants included: Leo Broadhurst, Matthis Fontaine, Charlie Kroeze, Rory O'Keefe, Jonah Simmons, Michael Southwell, Charlie Whelan (Year 4); Murphy Hogan (Year 5); Finn Bradford, Milo Thomson (Year 6); Oliver Naglost (Year 8); Lachlan Cusick, Freddy Johnston, Oliver Lister,

Oscar Morgan, Tass Mourdakoutas, Ethan Reginato and Jason Socratous (Year 11).

This performance led to selection for the televised Sydney Eisteddfod McDonald's Dance of Championships for which they won a total of \$1,000.

Co-Curricular Drama students entered in the Speech and Drama section also represented well. D'Arcy Todd (Year 7) won the 13 Years section for his monologue while other boys also gave outstanding performances.

**Co-Curricular Drama and SEA Dance crew at the Sydney Eisteddfod McDonald's Dance of Championships.**



## Excellence at NSW School Band Festival

Three Senior School ensembles performed at the NSW School Band Festival, University of New South Wales in July. After only 18 months since the inception of the Wind Band Program in the Senior School, Wind Band A and Wind Band B both entered the Festival for their first public performance outside the College community. International adjudicator, Professor Nancy Dimer of the USA awarded Wind Band A Silver and Wind Band B Bronze in their respective divisions.

It was the second year at the Festival for the acclaimed Big Band #1 that played an outstanding set. The band was pleased to receive Gold for its exceptional performance. Since the Festival, each band has benefitted from studying its adjudication recordings that featured commentary by renowned musicians and music educators.

**Joshua Stevens (Year 11), Stephen Cai (Year 12) and Denny Chen (Year 12) with awards won at the NSW School Band Festival.**



## Budding Artists Amaze Woollahra

The 2015 results of the Woollahra Environmental Schools Sculpture Prize proved that the talent displayed by Scots boys emerges from an early age. Several artworks made the finals while two sculptures won prizes in this competition.

The talented boys of the Early Learning Centre included Pavel Ubugunov and Lewis Porter from 1DP who won a special commendation prize for their collaborative sculpture, *The W Snake*. Jasper Kelly in KND also won a special commendation prize for his sculpture, *Feathery Vines*. Artist, Tracey Deep, guest speaker for this event, also commented on the *Diamond Back Rattlesnake* sculpture by 1SM boys and their creative use of bubble wrap.

**Pavel Ubugunov and Lewis Porter with their sculpture, *The W Snake*.**



## The Matthew Jones Award

Making art is not easy, but Year 1 student Bailey Spence has shown he is a natural by winning the Matthew Jones Award in the independent Kindergarten to Year 2 category for 2015. The theme for this year was 'My Favourite Place'. Fellow classmate Max Crawford was also a finalist in the same category.

The Matthew Jones Award is an annual art competition that celebrates the creative spirit of children, with all funds raised gifted to children's disability arts programs.

**Bailey Spence's artwork *Uluru*.**

## Taekwondo Triumph

In an impressive display of true Scots spirit, four Year 11 boys from the College's Cadets Unit competed in the 2015 All Schools Taekwondo Tournament. This is an annual event in which teams from schools in the Great Public Schools, as well as all over Sydney, compete in a martial arts point sparring competition. This is a limited and controlled contact event in which individuals compete in a three minute timed spar with points awarded for hits to a designated target zone.

The team, captained by Thanasis Tiliakos, and consisting of Haadi Abu-Isnineh, Jacob Davison and Will Roche, had trained for several months in preparation for this event and conducted themselves with a competitive drive that saw fantastic results. At the conclusion the team tallied two Gold medals, two Silver medals, and one Bronze. The boys are congratulated on their competitive ability, team approach and sense of sportsmanship.

**Year 11 students Thanasis Tiliakos, Will Roche, Jacob Davison and Haadi Abu-Isnineh with their Taekwondo medals.**





# Sporting Excellence

## Return of the LC Robson Memorial Trophy

The 118th Athletic Association of the Great Public Schools Head of the River held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre in March last year marked a historic day for Scots. Not only did the day cap off a very successful rowing season, but for the first time in the College's Rowing history, the 2nd VIII were victorious and brought the LC Robson Memorial Trophy back to Bellevue Hill.

