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Top-flight: Class of 2023 proven high-flyers



High-flyers—sensational results were achieved by the Class of 2023 in the WACE.

The Class of 2023 have achieved some 'sensational' results, as described by Principal Mitchell Mackay.

Lillie Sartori, Hanlin Shao, Chau Tran and Max Wu achieved a perfect ATAR of 99.95. In total, 66 students achieved an ATAR of 99 plus, 14 students achieved a General Exhibition, 41 students achieved a subject Certificate of Excellence and 114 students were awarded a Certificate of Distinction. Subject Exhibitions were awarded to five students—Nirmanee Mallawa Thantrige for Economics, Shiyi Zhang for Human Biology, Max Wu for Mathematics Specialist, Cohan Cockburn for Philosophy and Ethics, and Sachi Elliott for Visual Arts.

The West Australian, based on their analysis of data released by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority, announced Perth Modern School at the top of their list, based on how frequently schools were named for its Year 12 students achieving top marks across individual subjects.

Lillie Sartori, who graduated as Dux of Perth Modern and achieved a 99.95 ATAR, said she had managed to enjoy a balanced life with frequent sport and going out with her friends.

'I am exceptionally grateful for my teachers at school and family for supporting me through the last few years,' Lillie said. 'Additionally, I am so appreciative of my cohort at school for being such an intelligent, nurturing and kind group of people, I love my cohort of friends at school so much and it has been an honour to have experienced high school with such a diverse

and smart group of people who all so supportive of each other.'

Chau Tran, Runner Up Dux, said she had opened her ATAR result alone in her room and made her family wait outside.

'I was extremely nervous because I had felt a bit unsure walking out of the exams,' Chau said. 'However, when I saw my ATAR [99.95], I screamed and ran out of the room to call my family in. We were all ecstatic.'

'I felt overjoyed that all the hard work I had put in, as well as all the help and support I had received from my teachers, family and friends, lead to me achieving a goal that I had dreamt of for so long, but was never truly certain I could achieve,' she said.

Chau gave a lot of credit to her teachers.

'Whenever I was struggling with school, whether it be a disappointing score or difficulties handling the ATAR, I talked

to my teachers. They have a wealth of experience and supported me in so many ways. I wouldn't have gotten where I am without them.'

Principal Mitchell Mackay said he was delighted to see students reach their academic goals.

'This is a very hard-working group of students, and it has been so pleasing to see them helping each other, creating study groups and cheering each other on when they do well.'

'Our students are also wonderfully supported by their families who value the power of education, and our dedicated teaching staff who always go above and beyond. I congratulate them and look forward to seeing them successfully forge their chosen career paths and as the leaders of the future.'

See the full list of award winners inside.

School Curriculum and Standards Authority Award Winners



Class of 2023 is the best in the west

BETHANY HIATT, *THE WEST AUSTRALIAN*

Six public schools have been ranked among the top 10 schools in WA based on the number of subjects in which their Year 12s excelled last year.

The West Australian has crunched data released by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority to create a list based on how frequently each school was named for its Year 12 students achieving top marks across individual subjects.



Topping the list for a second consecutive year is the academically selective Perth Modern School in Subiaco, lauded for a staggering 26 subjects ranging across the spectrum from ancient history to visual arts.



Mod students give their top tips for ATAR success

Some of our students who achieved an ATAR of 99 or above share their 'secrets to their success' below.

MITCHELL MORRIS

'You have to try and enjoy your Year 12. The memories and your friends will last a lot longer than your ATAR score. Try and have perspective. Start your study schedule early on. Work hard when you need to work hard, as that will give you time to play hard as well.'

AVICKNASH DAYANANDAN – HEAD PREFECT 2023

'Always try and push yourself outside of your comfort zone. The more you do that, the better you will be not just academically but in life skills and as a person in general.'

ELLA FORWARD

'To achieve my result, I spent many hours studying. I would spend the evenings recapping what I had learnt that day. Then on the weekends I would mainly do practice questions, practice exams and assignments. My main tip for doing well is to get enough sleep so you can be productive the next day. Trust the work you have put in throughout the year so you can relax a bit during exam periods. Also make sure to reward yourself when you achieve one of your goals.'

CHAU TRAN

'I think the most important thing you need to prioritise in Year 12 is learning from your mistakes and asking for help. There's always going to be setbacks, but you need to look at them as an opportunity to improve for the future.'

Other than that, I spent a lot of time on the concepts before doing any practice questions. It's also important to put in a little work every day rather than cramming before an assessment.'



