

Year 12 Results **2012**

WILDERNESS
SCHOOL





Once again,
Wilderness students
have shown how
amazing they are.

CLASS OF 2012

Two outstanding students who each achieved an ATAR of 99.95 shared the position of Dux: **Lian Huynh** and **Hoang-Cuc (Cookie) Nguyen**.

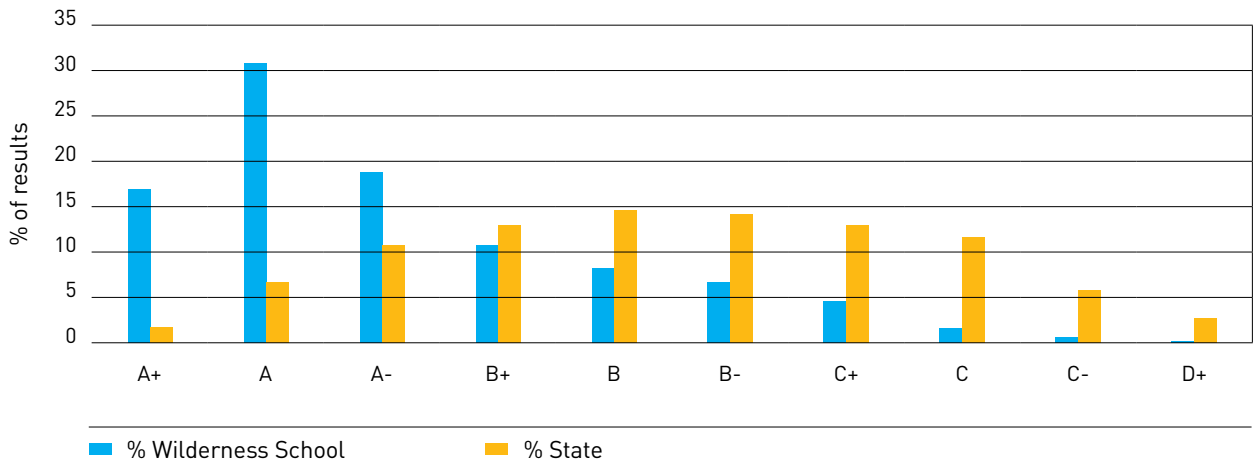
Amelia Bentsey, Bronte Eccleston and **Lian Huynh** were awarded the highest accolade of SACE, the Governor of South Australia's SACE Award, which recognises overall excellence in the SACE. Only 25 of these awards were given in 2012 statewide.

Cookie Nguyen was awarded the coveted Bragg Medal for the highest achievement in Stage 2 Physics.

There were 64 merit listings
(for perfect scores) in:

Biology
Business and Enterprise
Chemistry
Chinese Background Speakers
Drama
English Communications
English Studies
Ensemble Performance
Legal Studies
Mathematical Applications
Mathematical Studies
Modern History
Nutrition
Performance Special Study
Physics
Psychology
Research Project
Society and Culture
Specialist Mathematics

GRADE DISTRIBUTION 2012



The 2012 cohort achieved outstanding results in their SACE, reflecting the hard work, energy and enthusiasm for their studies over the year. These outcomes are testimony to the wonderful opportunities presented to our girls on a daily basis and the commitment and professionalism of their teachers.

There were 84 girls who applied for an ATAR in 2012. Of the cohort, 65% were placed in the top 10% of Year 12 students, with 52% in the top 5% and 13% in the top 1%.

FIELDS OF EDUCATION



Health Science	19
Humanities	17
Law	15
Music	1
Sciences	6
Architecture & Design	3
Business	5
Medicine	7
Engineering	2
Dance	1
Hospitality	2
Tourism, Sports & Events	3

TERTIARY DESTINATION



University of Adelaide	26
University of South Australia	19
Interstate Universities	23
Flinders University	7
TAFE	2
Le Cordon Bleu	2
Overseas Universities	5

STUDENT PROFILES 2012



Eliza Colley
University of Adelaide
Bachelor of Medicine/Surgery
Principal's Scholarship

Having been interested in science-based subjects at Wildy, enjoying helping others, participating in the community and communicating with people, I decided that Medicine is the career for me. Doing Year 10 work experience in different areas of different hospitals and seeing things I had never dreamed of really confirmed this and inspired me to apply. It will definitely keep me busy in coming years, but I'm really looking forward to it all!

