



**Santa  
Sabina  
College**

# Speech Night

16 November 2020

Santa Sabina College Hall

*Program*

College Board Chair  
Mr Tony Woods

Guest Speaker  
Ms Sophia Casanova – Class of 2005

## *Order of Proceedings*

### **Procession of Academic Staff**

### **Year in Review Video Presentation**

**Official Party Processional** – *Water Music Suite 2, 1st Movement* by GF Handel  
Chamber Orchestra and Brass Ensemble

### **Acknowledgement of Country** – Isabel Marturia

**Australian National Anthem** Chamber Orchestra, Brass Ensemble and Vocalists

### **Opening Prayer** – Mrs Melanie van der Meer

### **College Board Chair's Address** – Mr Tony Woods

**Musical Performance** – Jig from the *St Paul's Suite* by Gustav Holst Chamber  
Orchestra

### **Principal's Address** – Ms Paulina Skerman

### **Musical Performance** – *Thulele Mama Ya*

### **Guest of Honour's Address** – Ms Sophia Casanova

### **Presentation of Years 6-12 Academic Awards**

### **Dance Performance** – Senior Jazz Team

### **Presentation of Pastoral Awards**

### **Presentation of Special Awards**

### **2019/2020 Leaders' Address** – Isobel Burkhard and Grace Campbell

### **Vote of thanks to Guest Speaker** – Emma Graham and Sophia Juarez

### **College Song** – Chamber Orchestra, Brass Ensemble and Vocalists

**Recessional** – College Song Chamber Orchestra, Brass Ensemble (Instrumental)

## *Guest Speaker*

### **Ms Sophia Casanova**

Sophia Casanova is a PhD candidate at the University of New South Wales. Her body of research, with its focus on the investigation of glacial landforms on Mars, has attracted strong interest from NASA and SpaceX. Her work in identifying large accessible water deposits on the planet is currently contributing to the design of imminent space missions.

Sophia's work experiences as a geologist have been as exciting and varied as the landscapes she has explored, taking her from the investigation of deep-sea volcanoes off the coast of New Zealand to the isolated gas fields of outback Queensland. Spending a year at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), in Pasadena in the United States working alongside Mars mission planners, has been a career highlight to date.

Sophia is on the Board of the National Space Society of Australia. She adores living in Sydney and is excited by the emerging opportunities for Australian scientists to cement our nation's place in space.

## *Farewell to the College Chair*

### **Mr Tony Woods**

There are many ways to measure the stature of a man but, as Dominicans, we do so by turning to St Dominic for our yardstick.

Dominic has been described as *having swept away centuries of medievalism, and long-established traditions of hierarchical governance to open out a way of being, a democracy that demanded the participation of every single person for it to be effective. In this way, Dominic established a way of innate freedom and trust\**. Dominic would have been proud of Tony Woods. Under Tony's chairmanship, the governing body of Santa Sabina College never failed to pursue independent decision making through freedom of thought and imbued collegial trust.

Good governance demands *right relationship between power, authority, and responsibility\**. Tony exhibited all those three qualities in a very human way. The Board of Directors never failed to see their Chair as their leader, invested with his positional authority but also carrying his mission responsibility into all matters, whether they were financial oversight, formation, strategic planning, or duty of care.

Dominic set up a form of governance with community in mind. The Santa Sabina community was at the heart of everything Tony did. Service to community, love of community and engagement with community were critical values and practices underpinning Tony's leadership. Countless College events were attended by Tony as

## *Year 6*

Board Chair, not just from role delegation but from an inherent sense of identity as the person responsible for good governance and corporate leadership.

A fine achievement of Tony's Board leadership in the context of community was the creation of opportunity for alumni to engage with the Santa Sabina College community by contributing to the Santa Sabina College Foundation. Tony's work in establishing the Foundation, putting a structure around philanthropy, and giving it a legal framework, was significant. Further to this, Tony and the Board were never daunted by funding restraints and challenges and dared to dream in the Master Planning landscape.

In the Dominican tradition, everyone has authority, everyone is called to be accountable and responsible in a democracy of constant dialogue: from the Master of the Order to school ministry Board Directors. Tony always understood this and led with his Board members whilst acknowledging that his role carried ultimate responsibility. Tony's intrinsic understanding of governance gave him perspective at all times and offered the College a respectful relationship between operational and governance.

The system of Governance established by Dominic is democratic in principle, spiritual in depth and for the common good\*. So while many can cast an eye over the Santa Sabina campus and point to edifices and projects that the Board approved and developed in Tony's era as a director, Tony Woods' real legacy will be community and right relationship, sound strategic and master planning, loyalty, companionship, and support in difficult times.

The Board of Trustees of Dominican Education Australia thanks Tony Woods for his tireless commitment to the governance of Santa Sabina College.

