CLASS OF 2014

highlights

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A school for life
Message from Susan

The Class of 2014 has continued the longstanding tradition of academic excellence at Lauriston with their outstanding VCE and IB results.

I would like to congratulate the girls on their commitment to their studies and the significant contributions they have made to all aspects of school and community life during their time at Lauriston.

The median ATAR for combined VCE and IB Diploma students for the Class of 2014 was 93.6; 62% of the class achieved ATARs of 90 and above, with 16.6% of students achieving ATARs of 99 and above placing them in the top 1% of the state.

These results have consolidated Lauriston’s position as one of the top education providers for girls in Victoria. As an open entry school, Lauriston has every reason to celebrate and be proud of the high standards of education we have to offer.

The Class of 2014 have shown an enthusiastic and diligent approach to their academic studies. Their dedication to the diverse range of co-curricular activities on offer has been admirable and has contributed to shaping the girls into the remarkable young women they are today.

I am confident that upon leaving Lauriston, these young women are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to make a difference to the world and I wish them the best of luck for their future endeavours.

From VCE Coordinator
Andrew Borthwick

The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) offers a course that is flexible, in that students are able to alter their subject choices at various times throughout the two years of the course.

The VCE also allows students to specialise by choosing a number of subjects in their area or areas of strength, without necessarily being required to study subjects in which they have little interest in. At Lauriston, students can elect to study certain Year 12 subjects when they are in Year 11 if they have demonstrated their ability to do so during their Year 10 studies. Lauriston VCE cohorts perform consistently well and rank amongst Victoria’s top performers.

Students completing the IB study six subjects including the student’s own language, a foreign language, a humanity, an experimental science, Mathematics, and one other subject which may be drawn from the arts, or from a subject area already mentioned.

Lauriston has a history of outstanding academic results in both the VCE and IB.

Each student works with the VCE and IB Coordinator, as well as their teachers, the Careers Advisor and Heads of House to choose the pathway which best suits her needs and future study plans.

Learn more about the IB here: www.ibo.org
Learn more about the VCE here: www.vcaa.vic.edu.au

From IB Coordinator
Eirwen Stevenson

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma programme is undertaken by approximately 35% of Lauriston students each year. It is an international course, recognised and understood by universities in Australia and around the world.

The Diploma’s strengths include its global perspective, the requirement that students maintain a broad range of academic subjects and its focus on producing critical, creative thinkers who are also balanced young women. Lauriston has offered the IB Diploma since 1991. The 2014 cohort has maintained the very high standard of the previous 20 years. I am extremely proud of their hard work and success.

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Learn more about the VCE here: www.vcaa.vic.edu.au

Senior College at Lauriston Girls’ School

VCE or IB – the choice is yours.

A Lauriston student chooses either the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) for study in Years 11 and 12.

The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) is administered by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) and is a two year course. The course is specifically shaped and modified to suit the needs of Victorian students. Apart from the study of English, no other subjects are compulsory. Students may choose to specialise in areas of interest such as the Sciences, the Humanities or the Arts, or select a more general course from these and other areas.

The IB is also a two-year curriculum that fosters high academic standards and international understanding. It is recognised by Australian tertiary institutions and major universities worldwide.

The IB programme encourages students across the globe to become active and compassionate lifelong learners.
Overview of Results

The Class of 2014 achieved many exceptional results, including four IB students who achieved perfect scores of 45 and seven VCE students who received perfect study scores of 50. Several students were awarded scholarships for tertiary study in 2015 and a number of students received early offers for the course of their choice.

Combined IB/VCE Class of 2014 results included:
- 16.6% of students in the top 1% with an ATAR* of 99 and above
- 41% of students in the top 5% with an ATAR of 95 and above
- 62% of students in the top 10% with an ATAR of 90 and above
- 85% of students in the top 20% with an ATAR of 80 and above

*Australian Tertiary Admission Rank, a rank that shows a student’s achievement in relation to other students completing the VCE. The rank is used as part of the selection process for tertiary education in Australia. Lauriston offers both the VCE and the IB so, to produce an overview of the performance of the entire Year 12 cohort, IB scores are converted to equivalent ATARs which are merged with the VCE results.

For the Class of 2014 the Arts, Sciences and Humanities all proved popular study path choices. Several girls applied to overseas Universities in Europe and North America and several deferred their studies to take gap years.
Sylvia Wang
Sylvia was a well-organised student and proved herself to be a dedicated, intelligent and focussed young woman. Her unwavering commitment to learning earned her the Rip Street Memorial Award for Mathematics and a VCE General Excellence Award in 2014.

As a part of the VCE program Sylvia completed Chemistry, Physics, Mathematical Methods, Further Mathematics and English. She was actively involved in many co-curricular activities including the Symphonic Band and table tennis.

Sylvia received at ATAR of 99.55 and was offered a place in the Bachelor of Biomedicine program at the University of Melbourne.

Michelle Truong
Well-known for her dedication and positive attitude towards her studies, Michelle was a regular high performer at Lauriston. In 2014, she was a deserving recipient of the OLA Merrifield Award for English and a VCE General Excellence Award.

As a part of the VCE program, Michelle completed Biology, Chemistry, English, Further Mathematics and Mathematical Methods. Beyond the classroom, Michelle’s many talents were evident through her involvement in community service, music and sporting arenas. She participated in a range of activities including House music, swimming and athletics, and was an active member of Amnesty and Greenies.

Michelle received an ATAR of 99.30 and was offered a place in the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery program at Monash University.

Sara Thomson
During her time at Lauriston, Sara made a noteworthy contribution to School life and enjoyed partaking in School sport programs and House events. In 2014, she participated in athletics, netball, softball, swimming and music.

