



2016 HSC

# Academic Results



**CRANBROOK  
SCHOOL**



# Message from the Headmaster

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This booklet profiles some of our top performers and illustrates the fact that, at Cranbrook, you can achieve a vital balance between academic success and personal breadth: as you will read, their stories tell us of deep involvement in the performing and creative arts, sporting endeavour, service-related activity, outdoor education, intellectual pursuits and building community. We do not produce narrow, brittle, spoonfed candidates but we value and elevate empathy, generosity of spirit and humane warmth.

Cranbrook is not a school which operates a highly academically selective admissions policy. We like breadth – in part because we believe that it offers a healthier and more realistic preparation for life beyond

school. And, therefore, some of the performances we are most proud of are achieved by those who have scored less than 99 but who have travelled a great distance with us and lifted their horizons. We celebrate the fact that our median ATAR in 2016 was 88.05 and that 30 of our boys registered ATARs of over 95. And we note that many of the significant benefits of a great liberal education will not translate directly into a statistical return but will be valuable both for their own sake and for the polishing of prospects and opportunities they will bring to our students.

This booklet will, then, give important information about the HSC – but will not tell the whole story of school life, which is designed to elevate compassion, companionship, conversation and a love of the pursuit of excellence.



**Nicholas Sampson**  
*Headmaster*

# High Achievers



## BENJAMIN AKRES

**99.75**

JOINED CRANBROOK SCHOOL IN YEAR 7

- Dux of the School
- 7th in State in Modern History
- Placed every year on the Headmaster's List for Outstanding Academic Attitude
- Represented school in Basketball and played in the School's 1st XI football team
- Volunteer for the Red Shield Appeal

Ben can reflect upon his time at school with satisfaction and pride. He established some strong friendships and developed a lasting sense of camaraderie and an appreciation of the House structure and procedures that have influenced his character.

He was a reserved and independent young man. His presence in the House was marked by quiet understatement and self-reliance. He was well regarded by his peers.

*Scott Davis, Housemaster*



## ANGUS HAYWARD

**99.35**

JOINED CRANBROOK SCHOOL IN YEAR 3

- Proxime Accessit
- 4th in State in Modern History
- 17th in State in Legal Studies
- Placed regularly on the Headmaster's List for Academic Attitude
- Head of House and Prefect
- Peer Support Leader
- Features writer for *The Chronicle*
- Volunteer for the Red Shield Appeal, Clean up Australia Day
- Vice-Captain of the Cricket 1st XI

Angus was an outstanding young man who learnt much from his time at Cranbrook. He displayed the admirable qualities of maturity and focus and was at all times approachable and patient. He deserved the respect he earned from all members of the School community. He left Cranbrook with our unqualified commendation.

*Rob Messiter, Housemaster*



## EDWARD RENTON

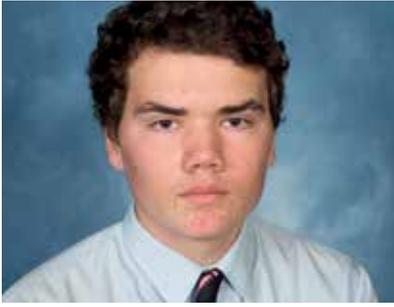
**99.15**

JOINED CRANBROOK SCHOOL IN YEAR 7

- Placed on the Headmaster's List for Academic Effort and Attitude frequently
- Represented the School in the 1st V Basketball team and 1st XV Rugby team
- School Prefect
- Regular volunteer for Clean-Up Australia Day and Red Shield Appeal

It was clear that Edward was a high achiever. He was motivated, determined, hardworking and reliable with excellent people skills. We valued a young man who set himself challenging goals and achieved them. He will make an excellent contribution to the wider community. He left Cranbrook with our warmest commendation.

*Elisa Scala, Housemaster*



## JAMES PARKER

99.05

JOINED CRANBROOK SCHOOL IN YEAR 5

- Placed on the Headmaster's List for Academic Effort from Year 9 to Year 12
- Appointed Student Leader of English in Year 12
- Represented the School in cricket every year
- Volunteer for Red Shield Appeal and Clean Up Australia

The House environment provided James with the opportunity to show leadership skills and his ability to relate confidently to staff and fellow students at every level.

It was clear that James was an extremely bright and talented young man. He had strengths in many areas of the curriculum, and continued to perform very well academically in addition to contributing to other areas of school life.

Over the years, he contributed immeasurably to Cranbrook.

*David Thomas, Housemaster*



## LIAM ROOZENDAAL

98.90

JOINED CRANBROOK SCHOOL IN YEAR 7

- Regularly placed on the Headmaster's List for Outstanding Academic Attitude
- Awarded certificates in numerous Mathematics and Science competitions
- Talented chess player representing the School
- Volunteer for Clean-Up Australia Day, City to Surf and Red Shield Appeal

Liam was a young man who was modest about his achievements and was relied upon to help his peers when required. In Northcott House, he was highly respected by both his peers and staff and was always eager to contribute in any way he could. He had a quiet confidence and maturity which was incredibly valuable in many House activities.

Liam was a fine young man with integrity, a keen intelligence and determined attitude which no doubt will enable him to prosper in whichever career he pursues.

