Year 12 2013 HSC results were released on 18 December, with ATAR results released to students on 19 December.

For the third consecutive year HVGS Year 12 students have achieved excellent results. These results reflect the fine academic culture that exists in the School.

Using broad-brush indicators for group performance the 2013 seniors have achieved the third (3rd) highest results on record.

**HSC results, in general:**

- 20% of grades awarded in all courses for all our students were at Band 6 or E4 – this is the third best result ever, behind only the 2011 and 2008 groups.
- This resulted in 94 mentions on the Board of Studies (BoS) *Distinguished Achievers List*.
- More than 60% of grades awarded in all courses for all our students were at Band 5 or Band 6 – this is the third best result ever, behind only the 2011 & 2012 record breakers.
- A smidgen shy of 90% of all grades awarded were at Band 4 or better – this is outstanding
- Forty (40) students achieved at least one Band 6 – this is half of the cohort

**2013 HSC All-Rounders**

Nicholas Andrews, Matthew Palmer and Corinne Shields received mention on the *All-round Achievers List* having achieved Band 6 or E4 (in extension courses) in ten or more of the course units they studied. This is an outstanding achievement and we congratulate Nic, Matt and Corinne.

**Top Achievers:**

Zoe DeVries and Elliot Peck have been awarded *Top Achievers in Course* for being placed among the very best in the state. Zoe’s award is for Engineering Studies where she was placed 8th and Elliot’s in Music 1 where he was placed 9th, a credit to both students and to their teachers Mr Owen Redhead and Mr Steve Gidney respectively.

Together with the fact there are 94 students on the Distinguished Achiever’s List, it becomes immediately apparent that the Year 12 2013 group have done remarkably well.

The Sydney Morning Herald published a list of the Top 100 Schools in NSW (on 19 December) based on Distinguished Achievers (Band 6 performance). Parents would recall our ranking of 50 in 2011 and 77 in 2012.

Once again we are listed as one of NSW’s Top 100 schools, this year at number 61, and HVGS is again ranked one of the best schools across the Hunter-Newcastle region. There are approximately 1,000 high schools in NSW.
If we remove the selective high schools from the list, and examine all of the regional schools in the state outside of the Sydney Metropolitan area, we are ranked number 2 in regional NSW. This is just recognition for our School.

**ATAR Results, in general**

The School does not receive notification of ATAR results from UAC. We have a software package which predicts ATAR results based on HSC results and scaling statistics we know, so the following is an estimate of our overall results, nonetheless, a reliable estimate. The highlights for the 2013 seniors -

- The median ATAR of 82 is excellent, only marginally below the school’s best on record. This is almost 13 ATAR points higher than the median ATAR for all students across the state, 69
- 30% of students were awarded an ATAR of 90 or better; this is the second best result on record for this statistic. This is almost double the state result, where 16% of students received an ATAR above 90
- 53% of students were awarded an ATAR of 80 or better. That is, over half of our students received an ATAR above 80, opening up very wide choices for University study at all of Australia’s leading universities
- 76%, more than three-quarters of the group, achieved an ATAR of 70 or better