2015 Academic Highlights

2015 Highlights for Meriden Students

- 57% of students received an ATAR of 90 or more
- 16% of students received All-Round Achiever Awards
- Placings within the top 5 students in NSW in three courses
- 166 Distinguished Achievement (Band 6) results
- Meriden performed above the state average in all its HSC courses
- ARTEXPRESS, ENCORE, OnSTAGE nominations and selections
- 16th overall and 5th independent girls’ school in the HSC Top 100 Schools Ranking

(Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank)

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Median ATAR – 93.4

All-Round Achievers

The inclusion of Samantha Chiu, Hannah Cui, Evangeline Hester, Miriam Jeffery, Sera Jung, Hayley Lukabyo, Jacinta Trang, Annie Wang, Jenny Wang, Rachel Wong and Steffi Wu on the HSC All-Round Achievers List acknowledged the outstanding achievements of these eleven Meriden students. Only students who achieve 90 or above in at least ten units of HSC study qualify for inclusion on this list.

1 Head of Music, Mrs Jodie Spooner-Ryan, with Samantha Chiu who placed second in NSW in Music Extension and fifth in NSW in Music 2. She was awarded full marks for her Music Extension performance. 2 Dr Julie Greenhalgh with sisters, Jenny and Annie Wang, who both achieved Meriden’s top ATAR of 99.85. Some of the Class of 2015 with Dr Julie Greenhalgh, senior staff and teachers following the release of the HSC results.
Some of Meriden’s high flyers...

Annie Wang
ATAR 99.85
HSC All-Round Achiever
At Meriden since Year 7
Prefect 2015

SUBJECTS STUDIED
Chemistry
English Advanced
Latin Continuers
Latin Extension
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2

Jenny Wang
ATAR 99.85
HSC All-Round Achiever
17th in NSW in English Advanced
At Meriden since Year 7
Prefect 2015

SUBJECTS STUDIED
Chemistry
English Advanced
Latin Continuers
Latin Extension
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2

Rachel Wong
ATAR 99.75
HSC All-Round Achiever
At Meriden since Year 7
Prefect 2015

SUBJECTS STUDIED
Chemistry
English Advanced
Latin Continuers
Latin Extension
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2

Steffi Wu
ATAR 99.50
HSC All-Round Achiever
At Meriden since Year 7
Prefect 2015

SUBJECTS STUDIED
Chemistry
English Advanced
Latin Continuers
Latin Extension
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2

Jacintra Trang
ATAR 99.45
HSC All-Round Achiever
At Meriden since Year 7
Prefect 2015

SUBJECTS STUDIED
Biology
Chemistry
English Advanced
Mathematics
Mathematics Extension 1
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Samantha Chiu
ATAR 99.40
HSC All-Round Achiever
2nd in NSW Music Extension
5th in NSW Music 2
At Meriden since Prep
Prefect 2015
School Colours – Music

SUBJECTS STUDIED
English Advanced
French Continuers
Legal Studies
Mathematics
Mathematics Extension 1
Music 2
Music Extension

Anna Byron
ATAR 99.00
At Meriden since Year 7

SUBJECTS STUDIED
Biology
Chemistry
English Advanced
English Extension 1
English Extension 2
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2

Jessica Vo
ATAR 98.70
At Meriden since Year 2

SUBJECTS STUDIED
Biology
Chemistry
English Advanced
English Extension 1
Japanese Continuers
Japanese Extension
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2

Sera Jung
ATAR 98.50
HSC All-Round Achiever
At Meriden since Year 10

SUBJECTS STUDIED
Chemistry
English Advanced
Japanese Continuers
Japanese Extension
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2

Hannah Cui
ATAR 98.35
HSC All-Round Achiever
At Meriden since Year 7
Prefect 2015
School Colours – Music

SUBJECTS STUDIED
Biology
English Advanced
English Extension 1
Mathematics
Mathematics Extension 1
Modern History
Music 2
Music Extension
Excellence in Music

Samantha Chiu, Hannah Cui, Annabel Jeffery and Rachael Whitford received nominations for ENCORE, a concert which showcases exemplary performances and compositions by HSC Music students.

An accomplished violinist and ensemble leader, Samantha Chiu placed second in NSW in Music Extension and fifth in NSW in Music 2 and is the recipient of an All-Round Achiever Award. Samantha has attained her CMusA and AMusA with Distinction on violin and her CMusA Diploma in piano with Distinction. She has received acceptances from both Sydney Conservatorium and Queensland Conservatorium for Bachelor of Music (Performance).

