

# Principal's Message

elite sporting involvement or scholarships.

We congratulate our 2018 Year 12 scholars on their outstanding results and acknowledge their tenacity and laudable achievements.

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The Class of 2018 built on the tradition of academic excellence that has become a hallmark of the College. Through superb results achieved by students in both the NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB DP), Monte has established an enviable reputation at both a local and international level. In 2018, 143 students presented for the Higher School Certificate and 40 students for the IB Diploma, with stunning results achieved in both programs. In the 2018 HSC school rankings, Monte has risen 25 places in the last two years placing 47th in the state. This position in the top 50 performing NSW schools does not take into account the students sitting the IB DP examinations and their substantial achievements against world benchmarks. This validates our stance that HSC leagues tables do not tell the whole story of results; nor do they provide insight into other relevant aspects such as levels of subjects chosen, obstacles faced by students,

Success does not begin in the final two years of schooling. At Monte, the girls are nurtured from Year 7 for success in either the HSC or IB Diploma. All students in Year 7 to 10 are provided with excellent grounding for studying the NSW curriculum through the inquiry-based framework provided by the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP). Within this framework, the girls develop sophisticated critical thinking, organisational, communication and research skills, whilst simultaneously meeting requirements for the NSW Record of School Achievement (RoSA) as required by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

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As a year group, the Class of 2018 have presented as students of rigour and diligence achieving outstanding success. They have developed a keen sense of self, spirituality and service to the community as responsible stewards of our world.

May the actions of our graduates continue to be guided by our values of Mercy, Justice, Option for the Poor, Service and Human Dignity. We applaud their accomplishments as we celebrate our young Mercy women embarking on their journey of significance, purpose and success.

May God be with them now and in the years ahead.

Mrs Nicole Christensen

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Principal

## Year 12 ACADEMIC SUCCESS

#### FROM A COHORT OF 183 STUDENTS

achieved an ATAR of

99+

achieved an ATAR of 98+

achieved an ATAR of 95+

achieved an ATAR of 90+

#### HIGHEST ACHIEVERS - ATAR (HSC) & UAC RANK (IB DP)

Abbey Simpson Madison **Ueland** 

Anaïs Simo Dzumgang **Emily** Smelt

99.95

99.95

99.85

99.85

Lara Cole

Camilla McDonald Caroline Silberberg **Astrid** Lalor

99.70

99.70

99,40

Rebekah Parsons

Isabella Ward

99.35 99.05

# PERCENTAGE OF MONTE STUDENTS ACHIEVING AN ATAR/UAC RANK OVER 90

2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
HSC & IB									
46%	39%	44%	43%	29%	47%	42%	38%	44%	41%

### **ACHIEVED** BAND 6 (+90%) IN 10 OR MORE **UNITS**









Rebekah Parsons









Michelle Spring

Isabella Ward

**ACHIEVED** 40+ POINTS





Christine Ha

















Caroline Silberberg

Anaïs Simo Dzumgang

Claudia Stromnes







Madison Ueland

Jessica Taylor



Michelle Thomes

## **HSC** HIGHLIGHTS

7 students were named on the HSC All-Rounders list for attaining 90% and above in at least 10 units (see page 4).

77 students were named on the HSC Distinguished Achievers list (Honour Roll), with 268 individual mentions overall.

#### **STATE PLACEMENTS**

NAME	COURSE	RANK		
Rebekah Parsons	Ancient History	Equal 1st		
Rebekah Parsons	Indonesian Extension	3rd		
Emily Smelt	Studies of Religion I	6th		
Bella Lawler	Ancient History	7th		
Isabella Ward	PDHPE	7th		

#### NOMINATIONS FOR NESA SHOWCASE EVENTS

NAME	COURSE	SHOWCASE EVENT	
Cleo Borean	Design & Technology	SHAPE	
Eden Cook	Design & Technology	SHAPE	
Olivia Cooper	Design & Technology	SHAPE	
Imogen Johnson	Design & Technology	SHAPE	
Lauren Lynch	Design & Technology	SHAPE	
Georgia Quinn	Design & Technology	SHAPE	
Nicola Brayan	Visual Arts	ARTEXPRESS	

## **IB DP HIGHLIGHTS**

2018 was the eighth year that Monte has achieved a perfect score of 45/45, converting to a UAC rank of 99.95.