The crew performed admirably all season and again displayed its skill and teamwork in the race at the Head of the River. In doing so, the 2nd VIII achieved an exceptional time of 6:06.13. Over three seconds separated the team from its closest competition resulting in a clear victory for The Scots College.

Congratulations to the members of the crew, Cameron Butler, Matthew Grant, Matt Hammond, Daniel Morgan, Jack Priest, Joe Skuse, Adam Stanley (Year 11); George Bundock, Nicholas Lloyd (Year 12) and Kurtis Thomas (Coach) for their outstanding season and race.

**The Scots College 2nd VIII crew.**  
**Scots 2nd VIII celebrate winning the LC Robson Memorial Trophy.**



## 1st XI Crowned GPS Champions

Producing a season that will be very difficult for any team to replicate, The Scots College 1st XI Cricket team has finished the 2015 Great Public Schools (GPS) season as champions. The title was officially claimed in the penultimate game of the season against The King's School, with stand-out performances from bowlers Henry Thornton and Oliver Mills helping to secure victory and, ultimately, the GPS crown.

The final match of the year saw Scots face St Ignatius' College, Riverview. Another strong performance saw Scots batsmen reach the required run target in just 24 overs, following solid performances from Scots bowlers in the first innings.

The win against Riverview meant Scots had won five out of its seven games outright for the season.

Congratulations also go to players and coaches of the Under 14A and Under 14B teams, with both teams progressing through the entire season undefeated.

**The Scots College 1st XI Cricket team, GPS Premiers with MIC Mr Brett Cranfield (far left), Director of Cricket Mr Ben Sawyer (second from right) and Principal Dr Ian PM Lambert (far right). Scots 1st XI Cricket champions with Dr Ian PM Lambert and Mr Ben Sawyer.**





## Theo Strang Captains GPS 1st XV Rugby

Scots Rugby experienced great success in 2015, being named Great Public School (GPS) champions and having a host of players selected for representative teams. One player who had a particularly strong year was our Captain, Theo Strang.

Captaining Scots to a consecutive GPS crown, Theo was selected to the GPS representative

side, of which he was also named Captain. Theo was named in the New South Wales Schoolboys side to play at scrum half, before reaching his pinnacle for 2015 by being selected for the Australian Schoolboys team to compete against New Zealand and Samoan schools.

**Theo Strang leads out the 1st XV Rugby team during the Back to Scots weekend match against St Joseph's College.**



## 1st XI Goes Back-to-Back in GPS Twenty20

The 1st XI followed up its success in 2014 to again emerge victorious in the Great Public Schools (GPS) Twenty20 competition in a strong showing leading into the 2015/2016 season. Facing Newington College in the final, Scots sealed the victory, and the championship, in the 16th over, thanks in part to a fine batting display by opener Charlie Gulliver (Year 11).

Scots went undefeated in its first three games, setting up a semi-final match with St Ignatius' College, Riverview. A six on the second last ball of the day from Year 9 batsman Zack Hersov clinched victory, sending Scots into a repeat of 2014's final against Newington.

Chasing 118 to win, opening batsman Charlie Gulliver came out quick, scoring 53 runs off 32 balls. William Lawrance (Year 11) and William Simpson (Year 11) recorded some big shots of their own, as Scots reached its target of 119 in the 16th over, to wrap up the GPS Twenty20 competition for the second consecutive year.

**Scots 1st XI won the GPS Twenty20 competition for a second consecutive year.**

## Track and Field Success

Athletics is a sport requiring a great amount of dedication, commitment and determination. Sometimes the difference between winning and losing is a matter of seconds or centimetres. The hard work and commitment shown by the Athletics team in 2015 has been rewarded, with four athletes being crowned Great Public Schools (GPS) champions, and a large number obtaining medals throughout the GPS season.

Jarrod Cullen achieved success as the GPS Opens Champion in the 400 metres, and also received a Gold medal in the 800 metres event.

Scots had a total of five athletes achieve Gold medals in GPS competitions in 2015. Darcy Clifton (Year 7) won the Under 13 Shot-Put, with a winning throw of 13.54 metres. Campbell Pert (Year 8) achieved Gold in the Under 14 High Jump. Year 10 athlete Jack Kerry achieved Gold in the Under 16 100m, with Year 11 athlete Josh Zucchiatti winning the Opens division.