*Eileen Young*

Chair – Dominican Education Australia

\* Sr Sheila Flynn OP, *Governance in the Dominican tradition, Change and Innovation*

### **Outstanding Academic Achievement Award**

*Sarah Kaye*

*Eden Riley*

*Stella Sofy*

### **Scholarly Endeavour Award**

*Eve Ardagna*

*Kate Farrer*

*Zara Ters*

### **Creative and Critical Thinking Award**

*Violet Crowe*

*Margaret Farrer*

*Hannah Reeves*

## *Year 7*

### **Outstanding Academic Achievement Award**

*Melissa Bousquet  
Isabel Marturia  
Charlotte So  
Matilda Stephens  
Jayden Xie  
Eleanor Yates*

### **Scholarly Endeavour Award**

*Valantia Antonakopoulos  
Drew Babbage  
Siena Dewhurst  
Tamara Jabbour  
Yuri Kim  
Alessia Mancuso*

### **Creative and Critical Thinking Award**

*Remi Apostolopoulos  
Kate Fernandez*

## *Year 8*

### **Outstanding Academic Achievement Award**

*Tanisha Chari  
Inez Crosby  
Emily Dannaoui  
Rochelle Dias  
Molly Hoogland  
Charlotte Pugh*

### **Scholarly Endeavour Award**

*Eloise Dahm  
Annie Farrer  
Lucy Gee  
Lucy Jung  
Georgia Long  
Grace Touma*

### **Creative and Critical Thinking Award**

*Zara Barakat  
Lucia Juarez*

## *Year 9*

### **Italian Accelerated**

*Cece Addabbo*

### **Information & Software Technology**

#### **Mathematics**

*Lucy Blue*

#### **Geography**

*Ruby Bron*

#### **History**

#### **History Elective**

*Rosanna Cartwright*

**English**  
**Textiles Technology**  
*Ella Curran*

**Science**  
*Elena Di Mento*

**Drama**  
*Tess McFadden*

**Food Technology**  
*Stephanie Scalia*

**French**  
*Katarina Seric*

**Personal Development, Health & Physical Education**

**Religious Education**

**Visual Arts**  
*Maree Sialepis*

**Design & Technology**  
**Physical Activity & Sports Studies**  
*Sienna Signorelli*

**Commerce**  
*Lauren Tannous*

**Japanese**  
**Music**  
*Sarah Truong*

*Year 10*

**Elective History**  
*Rahab Aftab*

**Textile Technology**  
*Amy Douglas*

**Music**  
*Charlotte He*

**Japanese**  
*Sonya Jayatillake*

**Geography**  
**Mathematics**  
**Religious Education**  
**Year 11 Italian Continuers**  
*Loredana Leonard*

**Physical Activity & Sports Studies**  
*Jasmin Maronese*

**Drama**  
**Italian**  
*Bella Merlino*

**Design & Technology**  
**Visual Arts**  
*Lara Nero*

**Food Technology**  
*Ivy Richards*

**History**  
**Personal Development, Health & Physical Education**  
*Sienna Ters*

**Commerce**  
*Emily Vellar*

**English**  
**Information & Software Technology**  
**Religious Education**  
**Science**  
**Year 11 Mathematics Advanced**  
**The University of Sydney Year 10 Academic Excellence Award**  
*Sophia Witting*

*Year 11*  
**Higher School Certificate Academic Awards**

**Studies of Religion II**  
*Mariam Amin*

**English Standard**  
*Sarah Antonito*

**Textiles and Design**  
*Beatriz Arellano*

**Geography**  
*Elissa Baker*

**Information Processes & Technology**  
**Mathematics Extension 1**  
**Year 12 Mathematics**  
*Bruhathi Challapalli*

**Economics**  
*Tia Charbel*

**Physics**  
*Sophia Chin*

**English Advanced**  
**English Extension 1**  
**French Continuers**  
**Legal Studies**  
**Studies of Religion I**  
**Modern History**  
**Macquarie University Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Award**  
*Pia Curran*

