The King David School

2012

VCE HIGHLIGHTS

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The graduating class of 2012 achieved outstanding VCE results. Over 80% scored in the top 20% of the state. Their tertiary placements are equally excellent with over 80% gaining entry to their 1st or 2nd most preferred courses. These outcomes are a great tribute to the passion for learning and application of our students and their teachers. With such attributes, the graduates of 2012 are likely to continue to be role models for our School community and a source of pride of all who know them.
There are many barometers of success in VCE. For some students, success is achieving the highest possible ATAR, for others it is gaining entry to a highly sought after course. At The King David School, our focus is on each and every student being the best that s/he can individually be. We are proud of all our students, many of whom have chosen to pursue dreams in such highly competitive and diverse fields such as Commerce, Engineering and Music Theatre.

Our VCE results place The King David School in the top 4% of the state.

- 28% of Study Scores over 40
- 51% of all ATARs 90 or above
- Top ATAR 99.75
- Median Study Score 36
- Top Designs, Top Screen and Top Arts – Marco Fink
- 1 perfect score in Media

### Tertiary Courses

Receiving a first round offer for the preferred course and institute is one of the ultimate goals of the VCE student. All students achieved first round offers and over 80% received their first or second preference.
Ron Beliavski knew that Year 12 would be a challenge but as the start of the year drew nearer, he became excited and ready to begin his sixth and final year at The King David School. Ron believes that the VCE experience was made very enjoyable thanks to the teachers who would always go out of their way to help him, especially during out of school hours. Although the heavy work-load that comes with VCE grew throughout the year, he maintained a part time job, working at least twice a week. He also kept up physical exercise. These activities both proved to be highly beneficial for Ron as they gave him important down time so he didn’t “burn out”.

One of the highlights of the year for Ron was the Year 12 camp which was organised by our School Captains as a pre-exam study break. Ron felt that the camp was great fun and gave the whole year level one last chance to bond before the final exam period. He said that what made this camp even more special was that many teachers volunteered to come down and run classes over the few days, proving how dedicated they are to helping the students achieve their goals.

In 2013, Ron will undertake a combined Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Engineering at Monash University. His future aspiration is to be developing new materials and uses of nanotechnology.

Natalie started at The King David School when she was just 3 years old. When it came to Year 10, she thought she was ready for a change and moved to an independent girls’ school. Whilst she enjoyed the experience, she ultimately decided to return to King David to finish her final years of school. Upon returning to King David for the start of Year 11, Natalie felt she was welcomed by teachers and friends “with open arms”. This made her transition into VCE so much easier and enabled her to focus on her Year 12 subject, Further Maths, which she undertook as a Year 11 student and for which she received excellent results.

Moving into Year 12, Natalie felt some nervous anticipation but upon commencing the year, she felt more confident due to the support and encouragement of her teachers. Natalie said that it was sometimes hard to juggle everything but the teachers provided a great deal of support and helped her to prioritise. Natalie feels that King David is a school like no other in that students develop extremely strong relationships with teachers.

When she needed some inspiration for studying, Natalie often made time to see a teacher at the end of the day. Natalie had regular email communication with her teachers. She would send them work to mark or to ask questions and she felt this was a fast way to get help and feedback. This support meant Natalie was able to achieve excellent results, particularly in Media and English. Natalie achieved a perfect score of 50 in Media.

Some highlights of the year for Natalie were the Senior School formal and sports days when everyone came together to compete and have fun.

In 2013, Natalie will undertake a ‘gap year’ and travel to Israel with the Aviv program and then on to explore Europe. In 2014, Natalie plans to commence a degree in Architecture at Monash University. For a long time, Natalie has aspired to be an architect with a focus on residential planning. With her outstanding VCE results, she is now one large step closer to realising her dreams.