



Northholm Grammar



Learning through Scholarship
HSC Results 2024

Principal's Report



It is with an enormous sense of pride that I share with you the outstanding academic achievements of our 2024 Year 12 cohort ranking Northholm Grammar 31st in the State in the 2024 HSC. Our continued achievements in scholarship through our HSC results is recognition of our vision and commitment to academic growth and developing the character of each student.

Our journey of 'growth, renewal and excellence' which commenced in 2019 has seen the School move from 308th in NSW (2018) to now featuring regularly in the Top 50. In fact, Northholm Grammar has achieved a Top 45 School Ranking in three out of the last four years.

Northholm Grammar's standing as one of the leading schools in New South Wales is reflected in the following highlights:

- 18th best performing Independent School in New South Wales
- 30 students recognised as NSW Distinguished Achievers
- 5 students on the Honour Roll (Chloe Fader, Amelia Gartner, Emelie Gartner, Sophie Hamilton-James, Gemma Oaklands)
- 4 State Ranks – Mia Lawton (2nd Biology and 4th Agriculture) and Emelie Gartner (7th Modern History and 12th in English Advanced)
- 67% of students gaining at least one Band 6
- 80% of students gaining at least one Band 5 or Band 6
- 100% of courses achieved above State Average marks

Congratulations to Emelie Gartner and Sophie Hamilton-James as the Dux of the School both achieving an ATAR of 99.75.

Northholm Grammar's educational philosophy has been firmly based on the principle of academic intentionality with pastoral attentiveness. We seek to challenge every student by raising academic expectations and celebrating their 'growth' because we value the importance of achieving one's potential.

We know that student achievement is largely attributed with a close connection to student wellbeing. Establishing a high-performance culture within a school context is dependent on both challenging students to achieve their best academically as well as providing the care and support necessary for personal growth and development.

The continued growth in our HSC results is indicative of our exceptional teachers and rigorous educational programs. Northholm Grammar is committed to a strong professional learning program in developing our professional practice, as well as an unrelenting focus on explicit teaching, engaging in deliberate practice and delivering regular feedback.

A strong relationship between the teacher and student is critical to achieving academic intentionality with pastoral attentiveness. Teachers don't just teach disciplines (mathematics, science, English, etc), they teach people. Education is about connectedness, belonging and being relational. From a learning perspective, a strong sense of relatedness and connectedness better positions students to take on challenges, set positive goals and establish high expectations that extend and motivate them.

We commend all of our Year 12 students on their results and their perseverance and focus, as they have balanced their studies with a diverse array of personal accomplishments in their areas of interest and passion. Their results are the outcome of incredible commitment, courage, grit and ambition. The Class of 2024 have not only achieved magnificent HSC results but have led the way in Sport, the Creative and Performing Arts, leadership and entrepreneurship. They have elevated the standard for academic excellence that will inspire future cohorts at Northholm Grammar. It was an absolute pleasure to work with these fine men and women of character.

We also acknowledge our community – parents, friends and family – for their support of the Year 12 cohort, in contributing to these excellent results. Through their support and encouragement, our Year 12 families have worked in partnership with the School, to ensure a healthy learning experience.

Congratulations again to the Year 12s of 2024 on their magnificent results. We are very proud of their achievements.

Christopher Bradbury
Principal



HSC Results **Highlights**

40%

of students achieved
an **ATAR above 90**

80%

of students achieved at least
a **Band 5, 6** or equivalent

99.75

Two students
received an **ATAR**
of **99.75**

31st

NGS achieved
31st place in the
State Rank

14

Our HSC School rank
improved by
14 places in one year



They have elevated the standard
for academic excellence
that will inspire future cohorts at
Northholm Grammar.



Northholm High Achievers



Sofia Attia

ATAR 97.40

Business Studies
English Advanced
Legal Studies
Mathematics Standard 2
Modern History



Sienna Borg

ATAR 92.35

Biology
Business Studies
English Standard
Mathematics Standard 2
PDHPE



Taine Cassar

ATAR 96.85

Chemistry
English Advanced
Legal Studies
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2



Matthew Coad

ATAR 95.00

Agriculture
Business Studies
Economics
English Standard
Mathematics Standard 2



Kieran Coleman

ATAR 98.60

Chemistry
English Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2
Physics



Chloe Fader

ATAR 99.20

Biology
Business Studies
English Advanced
Legal Studies
Mathematics Advanced



Amelia Gartner

ATAR 99.25

Business Studies
English Advanced
Legal Studies
Mathematics Standard 2
Modern History