At this point I'm not sure exactly of my area of practice, but then again there aren't many people in the course who are! After a few years of learning and placements, something will hopefully stand out, because at the moment ideas for speciality training change every time I see someone in action!

Doing the SACE was a great way to finish Year 12 by learning helpful knowledge for University. At Wildy, the teachers and girls were always incredibly supportive and helpful. Being educated at Wildy helped give all of us girls the opportunity to strive for whatever result we wished for, and it was fantastic to see how many girls were happy with their outcome.



Sally Heading (boarder)
Australian National University, ACT
Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours)
in Science (PhB Science Honours)

I have moved to Canberra to study a Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) in Science (PhB Science (Honours)) at the Australian National University.

A Bachelor of Philosophy is designed to allow undergraduate students to pursue research in their interest fields earlier rather than waiting until much later in their degree.

I chose this degree because the ANU has a fantastic reputation, and this degree is now tried and tested and still very individual. This degree will give me an opportunity to move into a career in scientific research, although at the moment I'm unsure which particular area I will focus in.

Wilderness encouraged me to pursue what I wanted and allowed me to discover my interests and passion. It taught me to strive to do my best and make the most of my opportunities and to aim high even when I was unsure that I would make it.



Helena Loutas-Paraskeva
Oxford, UK
Bachelor of Law

I have chosen to study Law because of the flexibility that a Law degree offers in the professional world. Undertaking SACE at Wilderness allows for the flexibility to pursue a wide range of subjects and at one's own pace, with teachers who provide invaluable support and guidance and alongside peers with whom vital and fundamental bonds are forged.

In regards to my studies, I will be reading Law (Jurisprudence) at the University of Oxford, studying at St Hilda's College. The Oxford system means that each student belongs to a college (there are approximately 30 constituent colleges of the University of Oxford).

Students live in the college to which they belong, and the majority of teaching is done there. This year, 8 students were chosen from around the UK and internationally to study Law, after a rigorous selection process involving school grades, essays, references, aptitude tests and most significantly, academic interviews, which were conducted in College in December. The Oxford Law Degree is a three-year course.

Term time is shorter than other universities in the UK and Australia, with only three short but extremely intensive terms in an academic year. The academic year officially starts at the beginning of October.



Sarah Laurie (boarder)
Bond University,
QLD Communications and
International Relations

I chose to study this double degree because I love writing, speaking to people and researching. I am also really interested in what is happening in the world and how one country's actions/problems can affect other countries. So the double degree combines the two perfectly! I am hoping that one day I will be able to work in an international organisation or company, perhaps reporting or working in PR.

Going to Wildy and undertaking the SACE program gave me the opportunity to aim for what ever I wanted. I felt as if I was surrounded by like minded people who supported and encouraged me the whole time and without that encouragement I would never even have known about Bond let alone applied to study there.



Isabelle Evans

Gap Year

This year I am currently undertaking a gap year and heading to Camp America for just over 3 months, where I will be teaching kids water sports and tennis whilst staying on campus.

After my time in America I am travelling to Europe independently for another 3 months.

When I arrive home for the beginning of 2014 I will take up a position at either Adelaide, Melbourne or Bond University. At Adelaide I have applied for a double degree of Media and Arts, as an early idea was to work in the area of journalism. At Melbourne University I have been accepted into an undergraduate course for Arts. At Bond University I have been offered a scholarship to undertake a double degree of my choice. I have many big decisions I still need to make before 2014, but I am eager to experience what the world has to offer before settling on a particular area!

Wilderness has really opened my mind to all the things I can do, which is one reason why I don't want to rush into anything! I am extremely excited for my travels this year, as I have loved planning, working and even saving up to get there! However, I am also very much looking forward to beginning the next part of my education at University, wherever that may be!



Alisa Ahmed

**King's College, London
English Language and Literature**

English was always my favourite subject at school as I have always loved reading and writing, and not being sure what job or career I want to end up in, studying

English at university will hopefully open up numerous opportunities for me.

