SANTA SCHOLARS
ACADEMIC RESULTS 2013

Discerning creative scholars, seekers of truth, advocates for justice and individuals of substance.

CONGRATULATIONS
OLIVIA FEHON
1ST IN STATE
ITALIAN EXTENSION

10 TOP ACHIEVERS IN STATE
Top Achievers in State from left to right above: Emily Crozier, Mrs Kathryn McKee, Gabrielle Shina, Emilia Anderson, Erica Ballio, Olivia Fehon, Laura Kerrison, Kathryn Garsia, Dr Maree Herrett, Danielle Fox. (Absent Elyssa Mastroianni and Hannah Nguyen)

PRINCIPAL’S WELCOME

Welcome to our first edition of Santa Scholars! Please join with me in congratulating our wonderful graduates of 2013.

Their impressive academic achievements across a range of courses reflect a diversity of talent, and a shared scholarly endeavour. As the graduates acknowledge, the results also reflect the efforts of inspirational teachers. Learning is always more than an individual pursuit; it is a social process, nourished in and by a supportive community. I thank all of the teachers at Santa Sabina College, K-12, who have contributed to our students’ achievements.

As members of the international Dominican family, our graduates share a commitment to take their education beyond the College gates. With the motto of ‘Veritas’ in their hearts and minds, they will become life-long discerning and creative scholars.

Dr Maree Herrett

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HSC HIGHLIGHTS

HSC Top All-Rounders
Four of our students featured on the HSC Top All-Rounders List achieving the highest performance band in 10 or more units in the HSC. Congratulations to:
- Emilia Anderson
- Olivia Fehon
- Kathryn Garsia
- Gabrielle Shina

Course Data Highlights
- In 2013 our Year 12 students and 11 accelerants undertook study in 43 NSW Board of Studies Developed Courses (including 2 school-based Vocational Education Courses). Students also undertook study in 1 Content Endorsed Course – Catholic Studies.
- 58 Students appeared 138 times on the Board of Studies Distinguished Achievers List across 35 Courses.
- Santa Sabina performed above the State HSC Examination average in 37 Courses.
- The 2013 results reflect enormous depth in the creative and performing arts with 100% of students achieving in the highest two performance bands possible.
As we move onto future paths, our Dominican heritage and the incredible leadership of Dr. Herrett, teachers and peers have shaped us. We have been taught to feel passion and be motivated to seek and cherish the multitude of opportunities presented, and we plan to keep these values close to us always. We will remember to pursue personal excellence, speak for justice and seek the best in others. Isabel Virgona - College Captain 2013

Left to right: Anna Power, Kathryn Garsia, Olivia Fehon, Emilia Anderson

Left to right: Laura Kerrison, Gabrielle Shina, Olivia Fehon, Danielle Fox, Erica Ballio

CO-CURRICULAR

At Santa Sabina, we encourage students to balance academic studies with co-curricular activities. Three Top All-Rounders, Emilia Anderson, Olivia Fehon and Kathryn Garsia along with Anna Power were part of a debating team which had unprecedented success throughout their time at Santa winning the Catholic Schools Debating Association Competition every year from Years 7-12. Katie Garsia said “I will always remember the friendships that I formed and the experiences I shared with my Debating team.”

The 2013 results reflect enormous depth in the creative and performing arts with 100% of students achieving in the highest two performance bands for Music and Visual Arts. From the annual Festival of Music, various choirs and music ensembles, to “Romeo and Juliet” performed by our Drama Ensemble, Santa Sabina nurtures the intellect and creativity of our students through both the curriculum as well as co-curricular activities.

Emilia Anderson credits her success in part to the co-curricular activities she participated in.

“I was always involved in a lot of co-curricular activities such as debating and sport – not only did this help me relax and take my mind off studying, but it helped me prioritise my time and have fun with my friends.”

LANGUAGE

Santa Sabina continued its fine tradition of excellence in Languages with 5 students taking out 6 top ten places in the State in both Italian and French. Olivia Fehon credited her Language teachers “who went above and beyond what could be required of a teacher providing support on both an academic and personal level.”

Coordinator of Languages Lydia Bentivoglio said “We were so impressed with the HSC results in Languages this year. Our students worked so hard and their determination to achieve their best has paid off. The students who achieved places in the State in particular, were so consistent in their approach to their studies, not only in Year 12 but for many years and this was always evident in what they were able to achieve. They asked lots of questions and were risk-takers in their learning, determined to deepen their understanding of each new concept. These students are so deserving of their exceptional results and we are so very proud of them.”
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HSC EXHIBITIONS

Each year the Board of Studies showcases outstanding student work in a series of exhibitions and performances.

**Visual Arts – ARTEXPRESS**  
Dominique Monaro

Dominique’s Body of Work The Ethics of Inconvenience challenges the audience to reconsider whether our treatment of refugees and asylum seekers is justified. It will be displayed at The McGlade Gallery ACU Strathfield.

