



Masada College

HSC Achievements

2023

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Message from the College Principal

Mrs Raquel Charet



Across a spectrum of academic disciplines, the depth of accomplishments in various subjects is a testament to our students' hard work and effort. The College has particularly shone in Modern Hebrew, Mathematics, Music, Visual Arts, Business Studies, PDHPE and the Sciences in this year's HSC results.

A special Mazal Tov to Jonty Bornstein, our Dux, who achieved an impressive result with an outstanding score of 99.15.

Mazal Tov and a heartfelt Yasher Koach to the extraordinary graduates of Masada College's Class of 2023! We are overjoyed to share the remarkable academic accomplishments of our graduates. Their unwavering dedication and hard work have truly borne fruit, and we commend them for their outstanding achievements.

This year proved to be exceptionally challenging for our students. The onset of the HSC exams coincided with a harrowing event for our community on October 7th. This day marked the most devastating massacre of Jewish people since the Holocaust. As our students faced the pressure of their exams, their hearts were burdened by the barbaric kidnappings and murders of our people in Israel. Additionally, many family members bravely enlisted in the army. Despite these overwhelming circumstances, our students demonstrated remarkable resilience, drawing upon inner strengths to not only sit for their HSC exams but also excel, achieving top performances in the state. This resilience exemplifies the essence of a Masada graduate and underscores their enduring strength.

Masada College takes immense pride in being a distinguished educational institution that empowers students from diverse backgrounds to excel academically. Our graduates are now poised to step confidently into the world, well prepared for the exciting journey that lies ahead.

We were delighted to see all of our accelerated Modern Hebrew Continuers achieve a Band 6 and a huge congratulations to Asher Hasofer who placed 3rd in the state and Rebecca Roozendaal who placed 4th in the state – an outstanding achievement for these Year 11 students! Congratulations to Kris Yang who placed 5th in Chinese and Literature. The College was very proud to have three Top Achievers!

We are immensely proud to share that 60% of our students were included on the Distinguished Achievers List, achieving a Band 6 in one or more of their subjects.

To all our graduates who reached their personal best, your dedication has brought immense pride and joy to our community.

We are pleased to share that Masada College has placed 66 in the 2023 SMH Rankings, a testament to the collective efforts of our students and educators. A heartfelt thanks goes to our dedicated teaching and administrative staff, whose unwavering support has been instrumental in guiding our graduates toward success.

To the graduating class of 2023, you have transformed into outstanding young people, leaving an indelible mark on Masada College. As you embark on the next chapter of your lives, may you carry your achievements with pride and face the future with anticipation.

We extend our best wishes to each graduate, with gratitude to G-d. May your paths be blessed. **Beracha Ve'hatzlacha!**

A Message from the Campus Rabbi

Rabbi Paul Lewin

As our Year 12 2023 cohort leaves the College and begins the next chapter of their journey, I would like to share an idea that they can carry with them throughout their lives.

The festival of Chanukah is one of the most beloved of all the Jewish holidays. It celebrates the victory of the Maccabean fighters over the Seleucid forces of Antiochus, and the re-establishment of Jewish autonomy over Israel. As you well know, the holiday is an eight-day celebration of finding the oil and that it remained lit for eight days.

There are so many lessons that we can take from the story as life lessons.

1. Stand up for what is right. Even if you are fighting the masses. This was the spirit of Judah and the Maccabees.
2. Don't worry if you are outnumbered and told that the goal is impossible. Remember your time at school. Impossible doesn't appear in our vocabulary.
3. Seize the moment. When the Maccabees found the oil, they knew it was not enough. They knew it would take eight days to get fresh stock. Common wisdom would have said let's wait a week. Why light tonight and then have no light? Carpe Diem - seize the moment because that's when miracles happen.
4. As part of the obligation, we add an extra candle each night. Remember that we celebrate today's

achievements. But a new day means we are expected to add to the accomplishments and goals of yesterday. Remember we are Human Beings - being is a verb not a noun. Bring new light every day.