I am really looking forward to the academic environment that King's will no doubt be - travelling half way across the world for university is true motivation to try my hardest in all aspects of my academic life, especially after having almost a year off! I am also very excited about the diverse array of people I will meet and interact with throughout my course and living in student accommodation.

My education at Wilderness, through the encouragement and support of my teachers, has given me the knowledge, skills and belief in myself to apply to university overseas. This encouragement not only came during Year 12 when I was completing my application, but has been present over the 13 years I attended Wilderness. I would not be in this position or have the opportunity to study in London without the wonderful staff at Wilderness, all of whom gave me the confidence in my English skills to pursue my dream of studying in the UK.



Victoria Tasker

**Australian National University,
ACT, Bachelor of Psychology
(Honours)**

I chose to study psychology as it is something that I have never explored before and ANU is highly renowned for its high degree of

research. I hope it leads me to graduate medicine or if not, positive and clinical psychology.

My SACE/Wilderness School education gave me the opportunity to explore many options for tertiary study and gave me the confidence to decide what was best for me.



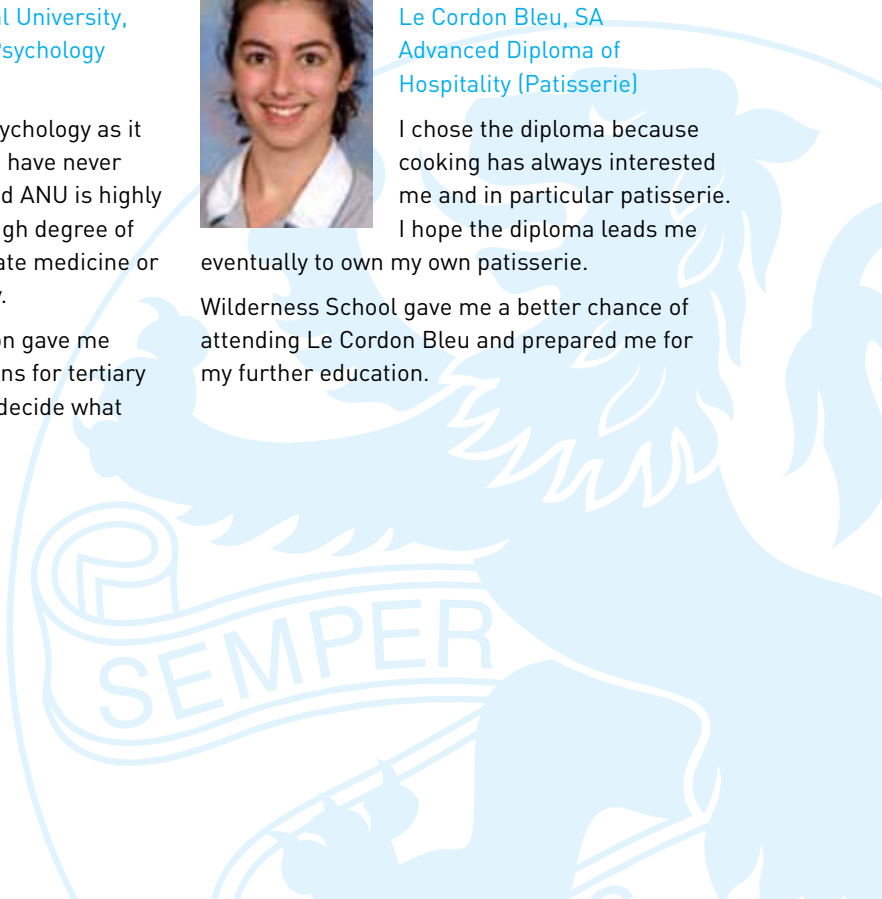
Danae Avraam

**Le Cordon Bleu, SA
Advanced Diploma of
Hospitality (Patisserie)**

I chose the diploma because cooking has always interested me and in particular patisserie.

I hope the diploma leads me eventually to own my own patisserie.

Wilderness School gave me a better chance of attending Le Cordon Bleu and prepared me for my further education.



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