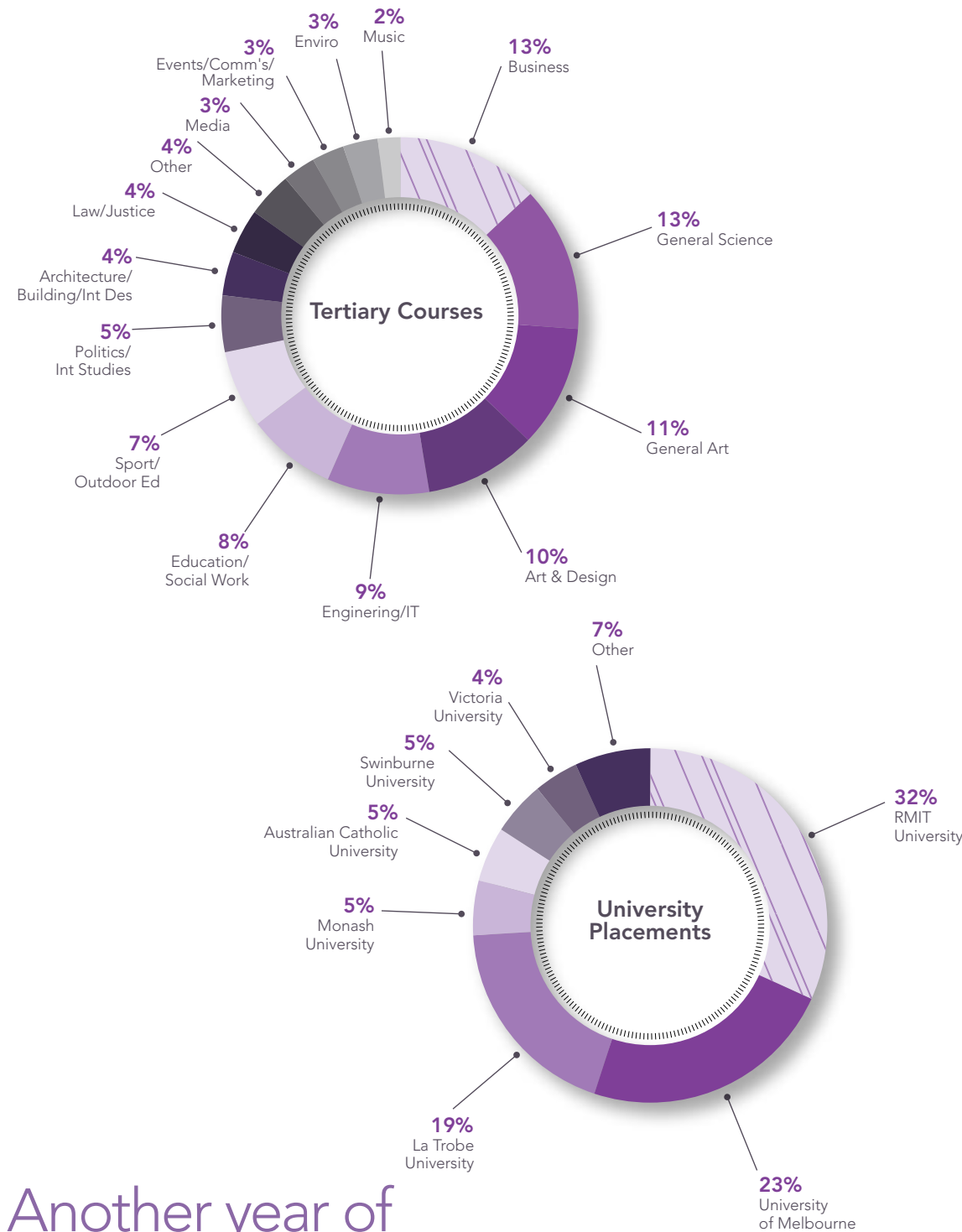


Destination 2016



Another year of outstanding results

- The top ATAR was 99.8
- 7 ATARs were over 99
- 12.1% of study scores were 40+
- Mean study score was 31.3
- 99% Pass rate
- 25% of students achieved an ATAR of 90 or above
- 54% of students achieved an ATAR of 70 or above
- Four perfect scores in English, Biology (2) and Psychology
- 419 students were enrolled in at least one Unit 3&4 subject
- 76 students were enrolled in at least one VET subject
- 92% of students received a round 1 tertiary offer

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VCE ACHIEVERS 2015

Congratulations to the Northcote High School class of 2015. Across the board, VCE results were excellent - as reflected by the Australian Tertiary Achievement Rank (ATAR) and by individual study scores. The school achieved a record mean study score of 31.3 and a high of 12.5% of study scores over 40. 25% of ATARs were over 90 and 53% of student ATARs were over 70, placing more than half the cohort in the top 30% of the state. In total, over 419 students were enrolled in at least one Unit 3&4 subject, of whom 265 were completing year 12.

