



PROSPERITUDINE QUI MANU OPERA

PULTENEY

2023



# Our Handiwork

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our handiwork



**Welcome to *Our Handiwork*,  
a celebration of the remarkable  
achievements of our students  
and the broader Pulteney  
community in 2023.**



I extend my sincere gratitude to our dedicated teaching staff, whose unwavering commitment to the education and growth of our young people is truly commendable. Their tireless efforts and passion have played a pivotal role in shaping the success of our students across various subject areas.

I take great pride in the accomplishments highlighted in this booklet, a true testament to the exceptional talent within Pulteney. Leading such a reputable, innovative, and outstanding school fills me with immense pride.

My heartfelt thanks go to the parents and caregivers who have entrusted Pulteney with the education and wellbeing of their children. Your support and collaboration with the School community fosters a personalised and nurturing learning environment. It is through this partnership between teachers, parents, and students that we can celebrate the achievements showcased in this compilation.

Once again, I express gratitude to our exceptional teachers and supportive families for their invaluable contributions to the success and prosperity of Pulteney. Together, we continue to shape the future and inspire excellence in our students.

**Deb Dalwood**  
Interim Principal

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**Above: (Back row)** Max Lehman, Alex Lothian, James Oliver, Ang Li, Kalan Tait, Harry Daniels, Morgan Young, Michael Trenwith, Dion Patsouris, Charlie Brennan and Harry Hawkes. **(Front Row)** Zac Savage, Kathryn Adnett, Isabella Haarsma, Jaime Johnston, Abbey Wilkinson, Emma Neuhaus, Scarlett Howard, Sienna Brownrigg, Molly Martin, Olivia Cardillo, Xavier Bucciarelli, Ross Koutsounis and Deb Dalwood.

## Year 12 Academic Results

**Congratulations to the Class of 2023 for their hard work and outstanding SACE results.**

ATAR scores are not just numbers; they represent stories of determination, aspiration, and resilience of our students in the final year of their school journey.

As our graduates embark on a new chapter of their lives, we look forward to witnessing their continued success and contributions to the world.

A sincere congratulations to the entire Pulteney community for their collective efforts in supporting our students throughout their education. The positive and nurturing environment at Pulteney, reflected in both the outstanding academic achievements and overall student growth, is truly commendable.



**Above:** Nadia Maglica and Sienna Brownrigg.



**Above:** Zac Savage and Kalan Tait.



**Above:** Dion Patsouris and Deb Dalwood.

## Congratulations to 2023 Dux and Proxime Accessit

**Dux of  
Pulteney  
Grammar  
School**



**Philip  
Tan**

ATAR

**99.7**

**Proxime  
Accessit**



**Dion  
Patsouris**

ATAR

**99.5**



## HIGH ACHIEVERS

Pulteney recognises the academic achievement of students with an ATAR of over 90 inducting them as Scholars of Pulteney Grammar School - an incredible accomplishment.

- Mackenzie Barr**
- Ariel Boyce**
- Charlie Brennen**
- Oscar Bridges**
- Sienna Brownrigg**
- Xavier Bucciarelli**
- Olivia Cardillo**
- Harry Daniels**
- Madeleine Di Rosa**
- Finn Evans**
- Luke Green**
- Isabella Haarsma**
- Harry Hawkes**
- Scarlett Howard**
- Jaime Johnston**
- Ross Koutsounis**
- Maxwell Lehman**
- Ang Li**
- Zhuocan (Andy) Li**
- Alex Lothian**
- Molly Martin**
- Jacob McGinley**
- Ethan Menadue**
- Emma Neuhaus**
- James Ower**
- Dion Patsouris**
- Zane Phua**
- Zinuo (Nuo) Shan**
- Thomas Aidan Smid**
- Kalan Tait**
- Yifei (Philip) Tan**
- Michael Trenwith**
- Yifei (Jacob) Wang**
- Abbey Wilkinson**
- Ella Wood**
- Morgan Young**



Above: Cameron Kelly.



Above: Abbey Wilkinson.

## SACE MERIT

The following Year 11 students were awarded a SACE Merit for a Stage 2 subject.