33% of students achieved a score of 40+ points, converting to a UAC rank of 98.25+.

The average score was 37 (compared to an Australian average of 33.24 and a world average of 28.58), converting to a UAC rank of 95.85.

The highest grade (7) was achieved in 83% of subjects.

# **HSC Course Report** AND SUMMARY 2018

COURSE NAME	NO. OF STUDENTS	MONTE % BAND 6	STATE % BAND 6	MONTE % BAND 5	STATE % BAND 5	MONTE % BAND 5 & 6
ANCIENT HISTORY	19	31.57	9.51	63.15	26.59	94.72
BIOLOGY	43	13.95	8.69	39.53	28.18	53.48
BUSINESS STUDIES	50	22.00	8.35	52.00	28.61	74.00
CHEMISTRY	18	5.55	9.19	66.66	32.89	72.21
COMMUNITY AND FAMILY STUDIES	11	27.27	3.92	45.45	24.99	72.72
DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY	8	62.50	11.79	37.50	34.90	100.00
DRAMA	7	14.28	13.79	28.57	28.58	42.85
ECONOMICS	17	23.52	13.13	64.70	33.26	88.22
ENGLISH (STANDARD)	46	10.86	0.85	52.17	14.21	63.03
ENGLISH (ADVANCED)	97	22.68	13.75	69.07	48.86	91.75
ENGLISH EXTENSION 1	15	60.00	37.83	40.00	57.60	100.00
ENGLISH EXTENSION 2	3	66.66	16.59	33.33	54.53	100.00
FRENCH CONTINUERS	5	0	28.93	40.00	35.22	40
FRENCH EXTENSION	2	0	38.41	100	43.70	100.00
GEOGRAPHY	8	37.50	8.25	62.50	34.93	100.00
GERMAN CONTINUERS	3	33.33	27.86	33.33	29.50	66.66
HOSPITALITY EXAMINATION	10	30.00	2.61	60.00	26.06	90
INDONESIAN CONTINUERS	6	50.00	35.48	33.33	33.87	83.33
INDONESIAN EXTENSION	2	100	43.75	0	50.00	100
ITALIAN CONTINUERS	5	40.00	20.66	40.00	35.12	80
ITALIAN EXTENSION	3	66.66	40.98	33.33	52.45	100
LEGAL STUDIES	37	35.13	12.17	51.35	31.82	86.48
GENERAL MATHEMATICS	58	13.79	6.54	41.37	20.10	55.16
MATHEMATICS	69	31.88	22.46	33.33	29.34	65.21
MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1	29	27.58	32.84	72.41	46.76	100.00
MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 2	4	25.00	33.19	75.00	52.22	100.00
MODERN HISTORY	49	26.53	10.44	55.10	31.38	81.63
HISTORY EXTENSION	13	30.76	23.64	61.53	55.04	92.29
MUSIC 1	2	100	20.99	0	43.51	100.00
MUSIC 2	2	50.00	41.63	50.00	49.79	100.00
PD/H/PE	37	40.54	6.71	29.72	26.40	70.26
PHYSICS	9	11.11	9.53	55.55	24.26	66.66
SENIOR SCIENCE	3	0	3.94	66.66	17.54	66.66
SOCIETY AND CULTURE	12	25.00	12.69	66.66	34.65	91.66
STUDIES OF RELIGION I	93	29.03	8.98	34.40	27.74	63.43
STUDIES OF RELIGION II	51	15.68	6.63	58.82	34.34	74.50
VISUAL ARTS	13	30.76	12.34	69.23	40.94	100.00

