



Celebrating 2023. Our VCE results and more.

It's your life to live. Just be you.

Student achievement and the pursuit of excellence are sources of great pride at Caulfield Grammar School – but they are not why we exist. We exist to engage our young people to find their pathway, to be connected, to fuel their passions, and to bring their true authentic selves to school every day.

There is a story behind every face. And each of our 426 Class of 2023 faces has their own individual story.

Staying connected with past students and listening to their stories and reflections on their time at our School is a highlight of my role. A consistent theme in these conversations is that school was a time of many peaks and troughs, highs and lows. Recently, a Grammarian reflected that during her school life she was constantly torn between what others wanted for her and what she really wanted for herself – with a great deal of her school life questioning “Whose life is it really?” Six years on, with the benefit of hindsight and perspective, she appreciates the insights of her family, their lived experience, and the wisdom of her teachers at the time. She recalls “embracing her people” as being fundamental to

her time as a student. And she is now pursuing her passions. This is great. It’s her life to live.

Ruby Waddingham, our School Co-Captain at Wheelers Hill Campus, captured the sentiment perfectly with her words at Speech Night: “Do things you love and that make you happy.”

Every interaction at school matters. Teaching matters. Relationships matter. Great teachers must be up for the challenge of providing discomfort for students in a safe place, stretching them, challenging them and, most importantly, knowing them. Thank you to our great teachers and staff at Caulfield Grammar School who are engaged, passionate and up for the challenge of supporting and guiding our students in every interaction.

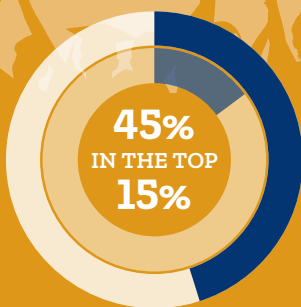
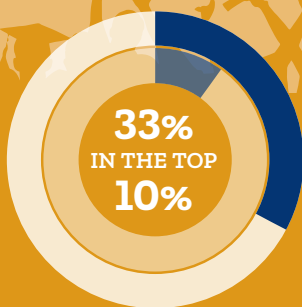
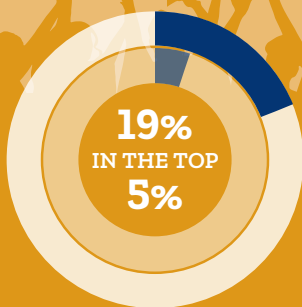
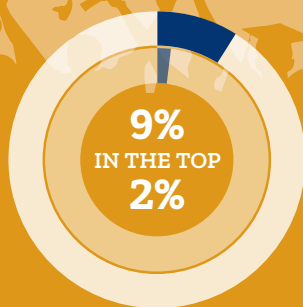
Celebrating 2023 is a snapshot of student learning experiences and achievements from right across our School. Our students are committed learners and contributors in our Caulfield Grammar School community – a community we are immensely proud of.

And to our Class of 2023, I commend you and am exceptionally proud of how you completed this year with gratitude and respect.

Ashleigh Martin, Principal

Celebrating the Class of 2023.

ATAR Outcomes compared with Victoria's graduates:



Median ATAR: **82.5**

Number of Year 12 students:
426 **100%** of students graduated


Congratulations to our Duces with an ATAR of 99.95 – Thomas Xiao and Timothy Xiao (Wheelers Hill Campus).

Congratulations to our 38 Scholars who achieved an ATAR score of 98 and above.

Number of Year 12 students involved in:

 Performing Arts productions

128

 Music ensembles

61

 Formal leadership positions

224

 APS Sport representatives

35

Study Scores:

17.9% of students achieved study scores of **40** or more (out of a max. of 50)

Students obtained 11 perfect study scores (50) across 5 subjects, including:

- English (7)
- Health And Human Development
- Global Politics
- History: Revolutions
- Maths: Mathematical Methods (NHT)



MEDIAN STUDY SCORE IS 33

2023 School Co-Captains:



Ruby Waddingham
Wheelers Hill Campus

"If we live our lives in fear of what other people think of us and expect of us, we'll miss the chance to pursue the very things that shape us, the moments we have learned from, the moments we are proud of."