Here are the stories of some of our 61 students who achieved ATARs over 90

This brochure profiles the stories of some of our students who **achieved great success** at the end of six years of secondary school. However, it is **important** to remember success in the VCE can be measured in **different ways**. Many students have achieved their personal best in one or more subjects. **Others achieved** their ultimate objective in **gaining access** to a planned course or pathway. For parents, teachers and the students themselves, this is **extremely rewarding**.

The students behind the results.



Themba Hodge

ATAR: 99.8

Primary School: Fairfield Primary School

Started Northcote High School: 2010

Tertiary Course: University of Melbourne Science

Themba is school dux for 2015. At the time of writing, he is travelling in Japan.

"From the moment I arrived it struck me how much stuff there is to do! From athletics to swimming to debating to music, things are always busy at Northcote. Beyond the academic experience, these are just a few of the things I valued in my high school experience, the chance to do other things. Not to de-value the academic experience, which during my time at the school exposed me to a multitude of patient and caring teachers who I will not forget any time soon. This held true throughout the entirety of my high school life. But most importantly of all, I valued the friendly and diverse school culture Northcote brings. I'll never forget the excitement of watching the trailer for the new Star Wars movie after an intense Mathematical Methods lesson with Ms. Phillips, or the smile on my face after having received a letter in my mailbox from Ms. Hutchins at the end of the school year.

Lastly, the friends I have made over the course of my experiences have truly been the best. That feeling is one shared by most I talk to..."



Flora Carbo

ATAR: 94.95

Primary School: Merri Creek Primary School

Started Northcote High School: 2010

"I have received scholarships for both Monash University and the Victorian College of the Arts. Also the James Morrison Academy have offered me a place, as has the West Australian Academy of Performing Arts. So I am having a good think!"



Sean Bellew

ATAR: 99.45

Primary School: Westgarth Primary School

Started Northcote High School: 2010

Tertiary Course: Possibly Science at the University of Melbourne, possibly Engineering, perhaps something physics related.

"Northcote was a great community to be part of. It was a terrific supportive cohort- and much less competitive than I expected."



Behzad Niknami

ATAR: 99.7

Middle School in Iran Started Northcote High School: 2011

Tertiary Course: I'm thinking about Bio-Medicine at the University of Melbourne

"Northcote High School delivers a well-balanced learning environment, where students and teachers collaborate effectively to maximise everyone's true potential. Having arrived at Northcote High from a different country and a different culture I quickly began to appreciate the opportunities the school provided in terms of leadership, community service and academic enrichment. I believe that Northcote High School's multicultural and accepting environment allowed me to communicate effectively with my peers and teachers, hence allowing me to ultimately gain entrance into my dream tertiary course."



Nicholas Visser

ATAR: 96.2

Primary School: Clifton Hill Primary School

Started Northcote High School: 2010

Tertiary Course: Commerce at the University of Melbourne.

"The ATAR is only temporary, but the friendships and knowledge gained at Northcote High School will be eternal!"



Millie Fuller

ATAR: 98.1

Primary School: Wales Street Primary School.

Started Northcote High School: 2010

Tertiary Course: ANU double degree in Arts-International Relations

"I look back on the last six years at NHS and think about my own development and growth, the lasting friendships I've made, and the passions and interests I developed such as debating, sport and Music. It's been a great journey."



Sandra Naing

ATAR: 96.5

Primary School: Wales Street Primary School

Started Northcote High School: 2010

Tertiary Course: Probably University of Melbourne to study Science, but I'm still thinking!

"Since I started in Year 7, Northcote High School has played an important and memorable role in my successes. Not only assisting me to achieve academically, but it also encouraged me to thrive in many aspects of the school's social scene such as in the music department, school productions, and leadership. Through these extracurricular activities, I established many connections with my peers, whilst acquiring stronger interpersonal skills. I have greatly enjoyed my 6 years at NHS, and know I am leaving well prepared for my future."



Mikayla Johnson

ATAR: 98.7

Primary School: Reservoir West Primary School

Started Northcote High School: 2010

Tertiary Course: RMIT Fashion, but I'm taking a GAP year to work and travel.

"Throughout my VCE I maintained my interests and extra-curricular activities - to achieve a healthy balance, which I attribute to helping me through school. I will be taking a GAP year in 2016 to further explore my passions and gain hands on experience by volunteering and working before I start tertiary study."