# IB Diploma Report AND SUMMARY 2018

COURSE NAME	NO. OF STUDENTS	NO. OF STUDENTS ACHIEVING GRADE 7	NO. OF STUDENTS ACHIEVING GRADE 6	TOTAL % GRADES 6 & 7*
LANGUAGE & LITERATURE HL	32	11	12	71.88
LANGUAGE & LITERATURE SL	1	0	0	0
LITERATURE HL	5	2	1	60
LITERATURE SL	2	1	1	100
FRENCH HL	3	2	1	100
FRENCH SL	10	3	4	70
GERMAN SL	8	3	3	75
INDONESIAN SL	2	0	0	0
ITALIAN SL	6	1	4	83.33
SPANISH AB INITIO	11	3	3	54.55
ECONOMICS HL	6	2	1	50
ECONOMICS SL	6	2	2	66.67
ENVIRO SYSTEMS & SOCIETIES SL	6	2	3	83.33
HISTORY HL	15	1	7	53.33
HISTORY SL	2	0	1	50
PSYCHOLOGY HL	28	10	10	71.42
BIOLOGY HL	1	0	0	0
BIOLOGY SL	6	1	2	50
CHEMISTRY HL	5	1	1	40
CHEMISTRY SL	13	1	5	46.15
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY HL	2	1	0	50
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY SL	1	1	0	100
PHYSICS HL	3	1	1	66.67
PHYSICS SL	3	0	2	66.67
SPORTS EXERCISE SCIENCE HL	13	6	3	69.23
SPORTS EXERCISE SCIENCE SL	4	2	2	100
MATHEMATICS HL	2	1	1	100
MATHEMATICS SL	26	2	9	42.31
MATHEMATICAL STUDIES SL	11	3	1	36.36
VISUAL ARTS HL	5	2	2	80

<sup>\*</sup>Data is accurate at the time of going to print. Percentages may increase based on re-marks.

 $<sup>{\</sup>bf *Comparison\ between\ subjects\ is\ not\ valid,\ given\ the\ small\ cohorts\ in\ some\ classes.\ HL:\ denotes\ Higher\ Level.\ SL:\ denotes\ Standard\ Level.}$ 

MANDATORY COMPONENTS	NO. OF STUDENTS	NO. OF STUDENTS ACHIEVING GRADE A ACHIEVING GRADE		TOTAL % GRADES A & B
THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE	40	3	20	58
EXTENDED ESSAY	40	15	12	67.50

#### **About the Curriculum AT MONTE**

In Years 7 to 10, all Monte students undertake a course of study that meets the requirements of the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Record of School Achievement and the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme.

At the completion of Year 10, as shown right, students elect to undertake either the NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC) or the IB Diploma Programme (IB DP). Both options prepare the students for opportunities at tertiary institutions, locally and internationally.

#### **HSC or IB Diploma** – what is the difference?

Both the HSC and the IB Diploma require students to commit to a significant increase in workload compared to Year 10. Both courses of study require students to be willing to develop independent learning skills as well as effective time management and organisational skills. The choice between the HSC and the IB Diploma is made by students, taking into account their own learning styles and subject preferences. Resources at Monte are equitably shared by students in both programs.

The delivery, assessment, grading and scaling of subjects for the HSC and IB DP differ. Below are some comparisons between the two programs.

# ACADEMIC PROGRAM Choice for Years 11 & 12 TWO PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY AT MONTE

Marks out of 50 for each of the top 10 units are scaled, then added together to create a mark out of 500. The mark is used to rank all students to determine an ATAR (a number between 0 and 99.95).

**HSC** 



IB DIPLOMA
Total score out of
45 which is
converted to an
equivalent ATAR.
Conversion is
pre-determined by
the universities and
does not involve
scaling.









