Congratulations to the Class of 2016

PLC’s Class of 2016 have graduated with flying colours, all receiving a tertiary offer of their choice. Over 80% of the cohort have received first round offers to The University of Melbourne or Monash University, with many girls receiving interstate and overseas offers as well as scholarship offers as part of their university study placements.

From the Class of 2016, 4 students gained the maximum ATAR of 99.95 – a wonderful effort. However, it was the depth of achievements of the 173 graduates of the Class of 2016 that excited students, families and staff alike.

The overall results for the Class of 2016 are as follows:

- 4 girls achieved a perfect ATAR of 99.95
- 9.2% of the Class of 2016 achieved an ATAR of 99.5 or above, placing them in the top 0.5% of Australia.
- 13% achieved an ATAR of 99 or above
- 24% achieved an ATAR of 98 or above
- 50% achieved an ATAR of 95 or above
- 68% achieved an ATAR of 90 or above
- 87% achieved an ATAR of 80 or above
- The median ATAR was 94.9
The Class of 2016 also led the school and enjoyed many other successes in a broad range of noteworthy endeavours:

- Daisy Li, Wynn Chen and Lucy Chen attended the ANU-AAMT (Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers) two week residential Mathematics Summer School at ANU in Canberra.

- Carolin Cao, Huayi Zeng, Dinasha Wimalasiri, Theresa Wang, Fei Fei Lu and Jeanette Chan attended the National Science Summer School (National Youth Science Forum) at ANU in Canberra.

- Bella Tao attended the Australian Science Olympiad Competition, was awarded a gold medal for her Physics examination, and was selected to attend a sixteen day Summer Camp in preparation for the selection of teams to represent Australia at the International Science Olympiads.

- Tianyu Zhang, Cynthia Chou, Isabel Foo, Yiwen Lu, Mithuja Mathiyalagan, Truong Tran, Nidhi Wadhwa, Theresa Wang and Xiaojing Qu each achieved a High Distinction in their Monash University Mathematics Enhancement Studies.

- Sophie Chauhan was selected as part of the Victorian Schools’ Debating Team by the Debating Association of Victoria (DAV) and attended the National Championships in Adelaide. She was also judged the best speaker in the A Grade (Year 12) across all Melbourne regions in the DAV. Sophie passed her ATCL (Associate of Trinity College London) with Distinction in cello.

- Helen Shi passed her Associate in Music (AMusA) in saxophone.

- Nandini Karthikeyan was one of 10 young women worldwide to receive a Zonta International Foundation Young Women in Public Affairs Award, worth $US4000. Zonta International is a leading global organisation of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

- Jessica Raper qualified for the National Schoolaerobics Dancestar competition on the Gold Coast, finishing second. She also competed in two State Final Events finishing in first place for Hip Hop and Lyrical, second place in Jazz and in third place for her Solo. In her performance at the Preliminary Finals Solo Contemporary division.

- Stephanie Rowlands competed in the Victorian Schools’ Rogaining Championship, winning the Open Division.

- Abi Assender was awarded the Morongo Medal for her participation in four Head of Schoolgirls Regattas.

- Clare Haysom (Captain), Eliza Knox, Uma Mahalingham and Emma Sampson were members of the Senior A Cricket Team that won the GSV Premiership.

We would like to congratulate all girls in the Class of 2016 who have worked so hard and contributed so much across all areas of school life. We are very proud of every student: the strength and depth of their leadership, their service to others, and their enthusiastic involvement have been remarkable. The continued amazing academic successes of the girls in Year 12 2016 ensured they had the best chance of entry to their preferred course.

Beyond ATARs and study scores, splendid though they are, what we value most is the extraordinary way each individual has enriched the PLC community. The young women of the Class of 2016 will be the leaders of tomorrow and it has been a privilege to have been an integral part of their lives during these formative years.

We wish all our girls the best for their future endeavours and look forward to welcoming them back as Old Collegians.

Elaine Collin
Principal
January 2017

Celebrating our 2016 Ducas
The 2016 McFarland Scholars were IB students, Anya Chelvathurai, Natalie Liu, Priyanka Tomar and Priscilla Yeo, with a perfect IB score of 45 and an ATAR of 99.95, and VCE student Anna Langford with an ATAR of 99.80

Anna Langford
Anna Langford came to PLC in 2011. In Year 11 Anna received an award for Academic Excellence in recognition of her outstanding results. In 2016 she studied VCE Art, Chemistry, English (50), Mathematical Methods (CAS) and Specialist Mathematics. Anna was a member of the Patchwork and Social Action Committees, a Form Captain, and achieved Glamis Senior House Colours. Anna intends to study Medicine at Monash University.

Anya Chelvathurai
Anya attended PLC from 2006 – 2016. Anya received Senior House Colours, Music Half Colours, Tennis Colours, Service to the College, Bronze Duke of Edinburgh and in Year 12 Distinction in the Australian Economics Competition and the RACI National Chemistry Quiz. She was a member of Debating, Environment, World Vision Committee, Social Action Committee, Wind Symphony, Concert Band and Harmonics Choir. Anya will study Commerce (Chancellor’s Program) at The University of Melbourne in 2017.

Natalie Liu
Natalie attended PLC from 2003 – 2016. During her time at PLC Natalie has embraced every opportunity. As the 2016 School Captain, she was an outstanding role model and leader for all the students. She was a Patchwork Editor, received Senior House Colours, and Music Colours. Natalie joined the Kwong Lee Dow Program, was Music Leader Symphony Orchestra, and a member of the Senior Strings Ensemble, Senior Quartet Ensemble and Vocalease Choir. Natalie has been accepted into Medicine at Monash University.

Priyanka Tomar
Priyanka has attended PLC from 2007 – 2016. She was elected Vice Captain of the school in 2016. Priyanka was a member of the Patchwork Committee, Debating team, Reconciliation Group, World Vision Committee, Drama and sporting teams. She has Colours (Debating), Half Colours (Music), Silver Medal Linguistics Olympiad and was Music Leader L’Oiseau Lyre. Priyanka has been accepted into Law/International Relations at the Australian National University, Canberra.

Priscilla Yeo
Priscilla has been a boarder at PLC for 2015 and 2016. She embraced life in the Boarding House and in the school. Priscilla’s co-curricular activities include World Vision ‘40 Hour Famine’ Committee, the Boarders’ Prayer Group, the World Vision Global Youth Leadership Convention in 2015, the Environment Group, the Christian Union Committee, Christian Union Camp, and International Week speaker at the Malaysian Dinner. Priscilla has been accepted into Biomedicine at The University of Melbourne.

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