



2025 Year 12 Results



Congratulations to the Class of 2025 for their outstanding SACE results.

It is with immense pride that I congratulate the Class of 2025 on their exceptional results, which are a powerful affirmation of what is possible when academic rigour, personalised support and a strong sense of belonging come together within a connected school community.

We are delighted to celebrate our 2025 Dux, Zilu (Mark) Xu, who achieved a Perfect Score of 99.95, and Proxime Accessit, Guanbo (Jeffery) Wang, with an outstanding ATAR of 99.9. Their achievements reflect not only individual excellence, but also the depth of aspiration, discipline and commitment evident across the entire cohort.

The academic outcomes of the Class of 2025 are exceptional. Our students achieved a median ATAR of 89.2, with 100 per cent successfully completing their SACE. Notably, 6% of the cohort placed in the top 1% of students nationally (ATAR 99+), while 26% achieved an ATAR of 95 or above, and 46% achieved an ATAR of 90+, reflecting consistently strong performance across the year group.

Academic excellence was further recognised through the achievement of 23 subject merits across 17 subjects. In addition, 73 of our 84 students achieved at least one A Band subject result, an outstanding outcome that speaks to both high expectations and the quality of teaching and learning at Pulteney.

The Class of 2025 also embraced a diverse range of pathways. Eleven students undertook university extension subjects, achieving an impressive 13 High Distinctions and seven Distinctions, while 31 students completed Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications across a range of areas. These results highlight our commitment to providing multiple pathways to success and recognising excellence in all its forms.

These achievements are testament to the resilience, aptitude and determination of our students, and to the unwavering commitment of our teachers, who work tirelessly to challenge, support and inspire each learner. They also reflect the vital partnership we share with families, whose encouragement and trust are central to student success.

At Pulteney, we believe that academic excellence prospers when students feel known, supported and connected. The Class of 2025 exemplifies this belief. Their results are not only a measure of academic success, but a reflection of a community that values belonging, high standards and purposeful learning.

To our teachers and families: thank you for your dedication, partnership and belief in our young people. These results are a shared success and a powerful reminder of what we can achieve together.

To the Class of 2025: we are immensely proud of all you have achieved. As graduates of Pulteney Grammar School, you now join our community of Old Scholars. As Navy Blues, you carry with you a shared identity and a lasting connection to the School; one that we hope you will continue to value and enjoy throughout your lives. Pulteney will always be your School, and you will always be welcome here.



Mr Greg Atterton
Principal

Congratulations to our 2025 Dux and Proxime Accessit



Dux
Zilu (Mark) Xu
ATAR
99.95
(Perfect Score)

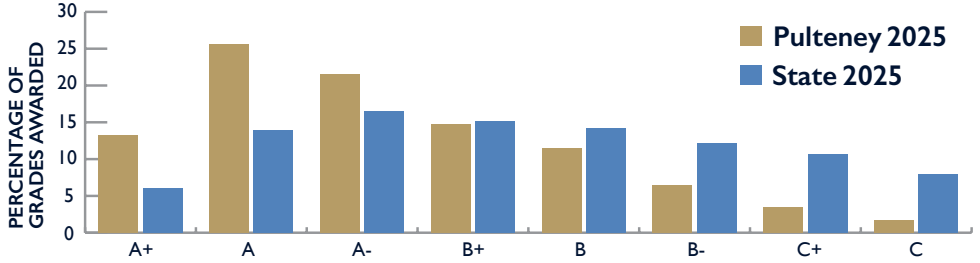


Proxime Accessit
Guanbo (Jeffery) Wang
ATAR
99.9

Learning Beyond Pulteney Grammar School

The Class of 2025 were a talented group of young people who had a diverse range of interests and abilities. These graphics below and overleaf highlight this diversity and represent their learning destinations and career choices beyond Pulteney in 2026.