5. Celebrate life. On Chanukah we gather as a family and with friends to light the candles. Remember your friends and share in their victories and support them in their difficult times.
6. We light the candles at night. Be the one to bring the light into every situation.
7. When you light a candle, it is the heat of the match that causes the candle to burst into flame. Be the spark that lights up the world.
8. Remember that no matter what has happened in Jewish history we always lit the candles. No matter what life throws at you, focus on how you can bring light to the situation.

Class of 2023, may the lessons that you have absorbed over the years at our College, inspire you to achieve everything you wish for. You are the future and may the lights of Chanukah and the life lessons it brings, guide you on your journey. We look forward to seeing what you bring and how you change our world for the better.

With prayers and blessings.

Rabbi Lewin.



Masada Academic Performance Highlights



39%

of students achieved
ATAR of greater than 90



99.15

HSC DUX
Jonty Bornstein



84

Median ATAR



Masada Higher School Certificate Overview

HSC ATARS

6% of students achieved an ATAR of greater than 98

29% of students achieved an ATAR of greater than 95

39% of students achieved an ATAR of greater than 90

TOP ACHIEVERS IN THE STATE

Achieved one of the highest places in an HSC course and also received a result in the highest band.

Asher Hasofer
3rd Modern Hebrew
Continuers



Rebecca Roozendaal
4th Modern Hebrew
Continuers



Kris Yang
5th Chinese and
Literature



ACCELERATED SUCCESS

Jesse Bernstein-Beck (Year 11, 2023) Band 6 in
Modern Hebrew Continuers

Asher Hasofer (Year 11, 2023) Band 6 in
Modern Hebrew Continuers

Daniella Posniak (Year 11, 2023) Band 6 in
Modern Hebrew Continuers

Rebecca Roozendaal (Year 11, 2023) Band 6 in
Modern Hebrew Continuers

GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Adena Miller and Hannah Toynton

2023 NSW SCHOOL RANKING

Ranked 66th in NSW out of over 550 schools (SMH)

ATAR SPOTLIGHT

Achieved an ATAR of 95+ (some students requested their ATARs be withheld).

Jonty Bornstein 99.15 Kevin Zhang 98.3

Kellie Ngai 97.2 Kris Yang 97.1

Leah Reinhardt 96.5 Nicky Wu 96.0



HSC DUX - Jonty Bornstein
ATAR 99.15

Congratulations to Jonty Bornstein who is the Masada College 2023 Dux, achieving an ATAR of 99.15. Jonty attributes his success in the HSC to his effective time management, staying organised and setting realistic goals. His strategy for maintaining motivation involved breaking down tasks, celebrating small victories and seeking help. "The Masada mentoring program has been incredibly beneficial for me. Our regular discussions have given me a safe space to address concerns and strategise for success. Working with my mentor has helped me stay focused, reduce anxiety and feel more confident throughout Year 12," said Jonty. Jonty is planning to study actuarial studies at University next year. **Mazal Tov Jonty!**

Distinguished Achievers

Students who achieved a result in the highest band possible in one or more courses.

