

HSC RESULTS 2020



**Northholm
Grammar**



**LEARNING
THROUGH
SCHOLARSHIP**

Principal's Report



An outstanding achievement to continue our academic growth by moving a further 52 places on the Sydney Morning Herald HSC rankings to be positioned 61st in NSW. Northholm Grammar celebrates being the most successful co-educational school in the Hills District.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020 on your truly remarkable HSC results. With a global pandemic heavily influential in the background of their final year of schooling, our students were superb in meeting the challenges of the HSC Examinations. The sacrifices were many including the postponement of significant rites of passage and they had to juggle the changing landscape of face-to-face teaching to the 'untested remote learning' experience. However, they did all of that and more with enormous resilience and character throughout the year. It is with much pride to celebrate their achievements and recognise that our vision and commitment to academic growth and scholarship has now been rewarded in consecutive years.

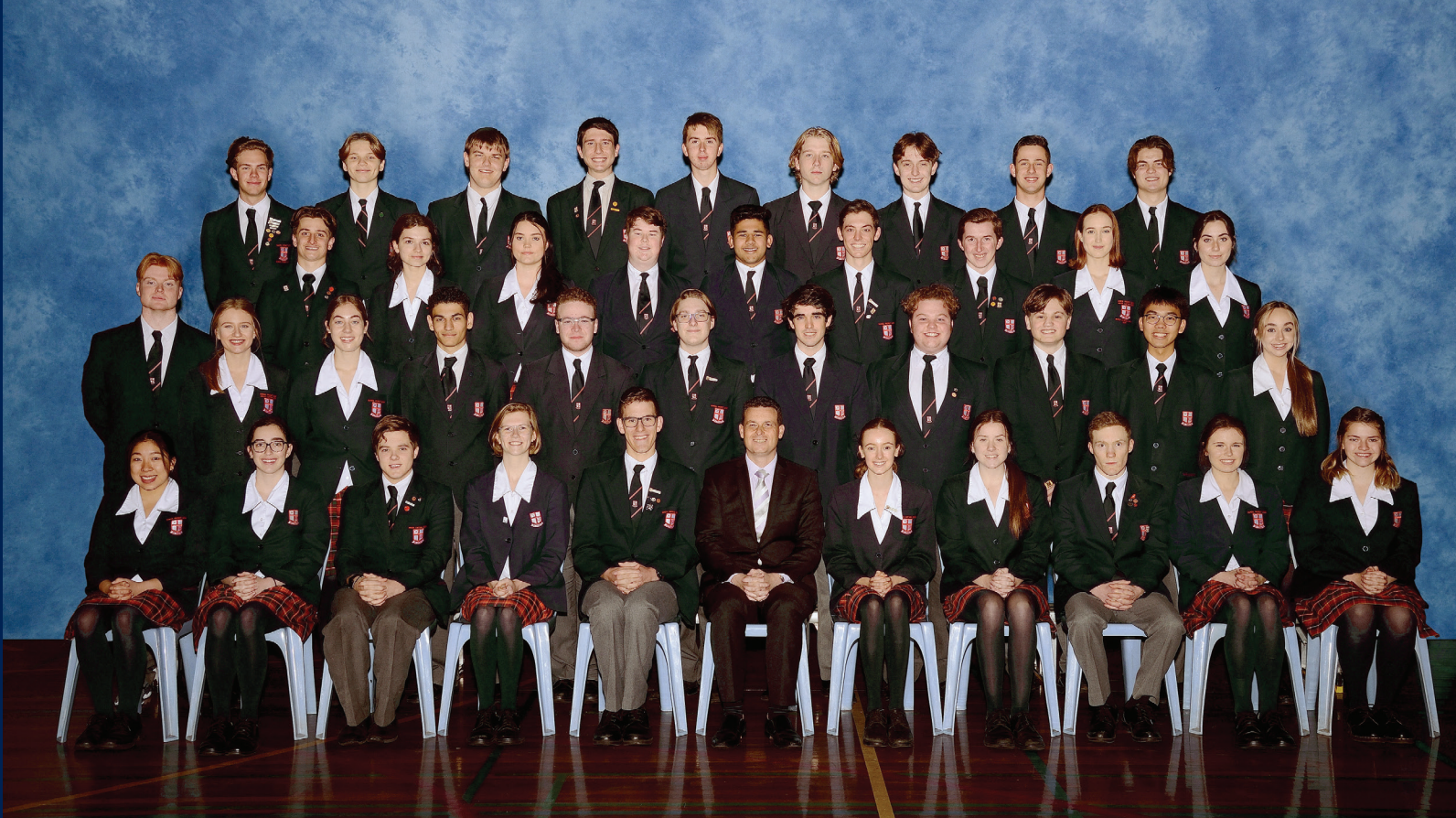
I am pleased to be presenting our HSC results package and celebrating Northholm Grammar's strongest academic results since its establishment in 1983. Some of the notable highlights include being **ranked 61st in the State** (113th in 2019) a move up of 52 places from 2019 and 247 places from 2018, **55%** of students gaining at least a Band 6, **85%** of students gaining at least one Band 5 or Band 6, achieving **45** Band 6 results and 92% of courses achieved above State Average marks.