Emelie Gartner

ATAR 99.75

English Advanced
Legal Studies
Mathematics Standard 2
Modern History
PDHPE



Sophie Hamilton-James

ATAR 99.75

Economics
English Advanced
Legal Studies
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2



William Jones

ATAR 94.15

Biology
Business Studies
English Standard
Legal Studies
Mathematics Standard 2



Mia Lawton

ATAR 98.30

Agriculture
Biology
Chemistry
English Advanced
Mathematics Advanced



Kalan Lee

ATAR 98.80

English Advanced
Legal Studies
Mathematics Extension 1
(completed 2023)
Mathematics Extension 2
Physics



Gemma Oaklands

ATAR 97.00

Drama
English Advanced
Legal Studies
Mathematics Standard 2
Modern History



Jayden Short

ATAR 96.55

Biology
Chemistry
English Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Advanced
Physics



Kai Strickland

ATAR 96.55

Biology
English Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Advanced
PDHPE
Physics



Kyle Tesoriero

ATAR 93.55

Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
English Standard
Mathematics Advanced



Mitchell Tesoriero

ATAR 92.70

Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
English Standard
Mathematics Advanced



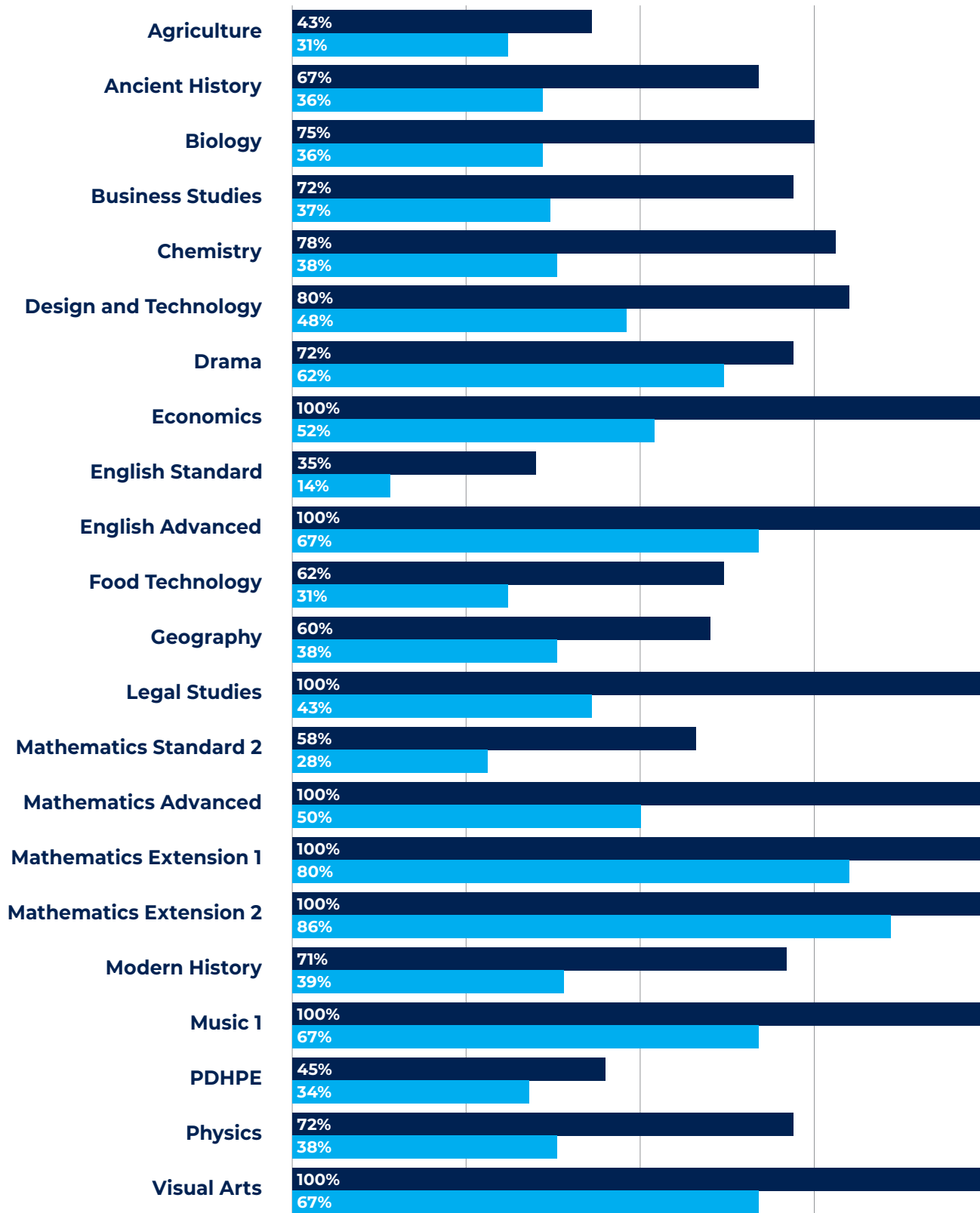
Lucas Ulloa-Ortiz

ATAR 92.25

Agriculture
Biology
English Standard
Mathematics Advanced
Physics

Performances in HSC Courses

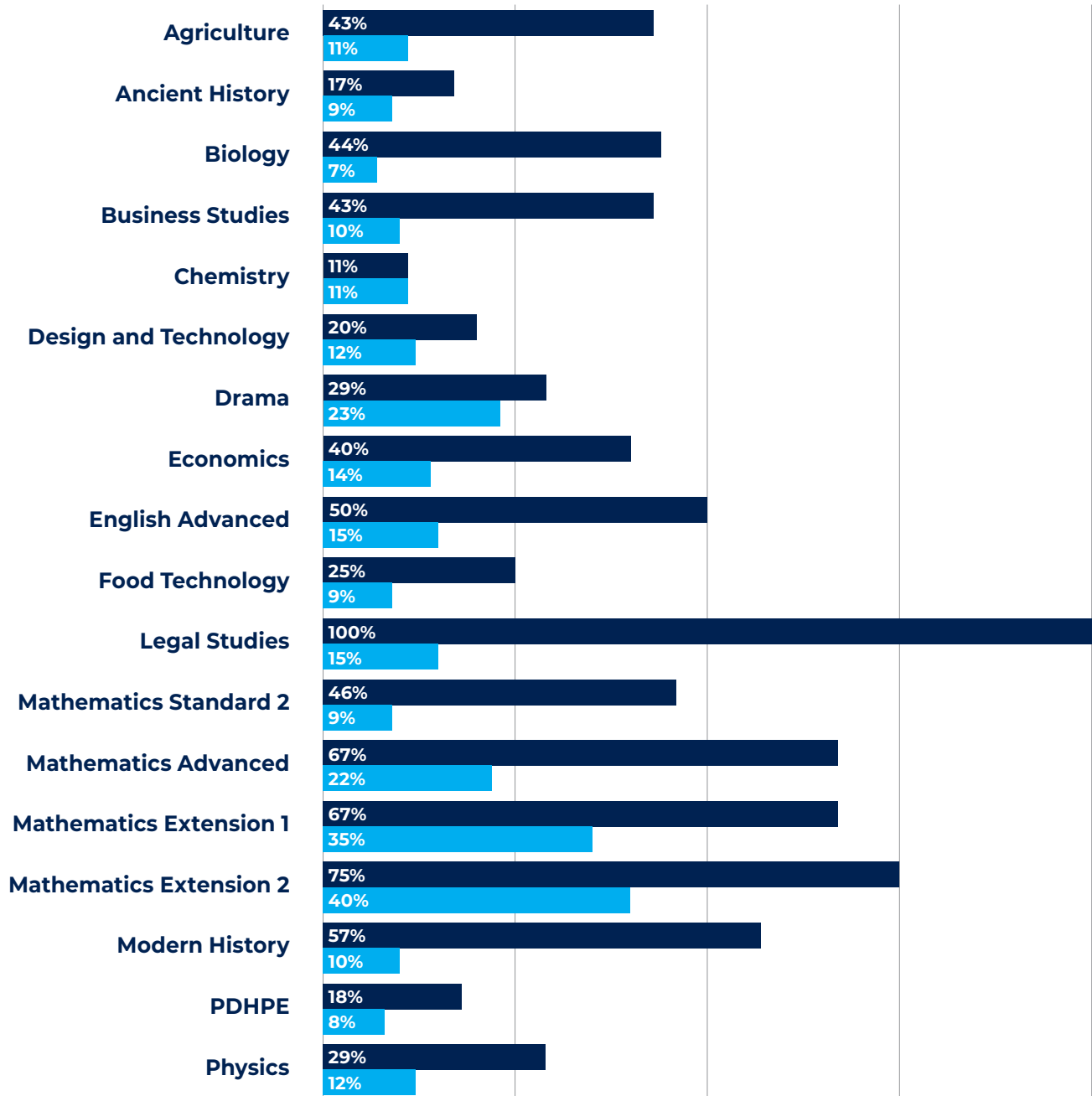
The performance of each student in each of their HSC courses is indicated in levels, called Bands, from 1 to 6. Band 5 and 6 are the highest levels. The table below shows some of the HSC courses studied at Northholm.



