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## 2020 HSC Highlights

**Central Coast Grammar School HSC students are reaping the reward of 13 years of study thanks to resilience, drive and enthusiasm.**

CCGS was ranked 83<sup>rd</sup> in the Top 100 schools across NSW with 34% of students achieving an ATAR over 90. 14% gained an ATAR of over 95 and 60% achieved an ATAR over 80.

Headmaster, Mr William Low, Headmaster said, “The class of 2020 are a very special group of young people who have had to grow up very quickly this year and we’re very proud of the way they have handled themselves amidst all the uncertainty.”

“The school has continually focused on improving the percentage of students with an ATAR over 90 and we’re delighted that the hard work and commitment from students, staff and families has been recognised today. I personally congratulate students and teachers for the remarkable achievements in this year’s HSC.”

It has been a tough year missing out on many of the social activities that mark the final year of school but our HSC students have remained dedicated leaders and role models throughout. Not only have they achieved remarkable academic success, they also face the future with grit, determination and flexibility, ready to adapt to a fast-changing world.

70 percent of students have already received university degree offers, these examination results are sure to open further opportunities as students finalise their plans in the coming days and weeks.

Strong relationships, increasing independence and a positive attitude have allowed them to adapt to uncertainty, deal with disappointment, embrace the unknown, manage stress levels, believe in themselves and achieve their potential.

In this memorable HSC year, we wish them strength, happiness and success as they make their way in the world.

### Results at a glance

- CCGS ranked 83<sup>rd</sup> out of approximately 800 schools
- 58% of students achieved an ATAR of 80+
- 34% of students achieved an ATAR of 90+
- 14% of students achieved an ATAR of 95+

- 63% of all exams sat resulted in a Band 5 or 6
- 16% of students were recognised on the NESA Distinguished Achievers list
- Seventh successive year listed in Top 100 schools

### **Individual achievement**

- Congratulations to **Katelyn Williams** our Dux of the school for 2020 who was also honoured in the NESA High Achievers list for Society and Culture.

### **HSC Major Work nominations recognised by NESA**

- Dance – **Kasey Barnes** (Core Performance and Composition) and **Leah Vitler** in Year 11, studying HSC Accelerated Dance (Core Performance and Major Study Performance) for Callback
- Drama – **Kasey Barnes, Rhiannan Brown, Alex Cooke, Bronte Fill, Abbey Healey, Sarah Milne, Ashley Nicholson, Breanna Perkovich** and **Danielle Stimson** for OnSTAGE
- Industrial Technology – **Jade Sheridan** for InTech

Head of Senior College, Ms Denise McDonough applauded students for their achievements across all subject areas and reflected on the year.

“My experiences with the Year 12 students and their parents in 2020 will always remain one of the most special memories of my career. We nearly didn’t have a Leavers’ Service, a Formal and even the HSC exams were doubtful. With creativity and ‘thinking outside the square’, we managed everything with care and safety to ensure the class of 2020 left with brilliant memories.”

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*\*ATAR results are based on the number of students seeking an ATAR. Results are correct at time of print. 2020 school rankings were published in the HSC Honor Roll in the Sydney Morning Herald on 18 December using data supplied by the NESA.. Previous rankings were published by SMH at the time of the Honor Roll being first released.*