- Nicolas Alvaro**  
Information Processing and Publishing Research Project B
- Oscar Mitchell**  
Research Project B  
Biology
- Jiajun Leo Zhu**  
Specialist Mathematics  
Mathematical Methods
- Lucinda Maguire**  
Business Innovation
- Emerson McClurg**  
Dance
- Sarah Ninio**  
Research Project B
- Thomas Rose**  
Business Innovation
- Hannah Wadsworth**  
Research Project B

## BLUES

### Term 1

**Reilly Selway**  
Volleyball (awarded in Term 4 2022, but presented at assembly in Term 1 2023)

### Term 2

**Charlie Brennen**  
Volleyball

**Oscar Bridges**  
Performing Arts Dance

**Ella Wood**  
Performing Arts Dance

**Term 3** (presented at assembly in Term 4)

**Cameron Kelly**  
Football

**John Napier**  
Sailing

**Jarrod Webb**  
Swimming

**Celeste Kennedy**  
Archery

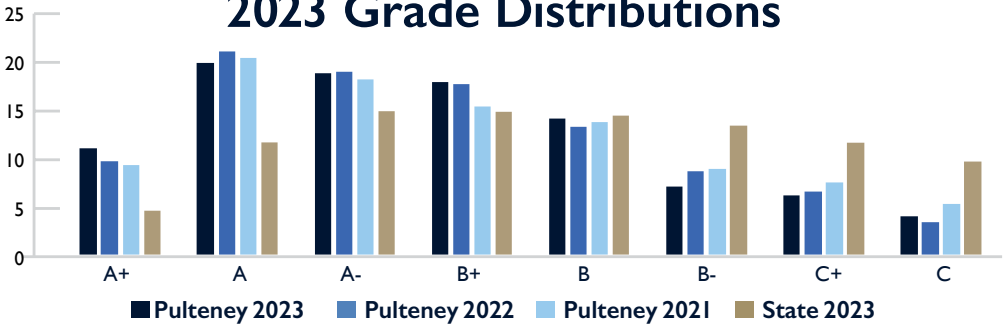




## Merit Listings 21 ACHIEVED BY 16 STUDENTS IN 15 SUBJECTS



## 2023 Grade Distributions



## Learning Beyond Pulteney

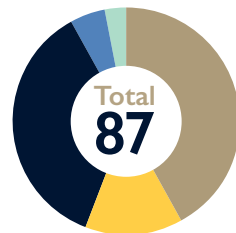
A group of talented young people with diverse and inspiring interests and abilities, made up the Class of '23. The graphics provided represent the learning destinations and career choices made by our most recent graduates. We wish them all the best in their next chapter.

### Undergraduate Scholarship Program - Headstart The University of Adelaide

Over two semesters our students achieved **4 High Distinctions** and **2 Distinctions** in The University of Adelaide's Undergraduate Scholarship Program.

Congratulations to recipients **Dion Patsouris, Abbey Wilkinson and Philip Tan.**

### 2023 Tertiary Destinations



- 37 University of Adelaide
- 12 Flinders University
- 31 University of South Australia
- 4 Interstate Universities
- 3 RTO / TAFE

# 50%

ACHIEVED  
A BAND  
RESULTS

# 61



ACHIEVED

# 22%

OF STUDENTS RECEIVED

**>As**  
IN ALL OF THEIR  
SUBJECTS

# 100%

OF STUDENTS  
ACHIEVED  
THEIR  
SACE

# 4.1%

PLACED

IN THE **TOP 1%**  
NATIONALLY



ATAR OF  
**99+**  
OR ABOVE

# 16.5%

PLACED

IN THE **TOP 5%**  
NATIONALLY



ATAR OF  
**95+**  
OR ABOVE

# 36%

PLACED

IN THE **TOP 10%**  
NATIONALLY



ATAR OF  
**90+**  
OR ABOVE

## 37 students achieved Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications including in:

Animal Studies | Business Entrepreneurship | Construction | Dance  
| Design Fundamentals | Electro-technology | Fashion Design | Fitness |  
Information Technology Plumbing | Screen & Media | Sport | Visual Arts

**8**  
Architecture / Design /  
Contemporary Art

**3**  
Arts / Advanced /  
International Relations

**1**  
Aviation

**20**  
Business / Innovation &  
Entrepreneurship / Commerce /  
Finance / Economics (Tourism,  
Property, HRM, Sports & Rec Mgt)

