



2017 HSC

# Academic Results



**CRANBROOK  
SCHOOL**

# Rankings



## 41<sup>st</sup>

### SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

Cranbrook placed 41<sup>st</sup> on the 2017 *Sydney Morning Herald* school's rank.



## 14 places up

### RANKING

This ranking is up from 55<sup>th</sup> in 2016.



### CRANBROOK'S RANKING OVER TIME

2017 – 41<sup>st</sup>  
2016 – 55<sup>th</sup>  
2015 – 48<sup>th</sup>  
2014 – 35<sup>th</sup>  
2013 – 50<sup>th</sup>  
2012 – 67<sup>th</sup>



## 99<sup>+</sup>

### 10 BOYS ACHIEVED AN ATAR OF 99+

Congratulations to 10 of the cohort on this impressive result.



## 74

### BOYS

74 boys achieved an ATAR of 90+ out of a cohort of 160.



## 88.45

### MEDIAN ATAR

The School's median ATAR for 2017 was 88.45. In 2016 our median ATAR was 88.05.

# Congratulations

## Dux of the School

THE DUX IS BASED ON THE HIGHEST ATAR.

Congratulations to this year's Dux: Daniel Wang with an ATAR of 99.95

Proxime Accessit to the Dux 2017: Tobias Tasker with an ATAR of 99.8

## Daniel Wang

WITH AN ATAR OF 99.95

99.95 is the highest possible ATAR. This is an extraordinary personal achievement for Daniel. Only 46 students received the maximum possible ATAR of approximately 77,000 students in NSW in 2017.

## Tobias Tasker

WITH AN ATAR OF 99.8

Congratulations to Tobias on his achievement. Tobias was one of 25 students from 785 applicants to receive a 2018 Tuckwell Scholarship from the Australian National University.

# Message from the Headmaster



**It is with great pleasure that I report on the academic achievements of the Class of 2017. This HSC Academic Results booklet proudly showcases the breadth of our students' academic and personal achievements, enabled and cultivated during their time at Cranbrook.**

We were delighted by the HSC results gained by our 2017 cohort. Students, aided by the brilliant support of committed and skilful teachers, achieved a median ATAR of 88.45 with 44 candidates scoring over 95 and ten over 99.

Overall we have seen a very pleasing improvement across our non-selective candidature achieved through hard work, unwavering dedication and commitment from both our students and their teachers.

Cranbrook improved its ranking by 14 places compared to 2016, with 74 boys achieving an ATAR of 90+ out of a cohort of 160 students. This booklet profiles some of our top performers including our Dux of 2017, Daniel Wang, who achieved the highest possible ATAR of 99.95.

Through deep involvement and by embracing the many opportunities presented, the boys in the class of 2017 made a significant contribution to the life of the School across all areas – from the academic, sport and performing and creative arts to social service and leadership.

Furthermore, etched in their academic results is evidence of the other significant lessons learned during their time at Cranbrook; those such as integrity, courage, hope, optimism and willingness. These lessons cannot be statistically captured, but will be of unequivocal value as they take their next steps in their professional and personal life journey.

The 2017 results profiled here are the footsteps in which our current students are aiming to meet or exceed, as they study in what is an incredibly exciting year for Cranbrook; our 100th anniversary.

In 2018, our Centenary year, we have more than 1000 students in our classrooms. 50 children have started kindergarten, our Year 3 cohort grew, 74 Year 6 boys from the Junior School entered the Senior School, nearly 200 boys in total commenced Year 7 and more than 150 Year 12's are firmly focused on successfully completing their HSC exams later this year.

They are guided by the further strengthening of Cranbrook's curriculum with the Senior School to host its Middle Years Programme Verification visit from the International Baccalaureate this year and the Junior School to undergo its quinquennial Primary Years Programme registration inspection.

I congratulate the graduating class of 2017 on their well-rounded achievements, impressive and pleasing results and wish them continued success in further educational and experiential opportunities beyond school.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicholas Sampson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Mr Nicholas Sampson, Headmaster

# High Achievers

**These are profiles of our top performers and illustrates the fact that, at Cranbrook, you can achieve a vital balance between academic success and personal breadth. Their stories are of involvement in the arts, sports, service related activities as well as academic focus.**



## **Daniel Wang**

ATAR of 99.95

### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Achieved highest possible ATAR of 99.95
- HSC All Round Achievers List
- An accelerated student completing several subjects a year earlier than peers
- Featured on the Headmaster's List for Outstanding Academic Attitude every year
- Contributed to Social Service activities through Red Shield Appeal
- Speech Day prize for Mathematics 2017

Daniel is a remarkably talented young man. While appearing reserved, he is quietly confident and certain of his abilities. Those who work with him appreciate his intelligence and considered manner. He is a gifted mathematician and was always prepared to help his peers in the House and as a result was highly respected. He contributed quietly to the fabric of Cutler and the School.

