



Ravenswood

CLASS OF 2023

ACADEMIC RESULTS



Message from the Principal

I am delighted to share with you the excellent academic results of our wonderful Ravenswood students from the Class of 2023.

Ravenswood is the only school on the Upper North Shore to offer senior students the flexibility and choice of the Higher School Certificate (HSC) or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme. For well over a century, our School has enjoyed a long-standing reputation for academic excellence. Our 123 HSC students (120 HSC Class of 2023 and three Year 11 HSC Accelerants), together with our 43 IB Diploma students, have continued this tradition, applying themselves with great commitment, resilience, grit and passion. We are truly inspired by their accomplishments.

One Ravenswood student achieved the highest possible IB score of 45 (a perfect IB score), achieving the highest possible ATAR of 99.95 and placing in the top 1% of IB

students in the world. A total of 12 HSC and IB Diploma students achieved ATARs above 99. One HSC student achieved First in Course in Chinese in Context, and a second student was acknowledged on the HSC Top Achievers in Course list for placing 3rd in English Extension 1 and 14th in English Advanced.

The median ATAR (HSC and IB combined) for all students was 90.4. Seven per cent of students achieved an ATAR above 99, 30% achieved an ATAR above 95 and 52% achieved an ATAR above 90. These are remarkable results for a proudly non-selective school.

We are proud of the immense achievements of every student in the Class of 2023. They have attained results of which they can be justly proud. All our Year 12 students, both HSC and IB, have also inspired us in the way they have empowered and encouraged each other and supported students in younger year groups to be the best they can be, both within

and beyond school. I am so grateful for our extraordinarily dedicated, caring and talented teaching and non-teaching staff, including our Teaching and Learning Team, Wellbeing Team, Learning Enrichment Team and School Leadership Team. I would like to pay tribute in particular to our incredible Year 12 teachers for the hard work and support they have given each and every student. Through their skills and commitment, they have helped our Class of 2023 students fulfil their potential and flourish.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank the parents and guardians of our Year 12 students for the care and encouragement they have shown, and for their invaluable partnership with our School.

Mrs Anne Johnstone


Principal, Ravenswood School for Girls




2023 School Vice Captains Clare Goben and Georgina King, Principal Mrs Anne Johnstone, School Captain Sydney Bao



Highest ATARs of IB and HSC

IB 	99.95 Vicky Chen	99.70 Helena Boesel	99.70 Yige (Grace) Cheng
	99.70 Victoria Wu	99.35 Matilda Neame	99.25 Kangchen (Nancy) Huang

HSC 	99.90 Sydney Bao	99.55 Wenxin (Nancy) Duan	99.45 Baoqi (Eli) Xiang
	99.40 Siyi (Isa) He	99.40 Mei (Youki) You	99.05 Ka Ching (Natalie) Hui

2023 Academic Performance Highlights



99.95

One student achieved the top ATAR



45/45

One IB student achieved a perfect score of 45



90.4

Median ATAR, HSC and IB students combined



209 Mentions

HSC Distinguished Achievers List for results in the highest band for one or more HSC courses



99+

12 students (7%) with an ATAR of 99 or higher



95+

30% of students with an ATAR of 95 or higher



90+

52% of students with an ATAR of 90 or higher



3 Top Achievers in Course

Two students achieved three Top Achievers in Course in NSW

1st Chinese in Context

3rd English Extension

14th English Advanced

Higher School Certificate Overview

HSC ATARs

≥ 99: 5%
≥ 95: 21%
≥ 90: 41%
≥ 80: 71%
≥ 70: 88%

All Rounders

11 students HSC All-round Achievers List

Sydney Bao	Wenxin (Wendy) Duan
Clare Goben	Abbey Gray
Mollie Houghton	Ka Ching (Natalie) Hui
Lucy Larvin	Amelie McIntyre
Alexandra McKibbin	Baoqi (Eli) Xiang
Mei (Youki) You	Achieving result in highest possible band possible in 10 or more units (Band 6/E4)

HSC Distinguished Achievers

Students who scored more than 90/100 or 45/50

74/123 students (60% of cohort)
209 mentions on the Distinguished Achievers List 31% of all results were in the top band

Past years' top band %

Year	% in top band
2022	28%
2021	38%
2020	25%
2019	26%
2018	24%
2017	30%
2016	28%

Note: Figures based on student reported and Uniscore ATARs.
Accurate as at 30/1/23.