**Visual Arts**  
*Eleanor Dillon*

**Personal Development, Health & Physical Education**  
*Hannah Duck*

**Ancient History**  
*Sarah Garvey*

**Business Studies**  
*Valentina Guarna*

**Year 12 Italian Continuers**  
*Georgia Hassarati*

**Music 1**  
*Anna Munns*

**Italian Beginners**  
*Madison Piredda*

**Food Technology**  
*Sienna Pirtó*

**Chemistry**  
**Design and Technology**  
*Jade Richards*

**Mathematics Standard**  
*Caitlin Snoch*

**Biology**  
*Eloise Struthers*

**Drama**  
*Amelia Trovato*

**Music 2**  
*Felicity Yau*

## *Year 11*

### **International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Academic Awards**

**English Literature**

**History**

**Italian B**

*Rachel Frecker*

**Chemistry**

**French ab initio**

**Mathematics AA**

**Physics**

**Macquarie University Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Award**

*Anastasia Gikas*

**Music**

**Philosophy**

**Sports Science**

*Sophia Juarez*

**Biology**

**Geography**

*Maya Lee*

**Mathematics AI**

*Catherine Ryan*

## *Year 12*

### **Higher School Certificate Academic Awards**

**Drama**

**French Continuers**

*Olivia Ayoub*

**Studies of Religion II**

*Madeleine Bettridge*

**Biology**

**Textiles & Design**

*Natalie De Palo*

**Personal Development, Health & Physical Education**

*Olivia Debs*

**Modern History**

**History Extension**

*Julia Favotto*

**Ancient History**

*Madeline Fazio*

**French Extension**

*Charlotte Fonseca*

**Mathematics Standard**

*Gabrielle Harrington*

**Japanese Continuers**

**Japanese Extension**

*Celine Ho*

**Music 1**

*Sophie Isgro-Attwood*

**Music 2**

**Music Extension**

*Mariahna Mastro*

**English Extension 2**

*Ailish McDonagh*

**Design & Technology**

*Antonia Moulos*

**English Standard**

*Kate Morgan*

**Information Processes and Technology**

**The Emeritus Professor Jenny Edwards - Patron of STEM Award**

*Caitlin Murphy*

**French Beginners**

*Tiana Pike*

**Italian Extension**

*Leah Shin*

**Business Studies**

*Emily Wu*

**Food Technology**

*Mary Younes*

**Visual Arts**

*Siena Zadro*

*Year 12*

**International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Academic Awards**

**Philosophy**

*Sara Hennessy*

**Mathematical Studies**

**Music**

*Rachael Pearson*

**Economics**

*Lara Zeppieri*

*Overall Academic Excellence Awards*

**English Extension 1**

**Studies of Religion II**

**Overall Academic Excellence Award**

*Grace Campbell*

**Economics**

**English Advanced**

**Legal Studies**

**Overall Academic Excellence Award**

*Bridget Crick*

**Biology**

**Chemistry**

**English Literature**

**French ab initio**

**Mathematics**

**Overall Academic Excellence Award**

*Tatum Faber*

**Chemistry**

**English Advanced**

**Physics**

**Studies of Religion I**

**Overall Academic Excellence Award**

*Abigail Hughes*

**Italian B**

**Physics**

**Overall Academic Excellence Award**

*Lucia Sarkis*

**Mathematics Extension 1**

**Mathematics Extension 2**

**Overall Academic Excellence Award**

*Yuhan Zhou*



## Pastoral Awards

### Middle Years

Gunagulla	<i>Alexia Mavraidis</i>
Kurrawa	<i>Abigail Middleton</i>
Mundawora	<i>Vanessa Cassimatis</i>
Teangi	<i>Lily Stewart</i>
Weelya	<i>Inez Crosby</i>
Yetinga	<i>Chloe Williams</i>

### Senior Years

Gunagulla	<i>Phoebe Trainor</i>
Kurrawa	<i>Bella Merlino</i>
Mundawora	<i>Lily Chahoud</i>
Teangi	<i>Brooke Henness</i>
Weelya	<i>Angela Cantali</i>
Yetinga	<i>Sarah Garvey</i>

## Special Awards

### Richard Gill AO Music Award for Senior Years

*Mariahna Mastro*

### Sister Mary Gregory OP Music Award for Senior Years

*Rachael Pearson*

### St Cecilia Services to Music Award for Middle Years

*Lucia Juarez*

### Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award

*Anastacia Tadros*

*Jasmin Pisani*

### Sister Marcia Hall Memorial Prize for Integrity – Santa Sabina Ex-Students

*Clare Moses*

### Paula Dawson Award for Artmaking

*Olivia Ayoub*

### Reuben F Scarf Memorial Foundation Award for Commitment

*Siena Zadro*

### Olympic Change-makers Award

*Bridget Clark*

*Maria Lombardo*

### Australian Defence Force – Long Tan Leadership Award

*Clare Moses – Year 10*

*Bridget Clark – Year 12*

### Australian Defence Force - Future Innovators Award

*Loredana Leonard – Year 10*

*Isabella Salameh – Year 12*

### Archbishop of Sydney Award for Student Excellence

*Georgia-Marie Elias*

### Veronique Sakr Memorial Award for Service and Social Justice

*Abigail Middleton*

### The College Award for Christian Leadership

For demonstrating Gospel values in her relationship with others. The recipient has demonstrated these values in leading others, both in a public leadership position and quietly behind the scenes.

*Georgia-Marie Elias*

### The College Award for General Proficiency

For demonstrating considerable ability or proficiency in areas of College life. The recipient has shared that ability with others.

*Yuhan Zhou*

### The Year 12 Sr Sheila Flynn Award

An award dedicated to acknowledging the efforts of an individual in fostering a sense of community and social justice. This person gives their time with humility, and seeks no recognition or praise for their involvement. Their integrity, creativity, and generosity in spirit and action reflect that of Sr Sheila Flynn OP and her outstanding contribution to community development in both Santa Sabina and Kopanang communities.

*Solange Shina*



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