**1**  
Construction Management  
& Economics (Advanced)  
/ Project Management

**4**  
Creative Arts

**3**  
Education

**10**  
Engineering (Mechanical, Civil,  
Architectural + pathways /  
flexible entry options)

**1**  
Health & / or Medical  
Sciences (Advanced)

**5**  
Information Technology  
/ Computer Science

**8**  
Law / Legal /Criminology

**1**  
Mathematics

**2**  
Media / Journalism

**1**  
Music / Music Theatre

**1**  
Nursing / Midwifery

**1**  
Outdoor Education & Leadership

**5**  
OT / Medicine / Medical Radiation  
/ Speech Pathology / Paramedics /  
Prosthetics / Pharmacy

**3**  
Physiotherapy / Human  
Movement / Nutrition /  
Exercise Science / Clinical  
Exercise Physiology

**4**  
Psychology / Social work

**5**  
Science (Advanced,  
Biomedical, Biotechnology,  
Agriculture, Animal, Veterinary  
Technology / Bioscience)

# Total 87



**Pulteney Grammar School actively seeks mutually empowering partnerships with reputable learning institutions. The School is at the forefront of developing these unique collaborations, with the pursuit of genuine learning opportunities for students. As such, Pulteney is fortunate to have established some key ongoing partnerships with leading educational organisations.**



## UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

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Pulteney's New Metrics partnership with the University of Melbourne's Assessment Research Centre, is now in its second year which has seen the development of frameworks for teaching and assessing new ways to define and recognise the dispositions and skills required for successful engagement in contemporary society and to meet future global challenges.

Pulteney is the only independent school in South Australia to be selected to be part of this exclusive partnership, working with internationally acclaimed thought leaders such as Charles Leadbeater and Professor Yong Zhao, as well as schools such as Wesley College in Victoria and All Saints College in Western Australia.

The work of Pulteney's New Metrics team, to design a suite of new metrics frameworks and constructs, represents new learning ambitions for our students and will inform our approach to capturing a broader learner profile at Pulteney and to further the enactment of our Learner Compass vision throughout our teaching and learning programs.



University of  
South Australia

## SELF-REGULATION IN MATHEMATICS PROJECT - UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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Pulteney Grammar School has partnered with University of South Australia's Centre for Change and Complexity in Learning to develop and implement a scalable and sustainable classroom intervention to increase self-regulation skills in middle school mathematics classrooms and hence to reduce mathematics anxiety.

Mathematics anxiety is a well-documented barrier to mathematical learning and leads to avoidance of mathematics. It not only negatively affects mathematics performance in school, but its negative impact can also be seen in the workplace and in relation to personal and economic well-being.

The proposed classroom intervention will focus on developing students' self-regulated learning skills, with a focus on metacognition and emotion regulation to reduce mathematics anxiety. In doing so, we anticipate an improvement in students' mathematical performance as well as their general educational outcomes and well-being.

The collaboration between our mathematics department, UniSA and our students will allow us to learn new ways of teaching and learning to enhance quality thinking and performance growth throughout the upper primary and middle years.





## LEARNER PROFILE PARTNERSHIPS - UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND SACE BOARD

Pulteney Grammar School have partnered with the University of South Australia to develop learner profiles that capture student achievement, growth and development to enable more personalised guidance and feedback.

In this project, we have focused on the array of collected data to examine how it can be used to support teachers in classrooms and enable them to better measure and monitor student learning progress and overall performance. A learner profile would provide a holistic picture of student competencies and attainments in various domains, on a level which is not possible when only relying on academic grades. Learner profiles will enable Pulteney Grammar School to innovatively approach the measurement of learner gains by taking advantage of the latest research in data science and machine learning. Rather than assessing student performance at several key stages (such as mid and end of semester), profiles enable ongoing assessment of learner performance and afford teachers with a means to intervene just-in-time and provide support or redirection at an earlier stage.

The collaboration between University of South Australia and Pulteney Grammar School represents an opportunity to broaden the impact of learning analytics on the Australian school sector and establish both institutions as leaders in this domain for primary and secondary sectors. As such the SACE Board has invited Pulteney Grammar School to participate in the development of the SACE Learner Profile project which involves the assessment and profiling of future capabilities, such as Quality Thinking, alongside the profiling of academic achievement. We are proud to be leading the development of this work of global educational significance.



## EXCLUSIVE PARTNERSHIP - ADELAIDE 36ERS

Pulteney worked closely with the Adelaide 36ers to develop a partnership to deliver mentoring, training and support to our students involved in basketball.

Pulteney was the first independent school to sign with the Adelaide 36ers after working with the club on a SACE program gave rise to how the club could work with Pulteney in other capacities.

**Below:** Mischa Crichton, Adelaide 36ers Captain Mitch McCarron and Luke Green.





**Above:** Julian Gorayski, Benson Hou, Percival (Percy) Stanley, Lucas Rees, Alicia Dodd and Cohen Steed.



**Above:** Hamish Leaver, Ashton White, Edward Blake, George Bougioukos, Lachlan Hall, Juliette Johnston and Katie Hillman.