A recipient of an All-Round Achiever Award, Hannah Cui is an exemplary flautist and an experienced section leader. She studied the Music 2 and Music Extension courses with a performance elective component. Hannah has attained her AMusA on both the flute and piano and is the recipient of many awards both at the local and state level of woodwind competition.

Annabel Jeffery joined Meriden in Kindergarten and has been a long-serving and dedicated member of the School’s music ensembles and choral groups. Annabel chose composition for her HSC Music 2 elective and received an ENCORE nomination for her exceptional works. Her core composition, Japanese Maple, was written for two soprano voices and piano with lyrics from Clive James’ poem of the same name. Annabel’s elective composition, Les Fenetres, was based on a French poem by Stephane Mellarme. This composition was scored for two flutes, two clarinets, piano and strings.

Rachael Whitford is a fine musician who has contributed greatly to the musical life of the School throughout her thirteen years at Meriden. Rachael received an ENCORE nomination for her outstanding viva voce performance in the Musicology elective of the Music 1 course. Her first viva voce was based on the compositional techniques of Stephen Sondheim in The Ballad of Sweeney Todd. Her second viva voce was a comparison between the contemporary singing technique of Belting and the classical singing technique of Bel Canto and how these techniques are applied in their respective genres.

Excellence in Visual Arts

Rachel Wong’s Major Work, Dry-Gulched (Ambushed By Our Own Pollution), has been selected for ARTEXPRESS, an exhibition that showcases exceptional Major Works completed by Year 12 students across NSW. While the exhibition’s principal venue is the Art Gallery of NSW, ARTEXPRESS is a major touring exhibition which has acquired national and international recognition for its high-achieving student artwork.

Concerned with environmental degradation, Rachel chose to create three paintings that uniquely explore the impact of climate change and question the sustainability of our environment. Her paintings are powerful, provocative reminders about our collective and individual responsibilities to our planet.

Excellence in Drama

Tara Graetz’s exceptional talent in Drama has captivated audiences at Meriden for many years. For her HSC individual Drama performance, Tara performed the monologue, Tallulah, written by Meriden Old Girl, Chloe Lethlean Higson, which explores the life of socialite Tallulah Bankhead who was the inspiration for the character of Cruella Deville.

Tara’s outstanding performance won her selection for OnSTAGE, which features the most exemplary HSC Drama performances from across NSW. She will perform at the Seymour Centre in February.

Tara was Meriden’s Head Prefect in 2015.
HSC highlights from previous years

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Over the past decade, Meriden students have received top placings in the state in the following subjects:

- First in History Extension
- First in Community and Family Studies
- First in Heritage Chinese (Mandarin)
- Second in Latin Continuers
- Second in Community and Family Studies
- Second in Music Extension
- Third in Mathematics
- Third in Modern History
- Third in Japanese Beginners
- Fourth in Chinese Continuers
- Fourth in History Extension
- Fourth in Latin Extension
- Fourth in Mathematics Extension 2 and the top female student in this subject
- Fourth in Modern History
- Fourth in Music Extension
- Fifth in Community and Family Studies
- Fifth in Music 2
- Fifth in Japanese Beginners
- Sixth in Community and Family Studies
- Seventh in Design and Technology
- Seventh in Geography
- Seventh in History Extension
- Seventh in Visual Arts
- Eighth in Legal Studies
- Eighth in History Extension
- Ninth in Biology
- Ninth in 2 Unit Mathematics
- Tenth in Modern History

Tertiary study

Tertiary Courses

The most popular tertiary courses chosen by Meriden students over recent years

- Arts, Communications, Marketing
- Commerce, Business, Finance
- Design, Architecture
- Economics, Accounting
- Education, Social Work
- Engineering, Biomedical Design
- Human Movement, Exercise Science
- Information Technology, Website Design
- Law, International Studies
- Liberal Studies, Political Science
- Medicine
- Music, Performing Arts
- Science, Psychology
- Visual Arts

University Offers

Preferred university destinations for Meriden’s HSC students over recent years

*Includes interstate and international universities
Performance in HSC subjects

The performance of each girl in each of her HSC subjects is indicated in levels, called Bands, from 1 to 6. Bands 5 and 6 are the highest levels. The table below shows the HSC subjects studied at Meriden in 2015.

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2015 NAPLAN results

Meriden’s results in the 2015 Federal Government’s National Assessment Program were, once again, exceptional.

Conducted by the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood, Training and Youth Affairs, NAPLAN provides a measure of how Australian students are performing in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling and grammar.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia undertake the same tests on the same days. Following is a snapshot of Meriden’s results in comparison to the state-wide results.