3 Showcase Selections

ENCORE (Music Performance)	Jialin (Patricia) Li
SHAPE (Design and Technology)	Wenxuan (Jenny) Lao
SHAPE (Textiles and Design)	Annabel Lucas

21 Showcase Nominations

An historically high achievement

ARTEXPRESS (Visual Arts)	Lillian Scotland
Callback (Dance) Core Performance	Lee Baral, Willow Flynn and Halle Masters
Callback (Dance) Major Study Performance	Lee Baral, Willow Flynn and Halle Masters
Callback (Dance) Core Composition	Lee Baral and Halle Masters
OnSTAGE (Drama) Individual Performance	Alexandra McKibbin and Elizabeth Rutherford
SHAPE (Design and Technology)	Clare Goben, Lucy Larvin, Lilien Rudas and Lillian Scotland
SHAPE (Textiles and Design)	Ashleigh Lowe-Yip and Jasmine O'Neill
ENCORE (Music Performance)	Mollie Houghton

21 HSC subjects in which all students achieved the top 2 bands

2-Unit Subjects	Extension Subjects
Ancient History Chinese and Literature Chinese in Context Dance Design and Technology Drama French Beginners Italian Continuers Japanese Continuers Korean in Context Music 1 Portuguese Continuers Studies of Religion II Textiles and Design Visual Arts	Chinese Extension English Extension 1 English Extension 2 History Extension Japanese Extension Mathematics Extension 2

96%

Students in top two bands in English Advanced and English Extension courses

45%

Students in the top band in English Advanced and English Extension courses

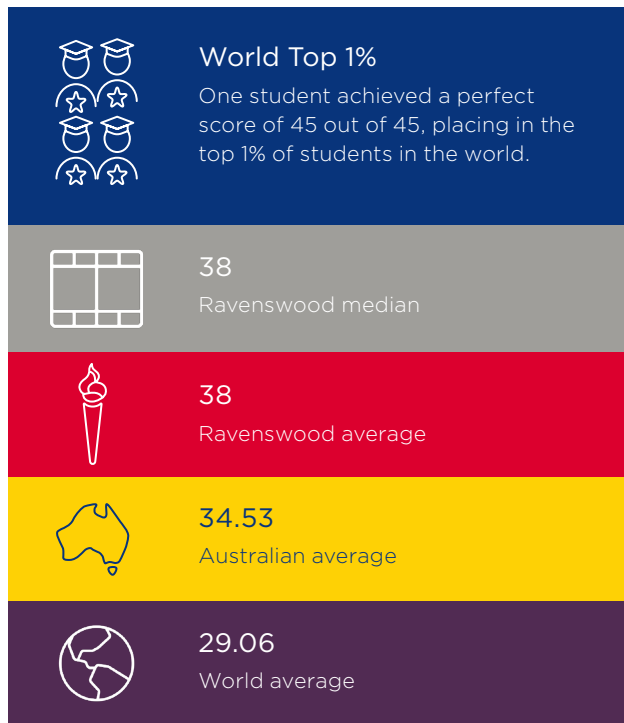
37%

Students in top band in Mathematics Advanced and Mathematics Extension courses

27 HSC subjects with at least 80% of students in the top 2 bands

2-Unit Subjects	Extension Subjects
Ancient History Chinese and Literature Chinese in Context Design and Technology Dance Drama French Beginners English Advanced English EAL/D Food Technology Italian Continuers Japanese Continuers Korean in Context Modern History Music 1 Portuguese Continuers Society and Culture Studies of Religion II Textiles and Design Visual Arts	Chinese Extension English Extension 1 English Extension 2 Japanese Extension History Extension Mathematics Extension 1 Mathematics Extension 2


International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Overview



IB Results Summary

Median IB score (Maximum 45)	38
Average Subject grade (Maximum 7)	5.88
ATAR conversions >99	14%
ATAR conversions >95	53.5%
ATAR conversions >90	81.4%
Median ATAR	95.3
Grade 7 (Maximum) in one subject or more	67.4%
Grade A (Maximum) in TOK and/or Extended Essay	53.5%
Students achieving their Diploma	100%

IB Top Performers 2023

	IB Score	ATAR
Vicky Chen	45	99.95
Helena Boesel Yige (Grace) Cheng Victoria Wu	44	99.70
Matilda Neame	43	99.35
Kangchen (Nancy) Huang	43	99.25
Claire Lau Yichang (Vivian) Pan	42	98.90
Ria Verma	42	98.80
Isabel McFarlane	42	98.60
Mariam Nazha	41	98.15
Gemma Rodham	41	97.90
Heidi Li	40	97.50
Elizabeth Bergan Arabella Larkin 	40	97.30

University Scholarships and Programs

Ravenswood students from the Class of 2023 have been offered a range of university scholarships and placements in prestigious programs.