## FIRST LEGO ROBOTICS SUCCESS

Pulteney Robo Squad and the Pulteney Pro Programmers competed in the FIRST LEGO Robotics regional at Scotch College. The theme was 'Masterpiece' with a focus on The Arts. Both teams performed incredibly well to produce a functioning robot.

The Pro Programmers won an Innovation Project award at the regional event and travelled to Tasmania to participate in the FIRST LEGO Robotics Challenge National Championships in Ulverstone.

Congratulations to the following students who won first place for the best overall demonstration of using robotics to solve the challenge.

**Riley Kelsch**  
**Harry Lehman**  
**Zachary Parish**  
**Wilfred Pearce**



**Above:** Freya Fu, Vivian Cui, Charles Llewellyn, Zhun Hong Teoh, Alexia Kistoris, Harry Leov, Jack Karagiannis and Sofia Zollo.

## MINDLAB

Congratulations to the Pulteney students involved in Mindlab.

**Alexia K** in Checkers 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
**Vivian C** in Checkers 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
**Freya F** in Octi 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
**Harry L** in Octi 1<sup>st</sup> Place

## TOURNAMENT OF MINDS (TOM)

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Twenty-one Pulteney students ranging from Year 4 to Year 10 performed on Tournament Day at Adelaide High School. Pulteney received Tournament Honours in Secondary STEM and Social Science. The Primary Language Literature team put on an excellent performance and received the Spirit of TOM award.

### Primary Team – Spirit of TOM award

**Emily Beere**  
**Abby Johnson**  
**Claudia Vial**  
**Jock Mills**  
**Savija Rupasinghe**  
**Charles Rogers-Kang**  
**Lily Zhu**

### Secondary STEM Team – Tournament Honours

**Alicia Bollinger**  
**Ella Liang**  
**Lia Cacas**  
**Liam Schwartz**  
**Alexander Smith**  
**Oliver Tran**  
**Vivaan Chandra**

### Secondary Social Science Team – Tournament Honours

**Charlie Grivell**  
**Diesel Kereru**  
**Samara Zhang**  
**Lilah Dunn**  
**Addison Ritossa**  
**Nikita Amos**  
**Luke Ashman**

Thank you to Oscar Mitchell and Lincoln Nikitins for being TOM judges on the day. Oscar, Lincoln and Cameron Hughes also gave up their recess breaks in Term 2 and 3 to support the TOM students with their spontaneous challenges.



## THE ROCKET LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

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Pulteney hosted The Rocket League tournament and invited students from Scotch College, St. Peter's Girls', and Torrens Valley Christian School to compete. **Harrison Atkinson** and **Axel Vassos** were thrilled to win the coveted Fuse Cup trophy! Their victory would not have been possible without the support of their teammates: **Jack Karagiannis**, **Lincoln Wood**, and **Lucas Karp**.



## OLIPHANT SCIENCE COMPETITION

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**Charles Rogers-Kang (Year 4)** won first prize in the Oliphant Science competition for his Crystal Investigation.

## NATIONAL COMPUTER SCIENCE SCHOOL CHALLENGE

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Our students performed well in the National Computer Science School Challenge, including:

### Beginners Python

Perfect score:  
**Caitlyn Yung**  
**Joshua Song**  
**Rooming Wang**

High Distinction:  
**Harry Lehman**

### Intermediate Python

Perfect Score:  
**James (Bertie) Hunt**  
**Samuel Stojsavljevic**

High Distinction  
**Yixuan (Ella) Lin**

**Some of our outstanding programmers also competed and earned prizes in the Australian Informatics Olympiad:**

**Alex Lothian:**  
Credit (Senior Division)

**Bertie Hunt:**  
Bronze (Senior Division)

**Charlie Grivell:**  
Credit (Intermediate Division)

**Julius Jacobson:**  
Credit (Senior Division)

**Owen White:**  
Bronze (Senior Division)



## JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR AND BOUND

Pulteney achieved the highest number of nominations in a single year from the Theatre Association of South Australia (TASA). Pulteney received five nominations across three categories for its 2023 production of 'Jesus Christ Superstar' and Year 12 drama play 'Bound'.

**Youth Theatri-Cal Award** for our production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* (JCS).

**Outstanding Youth Performer**, Oscar Bridges for his portrayal of Jesus in JCS.

**Outstanding Youth Performer**, Taylor Schwartz for her portrayal of Judas in JCS.

*Bound* was also nominated for the **Youth Theatri-Cal** award.

*Bound* nominated in the **Dramati-Cal** award section.

Pulteney is the first school to receive nominations in three years consecutively, and the first to receive nominations for all-age categories.