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Debating

Four of Meriden’s seven Debating teams progressed to the final rounds of the Archdale Debating competition. This competition is one of the most prestigious for school students, with the standard of topics, adjudicators and opposition extremely high. Meriden’s debaters proved themselves to be skilled, dedicated and informed throughout debates covering a wide range of topic areas.

Year 11 debaters, Emily Halloran and Zoe Whelan-Young, were selected to the Archdale team for the 2015 Representative Debating competition. Representative Debating brings together the best debaters from four separate debating competitions as they vie for the title of NSW Champions. The four competitions represented are GPS (Greater Public Schools), CAS (Combined Associated Schools), CHS (Combined High Schools) and Archdale.

Design and Technology

Maddison King (Year 11) was the recipient of two major prizes for her Year 11 Design and Technology portfolio in the University of Wollongong NSW Senior STEM Competition. Entries are judged on how well the project demonstrates the engineering principles and processes in the solution of the problem being studied. Maddison won the iSTEM Award and the Best Use of References and Bibliographies Award.

Drama

Year 11 Drama students Ingrid Marjoniemi and Georgia Pasialis were selected from amongst hundreds of budding actors to participate in the youth ambassador programs for two of Sydney’s most renowned theatre companies, Sydney Theatre Company and Griffin Theatre Company. The ambassadorships gave Ingrid and Georgia the opportunity to attend a range of productions, participate in post-show briefings, attend workshops and build their networks and experiences within the Sydney theatre scene.

English

Jenny Pang (Year 10) was one of only four students across Australia who received a Highly Commended award in the 2015 Red Room Poetry Competition. The competition, which aims to inspire students to create, perform and publish poetry, attracted 2,560 entries. Jenny’s poem Nothing records her reflection on the significance of a twenty cent piece. Jenny was a participant in the imaginative writing sessions conducted by Meriden’s writer-in-residence, Dr Felicity Plunkett, earlier in the year.

Geography

Each year the NSW Geography Teachers’ Association awards prizes to students who have completed outstanding research and fieldwork. The recipients of awards in 2015 were Chantelle Ralevska and Josette Mouawad (Year 10) in the Fieldwork and Visual Presentation category; Rebecca Li (Year 11) in the Issues in Australian Environments category; and Betty Holland (Year 12) in the Senior Geography Project Fieldwork Award.

The recipients received their awards at a special ceremony held at the Australian Catholic University. At this event, Katya Shliapnikoff (Class of 2014) also received an award in recognition of her achievement of seventh place in HSC Geography in 2014.

History

An extensive and compelling submission saw Celine Geers (Year 11) selected as a delegate to the 2015 NSW Schools Constitutional Convention held at Parliament House, Sydney in November. On the strength of her performance at this event, Celine has been appointed to represent her state at the 2016 National Schools Constitutional Convention in Canberra.
Languages

To achieve a High Distinction in both the reading and listening sections of the ACER Assessment of Language Competence test is the hallmark of an outstanding Language student. Annie Dong, Esther Wong and Scarlett Du (Year 9) achieved this honour in the Chinese Certificate 2 test.

Josette Mouawad (Year 10) achieved an outstanding 99 percent in the DELF A2 level French examination. This is an official government language proficiency test run through the Alliance Française.

Mathematics

The outstanding achievement of Christine Park (Year 11) in the University of New South Wales School Mathematics Competition was recognised at an award ceremony held in September. Christine attained a credit in this challenging three-hour examination which assesses mathematical insight and ingenuity.

Each year the Australian Mathematics Competition tests the skills of more than 400,000 students from schools across Australia. Meriden students who qualified for the category of High Distinction were Julia Chung (Year 7), Daphne Zhuang, Caroline Huang and Betty Zheng (Year 9), Qiuqong Chen and Melinda Yang (Year 10).

Students who qualified for the category of High Distinction in the nation-wide Mathematics Challenge were Wanning Cai (Year 7), Jessica Qiao (Year 8), Helena Huang, Georgina Vimalaratnam, Alicia Lieng and Hannah Ma (Year 9), Claire Zhao and Josette Mouawad (Year 10).

Music

The Sydney Eisteddfod is one of the most important forums for a wide range of performing and creative artists. Meriden’s Senior Concert Band placed second at this year’s event in the highest section for Concert Bands.

For its inaugural performance at the Sydney Eisteddfod, the Meriden Symphony Orchestra received a Highly Commended award in an extremely competitive section. The Senior Singers received a Highly Commended award in the Under 19s Youth section and placed third in the Sacred/Gospel section.