He is an extraordinary young man with great potential who thrived here at Cranbrook.

Angelique Sanders, Housemaster



## Tobias Tasker

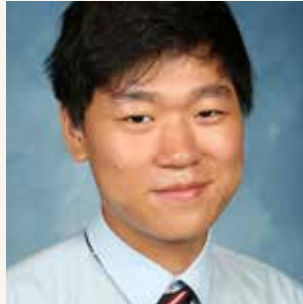
ATAR of 99.8

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- Proxime Accessit to the Dux 2017
- Dux of each Years 7-11
- 1st XI Football representative
- Speech Day Prize for Latin 2017
- HSC All Round Achievers List
- Da Vinci Decathlon 2012-2014
- Red Shield Appeal, Clean Up Australia Day volunteer
- School Prefect 2017

Toby has had an excellent academic career. He was Dux of each year 7-11, and has scored the second highest ATAR score (99.80) at the 2017 HSC examinations. He has featured consistently on the Headmaster's List since Year 7, and in 2017 he was awarded the prize for Latin. Toby also participated in the Da Vinci Decathlon contests between 2012-2014. He participated strongly in the Social Service programme, and acted as Open Day Tour Guide. Toby was also an accomplished football player, representing the School in the A teams during his junior years, and then playing in the 1st XI, for which he was awarded School Colours. He also played chess for the School during his last two years and was appointed a School Prefect for 2017. During his years in the Senior School he represented Hone House enthusiastically in all inter-House competitions.

David Thomas, Housemaster



## Zenith Wang

ATAR of 99.75

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- Speech Day prize for Mathematics and Physics 2017
- Frequently on the Headmaster's List for Outstanding Academic Attitude and Effort
- Clean Up Australia and Red Shield Appeal volunteer
- Da Vinci Decathlon

Zenith's academic prowess was evident from his first term in Year 7. He has been a regular on the Headmaster's List throughout his time in the Senior School, and maintained a fierce determination right through to the end of his HSC year. With obvious strengths with his academics, it was pleasing to see him contribute so positively in many other domains of school life. Zenith's powerful intellect coupled with his friendly demeanour will no doubt enable him to prosper in the years to come.

Christopher Aynsley, Housemaster



## Christian Saunders

ATAR of 99.7

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- Speech Day prize for Legal Studies and Economics 2017
- Placed 5th in NSW for Modern History
- Esse Quam Videri badge for excellent attitude to Football
- Red Shield Appeal volunteer

Christian is an incredibly hard working young man who displayed a highly admirable degree of dedication to his academic study. His strong sense of social justice and extended engagement in many areas of school life enabled him to become a well-respected role model within the House. He will undoubtedly be successful in all of his endeavours beyond Cranbrook, and he leaves with our warmest commendation.

Elizabeth Fletcher, Housemaster



## Liam Slabber

ATAR of 99.7

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- Placed 1st in the State for English Extension 1 and placed 2nd in the State in Music 1
- HSC All Round Achievers List
- Speech Day Prizes for English and Drama 2017
- Colours for Music 2017
- Esse Quam Videri badge for excellent attitude to Music

Liam's strong academic ability was demonstrated by constant appearances on the Headmaster's List for Outstanding Academic Attitude. As a member of the *Contemporary Ensemble, Rock Band, Senior Stage Band* and *Concert Band* his extensive contributions to music were recognised when he received Colours and Cranbrook's Esse Quam Videri Badge. Liam also performed in the Scholar's Recital as well as the School plays, *Wilde Tales* and *Gizmo*. Liam always committed himself in the pursuit of excellence in the School's co-curricular programmes and was a thoughtful and effective peer support leader. Nominated for OnSTAGE and ENCORE 2017.