Chau Tran, Lillie Sartori, Max Wu and Hanlin Shao achieved 'perfect' ATARs of 99.95.



Rishita Sarkar, Lillie Sartori, Avicknash Dayanandan, Mitchell Morris and Ella Forward.

RISHITA SARKAR

'I think when you choose subjects that you are personally passionate about you can persevere even when things are a bit rough, you find the drive to keep going.'

'I found it really helpful to have people around, your teachers or your friends, that you can bounce ideas around with and discuss what you are learning with each other.'

I think that's a great way to consolidate your learning.'

Rishita is the recipient of the Tuckwell Scholarship to ANU.



Tuckwell Scholarship recipient Rishita Sarkar with Principal Mitchell Mackay.

99.95 ATAR

Lillie Sartori • Chau Tran
Hanlin Shao • Max Wu

99 Club

The students below obtained an ATAR of 99+ (this list does not include the students above who obtained 99.95)

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| Shifan Ahmed | • Mitchell Morris |
| Fiona Antony | • Siddharth Narayanan |
| Aanchal Asundi | • Aditya Natarajan |
| Saman Azam | • Chelsea Ong |
| Dominic Beer | • Sainuja Pather |
| Sonja Braunl | • Zuokang Qu |
| Austin Chen | • Sophie Royle |
| Cohan Cockburn | • Esther Santoso |
| Avicknash Dayanandan | • Archana Saravanaperumal |
| Sachi Elliott | • Rohan Sarda |
| Sidney Eric | • Rishita Sarkar |
| Welisarage (Kendrea) Fernando | • Inesh Sarukkalige |
| Ella Forward | • Grace Sinclair |
| Emanuel Foundas | • Culzean Spence |
| Jayden Goh | • Rachel Tan |
| Karen Harvey | • Timothy Tan |
| Raphael Ho | • Xuan Tang |
| Faith Hoe | • Aaron Teo |
| Masa Hongo | • Sashank Thapa |
| Ethan Irawan | • Rudra Trivedi |
| William James | • Isabeau van der Kooy |
| Max Judd | • Bryan Wee |
| Chern Yue Khor | • Shehan Weeraratna |
| Daniel Kong | • Benedict Widjaja |
| Chelsea Lee | • Sithika Wijesiri |
| Hamdan Mahmood | • Jona Wu |
| Anastasiia Maksymova | • Wenqian Xu |
| Matthew Maliszewski | • Aaron Yong |
| Nirmanee Mallawa Thanthrige | • Chengyi Zhang |
| Nayan Mehta | • Shiyi Zhang |
| Arsalan Mishani | • Alex Zheng |

Mathematics teacher Mr Mark Sweeney congratulates students.



General Exhibitions

General Exhibitions are awarded to the 50 eligible students in the State with the highest School Curriculum and Standards Authority WACE score based on the average of five scaled scores with at least two from each of the humanities/arts list and the mathematics/science list.

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| Chau Tran | • Sidney Eric |
| Lillie Sartori | • Fiona Antony |
| Bryan Wee | • Rudra Trivedi |
| Avicknash Dayanandan | • Grace Sinclair |
| Hanlin Shao | • Faith Hoe |
| Aaron Yong | • Sonja Braunl |
| Shifan Ahmed | • Archana Saravanaperumal |

Subject Exhibitions

A Subject Exhibition is awarded to the top eligible student obtaining the highest combined mark in a WACE subject.

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| Economics: | Nirmanee Mallawa Thanthrige |
| Human Biology: | Shiyi Zhang |
| Mathematics Specialist: | Max Wu |
| Philosophy and Ethics: | Cohan Cockburn |
| Visual Arts: | Sachi Elliott |



The Class of 2023 did brilliantly in the WACE.



Subject Certificate of Excellence

A Subject Certificate of Excellence is awarded to an eligible student who is in the top 0.5 percent of candidates in a WACE subject or the top two candidates (whichever is greater) in a WACE subject.