Luke Stonehouse-Melke
Wheelers Hill Campus

"We are here to make mistakes and learn from them. These experiences will give you skills that are valuable for life ... skills that will develop your character and build who you are."



Natasha Ekelmans
Caulfield Campus

"Every experience you collect in your life comes together to paint the version of you that you are today ... While success deserves celebrating, it is not the pinnacle of our existence."



Cuba Cellier
Caulfield Campus

"We can't do things alone. We need people in our lives who can support our journey – people to celebrate the highs with and people to guide us through the lows."



View
Co-Captain
speech
highlights

Class of 2023 tertiary pathways.

Duces of 2023:



Timothy (left) and Thomas (right) have been actively involved in School community activities, representing Caulfield Grammar with pride as Open Day and Campus Tour student guides and participating with enthusiasm in House events and competitions including Chess, Cross Country, Table Tennis, Athletics and Trivia.

They look forward to their next challenge at The University of Melbourne, where they have both received prestigious Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarships to study Commerce.

Timothy Xiao

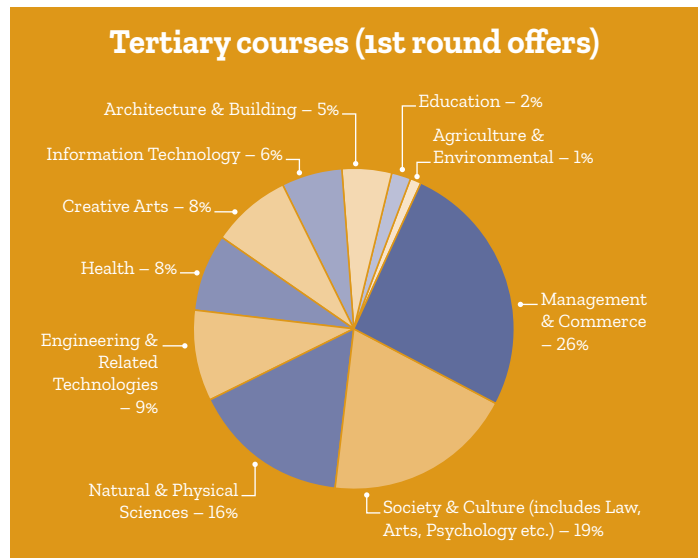
Timothy commenced at Caulfield Grammar School in Year 7 and has been an active and enthusiastic member of the School community. As well as being awarded Triple Colours for Badminton and representing APS in the Badminton 1st VIII, he received numerous academic awards in Year 12 including the School Prize for Mathematics, the Lyle Buntine Memorial Prize for Science, a Certificate of Excellence (Silver), Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards (English / Specialist Mathematics), Triple Colours Academic, Class Academic Achievement Awards (Chemistry / English), a Medal Award for ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) and General Excellence Awards (Years 11 and 12).

Thomas Xiao

Thomas also commenced at Caulfield Grammar School in Year 7 and has made a positive and significant contribution to our School community, representing the School in the Badminton 1st VIII since Year 9 and last year led the team as Vice-Captain. In Year 12 he received Triple Colours for Badminton and was the recipient of the 2023 School Prize for English and Mathematics, Certificate of Excellence (Silver), Class Academic Achievement Award (English), Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards (Physics/ Specialist Mathematics) and Triple Academic Colours re-awarded. In Year 11 he was the recipient of a General Excellence Award.

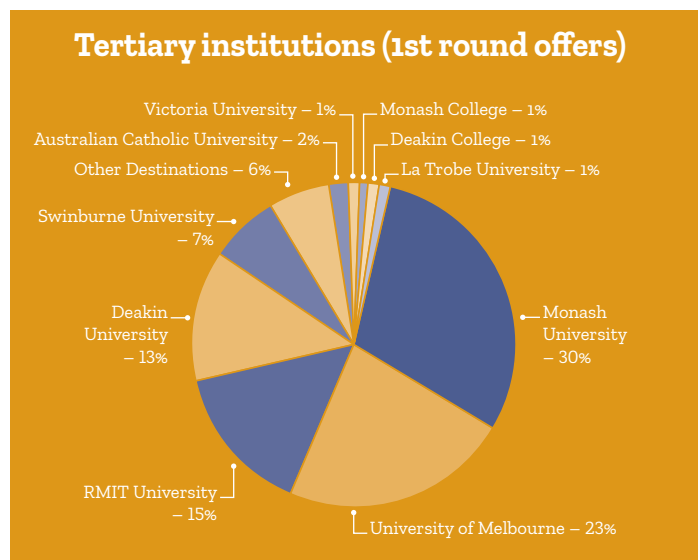
Tertiary destinations:

The majority of students who applied to study at a tertiary institution gained a place in the first round of tertiary offers, with areas of study* including:



*Note: Victorian results only. Students offered double degrees are counted in two categories

Students were offered places at many tertiary institutions including:



Other Destinations: Interstate/Overseas, Employment/Apprenticeship, Gap Year
Destinations with less than 1% eg: Box Hill Institute, Collarts (Australian College of the Arts), JMC Academy, La Trobe College, LCI Melbourne

Celebrating our Junior School 2023.

Wheeler's Hill Campus (WHJ) and Malvern Campus (MC) Snapshot

Values artwork: Luca, Year 6, WHJ



Number of students involved in:



Performing
Arts
productions

157

WHJ

41

MC



Formal
leadership
positions

78

WHJ

60

MC



Music
ensembles

161

WHJ

182

MC



Yarra Junction (YJ)
Education Outdoors

238

Global issues explored by students (PYP Year 6 Exhibition):



Students donated time or funds to these Community Service Organisations:

- Anglicare Victoria
- Beyond Blue
- Clean-up Australia
- FightMND
- Gurrumul Yunupingu Foundation
- Indigenous Literacy Foundation
- Kids Helpline
- Lighthouse Foundation
- RSPCA
- Wildlife Victoria

Total of
\$8,563
raised for charities

Sports with representative players:

WHJ

- APS Representatives – Athletics, Cross Country, Swimming, Tennis
- State Representatives – Diving, Snow Sports, Touch Football

MC

- APS Representatives – Athletics, Basketball, Cross Country, Swimming
- State Representatives – Snow Sports
- National Representatives – Golf
- International Titles – Golf (U.S. Kids Golf Champion)

Students
involved in 18
diverse school sports



External Academic Participation & Performance Awards:

WHJ

- Associate in Music Australia – Violin (1)
- Aust. Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad (APSMO) – Top 10% (23), Top 25% (6)
- Aust. Maths Competition (AMC) – Prize (1), High Distinction (6), Distinction (14), Credit (4)
- Aust. Maths Trust (AMT) Challenge – Distinction (19), Credit (13), Proficiency (4), Participation (2)
- Aust. Maths Trust (AMT) Maths Enrichment – High Distinction (10), Distinction (5), Credit (2), Proficiency (2), Participation (1)
- Boroondara Eisteddfod – 2nd Place (1)
- Brisbane International Youth Music – PRESTO Competition – 1st Place (1)
- Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards – Shortlisted (1)
- Ethics Olympiad – 10th Place
- Kayserburg International Youth Piano Competition – 1st Place (Year 9 category)
- Monash Youth Music Festival – 2nd Place (2), HM (1)
- New Century School Music Competition – 1st Place (1), HM (1)
- Pearl River Kayserburg International Youth Piano Competition – 1st Place (1)
- Science Talent Search (STS) – Major Bursaries (3), Minor Bursaries (4)
- Ringwood Eisteddfod – 2nd Place (1)
- Vic. Flute Guild – Leslie Barklamb Scholarship – 1st Place (1)
- Vic. Junior Da Vinci Decathlon Competition – 1st (Overall State Champions), 1st (Science), 1st (Cartography), 1st (Ideation), 1st (Mathematics), 1st (Creative Producers), 2nd (Art & Poetry), 2nd (English), 3rd (Engineering), 3rd (Code Breaking)



- Young ICT Explorers of Victoria Awards – 2nd Place (Years 3-4 Division)
- 3MBS Melbourne Radio 'Got Talent' Performance (1)