Bob Lock, Housemaster



## Jack North

ATAR of 99.6

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- HSC All Round Achievers List
- Head of Music 2017
- School Prefect 2017
- Colours for Athletics and Music 2017
- The Ken Felton Prize for Creative Writing
- Esse Quam Videri badge for excellent attitude to Music

Jack's academic ability was evident very early, as demonstrated by his repeated appearance on the Headmaster's List for Outstanding Academic Attitude and his being awarded the Dux of Year 7. Jack has excelled in his English studies and received numerous awards such as the Ken Felton Prize for Creative Writing, The Patrick Baudish Prize for English and was a Poetry Competition winner on two occasions. His extensive contributions to Music as a member of the *Choir, Contemporary Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Rock Band, Stage Band* and *Orchestra* were recognised when he received Music Colours and Cranbrook's Esse Quam Videri badge for Music. Jack was appointed Head of Music in 2017. Jack was also awarded the NSW School of Languages Prize for Outstanding Achievement from the German Consulate for his studies at The Open High School. His 2017 HSC Music composition was selected for performance at ENCORE in February 2018.

Bob Lock, Housemaster



## Nikolas Ternezis

ATAR of 99.35

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- HSC All Round Achievers List
- Captain of Debating and CAS Representative
- Colours for Debating 2017
- Debating Esse Quam Videri badge
- Frequently on Headmaster's List for Outstanding Academic Attitude and Effort
- Head of Street House 2017
- School Prefect 2017
- Speech Day Prize for Ancient History 2017

An academic livewire, outstanding debater and budding philosopher, Niki left no stone unturned in his quest for HSC excellence and was duly rewarded for his outstanding commitment and unquenchable drive with some fantastic results. Self-motivated and constantly reassessing his approach, he was also a great source of support in the House for the junior boys, always willing to spend time offering his advice and academic guidance. His energy and good humour will be missed but we hope to see him back as a mentor and wish him all the best at university.

Matt Banes, Housemaster



## Finbar Watson

ATAR of 99.35

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- HSC All Round Achievers List
- Frequently on Headmaster’s List for Outstanding Academic Attitude and Effort
- Red Shield Appeal volunteer

Finbar started at Cranbrook in Year 9, and has had the most significant turnaround in regards to academic attitude that I have seen since being at the School. His outstanding results in his final year have come through no lack of effort. He is a fine example of a young man who quietly set himself an ambitious goal, and who worked fiercely to achieve it. It was a pleasure to see him at work in his final years, as he also worked hard to develop a healthy balance of work, recreation and rest. I have no doubt that his charismatic personality and desire for success will lead him to great things in the coming years.

Christopher Aynsley, Housemaster



## James Walker

ATAR of 99.15

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- HSC All Round Achievers List
- Headmaster’s List for Outstanding Academic Attitude and Effort every term
- 1st XV Rugby representative
- Snow Sports vice-captain and Colours
- Deputy Head of Street House
- Snow Sports Esse Quam Videri badge
- SRC representative

James’ capacity for hard work and sheer determination to succeed was unparalleled and his school career was impeccable. Morally upright and wholly reliable in all that he did, he married academic excellence with top level sport and a host of community service initiatives. He constantly displayed to younger boarders the best approach to make the most of school days and leaves with our best wishes. He is a fine young man and will excel at Sydney University. We look forward to welcoming him back to the boarding community soon.

Matt Banes, Housemaster



## Jake Broekhuizen

ATAR of 99.00

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- Head Prefect of the School 2017
- Speech Day Prize for Geography 2017
- 1st XV Rugby representative
- Colours for Rugby and Rowing
- 1st XV Speech Day prize for Best and Fairest Player
- SRC representative
- Frequently on Headmaster’s List for Outstanding Academic Attitude and Effort

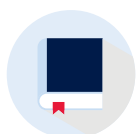
Throughout his HSC year, Jake demonstrated great maturity and strength of character in meeting the challenges of a rigorous programme of study. He also displayed determination, diligence and resilience, which earned him excellent assessment results culminating in an outstanding ATAR. Jake is a true Cranbrookian who embodies the School’s ethos and values. One of Jake’s most powerful legacies was his campaign against sexist language. There is no doubt that he will make an exceptional ambassador for the School as he looks to study overseas.

Elisa Scala, Housemaster

# Top Achievers

## PLACE IN AN HSC COURSE

Seven boys were named on NESA's Top Achievers List for placing in the top 20 in NSW in a course. These results are some of our best ever and a testament to the hard work of the boys and their teachers.



