

# Global pupils score laurels

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HUNDREDS of International Baccalaureate students breathed a sigh of relief when they received their VCE-equivalent marks yesterday.

Victoria's 578 IB students waited three weeks longer than their year 12 VCE counterparts for results, but for many it was worth it.

Some gained perfect IB scores of 45, equal to an ENTER score of 99.95, while most others earned ENTER scores well into the 90s.

Olivia Grover Johnson, 18, from Methodist Ladies' College in Kew, was thrilled with her 43, which equates to an ENTER of 99.8.

"I am absolutely astounded. I never expected to do so well," Olivia said.

She hopes to study science, environmental or biomedical science at Melbourne University this year.

Of the 314 year 12s at MLC, 58 did the IB. More than three quarters earned an ENTER above 90.

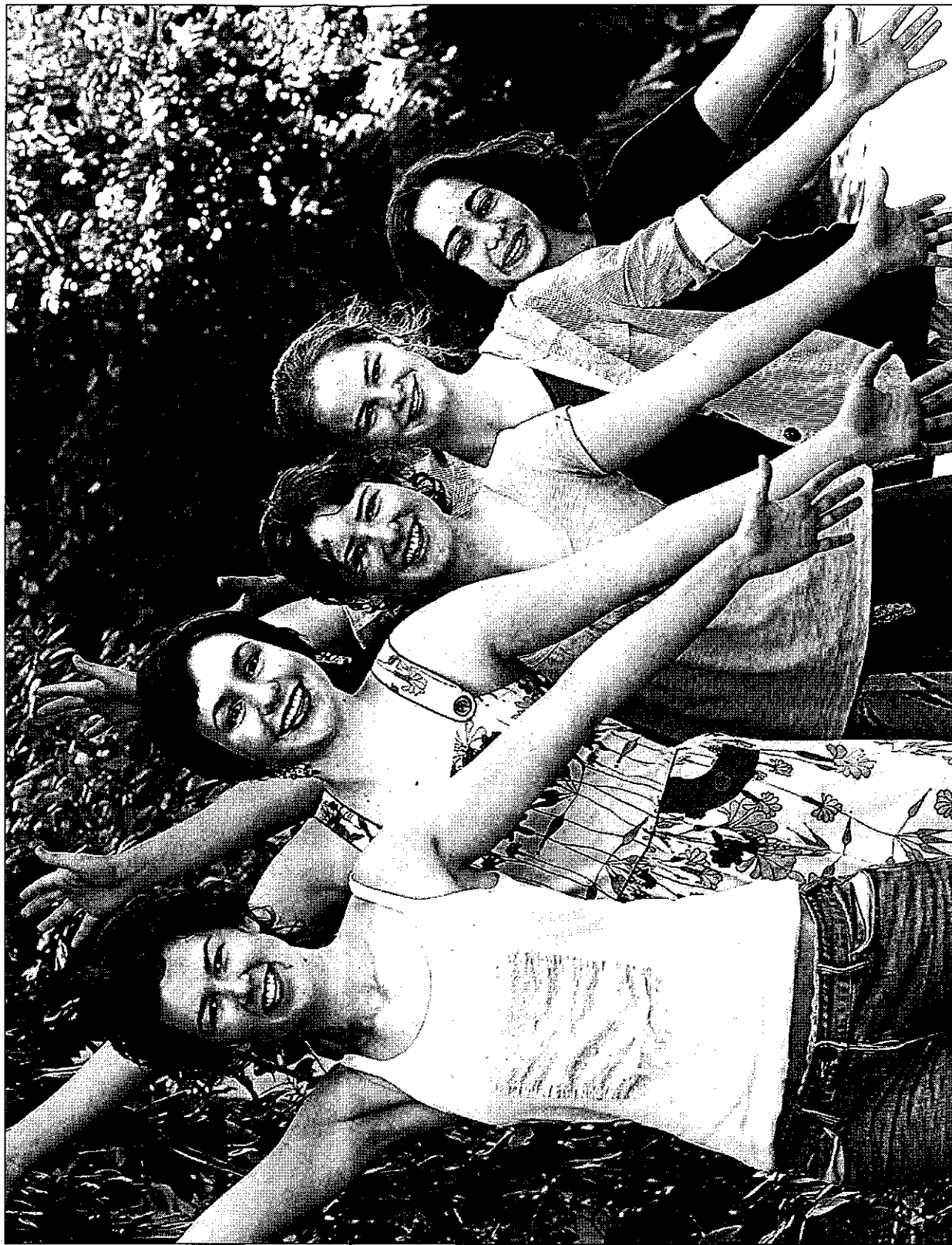
MLC principal Rosa Storelli congratulated the IB class of 2007.

"We are absolutely thrilled for the students and wish them every success on their next step," Ms Storelli said.

Two students from Laurisdale scored 45, including Shauna Sim, 18.

She spent the morning celebrating with family back home in Singapore.

Shauna hopes to study medicine in Melbourne or Singapore this year.



**Baccalaureate bonanza for:** (from left) Fran Crotty, Eliza Lockhart, Charice Rust, Olivia Grover Johnson and Lisa Gelbart. Picture: ZOE HARRISON

"I was hoping to get 43, but I didn't expect a perfect score," Shauna said.

PLC student Su-Wei Khung was thrilled with her score of 44. "I've worked very hard throughout the year and I was really excited when I found out my score," Su-Wei said.

"It's much better than I imagined."

PLC principal Elaine Collin commended the hard-working students. "Each of them showed great determination and hard work

... they should all be very proud of their achievements," Ms Collin said.

The IB offers students an internationally recognised alternative to the VCE, and requires them to do six subjects: maths, English, science, a second language, humanities and arts. Students must also complete 100 hours of community work and extra assignments. The IB is recognised by more than 3700 universities.