Meriden’s musicians amassed an array of individual achievements in AMEB and Trinity examinations throughout the year, including pianist Maryann Gou who received her LMus with Distinction, a truly remarkable achievement at just fifteen years of age.

Parnassus Awards

Students who complete an original and evaluative research-based composition or creative work in any discipline are eligible for a Parnassus Award. A Gold Parnassus Award is granted when the work demonstrates outstanding rigour and merit.

The 2015 Gold Parnassus Medallions were awarded to Emily Halloran (Year 11, Ancient History) and Aileen Wang (Year 8, Independent Research Project – English).

Public Speaking

The Youth Forum is an annual event which enables motivated and talented students to identify, research and present an issue of importance to today’s youth. The 2015 winners of the Youth Forum were Josette Mouawad, Chantelle Ralevska and Georgia Dimitriades (Year 10). This team spoke emotively about the need to follow one’s passions and interests when deciding on a career path, rather than purely being driven by monetary rewards. They argued for the need to learn about oneself and take risks in order to lead a life that is truly rewarding.

The annual Festival of Speech saw the Meriden team participate in the categories of Public Speaking, Poetry, Readings, Current Affairs, and Religious and Ethical Questions. Exceptional performances by all team members produced high praise from judges and audience members.

Meriden was well-represented in the Rostrum Voice of Youth competition by semi-finalists Margot McKeown (Year 9) and Georgia Dimitriades (Year 10).
Science

Emily Halloran and Madeline Lam (Year 11) joined the top Science students from across the globe for the 2015 International Science School, run by the University of Sydney. During the two-week program they met and learned from inspiring scientists, including cosmologist Lawrence Krauss, nanoscientist Michael Roukes and astrophysicist Naomi McClure-Griffiths about their cutting-edge research.

In May, Shenuka Pimanda and Aarushi Verma (Year 11) attended the Aspiring Women in Science Conference where they heard from female scientists who are part of the dynamic local and international scientific community and discovered the world-leading research being conducted throughout Australia.

Each year the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) brings together the best and brightest Science students to inspire their pursuit of scientific careers. Maddison King (Year 11) has earned a place amongst this elite group for the 2016 NYSF at the Australian National University, Canberra.

Angela Wu and Ciara O’Farrell (Year 10) have won selection to the 2016 Women in Engineering Camp. Angela and Ciara will join like-minded students to extend their knowledge of the diverse fields of engineering. Through lectures and workshops the girls will gain an appreciation of health and biomedical systems, energy systems, the digital future and civil, mechanical, mining and electrical engineering.

The STANSW Young Scientist Awards recognise exemplary work by students in the areas of scientific investigation and inventions. Four Year 9 students from Meriden were recognised with an award: Kate Carey, Esther Wong, Alicia Lieng and Hannah Ma.

As the recipient of the STANSW Most Promising Young Scientist Award, Lily Yang (Year 8) will join the team which will represent Australia at the 2016 International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Arizona.

In the ICAS Science Competition, High Distinctions were achieved by Olivia Arvanitis, Julia Chung, Niki Shao, Grace Wang and Helena Yan (Year 7); Clare Chen, Aileen Wang and Lily Yang (Year 8); Alicia Lieng, Nikkiie Wang and Jessica Wei (Year 9). A further forty-eight Meriden students achieved the category of Distinction in this competition.

The recipients of High Distinctions in the annual Big Science Competition were Julia Chung and Helena Yan (Year 7); Georgia Batson, Jessica Qiao and Jemima Votier (Year 8); Amanda Yao, Esther Wong and Georgina Vimalaratnam (Year 9); Georgia Dimitriades, Alice Flanagan, Ciara O’Farrell, Emma Paget, Jenny Pang and Angela Wu (Year 10).

The Australian Science Olympiads is an extension program for top performing secondary Science students. Meriden’s results in this competition were impressive with Year 11 students Simone Chan, Vrinda Gupta, Madeline Lam and Adelina Pang achieving Distinctions in Biology and Elise Bergan, Kimberley Nguyen and Peiling Wu achieving Credits. Simone Chan and Madeline Lam also achieved Distinctions in Chemistry and Credits in Physics.

Visual Arts

Year 11 students Kellie Shen, Michaela Whitehouse and Rebekah Chew won selection to the National Art School HSC Intensive Studio Art Practice. The Practice is designed to extend and enhance students’ technical, conceptual and intellectual skills under the direction of experienced practising artists, through intensive practical study. The three Meriden students were commended by the National Art School for the high standard of their work.