IB Dux Vicky Chen (Perfect IB Score 45 and ATAR equivalent 99.95) has received a Co-op Scholarship from the University of New South Wales.

HSC Dux Sydney Bao (99.90) has received the Tuckwell Scholarship from the Australian National University.



Name	Scholarships and Programs
Sydney Bao	Tuckwell Scholarship, Australian National University
Helena Boesel	Dalyell Scholarship, University of Sydney
Vicky Chen	Co-op Scholarship, University of New South Wales
Siyi (Isa) He	Dalyell Scholarship, University of Sydney
Kangchen (Nancy) Huang	National Merit Scholarship, University of Melbourne
Mariam Nazha	Professional Cadetship, Macquarie Group
Baoqi (Eli) Xiang	Merit Scholarship, University of Melbourne

Profiles



Vicky Chen (IB) achieved an IB perfect score of 45 – an ATAR equivalent of 99.95, the highest possible ATAR. She has been awarded a conditional UNSW Co-op Scholarship, a prestigious career development scholarship encompassing industry experience, leadership, professional development, networking, mentoring and financial support. Under this program, she plans to pursue a Commerce Degree at UNSW, ideally complemented by advanced studies in Psychology. Vicky is also considering participating in an overseas exchange program.

She expresses gratitude for her family, friends and Ravenswood for providing the necessary resources to help her achieve her goals and academic excellence. Vicky valued the co-curricular activities offered at Ravenswood, especially sports, dance and Cadets, which she actively participated in during her Senior School years.

She also embraced the service learning opportunities Ravenswood offered by volunteering, regularly knitting for Wrapped with Love, and participating in Days for Girls charity initiatives. She found these experiences valuable, serving as a great way to connect with the wider community.



Sydney Bao (HSC) is the Dux of the Higher School Certificate, with an ATAR of 99.90. She has also been acknowledged on the HSC All-round Achievers list, and placed 3rd in English Extension 1 and 14th in English Advanced on the HSC Top Achievers list.

Sydney's leadership roles, as Ravenswood School Captain in 2023 as well as Cadet Under Officer in the Knox Cadets Alpha Company, underscore her commitment to discipline and responsibility.

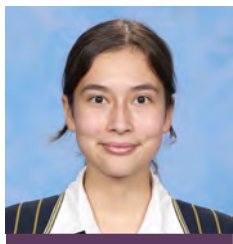
In 2022, Sydney was selected from among 19,000 candidates for the shortlist of the John Locke Institute Global Essay Competition – a testament to her global perspective. She tackled the question, 'Do leaders make events, or do events make leaders?'.

Passionate about science, Sydney conducted independent research with two other classmates on the coral-friendliness of sunscreens, which earned her an Honourable Mention, third place, in the prestigious S.T. Yau High School Science Award (Asia) in 2022.

Active in debating and a key member of the da Vinci Decathlon and the Future Problem Solving teams, Sydney plans to study for a Medical Science degree, with the hope of becoming an oncologist. She has been awarded a Tuckwell Scholarship by the Australian National University to help her pursue her dreams.

Sydney expresses her gratitude for her teachers at Ravenswood, acknowledging their invaluable contribution.





Helena Boesel (IB) was actively involved in Girls in Black and the Technical Theatre team at Ravenswood. Helena has received a prestigious Dalyell Scholarship from the University of Sydney, where she plans to pursue her passion for Latin through a Bachelor of Arts degree.

After completing her undergraduate studies, Helena is considering pursuing a medical degree in Australia or exploring other postgraduate opportunities internationally. One standout achievement is her excellent performance in her Extended Essay, which delved into the topic of religion in the Roman Empire.



Yige (Grace) Cheng (IB) was a Ravenswood Boarder. In 2022, Grace initiated a student-led STEM club and actively contributed to setting up a small school aquarium, showing her commitment to hands-on scientific exploration. She also earned gold medals in both the British and US Biology Olympiads.

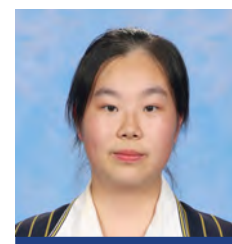
Grace excelled in debating, achieving remarkable success by securing the top position in the state and earning the title of the Best Debater. She also attained a noteworthy third place in an esteemed international debating competition.

