



# St Bede's College

30 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you and the family well in this post-Christmas period.

I am very cognisant of the fact that it is rare for you to receive a letter from the College just prior to New Year. However, this has been an unusual year for the reasons of which we are all acutely aware. Today marks the release of the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) results for students who undertook a scored VCE.

St Bede's College has a number of options available in relation to the rationale that could be used for enrolment. We are proud of the fact that we are an open entry school with a very broad mix of student gifts and talents coming from a diverse group of families. Whilst we could stream for an academic entry, we seek to work with families who understand the value of a Catholic education within our Lasallian charism. Thank you for your own support of this essential combination.

Every young man who completes Year 12 has his own journey. This year, the journey for our senior cohort has been as difficult as any in past history, given the wide-ranging impact of COVID. Our young men (and their families) have responded magnificently to that challenge.

Our senior VCAL students were markedly affected due to restrictions on study and work experience, and yet they completed their year admirably with many now going into apprenticeships and full-time work. Some of our young men chose to complete a non-scored VCE due to their own circumstances. For many, this was a personal triumph.

We are also proud of all students who undertook a scored VCE. I am delighted to advise that we had 4 students who had an ATAR score over 99. It is an extraordinary achievement to score at this level. This places them within a very small band of students across the State.

Our Dux for 2020 is **William Devlin**, with a remarkable ATAR of 99.9. William was closely followed by our Proximate Dux in **William Bunn**, with an ATAR of 99.65.

The other two students to score over 99 were **Sam Murray** (99.55) and **Liam Collins** (99.1).

It is also noteworthy that all four of our College Captains scored over 90 for their ATAR, a fine effort given the demands on them during their support of our Community during COVID. Close to 10% of all students scored 90 or more. We are also pleased that 85% of St Bede's students scored above the ATAR State Average.

There are many stories within the figures of an ATAR. Our role is to meet the needs of all boys who enter our gates each day, no matter what their background, personality or ability.

This year, the overcoming of numerous challenges just to complete courses, assessments and examinations was a mighty achievement in itself. Our staff have worked with these young men to give them the best possible outcomes. This relationship between our staff, students and families is the bedrock of our school. We know, as a St Bede's Community, that success has many allegorical parents.

We are proud of each and every student within our Class of 2020.

May you experience a happy and joyful finish to the year and let us hope that the Lord looks favourably upon us all in the year to come.

*Per Vias Rectas*

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Finn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Mr John Finn**

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