Knox Grammar School students achieved exemplary results in the 2010 Higher School Certificate. These results are the most impressive achieved by the School since the inception of the new standards-based HSC in 2001.

I am delighted that these results were attained by young men who not only worked in close partnership with their teachers, but who also immersed themselves in the life of the School, with its sport, its music, its drama and so on. Truly this shows a Knox education in action, and the foundation for ongoing success in the years ahead, for the School and those leaving it.

John W Weeks, Headmaster

Knox scores best HSC results since the inception of the new standards-based HSC

Of 87.90. The top boarder ATAR was 99.15 and two boys, Thomas Farmakis and Joshua Lee achieved an ATAR of 99.95, the highest possible rank.

STATE HONOURS
Eight boys were listed in the HSC Honours List: **Thomas Farmakis** (1st Legal Studies, 6th History Extension, 9th Economics and 9th Modern History); **Shawn Teo** (1st Mathematics 2 unit); **Ashley Thornton** (4th Engineering Studies); **Joshua Lee** (6th Chemistry); **Jordan Reid** (11th General Mathematics); **Dominic Vickers** (17th Modern History); **John Goldie** (18th Modern History); and **Jonathan Brennan** (19th Modern History).

PREMIER’S AWARD FOR TOP ALL-ROUNDERS
A record eighteen boys were recognised in the All Round Achiever’s List for obtaining Band 6 (a mark of 90 higher out of 100) in ten or more of the units they studied: Edward Armitage, David Barnes, Jonathan Brennan, Sam Brentnall, Jonathan Choi, Jack Clifford, Kurt Daley, Tim Dobson, Thomas Farmakis, James Ferguson, John Goldie, Daniel Hwang, Joshua Lee, Duncan McEwin, Jonathan Roel, Vijay Thomas, Dominic Vickers and Anthony Zonaga.

EXHIBITIONS OF EXCELLENCE
The following Knox boys were nominated for the various exhibitions of outstanding HSC works in NSW:

**ArtEXPRESS** (Visual Arts) — Connor Badenko (Technological Landscape: Communication, Evolution & Expansion), Sam Brentnall (Futility - Ecclesiastes 1; 3-11 - above centre), Charlie Callander (Idolatry - A Contemporary Religion), Mitchell Marr (Fanciful Mushing: Living the Dream - top right), Joseph Phelps (Growth, Life, Rebirth - top left)

**DesignTECH** (Design and Technology) — Scott Seeho (Pharmaceutical Cream Mixer)

**ENCORE** (Music) – Jason Xu (Piano)
Scholarships

David Barnes  Merit Scholarship, Actuarial Studies and Economics, Macquarie University
Jonathan Brennan  The High Achiever’s Scholarship for Commerce/Law, University of Sydney
Richard Burns  Bachelor of Accounting Scholarship, UTS
Jack Clifford  Merit Scholarship, Advanced Arts, University of Sydney
Thomas Farmakis  Merit Scholarship, Law, University of Sydney
James Ferguson  Merit Scholarship, Commerce Law, University of Sydney
Jonathan Thompson  Bachelor of Accounting Scholarship, UTS
Richard Woof  Bachelor of Accounting Scholarship, UTS

Prizes

Jack Clifford  3rd place in the History Teachers’ Association Extension History Prize
Lachlan Ellicott  Norman Lethbridge Award (donated by the Australian Angus Society and presented at Royal Easter Show)

Knox da Vinci Decathlon

Teams from Years 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 competed in this prestigious state-wide competition. The Year 10 team were placed 2nd.

Future Problem Solving

Three teams competed at the National final with the two senior teams qualifying for the International finals.

Australian Mathematics Competition

Knox students were awarded 2 prizes (Top 0.1% in NSW) and 7 high distinctions (Top 1% in NSW).

Mock Trial

Year 11 team won the state final of the NSW Law Society’s Mock Trial competition and will represent Australia at the International finals.

Thomas Farmakis

Class of 2010

‘Knox Grammar School thoroughly prepares its young men to succeed in an ever-changing world.’

Thanks to globalisation, my generation now live in an increasingly competitive world. School leavers today are expected to compete with candidates from as far afield as China and India for the best jobs globally. Serious doubts remain as to whether the education system in the Western world is adequately preparing us to cope with these challenges.

Nevertheless, we have no such reservations at Knox. The School continues to equip its students with an education relevant to the challenges of modern life. Not just by producing intelligent young men, but emotionally intelligent young men as well – people that will ultimately have a positive impact on society.

To my mind, this outcome seems to be the result of the all-round education Knox seeks to provide. It is really the School’s insistence on such an education that has transformed its students into people of significance. At Knox, it is never unusual to have the brilliant scholar, the compelling performer and the keen sportsman all rolled into one.

Academically, Knox’s most recent HSC results place it among Sydney’s leading private schools. In hindsight, I think it was the passionate and rigorous teaching I experienced at the School that pushed me beyond the limits of my natural ability to achieve my full potential — in public examinations but intellectually too.

Hence, I was the very fortunate recipient of a very progressive education. Which may strike some as odd — progressivism, in amongst the boater, the cadets wearing kilts and the Latin motto exulting masculine virtue. All these symbols serve to conjure an image of a School steeped deeply in tradition. Undoubtedly, Knox is still a place where tradition counts for much. But it is a dynamic tradition based on a reverence for timeless values that continues to animate the School’s spirit, and the delivery of a progressive education that thoroughly prepares Knox’s young men to succeed in an ever-changing world.

Music


Science

Oxford University Telescope Program - 1 student, National Youth Science Forum - 1 student, Honeywell Engineering Summer School - 1 student.

CAS Championship Results

Basketball  2nd
Chess  Champions
 Cricket  Champions
Cross Country  3rd
Debating  2nd
Diving  2nd
Football  4th
Rugby  2nd
Swimming  2nd
Tennis  Summer 3rd, Winter 3rd
Track & Field  4th
Volleyball  Summer Equal 1st, Winter 2nd

Knox Grammar School is a Uniting Church school for day boys K-12 with boarding for up to 150 boys from Years 7-12

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