In 2023, Grace participated in the John Locke Institute Global Essay competition, receiving a High Distinction and placing in the top 5% globally.



Victoria Wu (IB) was the 2023 Christian Ethos and Chapel Prefect. An experienced debater, she contributed as a valued member of the Senior School da Vinci Decathlon and ISDA Debating teams.

A keen violinist, Victoria also participated in the School's Grainger String Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra. Victoria plans to study Medicine, then work as a junior doctor in rural areas. She expresses deep appreciation for the culture at Ravenswood, which taught her to take care of herself and instilled in her a sense of gratitude for what she already possesses. She thanks Ravenswood for helping her to strive for personal improvement and encouraging her to enhance her own life and the lives of others around her.



Wenxin (Wendy) Duan (HSC) is a talented debater and plans to pursue a degree in Commerce at the University of Sydney, with dreams of becoming a lawyer.

Academically, Wendy was recognised on the 2023 HSC All-rounder List.

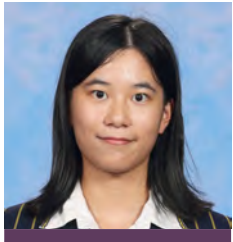
Wendy moved to Australia four years ago, and is thankful for all the opportunities Ravenswood has offered her, recognising the transformative impact of a Ravenswood education on her life.

Wendy's achievements at Ravenswood include enthusiastic participation in Mathematics, Chemistry, and Chinese debating Olympiads. Notably, she and her debating team ranked first in the NSW Debating Competition, a testament to her collaborative and competitive strengths.



Baoqi (Eli) Xiang (HSC) aspires to become an author or work as a family lawyer. Eli plans to study Arts at the University of Melbourne - which has granted them a National Merit Scholarship - and then Law as a postgraduate. Eli is thankful for all their teachers' support and for Ravenswood's after-school workshops, which have provided discipline and structure to their study regimen.

Eli was recognised on the 2023 HSC All-rounder List, receiving all Band 6s and E4s for their top 10 units in the HSC.



Siyi (Isa) He (HSC) came to Australia when she was 11. Isa was a Mentor Captain at Ravenswood, and expresses gratitude for the support she received from her teachers and peers, who inspired her academically and in various aspects of her life.

Supported by her Dalyell Scholarship, Isa plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science at the University of Sydney, working towards her dream of becoming a data engineer.



Mei (Youki) You (HSC) achieved a HSC First in Course mention, placing first in Chinese in Context. She was also recognised on the HSC All-round Achievers list for achieving a result in the highest band in at least 10 course units.

Youki plans to study Law or Psychology at the University of NSW.



Kangchen (Nancy) Huang (IB) completed the IB Bilingual Diploma in Chinese A and English B. She aspires to become a clinical psychologist and plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne.

In addition to her academic achievements, Nancy is a passionate dancer, artist and pianist. She was also an enthusiastic member of the School's tennis and badminton teams, and engaged with social justice initiatives including the Wrapped with Love knitting club and Days for Girls.

Nancy expresses gratitude for the support provided by her Ravenswood teachers and friends, which she says has helped her to grow and develop confidence.



Matilda (Tilly) Neame (IB) is a budding scientist with a vision to travel or live in Germany, working either as a psychologist in a clinical setting or as a researcher in psychology.

Recognised as one of 24 top-performing Australian students, Tilly was invited to the Australian Science Olympiad Summer School at the Australian National University. Over two weeks, she engaged in accelerated learning, encompassing hands-on practical examinations, challenging theory examinations, and field research. Tilly was also one of four students from the summer school selected to meet the renowned Australian neuroscientist and former chief scientist of Australia, Professor Ian Chubb AC.

She is immensely thankful for the nurturing environment at Ravenswood and the myriad opportunities she seized to participate in science and debating competitions. These included the Evatt Competition, organised by UN Youth Australia, in which she and her partner placed third in the national finals, as well as the Australian Science Biology Olympiad in 2022.



Ka Ching (Natalie) Hui (HSC) plans to pursue either Commerce or Medicine at the University of New South Wales. She was also recognised on the 2023 HSC All-round Achievers list.

She aspires to a role in healthcare or in the dynamic field of investment banking, where she can apply her financial acumen. Either way, a career that brings both happiness and professional fulfillment is paramount to Natalie, as is maintaining a healthy work-life balance.

Natalie expresses gratitude for her friends at Ravenswood and her supportive family.



Isabel McFarlane (IB) plans to become an economist, using her skills and knowledge to help protect vulnerable groups. She intends to pursue a combined Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Arts at the University of Sydney.