60% of all students were on the Distinguished Achievers List

Course	Subjects listed
Talya Bassin	Mathematics Standard 2, Visual Arts
Jesse Bernstein-Beck	Modern Hebrew Continuers
Jonty Bornstein	Chemistry, Mathematics Extension 1, Physics
Olivia Cao	Chinese and Literature
Alan Chen	Mathematics Standard
Sreyas Desai	Business Studies
Asher Hasofer	Modern Hebrew Continuers
Jonathan Hillel	Mathematics Standard 2
Guy Karkash	Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Tessie Krebs	Mathematics Standard 2, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Adena Miller	Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Liam Mirkin	Business Studies, Mathematics Advanced
Kellie Ngai	Chemistry, Mathematics Extension 1
Kale Perry	Biology, Mathematics Standard 2, History Extension
Daniella Posniak	Modern Hebrew Continuers
Leah Reinhardt	English Extension 1, Music 1, Society and Culture
Rebecca Roozendaal	Modern Hebrew Continuers
Jackson Ryder	Music Extension
Hannah Toynton	Business Studies, Visual Arts
Nicky Wu	Biology, Mathematics Advanced, Physics, Science Extension
Kris Yang	Mathematics Extension 1, Chinese and Literature
Leo Yin	Mathematics Extension 1, Chinese and Literature
Kevin Yang	Chemistry, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics
Fabrice Zhu	Chinese and Literature

Excellence in HSC

Student Achievement in Top Two Bands with a mark of 80% or higher

Course	Masada College % Bands 5-6	NSW Schools % Bands 5-6	Masada College First in Course
Biology	50	32	Kale Perry
Business Studies	56	36	Liam Mirkin, Hannah Toynton
Chemistry	78	38	Kellie Ngai
Chinese and Literature	80	71	Kris Yang
Design and Technology	25	47	Edward Schamschula
Economics	50	48	Liam Mirkin
English Advanced	55	67	Jonty Bornstein, Sreyas Desai, Liam Mirkin
English Standard	45	13	Guy Karkash
English EAL/D	86	22	Olivia Cao
English Extension 1	100	94	Leah Reinhardt
English Extension 2	100	86	Leah Reinhardt
Geography	17	42	Kale Perry
History Extension	100	85	Kale Perry
Hospitality	67	21	Tessie Krebs, Hannah Toynton
Mathematics Advanced	83	50	Alan Chen
Mathematics Standard 2	60	31	Kale Perry
Mathematics Extension 1	100	72	Kevin Zhang
Mathematics Extension 2	100	86	Kevin Zhang
Modern History	55	35	Kale Perry, Leah Reinhardt
Modern Hebrew Continuers	100	100	Asher Hasofer, Rebecca Roozendaal
Music 1	100	69	Leah Reinhardt
Music 2	100	85	Jackson Ryder, Leo Yin
Music Extension	100	96	Jackson Ryder
Personal Development, Health & Physical Education	63	31	Guy Karkash
Physics	80	39	Jonty Bornstein
Society and Culture	57	45	Leah Reinhardt
Science Extension	100	78	Nicky Wu
Visual Arts	100	65	Leah Reinhardt

HSC Showcases and Exhibitions

Congratulations to **LEAH REINHARDT**

Nominated for ARTEXPRESS



Artist: Leah Reinhardt
Expressive Form: Painting
Title: Rights of Passage

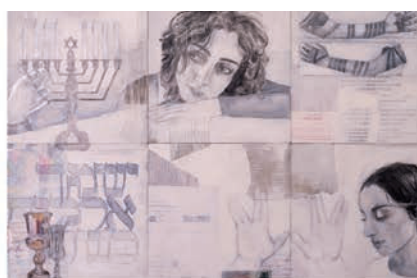
Artist's Statement:

Rituals are maps to navigate spirituality. These physical actions - the kindling of candles, the delivery of prayer, the blessing of children with open palms - embed value in daily life and offer connection to a religious past.

Rights of Passage is a sensitive conversation between traditional and contemporary means of spirituality, examining whether gendered rituals should hold a valuable place in an increasingly colourful and diverse context.

As gender is realised beyond the binary and contemporary culture embodies the ambiguous space between spirituality and secularity, does tradition divide more than it connects? Who has the rights of passage to religious insight?

