



# Class of '23 **OUTCOMES**





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## Executive Principal Address

Ross Grace

### Congratulations to our Class of 2023!

As we reflect on the accomplishments of our graduating class, I am thrilled to share with you the remarkable strides and achievements that have marked this academic year. The VCE & VCE VM students' dedication to learning has once again reflected Heathdale's commitment to developing each child's God-given potential.

In 2023, our Year 12 cohort grew significantly, welcoming an additional 26 students, totalling 86 graduates in 2023 compared to 60 in the previous year. This increase in numbers did not dilute the exceptional results our students have achieved, but instead fortified the College's reputation for learning excellence.

To our graduates, as you stand on the threshold of a new chapter, equipped with the lessons learned and skills honed during your time at Heathdale Christian College, we celebrate your resilience, determination, and the collective success you have achieved. Your journey has been marked by not only academic accomplishments but also by the growth of lasting friendships, participation in extracurricular activities and the creation of memories that you will carry with you into your future endeavours.

For those of you embarking on new adventures, may you find inspiration and guidance in the lessons of trust and faith instilled in you during your time at Heathdale. The world is brimming with possibilities, and your unique potential is bound to leave an indelible mark.

To the parents and families, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering support and partnership throughout your child's time at Heathdale. Your dedication has been instrumental in fostering a positive and enriching environment for your child to safely learn and grow in.

As our Class of 2023 moves forward, remember that the learning, passion and skills developed during your time at Heathdale will serve as a sturdy foundation for the years ahead. Embrace the opportunities that come your way, never cease your pursuit of knowledge and trust that God will continue to guide your path.

We eagerly anticipate the next chapters in your journey and look forward to hearing about the impact you will undoubtedly make. May God make your paths straight, and may you find continued purpose and fulfilment in all your future endeavours.

# College Captains Q&A

Sasha Chehade, Zion Tun, Kalani Boothby, Anna Rodrigues Vance

Our College Captains demonstrate true Godly character as during their most senior year of study, they also dedicate their time in service and leadership of our entire student cohort. We are eminently proud of the leaders they've become and spent some time with them inquiring about the lessons they learned this year.

## How do you understand the concepts of love and servanthood, and how do they relate to effective leadership in your role as a student leader?

Love in a leadership sense is about the honour and respect we have for those around us, students and teachers alike. Servanthood is the consistent effort and drive towards serving others, working in the background rather than attempting to be merely the visual leader. *Anna*

Love-driven leadership fosters teamwork, raises morale and leaves a legacy of care. Above all, serving with love mirrors God's devotion to drawing us closer to Him. *Kalani*

## How have you collaborated with teachers and staff to improve the overall school experience for everyone?

In 2023, we teamed up closely with teachers and staff to enhance the school experience by aiming to spread the message of God's unwavering grace and love. Our collaboration involved addressing assemblies, connecting with students personally, and arranging guest speaker sessions that focused on God's grace. *Kalani*

Other events we collaborated on involved things like charity events, such as Hoodie Day where students could wear their choice of a Hoodie or Oodie to school with a gold coin donation that went towards supporting homeless young people in Australia. *Zion*

## How does humility play a role in effective leadership, and how can you avoid letting pride or ego hinder your ability to serve others well?

Humility plays a crucial role in effective leadership, providing clarity in decision-making. As a leader, avoiding the hindrance of ego and pride is essential for serving others well. Our pride can blind us to the right decisions, making us more focused on ourselves and our position rather than the people we're meant to lead. *Sasha*

To avoid letting pride or ego hinder our ability to serve others, we must remember Jesus and His example of servanthood and leadership – the King of Kings becoming man, humble in the flesh and never boastful of His power. We must attempt to reflect Jesus' character in order to be effective leaders. *Anna*

## How can prayer and seeking guidance from God help you to become a more loving, humble, and servant-hearted leader?

As a leader, you are bound to experience hardships as well as weird and awkward situations. For these moments, being able to pray about how to deal with these situations and praying for other people is a great way for me to stay humble and give my troubles to God. *Zion*

Being a leader doesn't imply having all the answers; seeking guidance from others is crucial, and who better to seek guidance from than our Creator? Praying to God for wisdom and a heart after His own reminds us of the qualities we need to reflect to those who look up to us. *Sasha*

