



**St Leonard's College**  
An education for life.

# Academic Excellence

## Class of 2022 Results



# Our Academic Programs

St Leonard's College offers the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) as pathways to tertiary education. Both pathways provide year 12 graduates with an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR). The ATAR shows a student's achievement in relation to other students nationally, with 99.95 being the highest rank awarded.

The VCE is a flexible course with an English subject (English, Literature, English Language or English as Additional Language) the only compulsory subject. This allows students to tailor the course to meet their interests and future goals by allowing students to incorporate Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Higher Education Studies. For further information on the VCE please visit [vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://vcaa.vic.edu.au)

The IB Diploma Programme (DP) curriculum is made up of six subject groups and the DP core. Students must study English, an additional language, a humanities subject, a science and mathematics. The sixth subject may be an arts subject: music, theatre or visual arts. Alternatively, students can select an additional language, humanities or science subject. The DP core includes: Theory Of Knowledge (TOK) - a study about knowledge and why people think differently; the Extended Essay - a 4,000 word independent research paper; and, Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) - which promotes balance and student involvement and leadership in the arts, sports and serving the wider community.

St Leonard's College was the first Victorian school to introduce the IBDP in 1982. The IBDP is currently recognised in over 159 countries for university entry including Australia. For further information on the IBDP please visit [ibo.org/programmes/](http://ibo.org/programmes/)

## Congratulations to the Class of 2022

### IBDP Results\*

Median ATAR

**97.60**

76% achieved an ATAR of 95 or above  
84.1% achieved an ATAR of 90 or above  
98% achieved an ATAR of 80 or above

### IBDP Results\*

Two Perfect Scores of

**45  
(ATAR 99.95)**

Placing them in the top 0.02% of  
IBDP graduates worldwide.

### Combined IBDP and VCE Results

Median ATAR

**87.00**

25% achieved an ATAR of 95 or above  
40% achieved an ATAR of 90 or above  
66.48% achieved an ATAR of 80 or above

### VCE Results

Median ATAR

**83.50**

11% achieved an ATAR of 95 or above  
26.2% achieved an ATAR of 90 or above  
56.7% achieved an ATAR of 80 or above

\*IBDP Notional ATARS

## College Duces and Proxime Accessits

### William Maxwell – IBDP Dux, 45/45 (Notional ATAR 99.95)



William was our 2022 Deputy College Captain. He commenced in year 10 and embraced the many and varied opportunities the College had to offer. William says, "I'm grateful that the people of St Leonard's welcomed me with such open arms when I came in year 10. Particularly, for the way the whole community was willing to listen to me and give me a platform to show what I have to offer. I have loved the spirit of my fellow Leonardians and their determination to get things done, be heard and most importantly, live life to the fullest!" William enjoyed participating in swimming and developing his musical talents in the Guitar Ensemble. He was a proactive member of our Social Action Group and was involved in establishing the Active Bystander Initiative at the College. William participated in High Potential Learning Programs such as the Debaters Association of Victoria (DAV) Debating and Public Speaking and placed as a National Finalist in the Model United Nations Evatt Competition (third in the state). William received IBDP

subject prizes in Language and Literature, History and Music. He believes the advantages of studying the IBDP are that it develops "real-life skills such as researching, time management and evaluation of perspectives." To William, *an education for life* means "that the ATAR is just a number. The true value in our education is all that we have learnt at the College and how this has prepared us for the future." William was impressively offered two scholarships, being the Tuckwell Scholarship at Australian National University (ANU) and the Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship at the University of Melbourne. William has accepted the Tuckwell Scholarship at ANU and will be undertaking a double degree in Law and PPE (Politics, Philosophy and Economics).

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## Ian Rachinsky – IBDP Dux, 45/45 (Notional ATAR 99.95)



Commencing in year 7, Ian explored a variety of cocurricular activities including Tennis, Table Tennis, Spanish Club, the Peer Support Program, and House activities including House Chess and House Debating. He participated in High Potential Learning Programs such as the da Vinci Decathlon in year 7, placing first in the regional and state competitions and second in the national finals. He was the Future Problem Solving Team Captain in year 8 and participated in the Ethics Olympiad in year 9. Ian won first place in the Norm Fary Public Speaking competition during his time in the Middle School (years 7 to 9), and was awarded the ACS Public Speaking Winner in 2018. He received Academic Excellence Awards throughout years 7 to 12 including IBDP subject prizes in English Language and Literature, Spanish and Chemistry. Ian is also proud of the planning and execution of a biodiversity audit which he undertook with a fellow student to

evaluate the College's ecological friendliness in year 12. Ian says, "the IBDP course is unique in the great breadth of knowledge that is required of students, and it provides greater satisfaction by studying each individual subject in depth by allowing you to understand and appreciate its intricacies. The course requires participation in a variety of creative, active and community-oriented cocurricular activities, which meant that I could maintain my hobbies and continue to discover new interests without feeling as though I was sacrificing time to study. I am tremendously grateful for all of the teachers I had the honour of being taught by throughout my six years of schooling, who all managed to clearly and comprehensively explain their subjects while simultaneously being amicable and easy to approach, instilling a love for learning within me." Ian was awarded a Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship at the University of Melbourne where he will be studying a Bachelor of Science.

