

# CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2021.



EXCELLENCE & CONFIDENCE, SIDE BY SIDE.





### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are pleased to share the outstanding results achieved by the Year 12 Class of 2021. The results demonstrate the significant achievements of our VCE students in 2021 and continue our strong performance in both IB and VCE results that has been an ongoing characteristic of Tintern.

These results particularly reflect the hard work of our students, the critical contributions from their parents and are a testament to the excellent teaching provided here at Tintern Grammar.

Congratulations to the 2021 cohort, in particular our duces, IB Duces and Overall Duces - Alec Chen, Sarah Chen, Joshua Choong and Holly Whitfield who achieved an IB score of 44 (ATAR of 99.75), our VCE Dux, Oliver Huang, who achieved an ATAR of 99.15, and to our International VCE Dux, Qingyue (Marlin) Ma, who achieved an ATAR of 98.65.

Below are some key results achieved by this year's cohort, the School is enormously proud of the whole Year 12 cohort for 2021, and I am sure you will agree that all our students and the whole School community can be extremely proud of these results.

- $\bullet$  5% of Tintern students attained an ATAR of 99+ placing them in the top 1% of the nation.
- 20% of Tintern students attained an ATAR of 95+ placing them in the top 5% of the nation.
- 30% of Tintern students attained an ATAR of 90+ placing them in the top 10% of the nation.

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While once again these statistics certainly reflect the culture of academic excellence of the School, a Tintern education is about much more than a number or a ranking. It is also, importantly, about the care and support of each individual child, as we guide them to develop good values and strong character, enabling them to achieve personal excellence and aspire to create a better world. We look forward to learning more about the Class of 2021's future endeavours in the years to come.

Bradley Fry Principal

### OUTSTANDING RESULTS

Tintern Grammar would like to congratulate our 2021 Year 12 students on their outstanding results and contributing to the life of the School. Many exceptional academic results were achieved by our IB and VCE students.



#### IB DUX AND OVERALL DUX OF TINTERN GRAMMAR

Alec Chen ATAR of 99.75 Sarah Chen ATAR of 99.75 Joshua Choong ATAR of 99.75 Holly Whitfield ATAR of 99.75



VCE DUX OF TINTERN GRAMMAR Oliver Huang ATAR 99.15



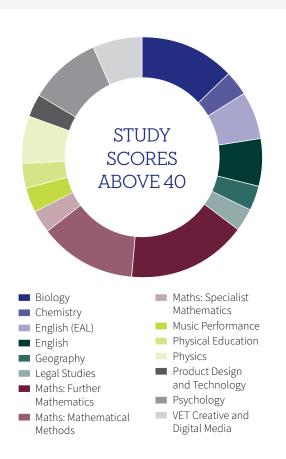
INTERNATIONAL DUX OF TINTERN GRAMMAR Qingyue (Marlin) Ma ATAR 98.65

# AGGREGATED IB AND VCE RESULTS

ATAR	% of students in 2021	% of students in 2020
99+	5	1
95+	20	18
90+	30	35
80+	48	53

#### STUDY SCORES

31 study scores at or above 40





44
TOP IB SCORE
99.75 ATAR

38

MEDIAN IB

SCORE

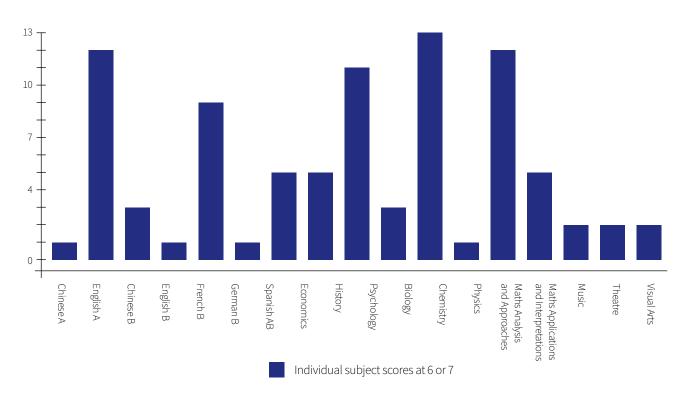


Seven students from our Class of 2021 will receive an IB Award.

