



# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2019

## GRAMMAR'S YEAR 12s ON A PATH TO A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

- Two students achieved an outstanding ATAR score of 99.75: Congratulations to Thomas Burnett and Sophie John
- Five students achieved an ATAR score of 99 or above
- Three perfect study scores
  - Ruby Green – Further Maths
  - Angus McLean – Further Maths
  - Finley Japp (Year 11) – English

- Eight students have accepted and begun apprenticeships in their preferred fields
- Two students received prestigious University of Melbourne residential college scholarships

### TOP OF THE CLASS

Five Ballarat Grammar students have been invited to participate in the annual VCE Season of Excellence which includes concerts (Top Class) and exhibitions (Top Designs and Top Arts). Works on show are by outstanding VCE and VCE VET students selected by a judging panel.

#### VCE Top Class

- Marcus Govan Music Performance
- Ellie Litras Dance

#### VCE Top Arts

- Marcus Bedford Art - Print Making

#### VCE Top Designs

- Luke DeBuhr Systems Engineering
- Zoe Thomas Product Design



## BY THE NUMBERS

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- Two students achieved an outstanding score of 99.75
- 11% of the student cohort achieved an ATAR of 95 or above
- 24% of the student cohort achieved an ATAR of 90 or above
- 46% of the student cohort achieved an ATAR of 80 or above



### FROM OUR TOP ACHIEVERS:

Thomas Burnett and Sophie John (pictured left) are both grateful for being able to pursue university degrees and future challenges of their choosing, both very positive about their final year and their time at Grammar.

**“We are a community of active learners.”**

“It’s pretty incredible to look around in a classroom and see a group of passionate students all eager to discuss and learn, and it’s the subsequent friendships I’ve formed with both my classmates and my teachers that have helped me grow so much as a person, showing me not only how to be a good learner, but how to be a good person as well,” Sophie said.

Thomas agrees. “One of the things which makes Grammar special are the conversations between staff and students outside of just the course content. Whether it be talking with our tute group mentor about his coffee-roasting business, or talking about politics and the education system with my physics teacher.

“These relaxed and informal conversations contribute to what makes the school’s sense of community so strong. In addition to formal curriculum, you also get a better understanding of people’s experiences which differ from yours and the wider world. Another great part is that you have the ability to ask questions and disagree respectfully, which encourages meaningful interactions.”

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*Ballarat Grammar is committed to assisting students on the best pathway for their aspirations, supporting them to achieve learning success as young people engaged in the world.*

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### GRAMMARIANS CONTINUE TO THRIVE:

## Meet the 2019 Victorian Rhodes Scholar, Old Grammarian Siobhan Tobin

Old Grammarian Siobhan Tobin (2012) was the 2019 Victorian Rhodes Scholar.

After completing Year 12 at Ballarat Grammar, achieving an ATAR of 99.90, Siobhan studied for a Bachelor of Philosophy (Hons) majoring in Physics with First Class Honours at the Australian National University. Inspired by a desire to understand and ensure science was accessible, Siobhan competed in the Physics Olympiad program while at Grammar, later became a teacher and is now the Deputy Director of the Australian Physics Olympiad Program, inspiring and training talented high school students to become passionate and engaged in STEM. Siobhan was most recently working as a Physicist at the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation.



Siobhan has won numerous academic awards and scholarships, and has presented her work at high-profile international conferences. She is also an accomplished ultra-marathon trail runner, equestrian and rower. While at Oxford, she plans to study a DPhil in Condensed Matter Physics in exotic electric and magnetic behaviours of materials, which may lead to new developments in sensor, storage and quantum information technologies.

**On behalf of the Ballarat Grammar community, we congratulate Siobhan on this outstanding achievement.**