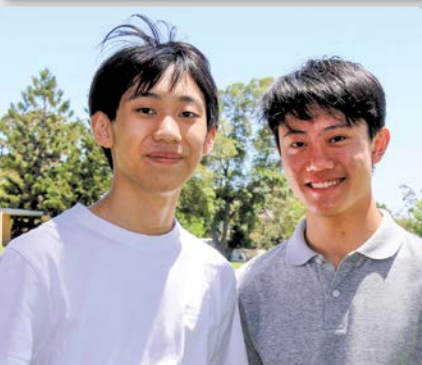
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| Biology | Esther Santoso | Human Biology | Shamary Fernando (Year 11) |
| Chemistry | Fiona Antony | Japanese: Second Language | Shiyi Zhang |
| | Dominic Beer | Literature | Fiona Antony |
| | Pranav Borude (Year 11) | Mathematics Applications | Sainuja Pather |
| | Jayden Goh | Mathematics Methods | Joseph Coleman |
| | Ethan Widjaja (Year 11) | | Vinura Elvadura (Year 11) |
| | Max Wu | | Jayden Goh |
| | Aaron Yong | | Dhruv Patel (Year 11) |
| Computer Science | Aaron Teo | | John Peiris (Year 11) |
| Economics | Jonathan Foster (Year 11) | Mathematics Specialist | Rudra Trivedi |
| | Chern Yue Khor | | Chelsea Ong |
| | Nirmanee Mallawa Thanthrige | Modern History | Max Wu |
| Engineering Studies | Raphael Ho | Philosophy and Ethics | Sashank Thapa |
| English | Shifan Ahmed | Physics | Cohan Cockburn |
| | Saman Azam | | Dominic Beer |
| | Loic Dutry | | Raphael Ho |
| | Alexander Mills | | Arsalan Mishani |
| | Sampurna Mitra | | Shehan Weeraratna |
| | Sainuja Pather | | Max Wu |
| | Alex Zheng | | Sachi Elliott |
| French Second Language | William Xu (Year 11) | Visual Arts | |

Certificate of Distinction

A Certificate of Distinction is awarded to each eligible student who, in their last three years of secondary WACE enrolment, achieved 190–200 points.

- Shifan Ahmed
- Jack Alexander
- Bowen An
- Anjitha Antony
- Mila Arthur
- Aanchal Asundi
- Saman Azam
- Shrihan Bandi
- Jose Angelo Barcena
- Christina Barnes
- Dominic Beer
- Sonja Braunl
- Thomas Brook
- Maxwell Bungey
- Austin Chen
- Aden Chia
- Ethan Chua
- Stefan Ciutina
- Cohan Cockburn
- Eamon Cooper
- Avicknash Dayanandan
- Agampodi De Zoysa
- Yunfei Dong
- Russell Dufty
- Elliott Dunn
- Rafael Effendi
- Sachi Elliott
- Sidney Eric
- Albert Eyssautier
- Welisarage Fernando
- Ella Forward
- Emanuel Foundas
- Jayden Goh
- Raphael Ho
- Robert Ho
- Faith Hoe
- Masa Hongo
- Ethan Irawan
- William James
- Andrea Jancik
- Max Judd
- Baxter Kakulas
- Parker Kenworthy
- Chern Yue Khor
- Daniel Kong
- Matilda Kosok
- Winston Kwan
- Jennifer Le
- Chelsea Lee
- Minxuan Li
- Huimin Liu
- Hamdan Mahmood
- Kenichi Makita
- Anastasiia Maksymova
- Matthew Maliszewski
- Nirmanee Mallawa Thantrige
- Samsara Mattin
- Nayan Mehta
- En-Mei Miao
- Arsalan Mishani
- Mitchell Morris
- Aditya Natarajan
- Vu Minh Hoang Nguyen
- Chelsea Ong
- Anakin Lee Oxford
- Saad Ozair
- Vikram Penikalapati
- Christian Philander
- Oliver Porter
- Isla Purse
- Zuokang Qu
- Anais Richard
- Sophie Royle
- Freja Salt
- Naynika Sanoj
- Esther Santoso
- Archana Saravanperumal
- Rohan Sarda
- Rishita Sarkar
- Lillie Sartori
- Inesh Sarukkalige
- Amos Seethor
- Hanlin Shao
- Grace Sinclair
- Jayden Singh
- Culzean Spence
- Rachel Tan
- Timothy Tan
- Aaron Teo
- Sashank Thapa
- Aaron Thomas
- Eric Townsend
- Chau Tran
- Rudra Trivedi
- Isabeau van der Kooy
- Kaelan van Zyl
- Aadi Warriier
- Bryan Wee
- Shehan Weeraratna
- Benedict Widjaja
- Sithika Wijesiri
- Grace Wong
- Jona Wu
- Max Wu
- Wenqian Xu
- Aaron Yong
- Chengyi Zhang
- Shiyi Zhang
- Sophia Zhao
- Zewen Zhao
- Alex Zheng
- Encan Zhou

Lillie Sartori giving an interview to the Department of Education.



2023 Presentation Awards



Presentation Awards are received at the Presentation Ceremony at the end of Year 12.