*Peter Laurence, Housemaster*



## MICHAEL TURNER

98.90

JOINED CRANBROOK SCHOOL IN PRE-SCHOOL

- An accelerated student completing several subjects a year earlier than peers
- Featured on the Headmaster's List for Outstanding Academic Attitude every year
- Accomplished long distance runner and member of the 1st XI Cricket team
- Volunteer for the Red Shield Appeal and Clean Up Australia
- Prefect and Head of House

From the very beginning, the House environment provided Michael with the opportunity to show his ability to relate confidently to staff and fellow students at every level. At all times he stepped forward to join teams for inter-House competitions. He was always supportive of younger students and his unfailingly positive countenance ensured he was always approachable and popular.

It was clear that Michael was a remarkably talented young man. With obvious strengths in all areas of the curriculum, he coupled a modest sense of achievement with superb judgment of how to balance service and leadership.

*Angelique Sanders, Housemaster*

# High Achievers



## ALEXANDER LOWE

**98.30**

JOINED CRANBROOK SCHOOL IN YEAR 7

- Regularly placed on the Headmaster's List for Academic Attitude
- Talented tennis player
- Peer Support Leader 2015
- Volunteer for the Red Shield Appeal

Alex was a conscientious and disciplined young man. He had the capacity to set goals and then motivated himself to persist until he achieved them. He was respectful and polite and could be relied upon to complete any task that he undertook. He was supportive of his peers and worked equally well alone or in a team. He had a friendly disposition and was a valued and valuable member of the school community.

*David Thomas, Housemaster*



## NICHOLAS RAEL

**97.90**

JOINED CRANBROOK SCHOOL IN KINDERGARTEN

- Regularly placed on the Headmaster's List for Academic Attitude
- Dux of Year 8
- School Prefect
- Senior Representative of Student Council 2015
- Peer Support Leader
- Volunteer for Red Shield Appeal, City to Surf and Clean Up Australia Day
- Vice-Captain of the 1st XI Cricket team in 2016
- Member of the 2nd XI Football team in 2016
- Selected for the School's Da Vinci Decathlon team in Years 8, 9 and 10

Nicholas was an outstanding young man who learnt much from his time at Cranbrook. He displayed great maturity, patience and determination, balanced with patience and humility. He deserved the respect he earned from all members of the School community.

*Robert Messiter, Housemaster*



## JAKE BERMAN

**97.65**

JOINED CRANBROOK SCHOOL IN YEAR 7

- Regularly placed on the Headmaster's List for Outstanding Academic Attitude
- Enthusiastic sportsman: Placed in the 4th V Basketball team and 2nd XI football team in 2015 and 2016.
- Vice Captain of Football in 2016
- Volunteer for City to Surf, Clean Up Australia Day and Red Shield Appeal
- Peer Support Leader 2015
- Open Day Tour Guide 2015

A focused student, Jake maintained a diligent approach to his studies. Jake was a co-operative, thoughtful and dependable young man and it was a pleasure to be able to recommend him so highly.

*Belinda Farr-Jones, Housemaster*

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# 102

boys achieved a place on the Distinguished Achievers List.

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# 5

boys placed on the Premier's HSC All Rounders List.

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3 boys received selections in a series of HSC Showcases across the creative arts subjects.

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# 5

boys achieved an ATAR above 99.

# 30

boys achieved an ATAR above 95.

# 88.05

median ATAR.

## HSC 2016 ALL-ROUNDERS LIST

Five Cranbrook boys gained 90 per cent or above in ten or more HSC units and consequently received Premier's Awards.

Congratulations to:  
**Benjamin Akres**  
**William Chrissyafis**  
**Benjamin Clarke**  
**James Parker**  
**Michael Turner**

## DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVERS

Students must score 90 per cent or above in a subject to be on the Distinguished Achievers List. Cranbrook boys gained 227 of these merit listings in total, including 87 in Mathematics, with 102 boys being placed on the Distinguished Achievers List in at least one subject.

## STATE'S TOP HONOURS

Six Cranbrook boys received places in the State:

Angus Hayward:  
4th in Modern History  
17th in Legal Studies

Benjamin Akres:  
7th in Modern History

Matthew Richards:  
10th in History Extension

Zenith Wang:  
11th in Mathematics

Lachlan Smith:  
11th in Mathematics General 2

Tobias Tasker:  
12th in Mathematics

## STUDENT SELECTIONS FOR EXHIBITION

### SHAPE 2016

Jordan Rajek has been selected as an exhibitor at SHAPE 2016 for his outstanding HSC Design and Technology major design project.

Jordan's *SandGuard* was designed in response to the growing concern beach-goers have with leaving valuables unattended whilst swimming. He set out to design and create a lockable, portable anti-theft pod that allows the user to safely store their valuables out of sight.

### Artexpress 2016

Jordan Rajek was selected to show his film about memory and emotion called *Remote Emotions* at The Art Gallery of NSW in 2017.

### OnSTAGE 2016

Luke Shanahan's individual project, Promotion Design, has been selected for OnSTAGE. Luke's Project was a highly sophisticated promotional design for an imagined projection of Tom Stoppard's *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*.

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