Northholm Grammar is deliberate and intentional in its strategic intent to foster a learning environment where students thrive and flourish to pursue their personal best and achieve excellence. The narrative continues to develop with reference to achieving 'teacher excellence coupled with personal responsibility' where our teachers need to be the experts in scaffolding and modeling appropriate practices to achieve excellence and our students need to take ownership of their learning by being personally committed to continuous growth and improvement. The legacy of the Class of 2020 is their capacity to provide visibility to our school vision by demonstrating what 'learning through scholarship' looks like in practice and setting high expectations for student achievement in future cohorts.

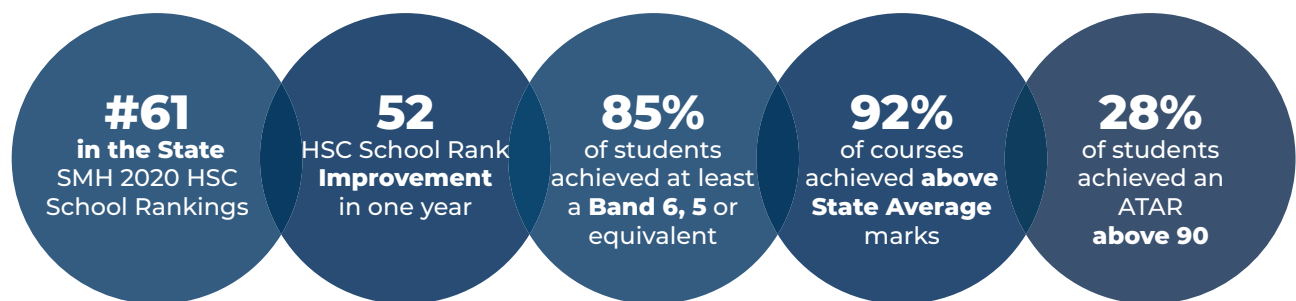
Our intention is to develop confident and compassionate students, who are effective contributors to society, successful learners, and responsible citizens. As much as we are enormously proud of the academic achievements, what is particularly important is that it is complimented with an equal desire in character development and pastoral attentiveness. 'The Northholm Way' is focused on a broad education centred on allowing students to grow as individuals and find their passions so they can lead a well-rounded life and contribute to a thriving society. Our Year 12 students have again led by example through their involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh Program achieving three Gold Awards, success in CAPA through nominations in Encore and ArtExpress and their leadership in service education raising awareness and resources for Destiny Rescue and Project India. It is our intention that scholarship is what our students will take from Northholm and leadership is what they will give to the world.

These achievements would not be possible without the pastoral attentiveness, hard work and support from our staff, parents and community. Most importantly this would not be possible without the effort, determination and teamwork of the 2020 Year 12 cohort. I look forward to following their progress as they move into the next phase of their journey.