Sara successfully completed English, Further Mathematics, Psychology, Biology, Japanese and Legal Studies as part of her VCE program and was awarded a perfect study score of 50 in English. Sara achieved an ATAR of 99:15 and was offered a place in the Bachelor of Science/Laws program at Monash University.

Krisha Changrani
Krisha was a well-organised and conscientious student, who was able to successfully maintain a balance between study and her co-curricular commitments. Testament to the high regard in which she is held by her peers, Krisha was appointed as a School Prefect and was an active member of both Amnesty and Greenies.

Krisha successfully completed Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English and Mathematical Methods as part of the VCE program. Her long list of accolades at Lauriston includes receiving the Jack Michael Award for Physics; a VCE General Excellence Award and the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Medalation.

Krisha received an ATAR of 99.20 and was offered a place in the Bachelor of Biomedicine program at the University of Melbourne.

Alessandra Chinsen
Alessandra’s meticulous approach to learning earned her numerous academic distinctions during her time at Lauriston. In 2014, Alessandra received the LPA Award of Economics, the Rip Street Family Award for Literature and an IB General Excellence Award.

As part of her International Baccalaureate Diploma, Alessandra completed English, Economics, Physics, History, French and Mathematics, achieving perfect scores for all subjects.

Outside of the classroom, Alessandra was committed to the School’s co-curricular program. She was involved in a range of House activities and sports, undertook community service and frequently led the team to victory in debating. She put her written communication and organisation skills to good use as Editor of Lauriston’s student run newspaper, the Laurie Leader.

Alessandra achieved a perfect IB score of 45 and an ATAR of 99.95 and was offered a place in the Bachelor of Arts program at the University of Melbourne as a Chancellor’s Scholar.

Sophie Bennett
A regular high achiever, Sophie was able to balance her studies with a vast range of co-curricular commitments. She participated in many activities including Senior Orchestra, Anthem Choir, debating and drama. For community service, Sophie was an active member of the Amnesty and Greenies groups. In 2014, Sophie was a School Prefect.

As part of her International Baccalaureate Diploma, Sophie completed English, French, Mathematics, History, Chemistry, and Biology, achieving perfect scores for all subjects.

On receipt of a perfect IB score of 45 and an ATAR of 99.95, Sophie was offered a place in the Bachelor of Science program at the University of Melbourne as a Chancellor’s Scholar.

Kelsie Paudds
Kelsie’s interest in knowledge acquisition and application led her to achieve outstanding results in 2014, and her efforts earned her the Hiller Family Award for History and an IB General Excellence Award.

Kelsie’s extracurricular contribution to School life was remarkable. She represented the School in many sports, including softball, hockey, cross-country, soccer and basketball, each at an impressively high standard. Kelsie was recognised as a leader by her peers and was elected as a School Prefect in 2014.

As part of her International Baccalaureate Diploma, Kelsie completed English, Chemistry, History, French, Physics and Mathematics.

After receiving an IB score of 44, Kelsie is planning to undertake a Bachelor of Biomedicine at the University of Melbourne.

Olivia Freeman
A hardworking student who consistently thrived to achieve her best, Olivia excelled academically across all subject areas. Olivia was committed to several co-curricular activities, including netball, softball and swimming.

As a part of her VCE program, she successfully completed English, French, Economics, Legal Studies and Further Mathematics, receiving a perfect study score in Legal Studies.

Olivia received an ATAR of 99.20 and was offered a place in the Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Arts at Monash University.

Jessica Le
Jessica proved herself to be a mature and articulate student, with a disciplined approach to her studies. While meeting the rigorous requirements of her course, Jessica represented the School in Debating, Orchestra, and Anthem Choir as well as in numerous House sports and as a contributor to the student run magazine, the Laurie Leader.

As part of her International Baccalaureate Diploma, Jessica completed Mathematics, French, English, History and Chemistry.

Jessica received a perfect IB score of 45 and an ATAR of 99.95, and plans to study a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) at Monash University. Jessica has also been offered the Music Scholarship for Excellence.

Georgina Frazer
An organised and assiduous student, Georgina exhibited great discipline throughout her studies. In 2014, she was awarded the Queen’s Cup, an IB General Excellence Award, the Hallenstein Award for French and the LPA Award for Music.

Georgina was committed to her House and the School, receiving Full Colours for her efforts. She was heavily involved in the School’s music program and represented the School in numerous sporting activities, public speaking and led the debating team as School Debating Captain.

As an International Baccalaureate student, Georgina completed Chemistry, French, Music, English, History and Mathematics, achieving perfect scores for all subjects.

Georgina achieved a perfect IB score of 45 and an ATAR of 99.95 and was offered a place at the University of Melbourne in the Bachelor of Science program as a Chancellor’s Scholar. Georgina is also planning to undertake a Diploma of Music.
Lauriston regularly holds events where prospective families and students can learn more about our school. Visit our website to register your interest or to request a private tour.

Principal’s Morning Tea
These events run from 9.30 – 11.00am. Guests meet our staff (including the Principal) and join tours of the School hosted by our students.

Twilight Tours
Our Twilight Tours run from 6.00 – 7.30pm and enable families to meet our staff and students and explore Lauriston after-hours.

Howqua Open Days
These very popular events are held at our Howqua campus twice each year from 11.00am – 2.00pm. Prospective and future Howqua families travel to Howqua for a day of fun and discovery. Guests pack a picnic lunch and enjoy performances from the current Howqua girls. There’s also an opportunity to explore the campus and to meet Howqua staff.