### LIAM SLABBER

Outright 1st in the State in English Extension 1, and 2nd in the State in Music 1



### GEORGE WESTON

Equal 1st in the State in Mathematics General



### BENJAMIN BRENNAN

3rd in the State in Design and Technology



### CHRISTIAN SAUNDERS

5th in the State in Modern History



### CHARLIE FINE

6th in the State in Modern History



### THOMAS LAMENS

15th in the State in Modern History



### DYLAN GARDINER

20th in the State in Modern History

# HSC All Round Achievers List

## ACHIEVERS LIST

Students who are eligible for this list gained 90% or better in 10 or more HSC units. This year 13 boys achieved a place on this prestigious list, up from five students in 2016. Below is the list of boys on this year's All Round Achievers list:

Alexander Cunio  
Julian Heath  
Thomas Lamens

Aaron Meyer  
Jack North  
Christian Saunders  
Liam Slabber

Tobias Tasker  
Nikolas Ternezis  
James Walker  
Daniel Wang

Hunter Wardman  
Finbar Watson



# Distinguished Achievers

## CRANBROOK'S HONOUR ROLL

**Students must score 90% or above in a subject to receive a merit (top band result) and be named on the Sydney Morning Herald's Distinguished Achievers List. Cranbrook boys gained 274 merits in total. We had 107 students in total being placed on the Distinguished Achievers List in at least one subject.**

**This includes students not in Year 12 who undertook an 'accelerated' course. 65% of Cranbrook Students received a merit this year. Below is the full list of students that are named on the 2017 Distinguished Achievers List:**

Matthew Abelev	Noah Harris	Daniel Merson	Zheng Tang
Alexander Antonelli	Harry Hart	Aaron Meyer	Tobias Tasker
Philip Arndt	Benjamin Harvey	Peter Milios	Nikolas Ternezis
Emeil Aroney	Julian Heath	Alexander Morris-Mikado	Charlie Thaxter
Liam Baildon	Nathaniel Henty Brown	Ajay Murugasu	John Tsakiris
Joshua Bailey	Conor Hinds	Jack North	Joshua Turner
Rosie Bassett	Edward Hootman	Michael Orfanos	James Ulm
Julio Betar	Jared Horn	Fionn Parker	James Walker
Thomas Brand	Julian Hovenden	Asha Phillips	Daniel Walters
Benjamin Brennan	Jason Howe	Maximillan Pinnegar	Daniel Wang
Jake Broekhuizen	Lewis Hutcheon	Harry Plater	George Wang
Will Cahill	Edward Jewell-Tait	Oska Purcell	Lytic Wang
Richard Chalik	Max Kanuk	Taje Rastogi	Zenith Wang
Inigo Cole	Joseph Kelly	Garth Reynolds	Hunter Wardman
Charles Crammond	Sean Kwek	Harry Round	Finbar Watson
Alexander Cunio	Thomas Lamens	Noah Sant	George Weston
Gardner Dowling	Benjamin Langsam	Christian Saunders	Michael Whelan
James Drielsma	Nicholas Langsworth	James Schiller	Max Whillas
Thomas Edwards	Thomas Lee	Koby Shapiro	Nicholas Woollard
Charlie Fine	Blake Lees	Hector Sinclair	Matthew Worden
Nelson Fishlock	Matthew Lewin	Liam Slabber	Samuel Worthington
Sam Folden	Oscar Lim-Strachan	Aksel Soerensen	Harry Xu
Conor Fyfe	David Loewy	Kevin Sohn	Christopher Xuereb
Dylan Gardiner	Adam Ma	Connor Sprague	
Matthew Gerrard	Daniel MacCulloch	Anthony Stamell	
Andrew Glastras	Jayden Maisel	Finnbar Stenmark	
Thomas Goodman	Jordan Maples	Jasper Stockley	
Albert Greaves	Fergus Martin	Ethan Tan	