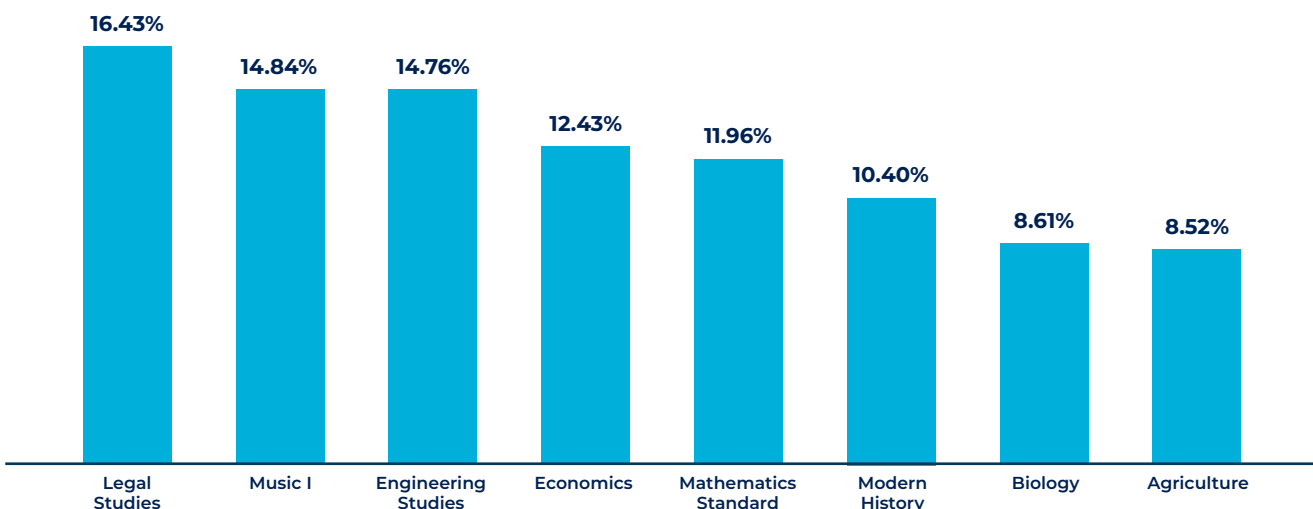
Christopher Bradbury
Principal



2020 HSC Results Overview



Northholm Grammar vs. State Mean



● % Above State Mean

Northholm High Achievers 2020



Ella Cotrona

97.45

English Advanced,
Mathematics
Standard,
Legal Studies,
Society and Culture,
Geography



Max Johnson

97.20

English Advanced,
Mathematics
Extension I,
Advanced
Mathematics,
Engineering Studies,
Physics



Anthony Donaldson

97.20

English Standard,
Mathematics
Standard,
Legal Studies,
Economics,
Business Studies



Emma Mercieca

96.65

English Advanced,
Mathematics
Advanced,
Economics,
Chemistry



Lauren Ivory

94.80

English Extension II,
English Extension I,
English Advanced,
Society and Culture,
Modern History, Drama



Sarah Franklin

94.00

English Advanced,
Mathematics
Standard, Society and
Culture, PDHPE, Food
Technology



Bethany Dewhurst

93.80

English Advanced,
English Extension I,
Legal Studies, Drama,
Visual Arts, PDHPE



Andrew Date

92.50

English Advanced,
Mathematics
Standard,
Legal Studies,
Ancient History,
Modern History



Denique Shai-Hee

91.90

English Advanced,
Mathematics
Advanced, PDHPE,
Biology, Chemistry



Ling Chi Ambrose Hon

91.70

English Advanced,
Mathematics Extension I,
Mathematics Advanced,
Chemistry, Physics,
Information and
Digital Technology



Tom Ohlrich

91.15

English Advanced,
Mathematics
Advanced, Modern
History, Engineering
Studies, 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. Bands 5 and 6 are the highest levels. The table below shows some of the HSC courses studies at Northholm.