## Xavier Hall – IBDP Proxime Accessit, 45/45 (Notional ATAR 99.90)



Xavier joined St Leonard's in year 7 and enjoyed participating in the Symphonic Wind and Percussion Ensembles and was a 2019 House Music Leader. Xavier was an impressive lead editor of the College's Student Publications Group *163 South*. He excelled academically and received numerous Academic Excellence Awards throughout his time at the College. Xavier was an enthusiastic participant in our Lennie's Van initiative, providing food delivery services to the disadvantaged in our community. He was the recipient of the St Leonard's College Award for Citizenship in 2021 and the St Leonard's College Award for Responsibility in 2022. When reflecting on the IBDP, Xavier shares that "it encourages students to think critically through a worldwide lens, enabling us to learn about current global issues through various case studies and become more well-rounded and holistic thinkers. I am very pleased to have chosen

the IB pathway given the self-motivation and organisation skills I have learnt which will undoubtedly assist with my future tertiary study and employment opportunities." Of his education at St Leonard's, Xavier says, "I have loved the diverse experiences the College has provided me; whether it be classroom-based activities, cocurricular opportunities or the ability to undertake the Big Experience trip in year 9 to Vietnam. Each aspect of the College curriculum is targeted to developing particular areas of education and personal development, allowing students to flourish in a collaborative, engaging and accepting environment. For me, *an education for life* is an opportunity for individuals to find their true passions and areas of interest, whilst providing them with unrivalled skills and knowledge to enable them to successfully pursue future endeavours beyond the College grounds." Xavier has accepted a Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship at the University of Melbourne where he will be studying a Bachelor of Design majoring in Architecture.

## India Eyears – VCE Dux, ATAR 98.70



India joined St Leonard's College in year 3 and enjoyed participating in a wide array of cocurricular activities. India was a member of the Guitar Ensemble and Concert Band. She represented the College in basketball. She embraced the social justice program as an active member of our Social Action Group, and participated in High Potential Learning Programs such as Future Problem Solving where the team reached the National Finals, and Science Masterclass. India's achievements include Academic Excellence Awards, Best In Subject Awards in year 9 for Animation and Photography along with History, and in year 12 for English and Economics. India says the VCE course "provided me with great flexibility in subject selection, allowing me to pursue multiple areas of interest as I considered my university options."

India is most grateful to St Leonard's for "providing a welcoming environment with contemporary study spaces, supportive staff and a myriad of opportunities." A highlight of her education has been "participating in the outdoor education program which offered a variety of diverse experiences such as caving, white water rafting and hiking, providing exposure to activities contrasting with the typical school routine." India believes *an education for life* is about "creating an environment that enables students to make their own choices and to pursue their interests while encouraging critical thinking and problem-solving to provide a strong foundation as independent learners of the future." India is looking forward to commencing a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Melbourne this year.

## Xavier Maruff – VCE Dux, ATAR 98.70



Xavier joined St Leonard's in year 10 and enthusiastically immersed himself in the various opportunities available. He was a member of the College Social Action Group and volunteered to work with refugee children from Afghanistan at the Noble Park English Language School. He enjoyed music, participating in Tuesday Jazz as well as the St Leonard's College Symphony Orchestra. He pursued Debating and reached the semi-final of the A grade DAV competition. Xavier also completed two physics university subjects through the University of Melbourne Extension Program and achieved a perfect study score in Software Development in 2021. Xavier says, "VCE offers a very high degree of flexibility, allowing you to tailor your course to your strengths and interests. I really enjoyed this flexibility, not only in subject selection, but also in that it allowed me to spread my Unit 3/4 subjects over a couple of years, rather than taking everything on in

year 12. This really lowered any year 12-related stress going into this year, knowing that I already had a couple of scores banked which I was happy with." When reflecting on his education, Xavier shares, "I am most grateful to St Leonard's for the warm community, high quality of teaching, and the many opportunities it provided. For me, *an education for life* means that St Leonard's provides not only an intellectual education but also an emotional education, aiding students to develop into productive members of society. I've loved the sense of community which exists within the College, where each student is known and valued as an individual." Xavier has accepted an offer from the University of Melbourne to study a Bachelor of Science (Physics Major).

