Congratulations
Class of 2015

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) Results

- Kate Garrow and Lahini Jayathillake achieved perfect scores of 45/45 (ATAR 99.95*), placing them in the top 0.02% of IBDP graduates in the world
- Jaeger Konidaris and Sabre Konidaris achieved scores of 44/45 (ATAR 99.85*)
- Median ATAR of 95.80
- 23% of students achieved an ATAR of 99 or above, placing them in the top 1% of the state
- 72% of students achieved an ATAR of 90 or above, placing them in the top 10% of the state
- 65 perfect IBDP subject scores achieved
- 63% of IBDP subject scores were equivalent to a VCE subject score of 40 or above^  
  * IBDP students are provided with a notional Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR)
  ^ Includes IBDP study score conversion

VCE Results

VCE duces were Edie McAsey and Campbell Smith with outstanding Australian Tertiary Admission Ranks (ATAR) of 99.50, followed closely by Alex Qu and Joel Hannan on 99.40. Impressively, six students achieved perfect scores of 50 in English, Music Investigation, Music Performance, Psychology and VET Dance.

Combined VCE and International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) Results

The results of the class of 2015 reaffirm our position as Bayside’s leading independent school.

- 10% of students gained an ATAR of 99 or above, placing them in the top 1% of the state
- 21% of students gained an ATAR of 95 or above, placing them in the top 5% of the state
- 28% of study scores 40+ or above

  * Includes IBDP study score conversion

IBDP Duces
Kate Garrow and Lahini Jayathillake

Kate Garrow - IBDP score 45, ATAR 99.95

Kate joined the College in year 7 and established herself as an outstanding student in and out of the classroom. She served as College Captain in 2015, and her well-rounded abilities saw her awarded College Full Colours as well as Full Colours in Academics, Debating, Drama and House, and Half Colours in Music and Volleyball.

Kate played the lead in the Senior School Play in 2013, 2014 and 2015, and her talents in debating and public speaking are undeniable. As well as being a member of the College’s Debaters of Association of Victoria A Grade Grand Final winning team, Kate twice represented Australia at the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships, and in 2015 was champion of the Australian competition.

Kate is as impressive a student in the classroom, receiving Subject Prizes for Theatre and Mathematics Higher Level in year 12, as well as being named as a University of Melbourne Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholar in year 10. Kate thanks her family and teachers for their support, and her friends who inspired her with their own achievements.

She is the recipient of the prestigious Tuckwell Scholarship awarded by Australian National University, where she will study Arts and Law.

Lahini Jayathillake - IBDP score 45, ATAR 99.95

Lahini is a diligent student who began her St Leonard’s education in 2013. She studied Chemistry, Economics, History, Literature, Mathematics and Spanish towards her IB Diploma. When asked about her outstanding IBDP result she attributed her success to a well-balanced study program and not locking herself away – an approach, which saw her involved in a number of House and cocurricular activities during years 11 and 12. She also praised her teachers as having played an important role by never being too busy to help and always being willing to make time for one-on-one meetings.

Lahini has received scholarship offers from several universities, including a Chancellor’s Scholarship from the University of Melbourne, and plans to undertake studies in the Health Sciences/Medical field.
Edie McAsey - ATAR 99.50

Edie was a very active participant in College life, from her involvement behind the scenes and on stage in Hart Theatre Company productions, to being a key participant in the College’s music and debating programs and a dedicated member of Newman House. Her keen involvement in cocurricular programs saw Edie receive Full Colours in Music, Tennis, Drama and House, as well as College Full Colours, the Newman House Gold Medal, and the Old Collegians Award for Positive Involvement in School Life. Edie represented Australia at the 2015 World Debating and Public Speaking Championships in Hong Kong, and was a member of the College’s champion A Grade Debaters Association of Victoria team. In addition to her cocurricular success, Edie excelled in the classroom, receiving Subject Prizes for all of her subjects in year 12, and an outstanding ATAR of 99.50. Edie will study Arts at the University of Melbourne.

Campbell Smith - ATAR 99.50

Campbell spent his entire school life at St Leonard’s, joining the College in ELC3. His academic strengths saw him receive Subject Prizes and Academic Excellence Awards throughout his time in Senior School, including Subject Prizes for Physics and English in year 12. In addition to his success in the classroom, Campbell showed an aptitude for sport, in particular Basketball. He was a key member of the College’s ACS Basketball team, serving as Captain and receiving Full Colours in 2015, and was also named in the 2015 ACS All Stars Basketball team. Campbell’s outstanding result is a testament to his hard work in and out of the classroom. Campbell will study Commerce at the University of Melbourne.