Agriculture



Ancient History



Biology



Business Studies



Chemistry



Design and Technology



Drama



Economics



Engineering Studies



English Advanced



English Extension I



English Extension II



Geography



Information Processes and Technology



Legal Studies



Mathematics Extension I



Mathematics Advanced



Mathematics Standard



Music I



PDHPE



Physics



Primary Industries



Society and Culture



Visual Arts

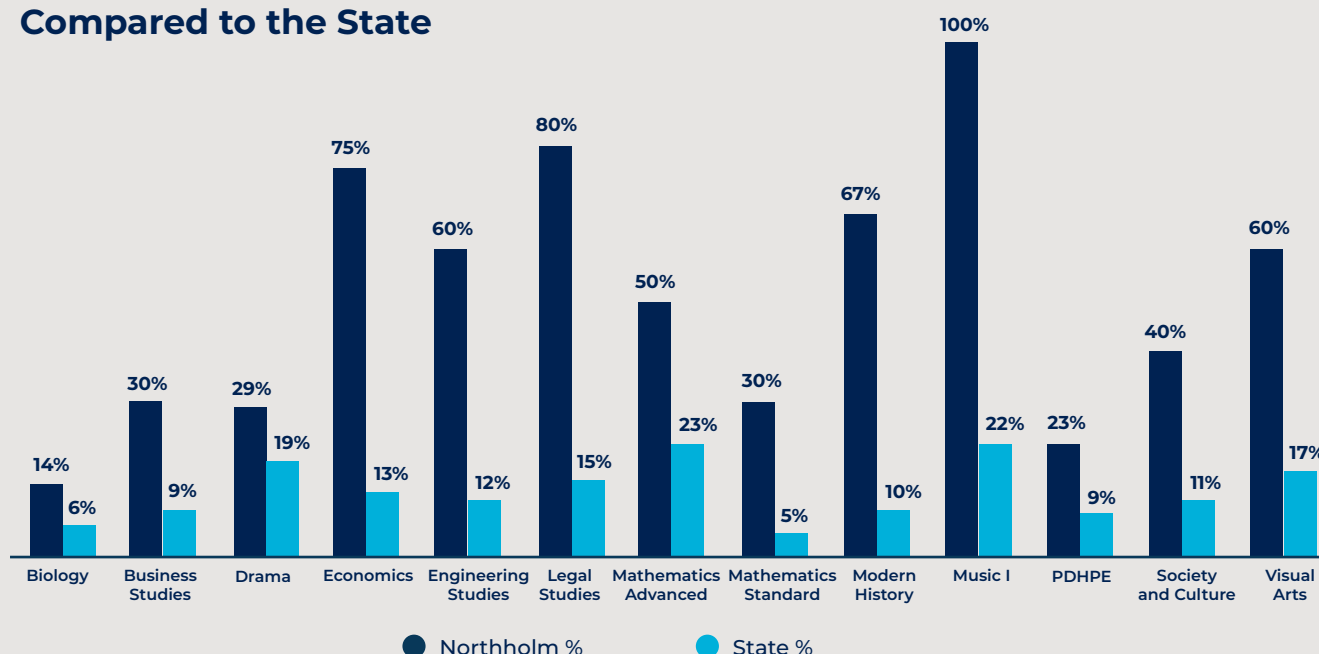


● % in bands 5 & 6 at **Northholm**

● % in bands 5 & 6 in **State**

Northholm Students awarded **Band 6**

Compared to the State



HSC Distinguished Achievers 2020

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

Zachary Borg
Ella Cotrona

Mathematics Standard 2
English Advanced, Legal Studies, Mathematics Standard 2, Society and Culture

Andrew Date
Bridget Davey
Bethany Dewhurst

Legal Studies
Music 1
Drama, Legal Studies, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, Visual Arts

Anthony Donaldson

Legal Studies, Business Studies, Economics, Mathematics Standard 2

Sarah Franklin

Society and Culture, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, Mathematics Standard 2, Food Technology
Mathematics Advanced

Elyssa Freame

Matthew Gadd

Abby Hawkins

Ling Chi Ambrose Hon

Society and Culture
Mathematics Standard 2
Mathematics Advanced, IDT Examination (Web and Software Applications)

Lauren Ivory

English Advanced, English Extension 2, Modern History, Society and Culture

Max Johnson

Tyler Johnson

Carey Maeder

Emma Mercieca

Mathematics Advanced, Economics, Engineering Studies
Mathematics Advanced, Engineering Studies
Business Studies
English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Biology, Economics

Thomas Ohlrich

Kendal Reeves

Maximilian Schneider-Smith

Denique Shai-Hee

Isaac Whicker

Charlie Wilton

Modern History, Engineering Studies
Mathematics Standard 2, Visual Arts
Business Studies
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Mathematics Standard 2
Visual Arts

Other Achievements 2020

Gold Awards for Duke of Edinburgh

Our Northholm students have demonstrated incredible leadership, resilience and perseverance through their involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh. We congratulate three of our Year 12 students which included **Samuel Allen, Lauren Ivory** and **Ciaran Dyson** who achieved their Gold Award before commencing their Higher School Certificate Examinations. We are very proud of their efforts as they devoted the year to balancing the focus on their academic progress combined with participating in a service activity, a physical activity and a skills activity, as well as undertaking a nine-day kayaking Adventurous Journey which developed their leadership and teamwork skills. ▶



CAPA HSC Excellence

Northholm Grammar is very proud of the achievements and talent of our CAPA students and we congratulate them in their pursuit of excellence. In particular, we acknowledge the following Year 12 students who have been nominated for their excellence and outstanding work: **Bridget Davey** for Encore in Music and Beth **Dewhurst** and **Charlie Wilton** for ArtExpress in Visual Arts.

Bethany Dewhurst was s to be congratulated on her selection into Art Express which is a magnificent achievement. As a result, Bethany has been invited to exhibit her Body of Work *'Defining Ups and Down: a simple and beautiful relationship between my brother and I'* in ArtExpress 2021 at the Gallery of New South Wales and Grafton Regional Gallery.

Charlie Wilton has been invited to exhibit his Bcdy of Work *'Holy Cow'* in ArtNorth 2021 at the Grace Cossington-Smith Gallery. Since completing his Bdy of Work, Charlie has run an Edition series of his cow photography and sold works to members of the local community, establishing him as a local emerging artist. ▼





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