DUX OF PERTH MODERN SCHOOL

Lillie Sartori

RUNNER-UP DUX OF PERTH MODERN SCHOOL

Chau Tran

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Emanuel Foundas

PERTH MODERN SCHOOL AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Sachi Elliott
Faith Hoe
Chern Yue Khor
Archana Saravanaperumal
Lillie Sartori
Hanlin Shao

Grace Sinclair
Timothy Tan
Chau Tran
Bryan Wee
Shehan Weeraratna
Max Wu



Principal Mitchell Mackay with the Perth Modern School Award for Academic Excellence recipients.



Principal Mitchell Mackay with Dux Lillie Sartori and Runner-Up Dux Chau Tran.



Emanuel Foundas receiving the Principal's Award.

PERTH MODERN SCHOOL AWARDS HOUSE AWARDS

Gold House Awards

Ethan Chua
Daniel Kong
Zhifei Lan
Nirmanee Mallawa Thanthrige
Anais Richard
Georgia Stewart
Shehan Weeraratna

Gold House Award Previously Awarded

Avicknash Dayanandan
Sidney Eric
Ally Firth
Robert Ho
Faith Hoe
Ethan Irawan
Max Judd
Chern Yue Khor
Chelsea Lee
Matthew Maliszewski
Mitchell Morris

Chelsea Ong
Sophie Royle
Esther Santoso
Archana Saravanaperumal
Rishita Sarkar
Lillie Sartori
Grace Sinclair
Timothy Tan
Chau Tran
Shiyi Zhang

Platinum House Award

Lillie Sartori
Esther Santoso
Archana Saravanaperumal
Rishita Sarkar
Grace Sinclair
Timothy Tan
Chau Tran

Diamond House Award

Esther Santoso

SPHINX SOCIETY AWARDS

Six Semesters

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| Shifan Ahmed | Sophie Royle |
| Mila Arthur | Esther Santoso |
| Aanchal Asundi | Archana Saravanaperumal |
| Sonja Braunl | Rishita Sarkar |
| Avicknash Dayanandan | Lillie Sartori |
| Sidney Eric | Grace Sinclair |
| Emanuel Foundas | Timothy Tan |
| Faith Hoe | Chau Tran |
| Chern Yue Khor | Isabeau van der Kooy |
| Nirmanee Mallawa Thantrige | Bryan Wee |
| Mitchell Morris | Benedict Widjaja |
| Anais Richard | Sithika Wijesiri |

YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARDS

For achieving 50+ hours of Community Service

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| Nirmanee Mallawa Thantrige | Lillie Sartori |
| Esther Santoso | Benedict Widjaja |

For achieving 100+ hours of Community Service

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| Divija Agarwal | Anais Richard |
| Ethan Irawan | Freja Salt |
| Welisarage Fernando | Archana Saravanaperumal |
| Ella Forward | Rishita Sarkar |
| Zhifei Lan | Grace Sinclair |
| Megan McCaffrey | Inesh Sarukkalige |
| Sainuja Pather | Jason Zhao |

GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Kiara Arthur
Elliott Dunn
Amelia Waldron

YEAR BOOK AWARD

Isabella Henry
Yoninah Santos

BETTY SAGAR SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Angelica Kinney

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE 2023 LONG TAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK AWARD

Elliott Dunn

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE 2023 FUTURE INNOVATORS AWARD

Raphael Ho

THE CLARE CASEY SERVICE AWARD

Esther Santoso

SUBIACO SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

Grace Sinclair

THE AMPOL BEST ALL ROUNDER AWARD

Adib Ahmed
Freya Salt

STAN PERRON MEDAL

Zhifei Lan

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AWARD

Rishita Sarkar



Associate Principal Fiona Tholet presents the Yearbook Award to Isabella Henry and Yoninah Santos.



Rishita Sarkar achieved the Commitment to Excellence Award.

School Values

Members of the school community share, model and promote the following core values:

RESPECT YOURSELF

This can be demonstrated by:

- Reaching for personal best
- Setting high ethical standards
- Engaging in the love of learning
- Self-acceptance
- Self-responsibility
- Making the most of opportunities
- Celebrating success

RESPECT OTHERS

This can be demonstrated by:

- Care of others
- Valuing individuality and diversity
- Displaying manners
- Celebrating the success of others
- Community mindedness
- Social and civic responsibility
- Being a global citizen

RESPECT THE SPACE

This can be demonstrated by:

- Care of the environment
- Care of the facilities
- Sustainable practices
- Conservation
- Conduct appropriate to the environment



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