● % in Bands 5 and 6 at **Northholm** ● % in Bands 5 and 6 in **State**

Northholm Students awarded Band 6

The table below shows some of the HSC courses studied at Northholm, comparing the percentage of students who achieved Band 6 at Northholm against the State average.



● % in Band 6 at **Northholm**

● % in Band 6 in **State**

HSC All Rounders

The following students achieved Band 6 results across all their subjects.



Chloe Fader



Amelia Gartner



Emelie Gartner



**Sophie
Hamilton-James**



Gemma Oaklands

HSC Distinguished Achievers

The following students achieved a Band 6 or E4 result in the following subjects, meaning they scored over 90%.

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| Sofia Attia | Business Studies, Legal Studies, Mathematics Standard 2, Modern History |
| Eve Bolt | Business Studies, Food Technology |
| Sienna Borg | Business Studies, Mathematics Standard 2 |
| Noah Brown | Drama |
| Taine Cassar | Legal Studies, Mathematics Extension 1 |
| Matthew Coad | Agriculture, Business Studies, Economics, Mathematics Standard 2 |
| Kieran Coleman | Chemistry, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics |
| Chloe Fader | Biology, Business Studies, English Advanced, Legal Studies, Mathematics Advanced |
| Cameron Foxall | Mathematics Standard 2 |
| Nathan Frank | Mathematics Standard 2 |
| Amelia Gartner | Business Studies, English Advanced, Legal Studies, Mathematics Standard 2, Modern History |
| Emelie Gartner | English Advanced, Legal Studies, Mathematics Standard 2, Modern History, PDHPE |
| Sophie Hamilton-James | Economics, English Advanced, Legal Studies, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2 |
| William Jones | Biology, Business Studies, Legal Studies, Mathematics Standard 2 |
| Isabella Kazzi | Food Technology |
| Olivia Knight | Legal Studies |
| Mia Lawton | Agriculture, Biology, English Advanced |
| Kalan Lee | Legal Studies, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics |
| Arin Lenc | Mathematics Standard 2 |
| Charlotte Martin | Ancient History, Business Studies |
| Phoenix McFarland | Mathematics Standard 2 |
| Annaliese Nahimy | Design and Technology |
| Gemma Oaklands | Drama, English Advanced, Legal Studies, Mathematics Standard 2, Modern History |
| Daniel Reay | Mathematics Advanced |
| Jayden Short | Biology, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1 |
| Connor Simpson | Mathematics Standard 2 |
| Kai Strickland | English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, PDHPE |
| Kyle Tesoriero | Biology, Business Studies |
| Mitchell Tesoriero | Biology, Mathematics Advanced |
| Lucas Ulloa-Ortiz | Agriculture, Biology, Mathematics Advanced |



Emelie Gartner

ATAR 99.75
Dux of the School
School Prefect
HSC All Rounder
7th in Modern History
12th in English Advanced



I was able to develop very strong relationships with my teachers, who provided guidance and support not just in the classroom, but outside of it as well.



Emelie moved to Northholm Grammar at the start of 2023, commencing in Year 11.

In sport, Emelie was a representative of the Hills Zone Swimming Team and member of the School Senior Netball Team that won the HZSA Premiership. In Year 11, Emelie received a plethora of academic awards for her hard work and diligence across the academic subjects including English Advanced, PDHPE and Legal Studies. She also received a Pocket for the Senior Netball Team at the Northholm Awards and at the 2023 Speech Night she was awarded the Meritorious Achievement Award. In Year 12, Emelie received a variety of academic awards across her subjects, culminating in the Newby Award for Modern History and the Julian Leeser Award. Emelie was appointed as a Prefect in the Student Leadership Team, responsible for the Humanities and CAPA portfolio. Outside of school, Emelie has been actively involved in Lifeline's 'Go For Broke' cycling initiative for men's mental health since 2020. Moreover, Emelie has enjoyed a successful sporting career in netball, having played at representative level from 2019 to 2021 for the Hills District and achieving four premierships.