MC









- Aust. Music Examinations Board (AMEB) Certificates – Flute (3), Oboe (1), Piano (9), Violin (1)
- Aust. Maths Competition (AMC) – High Distinction (2), Distinction (9), Credit (9), Proficiency (1)
- Aust. Maths Trust Challenge – Distinction (8), Credit (12), Proficiency (7), Participation (4)
- Aust. Maths Trust Enrichment Competition – Distinction (5), Credit (1), Participation (8)
- Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad (APSMO) – 1st (2), Top 10% (6), Top 25% (3)
- Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge – Honour Roll (4), High Distinction (15), Distinction (13)
- Ethics Olympiad – Honourable Mention
- Golden Classical Music Awards International Competition – Winner's Concert performance (1)
- Science Talent Search (STS) – Minor Bursaries (3), Distinction (4), Merit (5)
- Vic. Junior Da Vinci Decathlon Competition – Years 5-6 – 1st (Legacy), 1st (Code Breaking), 2nd (overall), 2nd (Science), 2nd (Creative Producers), 3rd (Cartography), 4th (Engineering), 4th (Art & Poetry), 4th (English), 3rd (Mathematics), 4th (Ideation)

Celebrating our Secondary School 2023.

Whealers Hill Campus (WHS) and Caulfield Campus (CC) Snapshot



Values artwork: Ryan, Year 11, WHS

Number of students involved in:			
	Performing Arts productions	295 WHS 389 CC	 Debating / Public Speaking
	Music ensembles	327 WHS 372 CC	 Yarra Junction (YJ) Education Outdoors
	Formal leadership positions	199 WHS 218 CC	 YJ Student Leaders
			 Year 9 Kakadu Program
			 Year 10 Odyssey Program
			93 WHS 66 CC
			924
			105
			475
			378

Students donated time or funds to these Community Service Organisations:

WHS

- FightMND
- Foodbank
- Leukemia Foundation – World's Greatest Shave
- Lighthouse Foundation
- Mental Health Foundation of Australia
- Rotary Club of Canterbury

- The Smith Family
- Very Special Kids
- Vinnies
- WWF

CC

- Basket Brigade
- Beyond Blue

- Centenary Institute Medical Research Foundation
- Eddie Betts Foundation
- FightMND
- Leukemia Foundation – World's Greatest Shave
- Lighthouse Foundation
- Minus 18
- Unicef Australia

Total of
\$18,901
raised for charities



Sports with representative players:

WHS

APS Premierships – Diving Girls, Football Girls, Soccer Girls, Swimming Girls, Touch Football Girls, Volleyball Boys, Water Polo Girls

APS Representatives – Badminton Girls, Basketball Girls, Football Girls & Boys, Hockey Boys, Netball Girls, Softball Girls, Swimming Girls & Boys, Tennis Girls & Boys, Touch Football Girls, Volleyball Boys

AFL Draftees – 1



Students involved in 21 diverse school sports

State Representatives – Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cycling, Football, Snow Sports, Speed Skating, Swimming, Tennis, Triathlon, Volleyball

National Representatives – Football, Speed Skating, Tennis

Professional League Representatives – Touch Football Australia U20 National Touch League

CC

APS Premierships – Diving Girls, Football Girls, Soccer Girls, Swimming Girls, Touch Football Girls, Volleyball Boys, Water Polo Girls

APS Representatives – Badminton Girls, Basketball Girls & Boys, Cricket Boys, Cross Country Girls & Boys, Football Girls & Boys,

Hockey Girls, Soccer Girls, Softball Girls, Swimming Girls & Boys, Tennis Girls, Touch Football Girls, Volleyball Girls & Boys, Water Polo Girls & Boys

AFL Draftees – 2

State Representatives – Athletics, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Cricket, Cross Country, Diving, Football, Go Kart, Hockey, Snow Sports, Soccer, Speed Skating, Swimming, Tennis, Touch Football, Triathlon, Volleyball, Water Polo

National Representatives – Soccer, Speed Skating, Volleyball

Professional League Representatives – Australian Water Polo League (AWL), Soccer A-League Women, Touch Football Australia U20 National Touch League

External Academic Participation & Performance Awards:

Students follow their passions and strengths by participating, and excelling, in a diverse range of experiences.