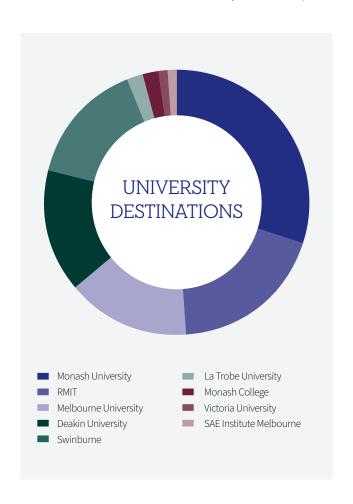
ATAR conversion	% of Students at this ranking or above 2021	% of Students at this ranking or above 2020
99+	19	5
98+	33	19
95+	67	57
90+	86	76

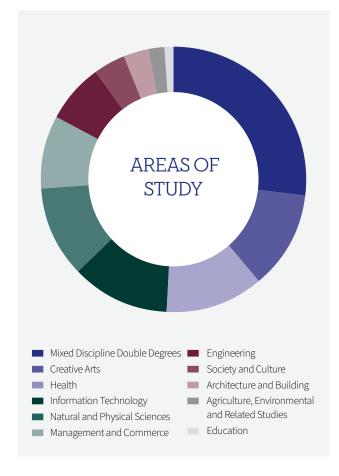
IB Score	% of Students	ATAR conversion
44	19.05	99.75
41	14.29	98.55
39	9.52	97.10
38	14.29	96.25
37	9.52	95.20
36	4.76	93.90
35	9.52	92.60
34	4.76	91.30
33	4.76	89.50
30	9.52	84.10

# INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT SCORES AT 6 OR 7



IB subjects are scored out of 7. 65% of subjects studied by Tintern IB students received a score of 6 or 7.





### MEET THE CLASS OF 2021

We are proud of the Class of 2021 and their achievements, and are pleased to share their stories. Read on to be inspired by the experiences, memories and aspirations of some members of this year's cohort.



ALEC CHEN
IB DUX AND OVERALL DUX

Alec undertook the IB Diploma studying English Literature, Economics, History, Chinese, Maths AA, and Chemistry.

During Year 12, Alec was a keen participant in a variety of extracurricular activities. One highlight was finally completing his Duke of Ed Silver Award. Alec was also involved as a lead saxophonist in 3 bands, "throughout my time at Tintern, music has been an important journey for me and has helped me make numerous close friends."

After school, Alec hopes to study law at the University of Cambridge or a double degree in law and politics, philosophy and economics (PPE) at Monash. "In the future I hope to become a partner at an esteemed law firm and specialise in Mergers and Acquisitions."

Alec has fond memories of his time at Tintern, such as being involved in the Production and going on school camps, "my favourite school memory was participating in the 2019 High School Musical Production, having experience playing on every type of saxophone on offer (Alto, Tenor, Baritone and Soprano), I also cherished the school camps that were memorable breaks from the school, particularly Year 9 summer hike."

Alec has the following advice for his younger peers transitioning into Year 12, "As busy as you might find yourself during year 12, always make sure to make time for things that help you relax and destress."



SARAH CHEN
IB DUX AND OVERALL DUX

Sarah undertook the IB Diploma in Year 12, studying Maths Al, Chemistry, Biology, English, Chinese and Psychology.

Sarah had an action-packed final year, taking on the positions of Maths Captain and Science Captain, where she enjoyed hosting events such as Maths Assist, Pi Day celebrations and Science demonstrations for the ELC. Sarah was also a member of the debating team and Chamber Orchestra. 
"I participated in the Concert Choir and the Symphony Orchestra for a short while but found that I had to scale down on those activities as my workload increased."

Next year Sarah hopes to pursue her interests in STEM. "Seeing as I'm interested in a career in STEM, I am looking to go into university next year, hopefully Biomedicine at Melbourne."

Sarah destressed during Year 12 by finding a good balance between study, and taking breaks to enjoy her hobbies, "Sometimes studying or doing schoolwork for a long time straight can be quite monotonous and tiring so it's always good to have some activities you can fall back on to relax. Also good organisation skills and making sure to complete tasks way before their deadline is a good way of preventing the build-up of stress in the first place."

Sarah has the following advice for her younger peers undertaking Year 12 "As much as it is tempting to, procrastinating is not a great habit. Since Year 12 can be quite hectic, it's also good to have, or at least start thinking about a long-term plan of what you want to do after Year 12 so that you don't miss any deadlines or regret anything."



Follow this link to read more Year 12 stories: www.tintern.vic.edu.au/celebrating-the-class-of-2021



### JOSHUA CHOONG IB DUX AND OVERALL DUX

Joshua undertook the IB Diploma Pathway in Year 12, studying Higher Level Music, Maths Al, Chemistry, Psychology, French and English Literature.

During Year 12, Joshua was involved in a variety of music ensembles and took part in the school musical at the beginning of the year. Joshua was also part of the Maths Assist and Theory Club programs as a Co-curricular Captain.