**Darcy Clifton competing in shot-put.**



## Ben Cochran Selected for National Team

Dedication and commitment to training, both early in the morning and late at night, has paid dividends for Year 11 Water Polo player Ben Cochran. Playing for Scots in the 1sts team, Ben was selected to represent the New South Wales All Schools team at the School Sport Australia Water Polo Championships where strong performances in defence helped the NSW team to victory, defeating Queensland in the final.

Following his consistent performances, Ben was selected for the School Sport Australia All Australian Water Polo team, and toured South Africa in December, taking part in the Schools Water Polo South Africa National Tournament 2015. This was followed by an international test series against South Africa and New Zealand.

**Ben Cochran represented Australia in the Schoolboys Water Polo team.**



## A Growing List of Australian Schoolboys Rugby Representatives

Before the start of the 2015 Rugby season, The Scots College produced 33 Australian Schoolboy representatives. We can now proudly boast another five names to a prestigious list including Tim Gavin, Stuart Pinkerton and Colin Scotts.

The new additions to the Australian Schoolboys ranks are Dan England, Max Girdler, James Hawkins, Ryan McCauley and Theo Strang. Charlie Smith was also selected for the Australian Barbarians team.

It is the first time any Australian school has had five boys recognised with international honours in one season.

Ryan started as lock against both New Zealand and Samoan schools, scoring Australia's only try against New Zealand. Ryan was accompanied in both matches by Dan, who played centre. Theo played scrum half for the Schoolboys side, with James also getting a run in the centre. Max played off the bench against New Zealand, with Charlie having two great games for the Barbarians side.

Since then, Theo has also been selected for the Sydney Stars National Rugby Championship team and Ryan has been contracted by the Waratahs Academy.

This is hopefully the start of a legacy to continue for many years to come. Each of the players understands and lives by the core values of the Rugby program – respect, discipline and hard work.

**The Scots Rugby team enthusiastically prepare before a game.**



## Under 16 CIS Champions

It takes a special kind of athlete to do well in Cross Country. It is sport that requires great mental strength, requiring the athlete to continually break through the initial pain barrier, enabling them to keep running. This mindset is evident in the Under 16 team of Jack Freer, Harrison Phillips, Louis Lefebvre and Madison Weekes, who stood out as the class of the field at the 2015 Combined Independent Schools (CIS) Cross Country Championships, securing first place in the overall team competition.

Scots had 22 athletes compete at the CIS Championships in 2015 – the largest team in recent years – and is a testament to the hard work, determination and commitment shown by the students and coaches.

**Harrison Phillips, Jack Freer, Madison Weekes and Louis Lefebvre took out first place in the overall team competition at the CIS Cross Country Championships.**

## Winning Performance on the Gold Coast

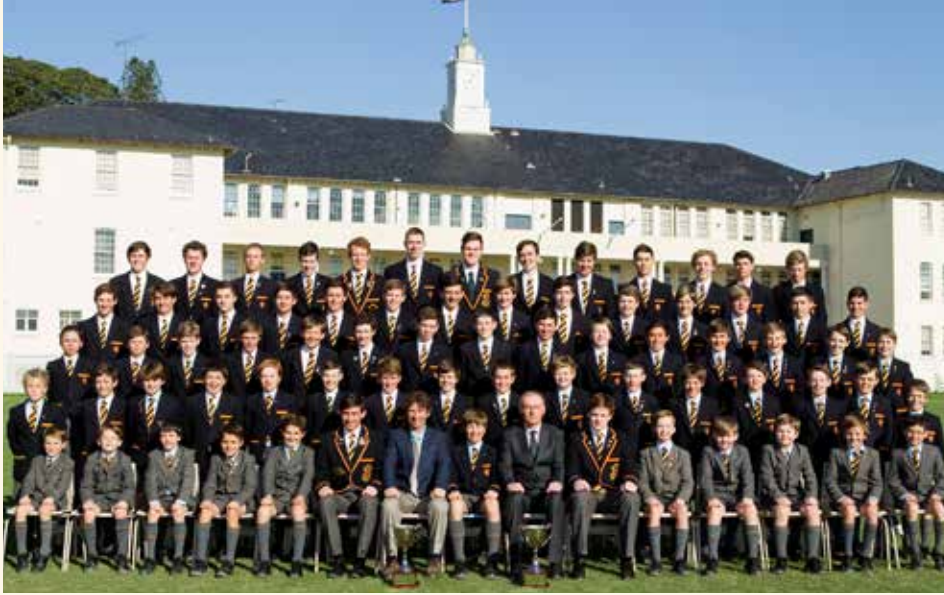
While most were enjoying a well earned school break, the Under 16As Rugby side travelled to Queensland for the Gold Coast Rugby Carnival, where it triumphed over competition from around Australia and New Zealand to finish the tournament as unbeaten champions.