Emelie believes her success across Year 11 and 12 and in the HSC exams is due to her strong work ethic and drive for academic excellence, as well as the support provided by her teachers. "I will remember for quite some time, the teachers. Being in rather small classes, I was able to develop very strong relationships with my teachers, who provided guidance and support not just in the classroom, but outside of it as well."

Emelie claims the most important lessons she has learnt throughout her two years at Northholm Grammar is to believe in yourself, and if you try your absolute hardest and put in all your effort, you can do anything. She credits Principal, Mr Bradbury, for this lesson following an encounter with him after one of her exams "Mr Bradbury said 'a good student never does bad in the HSC', and he was right."

In reflecting on her time at Northholm Grammar, Emelie spoke fondly of the lifelong friendships forged throughout sporting events. Joining the School in Year 11, Emelie is grateful for the opportunities for team events where she was able to create strong bonds with those in her cohort and the years below. "A core memory for me is the 2023 Swimming Carnival, where I was introduced to people I have since made strong, perhaps even lifelong, friendships with."

Emelie plans to study law and begin a career as a lawyer or journalist. She was fortunate to receive an early offer from University of Technology Sydney to study a double degree in Law and Media Communications (Journalism) through the SRS Early Entry Scheme. Since receiving her outstanding ATAR score of 99.75, Emelie became eligible for the Academic Achievement Award Scholarship at UNSW. "I am very excited by this opportunity, particularly with UNSW being the number one university for law in Australia. Hopefully, during the course of my study, I will also be able to undertake a job at a law firm."



Sophie Hamilton-James

ATAR 99.75
Dux of the School
School Captain
Capell House Captain
HSC All Rounder

Sophie Hamilton-James began Year 7 at Northholm Grammar School in 2019.

After being warmly welcomed by her House (Capell House) and peers, Sophie was heavily involved in the Sports Program and excelled time and time again across a range of Sports including Athletics, Cross Country, Netball and Swimming. Proving to be an exceptional athlete, she went on to represent Northholm Grammar at Hills Zone Schools Association (HZSA) and AICES competitions.

As a 'Renaissance Woman', she embraced many co-curricular opportunities – from Debating to Mock Trials – as well as developing her leadership capabilities as Year 8 House Captain, Capell House Captain, Student Representative Council (SRC) and School Captain. Impressively, Sophie was sponsored by Bendigo Bank to participate in a Leadership Camp with other young leaders across Australia, Asia and the United States. As part of the Year 11 Leadership Program, Sophie led a community engagement Italian-themed fundraising evening which proved to be a great success.

Academically, Sophie represented Northholm Grammar in many competitions from Years 7 to 12 including the da Vinci Decathlon and the Science and Engineering Competition. Similarly, her involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh Program saw her blend together her spirit of adventure, commitment and perseverance with her leadership skills.

Sophie accredits her diverse achievements to always having wellness in the forefront of her mind while focusing on her studies. "You perform at your best when you are fulfilled both academically, socially and physically. Without integrating time for friends, sports and exercise, as well as much loved down time, you will not be able to perform to your best capabilities. Forgetting to take care of yourself during the HSC years will ensure you fall short. Remember that your final years of school are a marathon not a sprint."

Sophie's advice to future Northholm students completing the HSC is that it all starts in Year 7. "Start early. For me, the process for the HSC started in Year 7. While I wasn't even aware, I was preparing for it every class, every lesson, every assignment and test from Year 7 to the HSC Trials. While you need to work very hard during your final years of school, the foundation you create and study habits in your early years set you up well. Thus, while those final papers and revision you do are important, what will have a bigger impact is all that work and effort you put in early on."

With an interest in investment banking, politics, diplomacy and international relations, Sophie has chosen to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics to equip her with the foundation for critical thinking, with an aspiration to work towards a role in the United Nations or the Reserve Bank of Australia.



You perform at your best when you are fulfilled both academically, socially and physically...





Amelia Gartner

**ATAR 99.25
HSC All Rounder
School Prefect**

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...I have walked away from my HSC journey with some wonderful connections to these individuals who have shaped who I am and played a significant role in my success.

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Amelia Gartner arrived at Northholm Grammar School at the start of Year 11 in 2023.