## What is your prayer for the 2024 College Captains?

I pray they will depend on God for guidance but also understand not everyone is perfect. As humans we are bound to make mistakes but we must always strive to try our best and serve the people around us to the best of our capability. *Zion*

May their journey be marked by growth, purpose and the blessings that come from their faith and dedication to serving others. *Kalani*

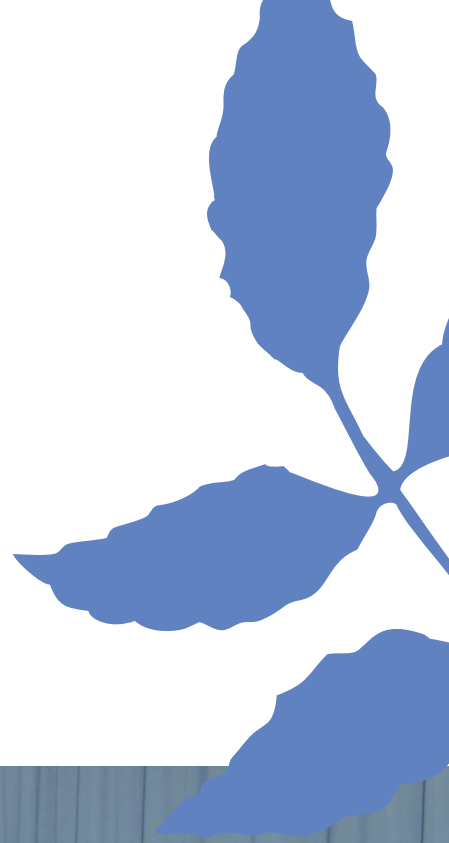
I pray that God would help the new Captains remain humble, continually pursuing His ways rather than acting on their self-interests. *Sasha*

I pray they would seek guidance and support from God in times of stress and worry, but also in times in which you are grateful and in successes. *Anna*



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# Dux of 2023



**Rithica  
Srinivasan**

**98.1** ATAR

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I was very excited and proud to find out I was the Dux of 2023. It was something I was hoping to achieve all year and so receiving the news was a very key moment of my school life and helped validate the amount of effort I put into my studies.

Being a very studious and focused person throughout school, I'd always tried my best academically and achieved consistently over the years, so being the Dux was something I aspired to as I approached Year 12. It felt like the perfect way to end my journey at Heathdale.

Heathdale has been a great place for my development and has allowed me to learn and grow in many different ways. All the staff I have encountered over the years were extremely supportive, encouraged me in my pursuits and were always willing to help whenever I needed it. I've had teachers who have gone above and beyond to make sure I understood content and had enough practice assessments, so I felt as confident as possible before any assessments.

The environment at Heathdale has always been a really positive and kind one and has also allowed me to grow in my faith due to the Christian education. The services in place for support, such as Student Welfare, were a comfort for me as I always knew that I had someone to talk to if I was struggling. The Careers team also were instrumental in supporting me to discover different courses and pathways to achieve my future career goals.

I was always interested in science and medicine from a young age and my brother, who has an intellectual disability and epilepsy, particularly inspired me. When I was four years old, he had a brain surgery to help reduce his seizures and when I went to visit him afterwards, the surgery and brain began to interest me a lot. Reading more about the brain and its capabilities over the years inspired me to study Neuroscience as it is such an advanced and ever-changing field that can aid the lives of millions of people, like my brother. My family has been very supportive of my career goals and have always encouraged me to follow my passions so that ultimately, I can achieve my goal of helping people the way that the surgeons helped my brother.

For future Year 12s, my advice is to set out realistic goals at the start of the year and to work towards these goals over the year to achieve them. Having clear goals, such as specific study scores you're working towards and planning how to achieve these scores according to your best learning style, allows you to have a clear direction of where you want to go with your studies and keeps you motivated. Being motivated and consistent in your efforts throughout the year is going to help you achieve academic excellence and achieve whatever you have set for yourself.

Also, plan out your time so you are able to give yourself enough time for studying, breaks, extracurricular activities and time spent with family and friends. This balance helps you to not burn out and allows you to enjoy your Year 12 life to the fullest, since it is your last year of school.

All the best to the Class of 2024!