Inspiration Artists: Kehinde Wiley, Caroline Walker, Patricia Schappler, Richard Bell and Clare Thackaway



Year 12 2023 – Academic Prize List

Academic and Sports Prizes	Recipient
Senior Athletics Age Champion	Abigail Crossley
Senior Swimming Age Champion	
Senior Athletics Age Champion	Sam Goldin
Senior Cross Country Age Champion	
The Masada Prize for Chinese & Literature	Kris Yang
The Bark Family Prize for Design & Technology	Edward Schamschula
The Israel Joseph Fisher Prize for English Advanced	Jonathan Hillel
The Stan and Zelda Marks Prize for Economics	Liam Mirkin
The Friends of the Hebrew University Prize for Modern Hebrew	Rebecca Roozendaal
The Masada Prize for Music Extension	Jackson Ryder
The Masada Prize for EAL/D	Leo Yin
The Masada Prize for Music 2	
The Ilana Krausz Memorial Prize for English Standard	Guy Karkash
The Masada Prize for Personal Development, Health & Physical Education	
The Masada Prize for Business Studies	Hannah Toynton
The Masada Prize for Hospitality	
The Masada Prize for Geography	Kale Perry
The Michaelis Prize for History Extension	
The Masada Prize for Mathematics Standard 2	
The Ernest Desiatnik Memorial Prize for English Extension 1	Leah Reinhardt
The Masada Prize for English Extension 2	
The Ralph and Judy Davis Prize for Modern History	
The Hon Sir Asher and Lady Joel Prize for Music 1	
The Masada Prize for Society & Culture	
The Eddie Michalowsky Memorial Prize for Visual Art	
The Michael Faktor Prize for Mathematics Extension 1	Alan Chen
The Masada Prize for Academic Achievement	
The Hon Sir Asher and Lady Joel Prize for Biology	Nicky Wu
The Fred Joseph Memorial Prize for Mathematics Advanced	
The Masada Prize for Science Extension	
The Masada Prize for Academic Achievement	
The Masada Prize for Academic Achievement	Kellie Ngai
The Masada Prize for Mathematics Extension 2	Kevin Zhang
The Masada Prize for Academic Achievement	
The Hon Sir Asher and Lady Joel Prize for Chemistry	Jonty Bornstein
The Peter Nixon Prize for Physics	
The Masada Prize for Academic Achievement and Dux of Year 12	

Year 12 2023 – Special Prize List

Special Prizes	Recipient
The NSW Jewish Board of Deputies Dux Prize for the Best HSC Result in 2022	Christy Li
The Etta and Michael Sperber Shield for Sportsmanship	Abigail Crossley
The Ernest Lowbeer & John Moser Memorial Prize for the Most Valuable Contribution to Music in the Senior School	Jackson Ryder
The Hilary Waksman and Jan O'Brien Memorial Prize for Consistent Effort, Determination and Hard Work	Kirra Levin & Taylor Levy
The Reuben F Scarf Prize for Commitment	Talya Bassin
The Manor Shield for the Quiet Achiever	Kellie Ngai
The P&F Prize for the Most Improved Student	Kale Perry
The Chipkin Prize for Independence of Thought and Intellectual Curiosity	Leah Reinhardt
The Bob Shteinman Menschlichkeit Award for the Student who Demonstrates Fellowship, Caring and Kindness	Yehonatan Lewin
The David Selinger Memorial Trophy for the student who Epitomises Gentleness, Positivity, Integrity and is an enthusiastic all rounder. Shield & certificate only	Zachary McNeil
The Barry Zworestine Prize for the student who has overcome adversity and shown resilience	Sam Goldin
The Citizenship Shield donated by The Groden Family Shield & certificate only	Leah Reinhardt & Hannah Toynton
The Michael Faktor Trophy for Leadership Qualities and Jewish Commitment Shield	Esther Krebs
The Hal and Nancye Goldstein Trophy for Communal Service Shield, Acrylic & certificate	Michal Goldberg
AMPOL Best All Rounder Award	Hannah Toynton
The Australian Defence Force Future Innovators Award External prize pack including certificate and \$550 prize	Jonty Bornstein
The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Award for Leadership and Teamwork	Leah Reinhardt