Joshua hopes to travel overseas next year to pursue further studies, "If my dreams come true, perhaps I will be off to Oxford University next year, studying Medicine – however, I would be just as happy to stay in Melbourne doing the same course in various universities, with the support of my family and friends."

When asked about his future career aspirations Joshua is open to opportunities "while I haven't exactly planned my entire life out, I do have a strong inclination towards becoming a healthcare professional – in what specialty or domain of expertise, I am yet to decide. However, as of now, I'm taking things one step at a time!"

To destress in Year 12, Joshua indulged in his favourite forms of media during his spare time "I love to destress by consuming media – Netflix shows, movies, web series...the same was true before Year 12, and also throughout. I believe that sometimes a little escapism is the best way to keep grounded and focused on reality when it matters most."

Joshua gives the following advice to his younger peers entering Year 12, "Never waste a chance to remind your friends that you love them, and that you're all in this together. It'll be over before you know it."



## HOLLY WHITFIELD IB DUX AND OVERALL DUX

Holly undertook the IB Diploma pathway in 2021, studying English Literature, Mathematics AA, French, Biology, Chemistry, Psychology and Theory of Knowledge.

During Year 12 Holly was a member of the Concert Choir, Senior Girls Chamber Choir and the Green Team, but her highlight in 2021 was being a part of the Senior Girls' Frisbee Team.

Holly enjoyed being involved in a variety of co-curricular activities during her time at Tintern, "in the younger years, I was part of the Intermediate Girls' Choir and then made my way up into Concert Choir and the Senior Girls' Chamber Choir in the later years. I was a cast member for the 2017 musical Hairspray and the 2019 musical, High School Musical. I completed my Silver Duke of Ed at the beginning of Year 10 and was also member of the Green Team during Years 11 and 12."

Next year Holly is planning on studying Biomedicine/Biomedical Science at either Melbourne or Monash university. "My biggest dream is to become a doctor and to then specialise, however, I'm not sure what I'd like to specialise in just yet."

Holly has the following advice for current Year 12 students, "I think backing yourself, giving yourself pep talks and being your own hype person can help to foster the confidence you'll need to do well in exams. My other piece of advice is that as much as you'll wish the year away, take in and make as many memories as you can, because you really do miss the fun times when it's all over."



OLIVER HUANG
VCE DUX AND
SCHOOL CAPTAIN

As the School Captain in 2021, Oliver had a busy year taking on his leadership duties while also studying English, Chemistry, Physics, Specialist Maths and Product Design Technology. "The role of School Captain provided me with many opportunities to connect to the community through events such as open days and tours, which I thoroughly enjoyed."

During his journey at Tintern, Oliver has fond memories of being an outdoor Ed Leader "My experience as an Outdoor Ed Leader in Year 10 and 11 are some of my favourite moments from my time at Tintern. Although it was stressful at times, the fulfilment of being able to help those from younger year levels challenge themselves was very rewarding."

Next year Oliver hopes to study mechanical or biomedical engineering at University and is open to future career opportunities. Oliver has the following advice for his younger peers entering Year 12, "get work done incrementally, rather than all at once right at the end. Although it may seem ridiculous and annoying to be thinking about exam notes at the start of the year, if you can get in the habit of taking notes as you go along, it will really help towards the end. Other than that, make sure to prioritise taking care of yourself both mentally and physically over everything else."



QINGYUE (MARLIN) MA INTERNATIONAL DUX AND VCE STUDENT

Marlin completed his VCE in 2021, studying Maths Methods, Specialist Maths, Physics and English AL.

During his final year of school, Marlin received an academic award for his strong performance in English AL. Marlin enjoyed participating in various House activities and EISM Basketball during his time at Tintern.

Next year Marlin hopes to go to Melbourne University to study Commerce.



LAURA MITCHAM
IB STUDENT
AND SCHOOL CAPTAIN

As School Captain, Laura had an action-packed Year 12 as she also completed the IB Diploma pathway, studying English, French, Chemistry, Psychology, Economics, Maths, and Theory of Knowledge.

Laura enjoyed taking part in additional co-curricular activities during her final year of school, "In Year 12 specifically I was part of the school musical, the Green Team as a captain, I undertook my Gold Duke of Ed, and was part of the EISM Girls' Ultimate Frisbee Team. I was also part of both the Senior Concert Choir & the Senior Girls' Chamber Choir on top of completing my AMEB Grade 5 musical theatre course!"

Laura highly valued taking part in the wide range of opportunities available to students at Tintern, "I played violin, I was part of all the choirs, I took part in the productions, I was in the Young Farmers and went to many of the shows and loved my experience with all the animals! Ever since The Green Team started I've been part of that and I was so lucky to take up every leadership opportunity that was available; whether that was general leadership, leadership in the alternate subjects like Outdoor Ed, or more indirectly in productions and choirs. I completed my Silver Duke of Ed and began my Gold Duke of Ed. I think there's only a few things that I wasn't able to experience, I have been so lucky to be part of as much as I possibly could be."