# Year Twelve

## By the Numbers

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# 30.6

### Average Study Score

Our average study score in 2023 was our highest in 10 years! One of our students had a perfect study score of 50 in Legal Studies, and in a very pleasing display, we had students post study scores of 40 or more in 10 different VCE subjects from Music Contemporary Performance to Physics. This reflects our desire to help each child's unique God-given potential, no matter what their passion may be.

# 72.71

### Average ATAR

Our average ATAR for 2023 was our second highest result in a decade, and significantly higher than the state average of 69.31. With a 30% larger cohort of Year 12 students, 86 of whom participated in the VCE, we are incredibly pleased to have journeyed with many of our students through their entire school journey and see such a large group achieve consistently above expectation.

# 8.4%

### of VCE students earned a study score over 40.

# Perfect 50

### Study Score earned in Legal Studies

# 38

### Study Scores Over 40

### Achieved in the following subjects:

- Biology – 3
- Chemistry – 1
- Economics – 1
- English – 5
- Health & Human Development – 3
- Legal Studies – 2
- General Mathematics – 13
- Music Contemporary Performance – 1
- Psychology – 3
- Physics – 3
- Systems Engineering – 3

### ATARs above

# 90

19.8% of our VCE students gained an ATAR of over 90. Of these students, 12 of them achieved an ATAR of 95 or above. This is a testament to their hard work and our teaching staff's dedication to helping our students reflect their potential.



# Offers & Placements

This year, our Year 12 students received over 40 early entry offers to Bachelor degrees in a diverse range of interest areas from Psychology to Engineering, Biomedicine, Speech Pathology, Nursing, Business/Law, Arts/Masters of Teaching and Screen Production, at universities such as RMIT, ACU, Victoria University, Federation University, Swinburne and Latrobe. While students aren't required to accept these offers, it provides them with a guaranteed pathway based on their past work.

## Students offered Early Entry:

**40**

(47% of 2023 VCE students)

## Students who accepted their Early Entry Offer:

**7**

students accepted the offer and have commenced that course in 2024

**30**

students accepted an offer higher than the Early Entry course they were initially offered

## Students who achieved their first or second round University/TAFE offer:

**93%**

of VCE students

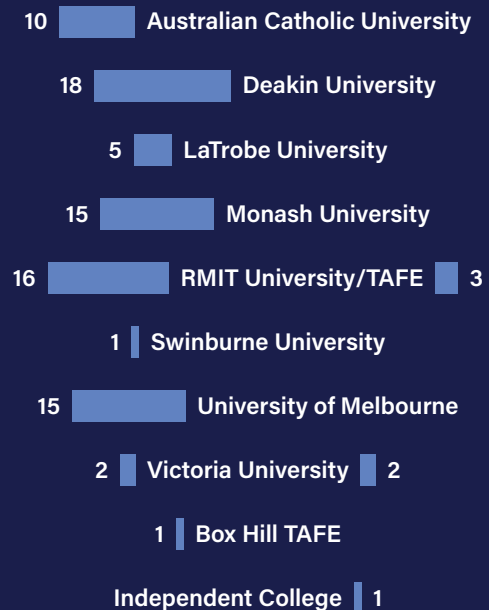
**100%**

of VCE VM students

**87** VCE | **11** VCE VM

## Summary of All Year 12 Destinations

Total Tertiary Placements  
83 VCE | 6 VCE VM



Total Alternative Pathways  
4 VCE | 5 VCE VM



**At Heathdale, it is our pleasure to help students develop their gifts and talents, ultimately witnessing them flourish in their God-given potential. Holly Dolny, one of our graduating Class of 2023 students, was awarded a full college scholarship for her expertise in basketball at Loyola University Chicago, one of the top division colleges in the US!**

**I**t is a great honour to receive a scholarship from Loyola University Chicago (LUC). Going to college in the US wasn't always a dream of mine, but after seeing my older brother, Aaron, going through his own US college journey in recent years, my passion and desire to play basketball in America became a big goal for me. I'm super appreciative of LUC for giving me this opportunity to play.

My passion for basketball really came from Aaron. I began basketball because he was always playing. He is my biggest influence and a major reason I have this opportunity. He has been preparing me for this for many years, from our backyard basketball competitions to him constantly pushing me to improve as we got older. He helped show me the path to play in America and showed me that hard work and dedication can take you to where you want to go.