**Music – ENCORE**  
Yulina Walker

Yulina’s Musicology Viva Voce for the HSC Music 1 Examination was identified as an exemplary work.

**Design & Technology – DesignTECH**  
Elyssa Mastroianni

Elyssa’s Major Design Project was nominated for DesignTECH and was a concept for the commercial redesign of Barangaroo Central with the development of James Packer’s Crown Casino.
**Emilia Anderson**

At Santa Sabina since 2001

**Awards:**
- HSC Top All-Rounder
- 6th in State Italian Continuers (Accelerant: 2012)
- 11th in State Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- ATAR: 99.55

**Best memories of Santa Sabina:**
I was always involved in a lot of co-curricular activities such as debating and sport – not only did this help me relax and take my mind off studying, but it helped me prioritise my time and have fun with my friends. The immersion experience in South Africa is something I will always remember.

**HSC advice for younger students:**
My advice is to work hard throughout Years 11 and 12. Both years count towards your final mark. Don't get too caught up in the stress though. It's important to maintain a balance and keep everything in perspective.

**Plans for 2014:**
Studying Medical Science at Sydney University as well as do some travelling.

**Co-curricular awards:**
- Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze
- Debating
- Representative Basketball
- Volleyball

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**Olivia Fehon**

At Santa Sabina since 2002

**Awards:**
- HSC Top All-Rounder
- 1st in State Italian Extension
- 2nd in State French Beginners
- ATAR: 99.40

**Best memories of Santa Sabina:**
I value the friendships I have made here, from Del Monte through to Santa Sabina. They are friendships I will have for life.

**HSC advice for younger students:**
Don’t be too hard on yourself and allow yourself to enjoy your last year at school – a high ATAR means nothing if you haven’t let yourself enjoy the year and capitalise on the amazing opportunities that can present themselves in the final year.

**Plans for 2014:**
I’ll either study Arts/Languages at Sydney University or travel to the UK and study Geography.

**Co-curricular awards:**
- Law Society of NSW Mock Trial
- Tennis
- Debating
- Volleyball
- Netball

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**Gabrielle Shina**

At Santa Sabina since 2001

**Awards:**
- HSC Top All-Rounder
- 5th in State Italian Extension
- Archbishop of Sydney Award for Student Excellence
- 2nd Prize in the History Teachers’ Association Extension History Essay competition
- ATAR: 98.90

**Best memories of Santa Sabina:**
Year 12 St Dominic’s Day. I will never forget crowning St Dominic, wearing the Year 12 jersey and being a part of such an amazing group of girls.

**HSC advice for younger students:**
Stay organised and on top of your school work. It’s really important to have a balanced schedule. Make time to relax and do something you enjoy – this will help break the monotony of study and to stay refreshed.

**Teacher tribute:**
Ms Bentivoglio and Mrs Ramundi di Bella my Italian teachers managed to keep me inspired and interested. They helped me to feel confident enough to continue with Italian Extension when I felt really insecure. They were always welcoming and vibrant and never let me feel worried or lost. They are without a doubt two of the most incredible and inspiring people I have had the pleasure of being taught by.

**Plans for 2014:**
A double degree at UTS in Public Communications and International Studies.

**Co-curricular awards:**
- Debating
- Senior Choir
- Law Society of NSW Mock Trial
Kathryn Garsia
At Santa Sabina since 2008
Awards:
• HSC Top All-Rounder
• ATAR: 98.65

Best memories of Santa Sabina:
The friendships I formed and the experiences I shared with these friends through Debating and Sport. I will always value the experiences we shared on our Immersion trip to South Africa.

HSC advice for younger students:
The HSC is only part of the amazing experiences you will have in Year 12. Try your best, however, choose subjects you like, give yourself time to do things you love and use the support of your friends and family to help you. Your ATAR isn’t everything so make sure you keep it all in perspective.

Plans for 2014:
I plan to study in the Health/Science field at University.

Co-curricular awards:
• Duke of Edinburgh – Silver
• Debating

Emily Crozier
At Santa Sabina since 2003
Awards:
• 5th in State Entertainment Industry Examination
• 2013 UTS Award: Creative Intelligence & Innovation

Best memories of Santa Sabina:
Undoubtedly the friendships I’ve made. Santa really looks after its students and you make friends with people you will never forget.

HSC advice for younger students:
The HSC seems like such a daunting task, but believe me, you do make it out alive! If anything, the experience helps you identify your individual strengths better, understand who you are and be more prepared for the future. Don’t stress too much, it’s a number that means something in the present.

School support:
The school, and in particular my teachers inspired me to pursue not just my academic endeavours in VET Entertainment, which I ended up being placed 5th in the State, but also to pursue music and co-curricular endeavours. It made me a more well-rounded student.