## OSCAR BRIDGES (YEAR 12), APATA PERFORMING ARTS STUDENT OF THE YEAR



An outstanding performer at Pulteney, Oscar was honoured as the 2023 APATA Performing Arts Student of the Year. Oscar's lead roles in numerous musicals, exemplify his versatility as a triple threat – acting, singing, and dancing. As last year's Music Captain, he displayed leadership and commitment to the performing arts community. His professional debut in the national production of 'Grease the Musical', further solidifies Oscar as a rising star in the industry.

## MAMMA MIA NOMINATED FOR A TASA AWARD

Pulteney's production of *Mamma Mia* (2022) received a nomination for a TASA award. The Theatre Association of South Australia (TASA) recognises companies and individuals for outstanding contributions to our theatrical landscape.







## LUCAS TRUONG (YEAR 8)

Was presented with the 2022 AMEB Piano Grade 8 State Prize in March 2023. Lucas achieved exceptional results at the Adelaide Eisteddfod as well as a High Distinction for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Violin Comprehensive.

- **P233** 13 years and older Romantic Piano solo – 1<sup>st</sup> prize
- **S308** 14 years and under violin solo – HM
- **S309** 13-15 years violin solo – HM
- **S326.1** Grade 5/6 string solo – 1<sup>st</sup> prize



## PATRICK LONGDEN (YEAR 9)

In a significant achievement, Patrick showcased his talent in a Royal Show Production, Incognito by Ding Productions.



## STUDENTS HONOUR OLD SCHOLARS ON ANZAC MUSIC TOUR

A performing group made up of 29 Year 11 students and six staff members embarked on a momentous mission to bring their music to townships, Cathedrals and Abbeys across France.

Significantly, the group spent time visiting grave sites of Old Scholars who died in the Great War.

## MILITARY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES HEALTH AUSTRALIA'S (MESHA) REMEMBRANCE DAY BREAKFAST

Once again, Pulteney participated in the Military and Emergency Services Health Australia's (MESHA) Remembrance Day Breakfast. Year 8 musical trio, Lucas Truong (piano), Mary Butcher (cello) and Aiyana Ishino (violin) played a varied 30-minute program where the audience was most appreciative of their talent, skill and musicianship.



## AIYANA ISHINO'S (YEAR 8)

Exceptional musical talent awarded her top grades in violin exams and showcases.

- AMEB Grade 7 Violin exam – A+
- AMEB showcase concert performance.
- Recitals Australia Junior lunch hour series performance.
- Eisteddfods Violin
  - > 14 years and under – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
  - > 13-15 years – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



**Above: (Front Row)** Rosanna Dobré, Emerson McClurg, Amelia Kristoris, Taylor Schwartz, Oscar Bridges and Liam Goodes. **(Middle Row)** Isabella Haarsma, Ella Wood, Amalia Tskalos, Ruby Washbourne, Ariel Higgs and Sophie Haarsma. **(Back Row)** Abbey Wilkinson, Talia Herbst, Bethany Farmer, Charlotte Alsop and Luisa Baker. **Not pictured:** Patrick Longden.

## PULTENEY'S SENIOR DANCE TROUPE

Took home top awards for their performances at the South Australian Secondary School Showcase dance competition.

Hosted by the SASDS (South Australian Stage Dancing Society Eisteddfod), our dancers won the 'Most Entertaining' award for Proud Mary and the 'Overall Winner' for Seize the Day.



## TAYLOR SCHWARTZ (YEAR 11)

Sang the National Anthem with the SAPOL Band, to open the 2023 National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant. Taylor then performed three songs back-to-back while moving through the pageant. Further adding to her resume, Taylor, along with Patrick Longden (Year 9) was cast in a Royal Show Production, Incognito by Ding Productions.



## SACE DANCE

Students participated in a workshop with members of the Sydney Dance Company. It was a fantastic opportunity for the class to extend their skills in Contemporary Dance.



## THE AUSTRALIAN BAND AND ORCHESTRA DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION (ABODA) AWARDS

Our students performed exceptionally well at The Australian Band and Orchestra Directors' Association (ABODA) awards. Pulteney's talent was on display leading to gold and overall champion wins.

- ABODA Awards especially Senior Strings Gold and Overall Championship win
- Senior Drum Corp Gold
- Senior Handbell Gold
- Intermediate Strings Overall Gold+ Division Champion
- Senior Strings Silver
- Open Orchestra Silver





**Above:** Billy Baldock, Hamish Glasson, Angus White, Will Bersee, Alex Damachis, Nick Thompson, Lenny Bell, Seb Llewellyn and Ben Searle (Coach).