Playing against Townsville Grammar School, and two teams from New Zealand, Shirley Boys' High School and Te Aroha College, Scots finished six games unbeaten to claim the 2015 crown in a tournament that has attracted teams from around the globe.

**The Under 16As Rugby side at the Gold Coast Rugby Carnival.**







## The Continuation of Snowsports' Success

In 2015, the Snowsports team did not cease to increase from strength to strength and last year marked yet another successful year for Snowsports at Scots. Both the Preparatory and Senior teams excelled throughout the year and secured the College's position as the top performing Snowsports school.

In an amazing feat, the Preparatory Snowsports team won the Australian Interschools Snowsports Championships for an incredible ninth consecutive year.

Meanwhile, the Senior Snowsports team bravely defended its title for the eighth consecutive year.

These accomplishments follow a highly successful season, including achieving first place at the Sydney Interschools Snowsports Championships and the NSW State Championships for both Preparatory and Senior teams.

**Scots Snowsports team.**

## No Faults with Scots Tennis

Taking part in the Eastern Suburbs Tennis Association (ESTA) Winter Competition for the first time, Scots entered four teams in divisions that saw them come up against Open men's teams in a format consisting of two singles matches and two doubles matches. Two out of four teams qualified for the semi-finals, with the Scots 3 team of Christian Della Cioppa, Adam Malouf and Lachlan Wanford claiming the champions title for the ESTA Winter Competition A1/2 Division.

Another promising young Tennis player, Yannick Gilanyi, triumphed at the 2015 Auto Pro Cessnock Bronze JT Tournament as part of his preparation for the summer Tennis season. In a great show of focus, Yannick was able to reach the consolation final and claim victory 6-4, 6-0 to win Gold and earn valuable Australian ranking points.

**Yannick Gilanyi with his Gold medal from the 2015 Auto Pro Cessnock Bronze JT Tournament.**



## Rugby Talent in the Preparatory School

The Preparatory School Rugby 1st XV brimmed with talent last year. Four boys from this team, Luca Ace-Nasteski, Toby Walker, Taylor Kerr and Benjamin Shortt (Year 6), represented Scots as part of the Combined Independent Schools (CIS) Rugby team at the New South Wales Primary Schools Sports Association (NSW PSSA) tournament. In doing so, this team made all at our College proud by winning the final. From their performance, Luca and Toby were further selected in the NSW team to compete at the National Championships. Luca was also selected in the CIS Representative Primary Boys' Basketball team earlier in the year.

**Toby Alker making an important tackle with Luca Ace-Nasteski in cover defence for CIS at the PSSA Carnival.**







### 1st XV GPS Champions for the Third Consecutive Year

After two back-to-back GPS wins in 2013 and 2014, the 1st Rugby XV was a nervous and tentative group on the morning of the final Premiership game against The King's School. However, they were not alone. The entire College rallied behind them and dedicated parent and renowned actor, Mr Russell Crowe, gave an outstanding speech instilling confidence into all who heard.

As a result, the 1st XV's abounding skill and the guidance of Mr Brian Smith, Director of Rugby, saw the 1st XV crowned GPS champions, for the third consecutive year.

**Ryan McCauley, of the 1st XV, flies high at the lineout.**



### John Cooley Sails in World Championships in Wales

Year 10 student John Cooley and his crew Simon Hoffman, from Newcastle, travelled to Pwllheli, Wales to compete in the UK/European Cup and the 2015 29er World Championships.

In a field of 105 in the UK/European Cup, John managed to take out second place. In the Worlds, a field of 195 boats competed over six days of racing. John competed in the elite Gold Fleet, where he finished in first place in the Under 16s, third in the Youth category, and sixth overall – fantastic achievements for a dedicated and committed sailor such as John. An additional highlight for 2015 was a second place finish at the NSW 29er Championships.

These experiences will place him in good stead as he plans to take on the World Championships again in 2016.