Louis Becker

ATAR: 98.45

Primary School: Fairfield Primary School

Started Northcote High School: 2010

Tertiary Course: As a Tuckwell Scholarship winner, Louis will go to the Australian National University in Canberra - most likely to study Arts - languages

"Northcote High provided a really relaxed and tolerant environment. The unforced sense of camaraderie allowed us to focus on enjoying the actual content of our classes, which felt like genuine academic communities, rather than ATAR-machines."



Darcy Cornwallis

ATAR: 98.2

Primary School: Bell Primary School

Started Northcote High School: 2010

Tertiary Course: Arts at University of Melbourne.

"There were probably two main things about doing VCE at Northcote that stick in my mind; the first is that as a large school it offers a brilliant array of subjects. For someone passionate about the humanities, such as myself, the fact that Northcote High offers subjects such as Philosophy or Classical Studies was a godsend. Perhaps even more striking, however, and certainly more important, was the incredible support we had from our teachers; always happy to go the extra mile, and sometimes putting in a frankly heroic effort to ensure that we did as well as we possibly could. It's difficult to imagine having to go through the VCE process without teachers such as those we had in 2015."



Katie Ryan

ATAR: 99.15

Primary School: Fitzroy North Primary School

Started Northcote High School: mid-2010.

Tertiary Course: Monash University Law-Global Studies.

"I came to Northcote High School from a girls' school. It proved to be a much more friendly environment and the teachers were incredibly supportive."



Kate Bongiovanni-Hodges

ATAR: 99.4

Primary School: Princes Hill Primary School

Started Northcote High School: 2010

Tertiary Course: Not sure but possibly a Science and Languages speciality at somewhere like University of Melbourne.

Kate packed an enormous amount of study into her VCE. She studied seven subjects in all - including Italian and French in what was otherwise a Maths and Science course, and completed Revolutions History while in Year 11. She also completed a University enhancement subject in 2015.



Emily Ross

ATAR: 93.1

Primary School: Westgarth Primary School

Started Northcote High School: 2010

Tertiary Course: Possibly something like Psychology - starting off at the University of Melbourne.

"Northcote High School had amazing teachers who I really enjoyed. Their extra support during the VCE years really helped me get where I wanted to be."



Alistair Watson

ATAR: 93.1

Primary School: Preston West Primary School

Started Northcote High School: 2010

Tertiary Course: University of Melbourne Science

"VCE was not an easy experience by any means, but I found that when it got toughest the support of Northcote's staff and student community made it more than manageable. Despite being primarily a science student, I was also able to study Chinese and visit the sister school in Huaibei as well as participate in what has become a stellar music program. Both of these aspects of Northcote were highlights of my school experience. More important than all of that, particularly towards the end, was the intensity of certain friendships made with students and even a few teachers. Few of us relished the ATAR system, but we were better for having completed it together."



Martin Read Yr 11

Martin achieved a perfect score of 50 in VCE Units 3&4 Biology

He attended Princes' Hill Primary School and started at Northcote High School in 2011

He is thinking of perhaps a science course at Melbourne University in 2017.

"My advice? Do your homework before you watch TV or play games!"



Bridget McArthur

ATAR: 94.7

Primary School: North Fitzroy Primary School

Started Northcote High School: 2014

Tertiary Course: RMIT International Studies.

"I chose to move into the VCE at Northcote High School after being at a private school. I've really enjoyed it - everyone was welcoming and there was a great sense of community."



Jennifer Huang Yr 11

Jennifer achieved a perfect score of 50 in VCE units 3&4 Biology

She attended Reservoir Primary School and started at Northcote High School in 2011

For 2017 she is thinking of studying something in the bio-medicine field.

"Having always liked science, I chose to undertake Units 3/4 Biology in Year 11 as I thought it would be an enjoyable challenge. At the time, I wasn't sure about what career path I would take. As it turned out, Biology wasn't only challenging and enjoyable; it helped me make this decision."



Nell Ayers

ATAR: 96.15

Primary School: Northcote Primary School

Started Northcote High School: 2010

Tertiary Course: Arts at University of Melbourne.

"I've had some really consistent, supportive friendships through my schooling - something I will take with me from Northcote High. That's in addition to the great teachers and my parents."



Mia McConville Yr 11

Mia achieved a perfect score of 50 in VCE Units 3&4 Psychology.

She attended Alphington Primary School and started at Northcote High School in 2011

She is thinking of an ANU Arts-Law course or International Studies at RMIT in the future.

"Psychology was not my first preference when we were given the opportunity to begin a VCE subject early, however, I soon discovered an interest in it that I feel was equally (if not more) important as the study habits it helped me to develop. It's an experience that served as invaluable preparation for the demands of VCE and personally helped me to expand my areas of interest."