Jaeger Konidaris - IBDP score 44, ATAR 99.85

Jaeger studied Chemistry, Economics, Japanese, Theatre, Literature and Mathematics towards his IB Diploma, and in years 11 and 12 won Subject Prizes for Chemistry, Mathematics and Theatre. In year 10 he was named as a University of Melbourne Kwon Lee Dow Young Scholar. As well as serving as College Captain, Jaeger’s interests outside the classroom saw him participate in the College’s Hart Theatre Company productions and debating and music programs. His whole-hearted participation in St Leonard’s life saw him awarded Full Colours in Debating, Drama, House and Music, as well as College Full Colours and the Silver Medal for Newman House. Jaeger’s most memorable moments at St Leonard’s came from his cocurricular involvements, in particular the opportunities afforded to him in his role as College Captain. He credits his success to keeping a balanced life throughout year 12, allowing time for study, cocurricular activities, and adequate sleep. Jaeger will study Commerce at the University of Melbourne.

Sabre Konidaris - IBDP score 44, ATAR 99.85

Sabre studied Chemistry, Economics, Japanese, Theatre, Literature and Mathematics towards his IB Diploma and his well-rounded abilities saw him receive Academic Full Colours in year 12. He was also awarded Full Colours in Debating, Drama, House and Music as well as College Full Colours and the Newman House Bronze Award. In year 12 Sabre served as Deputy College Captain and maintained his involvement in the College’s theatre and music programs. Many of Sabre’s memorable moments as a St Leonard’s student came from the music program, including the opportunity to perform at Generations in Jazz in Mt Gambier, the Grand Prix, and the Annual Freight Industry Awards. His advice for other students is to spend time wisely but maintain the activities that make them feel happy and motivated. Sabre will study Commerce at the University of Melbourne.

Alex Qu - ATAR 99.40

Alex studied Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, English and French, gaining year 12 Subject Prizes in Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics and Physics. In addition he showed a real aptitude for Badminton, being awarded Full Colours and selected for the ACS All Stars team. Alex also received House and College Full Colours as well as High Distinctions in many external competitions, such as the Big Science Competition, ICAS Science Competition and Australian Mathematics Competition. Alex will study Science at the University of Melbourne.

Joel Hannan - ATAR 99.40

Joel studied Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics and Physics, and in year 12 was awarded Subject Prizes for Biology, Chemistry, English and Mathematical Methods. He complemented his academic program with his participation in a range of House events and the College’s sport program, representing St Leonard’s in Football, Futsal and Table Tennis. Joel will study Biomedicine at the University of Melbourne.
Our Academic Programs

St Leonard's College offers both the VCE and IBDP as pathways to tertiary education.

The VCE is a flexible course with English the only compulsory subject. This allows students to tailor the course to meet their interests and future goals by either specialising in one particular subject area or choosing subjects from a range of disciplines.

The IBDP seeks breadth, with students required to take subjects from areas such as Science, Mathematics and Humanities, as well as at least one foreign language. In addition all students complete three core subjects, which allow them to undertake creative, active and service-oriented activities. In an increasingly connected world, school leavers no longer compete just with peers from other Victorian and Australian schools, but with students globally. In recognition of the IBDP’s academic rigour, many of the world’s leading universities offer advanced standing or credit to IBDP graduates.

A study by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) in the UK examined the characteristics and trends of around 6500 IBDP students, compared to A-level and other student groups with similar qualifications, at tertiary education institutions. The study showed that IBDP students are more likely to enrol in a top 20 institution, receive honours degrees or awards, continue on to further studies, and be employed in graduate level positions and higher paid occupations (HESA 2011).

St Leonard’s College introduced the IBDP in 1982. Over 30 years of experience and an excellent ongoing relationship with the International Baccalaureate Organisation ensure our IBDP students are provided the best support and tuition available.

University Destinations

Of the 2015 graduates who applied through VTAC, 99% gained a first round offer.

Monash University and Melbourne University were tied as the most popular destinations for our VCE and IBDP graduates, with 46% accepted into courses at these institutions. The most popular courses were Business (15%), Arts (13%), Science (11%) and Commerce (9%). Some of our students will study at interstate and overseas universities, with graduates applying to study in Canberra, Adelaide, Townsville, Toronto, Monaco the UK and the USA.