**Simon Hoffman and John Cooley at the World Championships.**



### Nathan Harapin Makes AFL History

Year 10 student Nathan Harapin made history in 2015 by becoming the first player from New South Wales to represent the World XVIII at the 2015 NAB AFL Under 16s Championships. His selection in the World XVIII, a representative side made up of the best multicultural players from around Australia, followed on from his appointment as the NSW/ACT All Nations Squad Captain.

Selection into the World XVIII is another in a long list of achievements for Nathan. He started playing AFL at four years of age, being selected into the QBE Sydney Swans Academy as an Under 10s player. Nathan has also played Greater Sydney Representative AFL for the past five years, as well as taking part in the Under 13s NSW Championships.

The World XVIII team provides boys from multicultural backgrounds with elite training, personal development and AFL talent pathway opportunities. They are given nutrition advice and tips on how to improve their training regime.

**Nathan Harapin (second from left) and teammates with Coach Mr David Rodan (middle) during the NAB AFL Under 16s Championships.**



### Henry Thornton Opens Bowling in the Ashes

In his last year at the College, Henry Thornton (Year 12) took every opportunity that came his way during the season. Henry was part of a Championship Great Public Schools (GPS) team, the Australian Championship NSW Under 19s Squad and the Australian Under 19s team. Additionally, Henry signed a rookie contract with the NSW Blues and a Big Bash League contract with the Melbourne Stars, all while sitting his HSC.

In his international debut, Henry represented Australia in the Under 19s Ashes against England. Here he opened the bowling for his country and finished day one with impressive figures of 3/17 off 14 overs. Henry bowled on the Western Australian Cricket Association pitch and was an integral part of the Australian team dismissing England for 151 on day one.

**Henry Thornton (back row fifth from the left) with the Australian Under 19s team.**



## Scots Basketball Reaches New Heights

Widely regarded as one of the most successful Basketball programs in Australia, The Scots College finished 2015 with strong results across a number of teams.

The 1sts team had great success throughout the year, finishing as the Sydney Schools Shootout Champions, a competition that brings together schools from a wide range of competitions, and winning the Trinity Cup.

The 2nds team captured the hearts and minds of the College, when they hosted Riverview in the Lions Den in the last round of Great Public Schools (GPS) competition.

Throughout all tournament play, the 2nds continued to build, and experienced a number of tough losses along the way. However, the group continued to develop, study their opposition and remained humble and worked their way to a GPS Premiership, defeating Riverview in front of a packed Lions Den. This result capped an amazing season for the Program, with major results at all levels.

**The Scots College 1sts Basketball team.  
GPS Champions, Scots 2nds Basketball team.**



## Third Straight AAGPS Premiership Win for Open Cross Country Team

For the third straight year, the Open Cross Country team carried home the winning title at the 2015 Athletic Association of the Great Public Schools (AAGPS) Premiership. A demanding four sessions a week of training throughout their holidays saw the entire team develop a superior level of fitness that separated them from the rest of the competition, resulting in an undefeated season.

Jack Freer and Madison Weekes (Year 10); Christian Della Cioppa, Harrison Murdoch, Harrison Phillips and Joshua Stevens (Year 11); and Matthew Scott (Year 12) were the scoring runners over the course of the season. The team consistently finished all seven runners ahead of any other team's third runner. Led by Captain, Matthew Scott, the team set a challenge for junior and intermediate runners to commit to training and compete as a team as they move into the Opens in the future.

**The 2015 AAGPS Premiership winners.**



## Scots Boys Represent Australia at the World Rowing Junior Championships

For many athletes, to represent your country is a dream achievement, and for Scots boys Henry Kamp, Toby Starkey and Benjamin Doyle this dream became a reality in August as they made the journey to Brazil to represent Australia at the 2015 World Rowing Junior Championships. Along with two other students from the Great Public Schools, the boys competed as the Junior Men's Coxed IV.

Following success in the 2015 Athletic Association of the Great Public Schools Head of the River regatta, where Henry, Toby and Benjamin finished second as part of the 1st VIII crew, the boys were rewarded with selection to the Junior team to represent Australia in Brazil, where they made it through to the final. The games were held in Rio de Janeiro as part of the build-up to the Olympic Games.