# Other Highlights

**Benjamin Brennan** achieved a score of 98 in Design and Technology.

**Nikolas Ternezis** achieved a score of 49 out of 50 in English Extension 1.

**Jack North** achieved a perfect score of 50 in English Extension 2.

**Thomas Lee** achieved a 98 in Mathematics General.

**George Weston** achieved a perfect score of 100 in Mathematics General.

**James Drielsma** achieved a 98 in 2 Unit Mathematics.

**Jayden Maisel** achieved a 99 in 2 Unit Mathematics.

**Noah Harris, Finn Parker, Joshua Turner and Lyric Wang** all achieved perfect 100s in 2 Unit Mathematics.

**Lyric Wang** achieved 49 out of 50 in the Mathematics Extension 1 course.

**Daniel Walters** achieved 98 in Mathematics Extension 1.

**Daniel Wang** achieved a perfect 100 in the Mathematics Extension 1 and Mathematics Extension 2 courses.

**Zenith Wang** achieved 98 in Mathematics Extension 2.

**Christian Saunders** achieved 98 in Modern History.

**Jack North** achieved 98 in Music 1.

**Mathew Gerrard** achieved 98 in Music 2.

**Mathew Gerrard and George Wang** both achieved a 49 out of 50 in Music Extension.

**Liam Slabber** achieved a score of 98 in Drama, 99 in Music 1, and a perfect score of 50 in English Extension 1.

## CRANBROOK BAND 6 AND 5 RESULTS PER SUBJECT VS THE STATE (ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST PERCENTAGE POINT):

Subject	% Cranbrook Band 6 (90%+)	% State Band 6 (90%+)	% Cranbrook Band 5 and 6 (80%+)	% State Band 5 and 6 (80%+)
Ancient History	36	9	79	36
Biology	32	12	78	39
Business Studies	4	8	66	36
Chemistry	15	9	65	43
Design and Technology	29	11	86	43
Drama	64	13	93	42
Earth and Environmental Science	20	6	70	36
Economics	20	14	78	49
English Standard	0	1	21	15
English Advanced	28	15	82	64
English Extension 1	54	30	100	93
English Extension 2	38	21	100	77
English as a 2nd Language	33	5	33	25
Geography	21	8	68	42
Industrial Technology	0	6	67	22
Legal Studies	35	13	76	44
Maths General	28	7	80	25
Mathematics	44	23	70	43
Maths Extension 1	32	38	87	82
Maths Extension 2	54	34	100	84
Modern History	35	9	71	39
History Extension	24	22	76	80
Music 1	56	20	100	65
Music 2	100	37	100	89
Music Extension	100	63	100	95
PDHPE	27	9	73	31
Physics	34	11	61	34
Visual Arts	33	13	86	55
Chinese Continuers	0	45	33	80
French Continuers	33	25	73	65
French Extension	14	40	100	93
Japanese Continuers	14	28	57	61
Japanese Extension	0	3	75	90
Latin Continuers	29	52	71	82
Latin Extension	45	71	91	97

# HSC Student Nominations

**Fifteen students were nominated or selected in HSC Showcases for exemplary major projects and performances in Design and Technology, Industrial Technology, Drama, Visual Arts and Music.**

## Artexpress



### STUDENTS NOMINATED FOR ARTEXPRESS

Artexpress is an annual exhibition of exemplary artworks created by Visual Arts HSC students. Nominations are selected from around 9,500 Visual Arts candidates work state-wide.

**Leopold Balaz-Issa** – for his Designed Objects, Wallamullah (Place of Beauty)

**Benjamin Langsam** – for his resin and wire sculptures, Family Portrait

**Michael Orfanos** – for his series of large scale photographic portraits, Identity.

## InTech



### STUDENTS NOMINATED FOR INTECH

InTech is an exhibition of outstanding Major Projects from HSC Industrial Technology students.

**Jean-Claude Zust** – for his design and construction of a Grandfather Clock.

## OnSTAGE



### STUDENTS NOMINATED FOR ONSTAGE

OnSTAGE is a presentation and exhibition of group and individual performances and projects by HSC Drama students.

**John Tsakiris, Chris Xureb, Peter Milios and Oska Purcell** – for their Group Performance.

**Chris Xureb** – for his Individual Performance

**Liam Slabber** – for his Director's Folio

**Finn McGrath** – for his film, *Time Blind*.

## ENCORE



### STUDENTS NOMINATED FOR ENCORE:

ENCORE is a programme of outstanding performances and compositions and musicology submissions by students from the HSC Music examinations.

– **Jack North** (Music 1)  
– **Liam Slabber** (Music 1)  
– **Matthew Gerrard** (Music 2 and Music Extension)

**Jack North's** original Music 1 composition *Ephemeral Worlds* was selected for performance at ENCORE performances at the Sydney Opera House in February, 2018.

## SHAPE



### STUDENTS NOMINATED FOR SHAPE

The Shape exhibition features a selection of exemplary Major Projects from HSC Design and Technology students:

**Benjamin Brennan** – for his design and creation of an automatic, personal locator beacon (PLB) trigger system to use whilst mountain biking that alerts emergency services in situations where the rider may be left seriously injured and immobile.

**Michael Orfanos** – for his design and creation of an environmentally friendly, single use package that encourages diners to take left over food home after dining out.

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