

OUTSTANDING HSC RESULTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2008

Great boys growing into great men of integrity, faith, wisdom and compassion



Particularly impressive is the fact that the top results were drawn from subjects across the academic spectrum

“Over the past five years the results of our boys have improved each year and I am pleased to report that the Class of 2008 has much to “crow” about.

Our top achievers not only did well in English and the Humanities, Science and Mathematics but achieved extraordinary results in Drama, Visual Arts, Design and Technology and Agriculture.

Most boys exceeded their expectations and gained admittance to the universities of their choice to study Engineering, Arts and Economics among others.

I am very proud of the boys’ achievements.”

John W Weeks, Headmaster

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

The statistics show that our boys are significantly ahead of state-wide results. 2008 saw improvements (from 2007) in Band 6 (90+) and Band 5 (80-89) in Advanced English, Agriculture, Chemistry, Mathematics (General), Economics, Business Studies,

Design & Technology, Drama, French, Geography, German, Extension 1 History, Modern History, Music Extension, Software Design, Visual Arts and French Extension

UAI

38% of Knox boys are placed in the 90+UAI Band while the middle boy at Knox has a UAI of 85.

STATE HONOURS

James Melouney	Business Studies, Software Design and Development
Robert Edwards	Business Studies
Edward Gregory	Mathematics
Michael Robbins	Software Design and Development
Edward Yeldham	Music 2
Jesse Treharne	Philosophy

PREMIER’S AWARD FOR TOP ALL-ROUNDERS

These students achieved 90+ in their best 10 Units and are pictured above - Jack Day (1), Robert Edwards (2), Edward Gregory (3) and Alexander Morris (4).

EXHIBITIONS OF EXCELLENCE

The following boys were nominated for the various exhibitions of outstanding HSC works in NSW.

ArtEXPRESS (Visual Arts)

- Angus Hardwick, Tom Jurkschat, Hamish McEwen (*Point in the right direction* - pictured above left), David Wilson (*Fashion Victims* - pictured above right)

DesignTECH (Design and Technology)

- Rory McPherson, Stephen Seage

ENCORE (Music)

- Tom Cockburn

InTECH (Industrial Technology)

- Mark Hey-Shipton, Timothy MacRae

OnStage (Drama)

- Robert Frame

2008 Performance of Excellence



State da Vinci Decathlon

Gold - Year 10

Silver - Year 5 Knox Blue, Year 9

National da Vinci Decathlon

4th - Year 7

Future Problem Solving National Final

Team Booklet Middle Division Champions

Action Plan Presentation Champions

Teams will compete in the Future Problem Solving International Competition at Michigan State University, USA in 2009.

Chess

CAS Competition - Champions – Junior, Intermediate, Senior

NSW Secondary Schools' Competition - State Runners up - Open

Debating

CAS Premiers - Senior B, Year 7

ISDA - Semi-finalists - Senior A, Senior B, Year 10, Year 9

FED - Semi-finalists - Senior A, Senior B, Year 10, Year 9

Australian Mathematics Competition

Knox students were awarded 1 prize (Top 0.1% in NSW), 18 high distinctions (Top 1% in NSW) and 117 distinctions

Music

McDonalds Performing Arts Challenge

1st Place Honours - Symphonic Wind Ensemble, KAYO (Knox Abbotsleigh Youth Orchestra), 2nd Place - Senior Big Band

Yamaha Festival

Gold - Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Senior Big Band, Silver - Concert Band (High School C Grade)

NSW State Band Championships

Concert Band won the Junior C Grade Division placing First in All Sections - Hymn, Test Piece & Own Choice Selections

Scholarships/Cadetships

James Coburn	Walter Turnbull Accounting Cadetship
Sanjiv Dave	PwC Accounting Cadetship
Robert Edwards	Residential scholarship, and Faculty of Economics and Business, Sydney University
Angus Hardwick	Co-op scholarship, UNSW
Evan Olmstead	Bachelor of Accounting Co-op scholarship, UTS
Tom Rhall	Bachelor of Accounting Co-op scholarship, UTS
Benjamin Seeto	Faculty of Economics and Business, Sydney University
Callum Thompson	Ernst & Young Accounting Cadetship

Sport - CAS Championship Results

Basketball	Runners up
Cricket	Champions
Cross Country	4th
Diving	Runners up
Football	5th
Rugby	Champions
Swimming	Runners up
Tennis Summer	Runners up
Tennis Winter	Champions
Track & Field	Champions
Volleyball Summer	5th
Volleyball Winter	Runners up

Freddie Stuart, Class of 2008

(above right in Cadet uniform)

"Knox provided me with a well rounded education in which academic success was regarded as highly as co-curricular activities.

Although my main focus through the final two years of study was towards the HSC, Knox provided me with opportunities that allowed me to socialise and develop as a young man. This involved balancing sport, House captain duties and academic work; I gained the most from Knox by always being involved.

Two of my favourite memories of my final year included winning the CAS Championship in cricket and rugby seconds. This was not because of the sporting success but that I developed as a player with my team and it allowed me to relax with my mates outside the classroom.

Through my six years of senior school I was involved in House activities and Cadets. Other opportunities included an exchange to Argentina and now I am on a Gap year; both have allowed me to gain a greater perspective of the world and knowledge that cannot be found in the classroom.

My greatest satisfaction was not in succeeding in my activities and academics but as I look back, it was the enjoyment I took from my involvement and development with my mates at school that I truly appreciate."