STRINGS NATIONAL SOLAR CAR CHALLENGE
OLYMPIADS SUMMITS CITIZENSHIP & LEADERSHIP POLISH MUSIC
COMPETITIONS STUDENT EXCHANGE
PERCUSSION TOURS COMPUTATIONAL ALGORITHMIC THINKING PROBLEM SOLVING
PIANO NATIONAL HISTORY MATHEMATICS JAZZ FESTIVALS
CLARINET AND SAXOPHONE INTERNATIONAL EISTEDDFODS PUBLIC SPEAKING
STATE PROGRAMMING MUSIC LOCAL INFORMATICS
ENTREPRENEURISM



Explore a detailed snapshot

Diverse pathways to success.



JACK, Malvern Campus ELC

Jack has been curious about endangered animals all year and from his research discovered that one of the causes of animals becoming endangered is the loss of their habitats from bush fires. Jack and his friends made a story about the

animals in the bush and how they were saved after a bush fire. Our ELC end of year celebration movie was based on the story they came up with.



EMILY, Boarding student, Caulfield Campus

Year 10 Emily was awarded Moira Shire Young Star Achiever of the Year for organising her own fundraising event Em's Pedal for Prems, cycling 100km and raising \$6,000. She was one of only four students named in

the 'Superband' at the Generations in Jazz Festival, and has represented the School in APS Swimming, Rowing, Cross Country, Athletics and at the SSA 11-19 Years Triathlon Championships (Victorian team).



AYANA, Wheelers Hill Secondary Campus

Year 8 Ayana's passion for music and mathematics has seen her awarded top prize in the 2023 Melbourne University Mathematics & Statistics Competition (Intermediate Category), Gold for the Australian Informatics

Olympiad (3 years in a row) and Prizes for the AMC (5 years in a row!). She has also performed live on 3MBS and won numerous musical awards including 1st prize U21 at Monash Youth Music Festival and Boroondara Eisteddfod's Open Age Contemporary Vocal Solo.



WINDSOR, Wheelers Hill Junior Campus

Wheelers Hill Junior Music Leader and mathematician Windsor has led by example in his final year of junior school – performing in School concerts, helping launch a Year 6 podcast series, participating in the

Da Vinci Decathlon Junior School State Championship Team, and awarded Outstanding in the School of Mathematics Competition, as well as Gold, Prizes and High Distinctions in the Australian Maths Challenge, World Mathematics Team Competition and Southeast Asian Mathematics Olympiad.



TALLIS, Wheelers Hill Secondary Campus

Year 11 Tallis has thrown himself into every aspect of school life – from lead roles in productions such as 'School of Rock' and playing trumpet in the School Band to volunteering as a Student Ambassador at YJ Open Day

and competing in APS Athletics and Cricket. His leadership and enthusiasm have seen him elected to the 2024 Wheelers Hill Campus Student Committee.



AARYA, Wheelers Hill Junior Campus

Year 5 Aarya's passion for performing and Sport has seen her in a leading role in the Year 5 campus production of 'Alice in Wonderland', perform in School concerts, and represent Victoria in Touch Football and APS at

the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Swimming Competition. She qualified for the National Interschools Snow Sports Championships and was a valuable member of the Caulfield Grammar Primary Volleyball Cup team. Aarya was also elected as the 2024 Arts Committee Leader.



EVIE, Malvern Campus

Year 4 Evie is a keen sportswoman and mathematician, representing Caulfield Grammar in APS Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics as well as playing representative Basketball for her local club. She also received a Distinction in the Australian Maths

Challenge and a Credit in the Australian Maths Competition.



ZAC, Caulfield Campus

Zac dived into the unique challenges of Year 12 with energy and enthusiasm – driving student-led charity initiatives such as the Beyond Blue charity football match, demonstrating leadership as Captain of the First XI Cricket and Newton

House Captain, and even finding time to participate as a cast member in the Campus Dance production 'Upstage'.