**Above:** Craig McFarlane, Emma Neuhaus and Matthew Brown.



## **CHARLIE LLEWELLYN** (YEAR 6) **NETBALL**

Was selected to play with the School Sport Australia 12 years and under netball team.



## **FLYNN RITOSSA (YEAR 8)** **CROSS COUNTRY**

Was selected in the School Sport SA, 13 – 15 Years, Cross-Country team. The team competed in the Cross-Country Championships in Canberra in July.

## **LARGE SCHOOLS SA SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS, BOYS (YEARS 5 AND 6) BASKETBALL**

Competed at the Large Schools SA Sports championships. They came up against Brighton Primary School in the Grand Final and took home silver.



## **ASHA SMITH (YEAR 4)** **GYMNASTICS**

Competed in the Junior State Gymnastics Championships, again achieving state champion for her division (Level 3 Under 9 (Senior)): Equal first on beam, second on floor, second on uneven bars, sixth on vault, first overall.

## **EMMA NEUHAUS** (YEAR 12) **ROWING**

Was selected in the South Australian Rowing Team, Youth 8+, to compete at the Interstate Regatta in Western Australia.

Emma was also named in the 2023 Pathway State Team.



## **CELESTE KENNEDY** (YEAR 12) **ARCHERY**

During the semester holidays Celeste entered the National Indoor Championships for Archery.

This comprised of two events, the state (Qld) and National Championships and Celeste came first for the U18 female recurve division for both.



## **BRENDAN LOH** (YEAR 11) **TENNIS**

Qualified for Australian Open Junior Championships.



## **CHARLIE BRENNEN** (YEAR 12) **VOLLEYBALL**

Was selected to represent South Australia in the U19 Men's team at the Volleyball Australia Junior Volleyball Championships in Sydney.



## **LUCY ALLEN (YEAR 10)** **HURDLES AND JAVELIN**

Won the U17 girls 400m hurdles, setting a new meet record for the SA All Schools Athletics Championships. She also represented South Australia at the Australian All Schools Championships in Perth where she placed 6th in Australia.

Lucy won gold at the Open Women's 400m hurdles at the Athletics SA State Track and Field Championships and set a new State Best Performance in the U16 girls 300m hurdles at the SA Little Athletics State Championships.

Lucy Allen broke the Javelin Record at the Pulteney Athletics carnival.

**Lucy threw:** 2023 L.Allen 26.11

The previous record for Javelin was: 2019 T. Evans 17.15

## **JARROD WEBB** (YEAR 10) **SWIMMING**

Competed in the 2023 National Aged Championships, SA State Open Water Championships, Long Course State Championships and the South Australian State Championships.

## **KEELY SHEIDOW** (YEAR 11) **SOFTBALL AND LACROSSE**

Earned recognition for her outstanding achievements in softball and lacrosse. She received the U18 WT Most Valuable Player award and Best Defensive Player from the West Torrens Softball Club.

Keely represented South Australia in the U18 State Lacrosse competition. She also debuted in the State League for the Glenelg Lacrosse Club during the Anzac Day clash.



## **MAYA MCGINLEY** (YEAR 9) **VOLLEYBALL**

Was selected in the U16 Female Australian Youth Volleyball Championship Team.



**Above:** Zoe Ruff, Thanya van der Hoeven, Jordana Russo, Charlotte Sarson, Jasinta Brownbill, Matthew Beahan (coach), Carla Apostilidis, Emerson McClurg, Matilda Drayton and Amelia Kiritsis.

## GIRLS' DIVISION 2 (YEARS 11 AND 12) VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Secured gold at the SA Sport school championships. The win is a result of the dedication and skill of our athletes and coaches. Congratulations to the team on their exceptional performance.



**Above:** Sasha Simmonds (coach) Matilda Schubert, Holly Basheer, Eva Grobelski, Maya McGinley, Matilda Boucher, Matilda Elgar, Imogen Thompson and Grace Cussans.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Achieved an incredible feat by winning the grand final against Concordia and going undefeated the entire season. They claimed the IGSSA championship title in a hard-fought game winning 2 sets to 1.



**Above: (Back Row)** Luke Ashman, Tyson Woodley, Mackenzie Barr, Henry Taylor, Reilly Selway, Charlie Brennen, Jacob McGinley, Will Craddock (AC) and Leo Vasilunas (AC). **(Front Row)** Tom Conroy (C), Zane Phua and Kalan Tait.

## SENIOR BOYS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Congratulations to the Senior Boys' Volleyball team for their impressive victory over Mount Lofty in the SA Volleyball League Juniors Grand Final. They secured a 3-1 win with **Charlie Brennen** earning the well-deserved title of Player of the Match.