The academic preparation for this opportunity began towards the end of Year 8, where I set out my subject plans for the next four years in order to meet all the requirements for me to play in the US. Athletically, my preparation started when I began playing in the Under 23s league at the age of 13, and then at 16, I joined the open age Championship Women team at Wyndham. This helped prepare me on the court by competing against older, more experienced players.

My favourite part about playing basketball is the family and connections that arise; there is a culture in team sports that gives you a whole second family. I visited Loyola University Chicago in April of this year, and instantly fell in love both with the campus and basketball team. The campus is located by Lake Michigan and in downtown Chicago, which presents so many opportunities to gain experiences outside of the college life. I feel 100% confident in my decision to attend LUC and am most excited to be able to travel to places I have always wished to visit.

Living in the US, away from my home, family and friends will definitely come with challenges, but will help me to develop independence and important life skills. Studying in the US will be a whole different environment to what I'm used to in Australia, but this change will help me adapt to new ways of living and learning. I'm also looking forward to all the American food – Chipotle is my favourite – and living the college life you see in movies.

I want to graduate with a degree that can open career paths for me in the future, but also partake in courses and classes that will provide me with experiences and memories I can cherish. In basketball, I hope to one day play in 'March Madness' against some of the country's best teams and players and continue playing at a higher level.

My advice to other aspiring athletes is to learn to manage your time. Juggling both school commitments and sports commitments can be really difficult, but it's a skill that needs to be learnt.



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## Jamie Bennet

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**Our purpose as a College is to develop the unique God-given potential of every student. We provide strong support to guide students into pathways aligned with their learning styles and aspirations. Jamie Bennet, a 2023 VCE VM graduate, exemplifies excellence through his commitment to growth and stewardship of his musical gifts. His impressive interview with RMIT University secured him a pathway into a Bachelor of Music, aligning with his career goals in the music industry.**

Completing VCE VM aligned with my interests and passions, particularly in music, and I was able to prepare myself with skills that I can use in the workforce. If I had chosen VCE instead, I don't think I would have had the same experience and might have struggled in trying to achieve what I want down the line, so I'm very grateful for getting the chance to go through the vocational pathway. Completing VCE VM gave me a lot of time to focus on my future after school, including preparing for post-school education.

I play many different instruments. My best instrument is probably drums, but I really enjoy guitar and bass, too. I listen to a lot of music, so I am really diverse when it comes to the music I make, but what I grew up listening to and like to make professionally is EDM (Electronic Dance Music) but with my own twist, so you'll hear influences of other genres like rap, gospel, and even rock. My artist name is 'Scorpiioh', and I'm on every streaming platform ranging from Soundcloud to Spotify.

I have a few career goals, and I will do my very best to achieve them. I want to earn a stable income from doing music. I want to work with people whom I've looked up to since I was a kid, and while I have sort of done this already, there are a lot more whom I'd love to meet one day. I want to be recognised in my industry, and maybe one day win an ARIA award or even a Grammy if I ever get the chance to. I think studying music will help me get to that point with the networking and opportunities that arise from it.

I have chosen to study a Bachelor of Music at RMIT, but I am currently taking the vocational pathway to get there, as entry straight into the Bachelor degree has an ATAR requirement. I'm completing a Diploma this year and an Advanced Diploma next year, and in my final year, I will be able to complete the Bachelor. The vocational pathway will end up taking the same amount of time as it would have if I completed VCE and went straight into the full-time Bachelor, but by the time I get to my third year, I will have even more experience outside of the course by doing the Diploma and Advanced Diploma as well.

I had a few teachers and past Heathdale students help guide and mentor me in choosing what I wanted to do. I was never really certain and didn't really know what I could do. I felt hopeless, like I had nowhere to go, but the teachers at Heathdale really helped me figure out what I want to do and achieve. They also helped me prepare for moments like my university interview, including how to handle pressure, how to be cohesive in sentences and knowing what my passions are. I'm very grateful to have attended a school with teachers who are encouraging and can help me achieve what I want to achieve.

If you're thinking of pursuing VCE VM, just do it. My final year of VCE VM was probably the best school year I've ever had. Leading up to Year 11, school made me feel a bit stressed, and even if I put in the work, I never got the results I wanted. Once I started VCE VM, everything kind of just made sense for me, like it's what God wanted me to do the whole time. I feel that it set me up very nicely and prepared me for post-school life.





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