Plans for 2014:
I hope to do Engineering combined with the Creative Intelligence and Innovation Degree at UTS or Psychology. I also plan to travel to Japan.

Co-curricular awards:
• Debating
• Public Speaking
• Softball
• Netball
• Indoor Soccer
• Basketball
• Motet Choir
• Senior Choir
• Mixed Musicals

Erica Balilo
At Santa Sabina since 2012
Awards:
• 3rd in State French Beginners
• Academic Achievement Award Scholarship UNSW

Best memories of Santa Sabina:
I started Santa in Year 11 and my first day wearing the kilt made me feel such a part of the Santa Sabina community. Year 11 Retreat was great to get to know the girls better and everyone was so welcoming.

HSC advice for younger students:
Don’t lose hope and don’t give up with your studies. Treat yourself. The teachers at Santa are amazing and inspiring. Use their support and guidance to stay motivated and succeed.

Plans for 2014:
Law and International Studies - UNSW. I’m also excited to be heading to Melbourne as part of the Youth Force organising youth initiatives at the 20th National AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014).

Co-curricular awards:
• Contemporary Vocal Ensemble
• Senior Choir
The Santa Sabina HSC Honour Roll acknowledges students who achieved a Band 6 or Extension Band 4 within a particular course of study. The following students were mentioned on the Board of Studies Distinguished Achievers List.

### Ancient History
- Mikaela Colgan
- Marissa Lombardo

### Biology
- Philippa Byrnes
- Eleanor O’Brien

### Business Studies
- Rochelle Bakhos
- Elise Clark
- Monique Hanna

### Chemistry
- Emilia Anderson
- Kathryn Garsia

### Design and Technology
- Renee Aquilina
- Emily Crozier
- Demi Di Stefano
- Erika Dwiputri
- Monique Hanna
- Elyssa Mastroianni
- Taylor Pascale
- Sabrina Zambetti

### Drama
- Elizabeth Grech
- Jannel Ramos
- Yulina Walker

### Economics
- Rebecca Kazzi
- Hannah Nguyen

### English (Advanced)
- Emilia Anderson
- Erica Balilo
- Mikaela Colgan
- Emily Crozier
- Patrice Elias
- Olivia Fehon

### French Extension
- Christina Farrelly
- Kathryn Garsia
- Eleanor O’Brien

### General Mathematics
- Rochelle Bakhos
- Elise Clark
- Danielle Fox
- Elizabeth Grech
- Joana Zhu

### Geography
- Olivia Fehon

### History Extension
- Mikaela Colgan
- Rebecca Kazzi
- Gabrielle Shina

### Italian Beginners
- Sarah Gallagher

### Italian Continuers
- Erica Balilo
- Stephanie Cincotta
- Laura Kerrison
- Simona Martino
- Sarah Valente

### Italian Extension
- Olivia Fehon
- Danielle Fox
- Lisa Philpotts
- Kathryn Restifio
- Gabrielle Shina

### Japanese Beginners
- Hannah Nguyen

### Legal Studies
- Elise Clark
- Sarah Gallagher
- Chloe Mansour

### Mathematics
- Emilia Anderson
- Kathryn Garsia
- Emily Crozier
- Elyssa Mastroianni
- Gabrielle Shina
- Alyssa Trajano

### Mathematics Extension 1 (1 unit)
- Emilia Anderson
- Kathryn Garsia
- Anna Power
- Melissa Rinaldo
- Gabrielle Shina
- Joana Zhu

### Modern History
- Kathryn Garsia
- Rebecca Kazzi
- Gabrielle Shina

### Music Extension
- Joanna Zhu

### Music 1
- Danielle Fox
- Georgia Sanchez
- Yulina Walker

### Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- Emilia Anderson
- Stephanie Hansen
- Amy Marangon
- Dominique Monaro
- Reanna Roberts

### Studies of Religion I
- Mikaela Colgan
- Emily Crozier
- Laura Edwards
- Olivia Fehon
- Kathryn Garsia
- Elizabeth Grech
- Lauren Ha
- Monique Hanna
- Emma Iuliano
- Marianna Izgi
- Emily Philpotts
- Elyssa Mastroianni
- Eleanor O’Brien
- Anna Power
- Melissa Rinaldo
- Gabrielle Shina
- Joana Zhu

### Studies of Religion II
- Emilia Anderson
- Erica Balilo
- Patrice Elias
- Rebecca Kazzi
- Lisa Philpotts

### Textiles and Design
- Philippa Byrnes
- Monique Hanna
- Isabel Virgona

### Visual Arts
- Lucy Durland
- Laura Edwards
- Adele Facchini
- Lauren Ha
- Dominique Monaro
- Caitlin Thom
- Valerie Xie