**Above: (Back Row)** Frank Cecere-Palazzo, Eli Morrow, Angas Moysse, Adam Brownbill, Josh Magazin, Ian Kamanga and Lucas Mark-Seymour (coach). **(Front Row)** Patrick McClurg and Isaac Berry.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Won the SAAS Shield in a very close and competitive game.





## JETT BEHRENS (YEAR 11) RUGBY

Has gone from strength to strength with his rugby talent. Jett was selected to represent South Australia in the Junior Black Falcons, with four state selections and three inter-state tournaments.



## LIAM KELSH (YEAR 8) POLE VAULTING

Cleared the national qualifying standard and vaulted 2.35m at the All-School's State Championships. His current Personal Best is 2.60m on November 11, 2023.

Liam's Personal Best continues to increase and he's regularly jumping above the national qualifying standard for under 16 boys.



## HEAD OF THE RIVER REGATTA ROWING

At the 101<sup>st</sup> Head of the River regatta, the Pulteney Rowing crews gave it their all. The results are a testament to the commitment of time and effort invested by our passionate rowers.

Single Boys Skull Reserves – 1<sup>st</sup> – **David Perry**

Junior Girls B Crew – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Junior Girls A Crew – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Junior Boys A – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Inter Boys B – 1<sup>st</sup> Place.

Inters Boys A – 4<sup>th</sup> Place by 1/16<sup>th</sup> of a second.

Senior Girls 4 – 4<sup>th</sup> Place



## MISCHA CRICHTON (YEAR 9) BASKETBALL

Received a Gold Medal in the U16 Girls' for Forestville Basketball Club. Her team came first in the Basketball State Championships, as well as finishing number one in the Division 1 club / district championships and National Junior Classics.

Mischa attended the Basketball SA Emerging Athlete Development Program for the third year as well as she competed in the Southern Cross Challenge 2023 - SA Metro squad.



## **NICHOLAS PAVIA (YEAR 11) HURDLES**

Took home silver after a 56:72 400m hurdle performance at the 2023 Chemist Warehouse Australian Junior Track & Field Championships.

Nicholas won silver medals in the 100m hurdles and 200m hurdles. He represented Pulteney at the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships.



## **LUCAS MICHALOS (YEAR 11) SOCCER**

Spent three months in Spain training with Division 1 Soccer Club Celta De Vigo. During the semester break, Lucas attended trials in Melbourne and caught the attention of officials as a skilled and talented player.



**Above:** Amelia Neave (Year 6) and Katie Hillman (Year 6).

## **‘CREATE4ADELAIDE’ EXHIBITION**

**Visual arts students (YEARS 5 and 6)** were shortlisted for Adelaide Festival's 'Create4Adelaide' exhibition. They created a mixed-media artwork inspired by the Adelaide Festival Climate Change project, focusing on Australian reefs. Our budding artists were then interviewed by the Advertiser to promote the voting process for the artwork.

## **FELIX DAMIS**

Felix's work was selected for the Refugee Week Art Exhibition for the second consecutive year. Out of 400 entries received by the Migration Centre, only 80 artworks, including Felix's, were chosen for the national exhibition, which premiered at the Adelaide Festival Centre's new Children's Artspace Gallery.

## **PENS AGAINST POVERTY SCHOOL AWARD**

Year 6 students won the Pens Against Poverty School Award for the second consecutive year. The nationwide writing competition, aligned with Anti-Poverty Week, focused on the theme "Voices for Change." The judging panel acknowledged the outstanding quality of the students' entries, awarding them \$500. They used the prize money to purchase items for Anglicare Christmas Hampers.



## ALISHA YU (YEAR 8)

Was a finalist in the South Australian Geography Photo Competition. Her striking image of Brighton Jetty was displayed at the Institute Building of the State Library. Alisha was presented her finalist certificate by The Honourable Blair Boyer, Minister for Education, Training and Skills.

## ADELAIDE ZOO STEM ENRICHMENT TOY COMPETITION

Congratulations to **Freya Hall**, who won the competition with her simple yet highly engaging enrichment toy for Cotton Top Tamarins, and **Mia Pudwell**, who won runner up with her ingenious Giraffe enrichment feeder.