She immediately excelled academically acquiring first place in English Advanced and Modern History. On the sporting field, Amelia participated at the Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals, attaining a spot for swimming in the School Swimming Team at the HZSA Carnival. In Year 12, Amelia was awarded the Reuben F Scarf Award for her hard work and diligent commitment towards her studies, which is captured vividly through her final HSC results as an All-Round Achiever and ATAR of 99.25. Amelia enjoyed many leadership opportunities at Northholm Grammar including being a member of the Student Representative Council (SRC) and her appointment as a School Prefect leading the Academic portfolio. She embraced service volunteering including the Lifeline 'Go For Broke' Charity Bike Ride, as well having a keen passion for netball, fitness and health.

Amelia believes the key to her success throughout the year is through the balance of both study and wellness. During HSC study periods, Amelia would dedicate time to achieve one thing for herself a day to help keep her motivated. "In order to avoid burn-out and ensure that your personal needs are met, you must make time for yourself."

Her advice to future students completing HSC is to keep the finish line in sight and keep your head down during assessment periods throughout the year as the preparation spent during this time will set you up for success. "Know what you want to achieve, map out how you will get there. It's all about perseverance, determination and hard work."

Amelia is grateful for the meaningful and long-term connections she has made with both her peers and teachers, particularly to those teachers who played a crucial role in her academic journey. "Without their support, long hours reading my work and providing feedback overnight, as well as challenging me, I would not be where I am today. I can safely say I have walked away from my HSC journey with some wonderful connections to these individuals who have shaped who I am and played a significant role in my success."

Amelia is also grateful for the challenging environment at Northholm Grammar in setting her up to achieve her best. "I was pushed more than ever and given all the resources necessary to my success at my disposal, especially in English with Ms Campos. No stone remained unturned, and I was provided feedback almost instantaneously that was constructive and conducive to becoming the best version of myself in the classroom, but also outside."

Amelia will commence a double degree at UNSW in Law and Media/ Communications. Amelia aspires to be a journalist or work in the legal field as a lawyer.



Chloe Fader

ATAR 99.20
Lincoln House Captain
HSC All Rounder



The friendship, support and camaraderie between all of my peers made a grade that worked together and carried each other through the highs and the lows.



Chloe joined Northholm Grammar in Year 7 during Term 4.

Throughout her time at Northholm Grammar, the healthy competition and student-centric teaching facilitated numerous academic achievements for her, such as achieving Speech Night awards for PDHPE and PASS (Years 8-10) and the Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School Award for Business Studies in 2024.

Chloe was the 'Renaissance Student' who demonstrated exceptional skills in mastering the academics whilst maintaining her commitment to sporting excellence. She is an outstanding hockey player and represented NSW at the Nationals from the Under 15s through to the current Under 18s. One of her first tastes of leadership was captaining the Under 15s NSW Team, and from there, continued her growth as a leader through her appointment as Lincoln House Captain where she worked closely with Mrs Plüss and Mia Lawton. Chloe was a representative of the prestigious Max Potential Program, which further developed her skills in problem solving, working with others and communication. Chloe describes the Northholm experience as "providing me with a strong and well-rounded education, by supporting me and giving me many opportunities to thrive, whilst building my character."

Chloe credits her success at Northholm Grammar to her balanced approach to her academic studies and sporting pursuits. "I found that afternoons spent at the hockey pitch were a safe place for me to unplug from the stress and demands of school and reset. An important aspect of integrating time for wellness is time management. I found that my ability to time block, prioritise and plan ahead improved drastically, which meant that making time for these extra commitments and passions became less of a stressful task."

Chloe is grateful for the many opportunities Northholm has provided in the areas of leadership and academics, however she is most grateful for the friendships and relationships gained throughout her years at the School. "My friends have all shared the tough and stressful times that the rigorous academic program of Northholm has brought and this has sustained me through the pressure and the tough days. The friendship, support and camaraderie between all of my peers made a grade that worked together and carried each other through the highs and the lows."

Chloe also cherishes the relationships built with her teachers, particularly in her final year of School, as they supported and guided her throughout challenging assignment and study periods. "Building working relationships with my Year 12 teachers as they supported me and helped me balance my workload also made school manageable and strengthened my trust and respect in them."

Chloe will commence studying Commerce at Melbourne University, with the goal to establish an entrepreneurial business after her studies. Chloe has also been accepted in the Elite Athlete Program, where she will be able to work towards her goal of representing Australia in field hockey as well as building her knowledge in business.

Challenging minds. **Creating** futures.



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