**Rob Williams (Coach), Toby Starkey, Ben Doyle, Tom Barnes (Shore), Henry Kamp and Hamish McDonald (St Joseph's College) at the World Junior Rowing Championships.**

**Australian Junior Men's Coxed IV racing at the World Rowing Junior Championships.**





## Brennan Rymer's Successful Year in Basketball

Although The Scots College boasts many fine basketball players, Brennan Rymer (Year 11) certainly still stands out after enjoying a number of representative honours in 2015. Brennan was selected for the NSW Under 18, Great Public Schools (GPS) 1sts, NSW Combined Independent Schools and NSW Schoolboys teams. He was also one of two Australian Under 18 players to be invited to the Nike Hoops Camp in China earlier this year. Brennan has also been a member of the 1sts team for four years, a GPS Premiership player and is on track to reach his goal of being a student athlete in the USA or Canada, joining a number of former Scots boys.

**Brennan Rymer in action.**



## Daniel England Recipient of Volvo Scholarship

In 2015, Daniel England (Year 12) saw his hard work and good form on the Rugby field rewarded by being named as one of only two boys to receive the 2016 Volvo Scholarship from Australian Schools Rugby. A field of 16 was narrowed down to just two, with Daniel announced as the recipient of a scholarship to help pay for his university fees.

Daniel was a member of the 1st XV at Scots from 2014 to 2015. His strong performance led to selection in the Great Public Schools 1st XV both years, as well as a spot in the 2015 Championship winning NSW 1st XV. Daniel was also picked in the starting line-up for the Australian Schoolboys Rugby side that took on touring schoolboy teams from New Zealand and Samoa.

**Scots' Rugby attack system in action with Max Girdler, Daniel England, Charlie Smith and Charlie Crawford all on the run.**

## Ski Prodigy Jack Adams Continues to Excel

A successful 2014/2015 season for Jack Adams, which included multiple medals during Interschools competitions, was capped with selection in the National Under 18 Alpine team, and a shortlisting for selection in the Australian Youth Olympic Games squad.

Jack picked up the Division 1 Skier Cross State Champion title, as well as becoming the National Alpine Champion in Division 1. He also placed second in the Skier Cross event at the Australian Interschools Snowsports Championships.

Jack trained in France in preparation for this season, and continued his training in Italy in December as he awaited news on whether his selection to the Youth Olympic Games squad was confirmed. The 2016 Youth Olympic Games were held in Lillehammer, Norway in February.

**Jack Adams together with Josh Stevens and Ben Cobcroft as part of the successful Australian Champion Division 1 Cross Country team.**







## Sports Students to Take on the World

Eleven students from Years 6 to 9 received an early Christmas present last year when they were selected in the Australian team to compete in the 2016 International Children's Winter Games in Austria.

An intensive training program in Switzerland preceded the Games, before athletes flew to Innsbruck, Austria, to take part in the seventh Winter Games.

Chester Burns, Charlie Burns, Hugo Hinckfuss and Tom Weinert competed in Cross Country. The Freestyle Ski team included Ethan Cheung and Oliver Logan, while James Whitfield and Kody Pitt competed in Snowboard events. Thomas Fenton-Lee, Marcus Mead and Robert Zeilic all competed in Alpine Skiing.

**Charlie Burns, Hugo Hinckfuss, Ethan Cheung, Tom Weinert, Robbie Zeilic and Thomas Fenton-Lee proudly wearing their medals.**

## Hugh O'Neill Shines for NSW Water Polo

One of our most promising Juniors, Hugh O'Neill, travelled to Brisbane in 2015 to represent New South Wales in the 14&U East Coast Challenge. A leading force behind Scots' success in the pool the past two premiership winning seasons, Hugh provided a strong performance, scoring 13 goals throughout the tournament. Moving through the preliminary rounds undefeated, NSW went down to Queensland 4-2 in the finals.



**Tom Weinert competing as a member of the Australian Champion Division 3 Cross Country relay team.**

## Scots Reign at the Australian Interschools Snowsports Championships

With 215 schools represented, over 2,500 competitors from across Australia qualified through their respective regional and state finals to compete in the Australian Interschools Snowsports Championships in Victoria.

Not only did Scots emerge victorious, but were also able to set a record by being on the podium in every single event in every discipline. Overall, the College performed exceptionally well with teams winning ten Gold medals and individuals winning three Gold medals. Josh Stevens reached an incredible milestone unrivalled by any other individual in the history of the Interschools competition by securing his 100th Gold medal since he entered the competition.