**Above:** Maria Abraham, Mayor Gilliam Aldridge OAM, Nomiki Thomas, Nevin Abraham



**Above:** Nomiki Thomas, SA Premier Peter Malinauskas

## SALISBURY MAYOR'S COMMENDATION AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD

**Nomiki Thomas (Year 9)** was awarded the 2023 Salisbury Mayor's Commendation Australia Day Award in recognition of her continuous contributions to the needs, interests and welfare of children. Nomiki also won the Pulteney Middle School Citizenship Award and was a finalist at the Spirit Super Connecting Communities Award – 7 News Young Achievers Awards.



**Above:** Ashleigh Green with fellow students, Abby (left), Freya and Lilly.

## ASHLEIGH GREEN (YEAR 12) SELECTED FOR MARINE STUDY TRIP

Spent five days on the Tasmanian East Coast studying marine biology hosted by the University of Tasmania. Ashleigh was one of 14 students Australia-wide to be successful in her application. Throughout the week, she was involved in field work recording the impacts of climate change, invasive species, pollution, debris.



**Above:** Yixuan (Ella) Lin, Zara Kostarelis and Dylan Chi.

## SA OZCHIN QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding results:

### Student Award Mark Xu

Prestigious Overall Award for Chinese background language learners – 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Chinese Language Written Test for the category of Senior Years Chinese Background Language Learners

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### Melissa Jiang

Prestigious Overall Award for Chinese background language learners – 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the Overall Award in the Middle Years category.

### Dylan Chi

### Zara Kostarelis

### Yixuan (Ella) Lin

2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Team Challenge.



**Above:** Michael Aish at the induction ceremony in Sydney.

## MICHAEL AISH ('78)

Old Scholar and Football legend was inducted into the AFL Hall of Fame. Michael joined The Norwood Football Club in the 1980s. He soared with four best and fairests among 300-plus games, two premierships, and a Magarey Medal. He played during the height of the SANFL and was Captain of Norwood from 1987 to 1989.



**Above:** Deputy Principal Katherine Adnett, Hon. Frances Adamson AC, Finn Boylen and Head of Teaching and Learning Sue Mavropoulos.

## FINN BOYLEN ('22)

Was awarded the Charles Allan Seymour Hawker Memorial Scholarship by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC Governor of South Australia. Finn is studying a double degree: Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economic and a Bachelor of Arts at The Australian National University, Burgmann College ACT. Finn is the only South Australian student to be awarded this scholarship.

## CHRIS ROWLANDS ('00)

Former A grade premiership Captain and Old Scholar, Chris Rowlands reached the 300 game milestone for Pulteney Football Club.



## JONATHAN (JONO) HART ('93) TAKES ON MENTAL HEALTH IN RURAL AUSTRALIA

Under the persona, The Pub Whisperer, developed a suicide prevention course for rural bar staff in pubs and clubs. The course, 'Support Over Suicide' is designed to give hospitality staff the skills to deal with members of the public who may be experiencing a crisis.



## ANNIE KWOK PERFORMING ARTS TEACHER

Composed two songs to the Flame Tree Project in New South Wales, one focusing on the 2019-20 fires and the resilient community. Her compositions gained recognition, being performed at the New South Wales Art Showcase and selected for the statewide concert series. Notably, Annie represented Australia in The International Federation for Choral Music Competition, establishing connections with renowned musicians. She achieved the level 2 qualification at The Kodály Music Education Institute of Australia, with plans to complete level 3 in 2024.

## ROSANNA DOBRE

Worked with a small group of educators through Ausdance to provide support and professional development opportunities for teachers of Dance. Rosy coordinated Pulteney's hosting of several meetings and workshops to promote this initiative.



Above: Narelle Steffan and Anna Mahoney.

## NEW INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Passionate arts educators Narelle Steffan and Anna Mahoney coordinated an interdisciplinary teacher's forum for the Association of Independent Schools of SA. They facilitated a special arts lesson for junior school students, connecting music, visual art, and movement to explore emotional elements and artistic principles. Arts teachers were invited to observe the lesson and discuss outcomes.

Narelle further advanced educational resources by launching a website 'Shine through the Arts,' based on her innovative learning frameworks.



## PRESTIGIOUS INNOVATION AWARD

Pulteney was awarded the Educator's 5 Star Innovative Schools Award, a recognition honouring the School's commitment to innovation, pedagogy and contemporary teaching and learning approaches. This prestigious award highlights Pulteney's efforts in developing learners' foundational literacies and transversal skills. The award serves as a national showcase of Pulteney's annual progress and a celebration of the collaborative efforts central to Pulteney's success.

## JACK REED HEAD OF LEARNING DESIGN

Won the Educator's Rising Star Award.

Through the lens of Design Thinking, Jack helped to develop the "New Metrics" project – a collaboration between universities and forward-thinking schools, to rethink education in the modern world.



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