Next year Laura is hoping to go to university to study a double degree in education and science. "I would love to become an educational and developmental psychologist in the future."



JONAH FLEMING
IB STUDENT

During his final year at Tintern, Jonah undertook the IB diploma, studying History, Mathematics, French, English Literature, Theatre, Chemistry and Theory of Knowledge.

During Year 12, Jonah was part of the Student Leadership Team and the Drama Captain.

Throughout his journey at Tintern, Jonah thoroughly enjoyed being involved in the Young Farmers Program, School Productions and The Duke of Edinburgh Award, "one of the key groups for me in middle school was Young Farmers, and I participated in many of the camps and shows which allowed me to not only get experience in an area wildly different from my normal interests but I made great friends across year levels that I still keep in touch with. Getting involved with the school musicals has created some of my favourite experiences of high school, and has led to me discovering theatre as the profession I am going to pursue into the future. I was also very involved in the Duke of Edinburgh program which, given I love hiking and the outdoors, was an amazing opportunity to do the things I love with my friends."

At the end of 2021 Jonah accepted a place at the Victorian College of the Arts (Melbourne University) and is looking forward to pursuing a career in theatre, "I love both acting and directing so a career in theatre would be ideal for me. I hope to become a creator of theatre but also involved in a wider range of creative endeavours such as films and photography."

Jonah has the following advice for his younger peers entering Year 12, "enjoy the ride, school is such a great experience and Year 12 really is the pinnacle of it all, with the most opportunities available and freedom offered."



VICTORIA MCKENZIE IB STUDENT

Victoria completed the IB Diploma pathway, completing the following subjects: English Literature, Economics, Psychology, Chemistry, French and Mathematics AA.

Victoria enjoyed being involved in the Tintern Community, taking on leadership opportunities such as the Green Team Captain and Debating Captain positions, "as Green Team Captain, I spent a lot of time planning meetings and helping out with events such as the Trivia Night, Movie Night and Clean Up Australia Day. I was also Debating Captain throughout Year 12 – which was an awesome opportunity for me to further my public speaking skills – eventuating in a Swannie Award for being the Top Debater in the Region."

Additionally, Victoria also completed her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award in 2021and was a member of the School Leadership Team. One of her highlights was being a team lead of a Global Social Leaders Project, an initiative supported for the United Nations.

Next year, Victoria is hoping to go to Melbourne University to study Digital Technology Design, "my ultimate career goal would be to work for myself. I would love to combine Computer Systems Design with an industry that I care a lot about, such as Health, Childcare or the Environment. At the moment, I am aiming to be an Information Systems Architect, but am happy to adjust my aspirations as time progresses and I experience more and more in the space of Digital Technology Design."

Victoria has the following advice for future Year 12 students, "Stay organised and consistent. When I look back on my journey of Year 12, I am incredibly grateful that I was prepared for the bigger assessments and had the motivation to get them done as quickly as possible."



ADAM CHOONG VCE STUDENT

In his final year at Tintern, Adam studied Specialist Mathematics, Chemistry, English and French.

During Year 12, Adam participated in concert choir and wind symphony and was also the Science Captain.

Throughout his journey at Tintern, Adam was involved in the EISM table tennis team and in multiple choirs and ensembles which include the concert choir, chamber boys' choir, wind symphony, concert band, intermediate and combined choirs.

Next year, Adam hopes to study a Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne, majoring in Mathematics and Statistics or Computer Science, with the hope to undertake further studies of a Masters in Data Science.

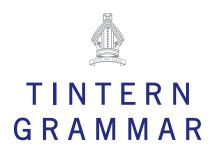
Adam shared his favourite memories at Tintern, "my most fond memories include playing music with my two brothers Joshua and Gavin, and friends in ensembles and singing in choirs. Also, doing the World's Greatest Shave fundraising event twice during my schooling journey would be another fond memory. The close relationships I have formed with multiple friends and teachers especially during my senior years of schooling have probably become an integral part of my life as well. The formal we managed to have as a cohort, most recently right before our VCE results came out, was probably one of my favourite memories during my senior years, especially because of the difficult school journey that our year level has had to endure due to the restrictions of the pandemic."

Adam has the following advice for future Year 12 students, "try to enjoy and cherish all the opportunities that are presented regardless of whether the pandemic worsens or not. Being a year 12 only happens once for most and it is truly unique and special."









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