



CANBERRA GIRLS
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2017 ATAR scores revealed:

Almost one quarter of Girls Grammar students scored above 95.

Following yesterday's release of the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) scores, Canberra Girls Grammar School (CGGS) has revealed 30 students received a score above 95 – this is almost a quarter of the Year 12 cohort who completed the Senior Secondary Certificate through the Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS).

The highest performing students were recognised at a special graduates' breakfast held at CGGS this morning.

"We are extremely proud of the achievements of all our students for 2017. The strength of the school is demonstrated by the depth of results," said CGGS' Principal, Anne Coutts.

School Vice-Captain Adele Burke achieved the top score with 99.80.

Impressively, the school had eight students (6.4%) receive an ATAR of 99 or higher; 14 students (11.2%) above 98; and 49 students (39.2%) with a score of 90 or higher.

CGGS Maths Teacher, Dr Brett Easton, assists the School with monitoring the students' progress and providing focused ATAR predictions. He was not surprised to see so many students attain the high ATARs they have been working towards.

"All but two students finished within their predicted range or better, and none were below by more than half a point," said Dr Easton.

"We were especially pleased for those students who achieved a final ATAR beyond their predicted range. It is a just reward for their continued efforts," Dr Easton continued.

Anne Coutts pointed to hard work and balance as the key to the outstanding results.

"Our girls have indeed worked hard and strived to be the best that they can be, and we are always encouraging a good school work/life balance to help create stable young women who will head off to the workforce and no doubt become future leaders in their chosen fields," continued Anne Coutts.

The School's top performer, Adele Burke, plans to study a Bachelor of Aeronautical (Space) Engineering at the University of Sydney. She credits CGGS for encouraging young women in STEM fields – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

“Attending CGGS and being passionate in STEM from a young age, there was never a question of whether I could or could not achieve in the field,” said Adele.

“CGGS plays an invaluable role in teaching young women that they can achieve whatever they wish to achieve in the STEM field, young women, who will never be impacted by subconscious bias or peer pressure. Of course, this goes beyond STEM alone, with CGGS graduates succeeding across a wide variety of fields,” Anne continued.

As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, CGGS now awaits the release of the IB Diploma results on 5 January 2018. The strength of the IB cohort is expected to increase the School's median ATAR of 84.75.

For more information on CGGS, visit www.cggs.act.edu.au

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