Jack Adams (Alpine), Edward Casey (Skiercross) and Lewis Kennedy-Hunt (Snowboardcross) were each crowned Individual Australian Champions in their respective divisions and all the teams performed spectacularly.



## Scots Athletics Team Victorious

With young athletes competing from schools across the state, to win an event at the NSW All Schools Relay Championship is no easy feat. Last year however, the 4x100m relay team from Scots emerged victorious in the Open Boys event at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

Prior to the competition, the team composed of students Jack Kerry (Year 10), Leonard King (Year 12), Dwayne Koroka (Year 11) and

Joshua Zucchiatti (Year 12), had achieved a series of accomplishments (also supported by Year 12 student, Jarrod Cullen). These included a victory at the NSW Club Championships, followed by an undefeated season in the NSW Athletic Association of the Great Public Schools (AAGPS).

The four students competed for the last time as the AAGPS relay team, at the NSW Combined Independent Schools Championship.

**Dwayne Koroka, Jack Kerry, Leonard King and Joshua Zucchiatti – winners of the 4x100m Open Boys event.**



# Staffing Excellence



## Scots Attracts World-Class Director of Rugby

In 2015, The Scots College was proud to announce that former dual-code representative and Head Coach at London Irish, Mr Brian Smith, had agreed to step into the role of Director of Rugby.

Coming from a family of school educators, Brian holds a Master in Philosophy, Politics and Economics and a Diploma of Social Studies from the University of Oxford. He also has a Bachelor in Economics and a Diploma of Teaching from The University of Queensland.

Under Brian's guidance, a number of boys were selected for Australian Schoolboys and Barbarians teams. He guided the 1st XV to a consecutive Great Public Schools title, and oversaw the implementation of a program that helped the Under 16As to win the Gold Coast Rugby Carnival. We look forward with great anticipation to future success under Brian's leadership.

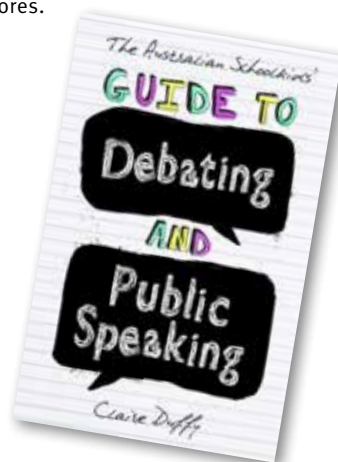
**Director of Rugby, Brian Smith addressing the 1st XV.**

## Claire Duffy's Book on the Art of Debating and Public Speaking

Director of Public Speaking and Debating and English teacher at the College, Principal of Speak For Yourself – a communications practice, over 20 years experience in government and the private sector and mother of an international champion debater, Ms Claire Duffy added yet another achievement to her list of achievements last year.

In December, her book, *The Australian Schoolkids' Guide to Debating and Public Speaking* was published. Aimed at parents, teachers and children in Australia, it covers topics such as the art of arguing, how to prepare a case, rights debates, really good rebuttals, speaker roles, how to prepare a speech and speech making in real life.

Her book is published by NewSouth Publishing and is available from online retailers and bookstores.



## Richard Blackett Celebrates 51 Years at Scots

Last year marked the end of an era for one extraordinary teacher. Mr Richard Blackett, after 51 years of service since commencing at the College in 1964, said farewell to Scots.

As well as fulfilling his duties as an English, Latin, Ancient and Modern History teacher, during his time at the College Richard also undertook a number of additional roles. He was also responsible for the reinvigoration of Debating and Public Speaking and the initiation of the Crusader Union group within the College.

**2015 marked the end of an era for Mr Richard Blackett.**



## Dr Tom Cerni on Leadership

Although many Scots staff pursue research-led practice, the Counselling team stands out in their support and direction of a number of research projects in conjunction with The University of Sydney. Our Head of Counselling Services, Dr Tom Cerni, has proven that he is well equipped to lead this team being a regular contributor to leading international journals.

Last year Dr Cerni published three journal articles and a conference paper on educational leadership and psychology. Two of these articles may be found in the *Journal of Leadership Studies* and the third in the *American Journal of Educational Research*.

**Dr Tom Cerni, Head of Counselling Services.**



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