She is grateful for the support of her parents, especially throughout the last year of her schooling. Isabel also appreciates the various opportunities Ravenswood has offered her, including her involvement in the social justice initiative Wrapped with Love for the past two years.

Isabel completed her Gold Duke of Edinburgh's International Award in 2023, embracing the opportunity to develop her leadership and problem-solving skills.

A passionate environmentalist, Isabel was part of the Ravenswood Green Team. One of her proudest achievements during her schooling was her CAS project, which focused on the Plastic Police, a community engagement and recycling program for soft plastics in NSW.



Claire Lau (IB) is an aspiring clinical psychologist, with plans to embark on either a double degree in Psychology and Law at the University of New South Wales, or a degree in Psychology at the University of Sydney. A keen French learner, she plans to spend a semester in France as part of her studies, to further enhance her proficiency.

Claire expresses gratitude for the friendships she has cultivated at Ravenswood and acknowledges the multiple opportunities provided by the IB Diploma program.

As Ravenswood Tennis Captain, Claire contributed to the Tennis Senior Firsts team and the Tildesley Tennis team.



Yichang (Vivian) Pan (IB) plans to study Architecture in the United Kingdom in 2024. She has received early acceptance offers for a Bachelor of Design in Architecture and a Master of Architecture from UTS, as well as three offers in the United Kingdom – a Bachelor in Architecture with professional placement from the University of Bath, and a Bachelor in Architecture from both the University of Sheffield and the University of Edinburgh.

Vivian expresses deep gratitude for her teachers' tailored approaches.



Ria Verma (IB) plans to pursue a Bachelor of Arts with a major in International Relations in the United States. She aims to become a lawyer, specialising in international and criminal law. Reflecting on her time at Ravenswood, she expresses gratitude for the support she received from both teaching and non-teaching staff, who encouraged her to pursue her career passions.

Ria is particularly thankful for the diverse opportunities she was given to engage in social justice initiatives, enabling her to contribute to positive societal changes.

A dedicated debater, Ria has been an integral part of Ravenswood competitive debating teams since Year 7, participating enthusiastically in several competitions. She considers the development of her public speaking skills to be her proudest achievement during her time at Ravenswood.



Xinyue (Cindy) Chen (HSC) started at Ravenswood in Year 9 and was a boarder in the Ravenswood Residential College.

As York House Technology and Media Captain, her efforts won York the House Performing Arts Prize for the Technology and Media Category in the 2023 House Performing Arts event.

Cindy was recognised in the boarding community for planning and leading the yearly Chinese New Year festivities. Her dedication to her studies and the assistance she offered to others to support them academically was also acknowledged.



Mariam Nazha (IB) aims to pursue a Commerce degree at the University of Sydney to support her strong interests in finance and accounting. Mariam has already taken significant steps towards her career aspirations by securing a prestigious cadetship at Macquarie Group. Her role in the Finance and Treasury departments at Macquarie Group will provide her with valuable practical experience alongside her studies in 2024.

Throughout her 11 years at Ravenswood, Mariam was an integral part of the School community. In addition to her academic achievements, Mariam played a vital role in various extracurricular activities, including being an enthusiastic member of Cadets, achieving the Cadet Under Officer - Medics Platoon Commander position. Her other interests at Ravenswood included taking part in the ISDA Debating and da Vinci Decathlon teams, the Green Team, and the Social Justice Club. Mariam also contributed to the School community as the 2023 Social Justice Captain.

Beyond her academic and extracurricular commitments, Mariam is a skilled tennis player who proudly represented the Tildesley Tennis team. Mariam has expressed gratitude for the unwavering support of her family, friends and Ravenswood teachers, whom she says played a pivotal role in her success.



Gemma Rodham (IB) is an all-round high-achiever. An accomplished athlete, she has taken part in AFL, netball and football at Ravenswood. She also served as Tudor House Dance Captain and was a member of the Cadets.

Gemma held the position of Social Justice Captain and was a keen participant in various social justice initiatives, including Welcome! Jewellery. For this project, students crafted and sold handmade clay earrings, with profits donated to the Asylum Seekers Centre in Newtown.

Gemma was also involved in SOS Support Our Sisters, a Ravenswood student-led tutoring group dedicated to younger Ravenswood students.

A STEM enthusiast, Gemma participated in the Engineering with an Impact workshop organised by UNSW in 2023. During this event, she enjoyed delving deeper into mechanical and biomechanical engineering.



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Class of 2023 Top Achievers



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