# VCE Proxime Accessit

## Ryan Waites – VCE Proxime Accessit, ATAR 98.60



Joining the College in year 7, Ryan enjoyed participating in our College soccer and cricket teams and was the senior cricket Vice-Captain in 2022. In Middle School he participated in High Potential Learning Programs such as the da Vinci Decathlon in year 7 (placing second in the National Competition) and Future Problem Solving in year 8. Ryan says, “St Leonard’s College is an amazing school with a great, inclusive culture. The teachers always put the students first and support them to achieve the best they can. I’ve formed great friendships and had a positive school experience, which is invaluable for having a positive start to my adulthood and life in general. St Leonard’s has provided me with an education that goes beyond just academics. Through the experience of strong support and belonging at St Leonard’s, I have left school with a feeling of confidence and assurance that I hope will stay with me for the rest of my life.” Ryan has accepted an offer to study a Bachelor of Engineering at Monash University within the Accelerated Masters Pathway.

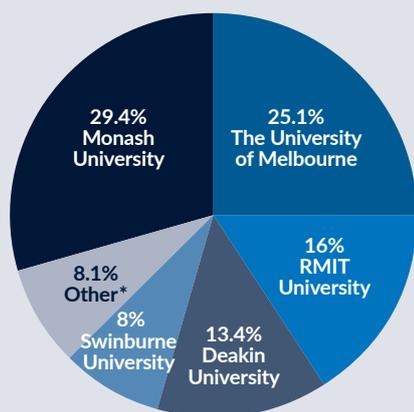
## University Destinations and Fields of Study

The most popular destination for our VCE and IBDP graduates was Monash University representing 29.4% of offers received, followed by the University of Melbourne (25.1%), RMIT University (16%), Deakin University (13.4%) and Swinburne University of Technology (8%).

Other destinations, including interstate and international, accounted for the remaining 8.1% of offers received.

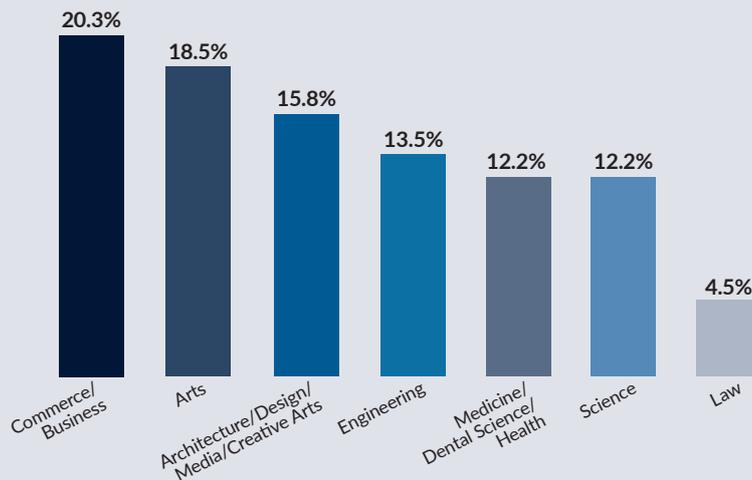
The most popular fields of study chosen were Commerce/Business (20.3%), Arts (18.5%), Architecture/Design/Media/Creative Arts (15.8%), Engineering (13.5%), Medicine/Dental Science/Health (12.2%), Science (12.2%) and Law (4.5%).

### University Destinations



\*Includes interstate, overseas, TAFE and other colleges.

### Most Popular Fields of Study



## Scholarships

The following students received scholarship offers for study in 2023:

**Julian Davey:** Geoffrey Whitelaw Jazz Brass Scholarship, Bachelor of Music, Monash University

**Xavier Hall:** Melbourne Chancellor’s Scholarship, Bachelor of Design, The University of Melbourne

**Emily Knott:** Melbourne Principal’s Scholarship (General), Bachelor of Arts, The University of Melbourne

**William Maxwell:** Tuckwell Scholarship, Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics, Australian National University (ANU)

Melbourne Chancellor’s Scholarship, Bachelor of Arts, The University of Melbourne

**Caitlin O’Sullivan:** Dalyell Scholars Stream, Bachelor of Advanced Computing/Bachelor of Commerce, The University of Sydney

**Joshua Price:** Vice Chancellor’s Excellence Scholarship, Bachelor of Film and Television (Honours), Swinburne University of Technology

**Ian Rachinsky:** Melbourne Chancellor’s Scholarship, Bachelor of Science, The University of Melbourne