2025 Grade Distributions



<p>MEDIAN ATAR</p> <p>89.2</p>	<p>6% TOP 1%</p> <p>PLACED IN THE</p> <p>NATIONALLY</p> <p>ATAR OF 99+ OR ABOVE</p>	<p>26% TOP 5%</p> <p>PLACED IN THE</p> <p>NATIONALLY</p> <p>ATAR OF 95+ OR ABOVE</p>	<p>46% TOP 10%</p> <p>PLACED IN THE</p> <p>NATIONALLY</p> <p>ATAR OF 90+ OR ABOVE</p>
<p>87%</p> <p>ACHIEVED A BAND RESULTS</p>	<p>68</p> <p>ACHIEVED A+</p>	<p>100%</p> <p>OF STUDENTS ACHIEVED THEIR SACE</p>	<p>100%</p> <p>Proud</p>

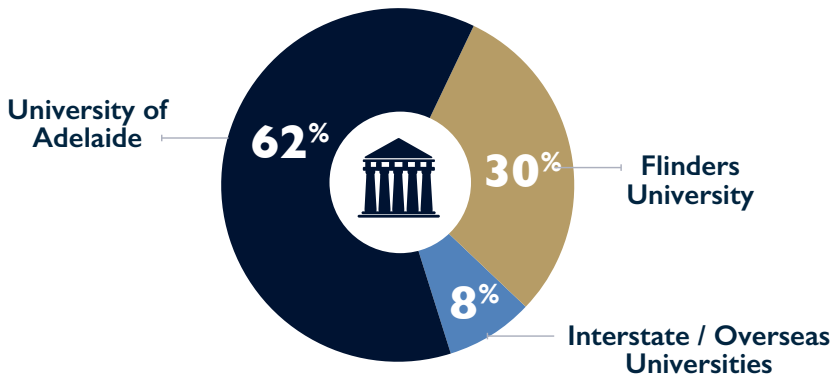
Merit Listings **23** ACHIEVED BY **17** STUDENTS IN **17** SUBJECTS

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| Accounting | Business Innovation | Chemistry | Dance | Drama | English | English Literary Studies | General Mathematics |
| Integrated Learning | Japanese (Continuers) | Legal Studies | Media Studies | Modern History | Nutrition | Outdoor Education | Specialist Mathematics |

2025 Tertiary Course Destinations



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University Extension Programs

University Extension Programs – Headstart (University of Adelaide) and Extension Studies (Flinders University)

11 students undertook university extension subjects as part of their SACE, with achievements including **13 High Distinctions** and **7 Distinctions**.



VET

31 students achieved Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications in:

Allied Health Assistance, Automotive Service Technology, Beauty Services, Business, Carpentry, Electrotechnology, Entrepreneurship and New Business, Fitness, Legal Services, Screen & Media.



Course Offers:

Of the 79 students who applied to SA and interstate Universities or TAFE, all received an offer, with 94.9% receiving their first or second preference.

2025	
First Preference	86.1%
Second Preference	8.8%
Third Preference	3.8%
Fourth Preference	1.3%



2025 Dux - Zilu (Mark) Xu

Congratulations to Pulteney's 2025 Dux, Zilu (Mark) Xu (pictured above), whose exceptional achievements reflect both academic excellence and intellectual curiosity.

Across Years 11 and 12, Mark completed seven Stage 2 subjects along with two University Extension (Headstart) courses through the University of Adelaide. He achieved an A+ in every subject and High Distinctions in both university courses, equivalent to a perfect 20/20. Mark attained an outstanding **ATAR of 99.95**, placing him among the very highest achievers nationally.

Mark was awarded six SACE Merits in Research Project, English, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Specialist Mathematics. In recognition of this outstanding accomplishment, he received the prestigious Governor's Commendation Award for Academic Excellence, presented by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC at Government House.

Mark received offers to study Medicine from six universities worldwide and has accepted an offer from the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom, where only nine international places are available. He is the sole recipient from Australia in this intake, an extraordinary achievement.

We also celebrate all students who earned SACE Merits in 2025, with special recognition to Proxime Accessit Guanbo (Jeffery) Wang, who received multiple Merits in Chemistry, English Literary Studies and Japanese (Continuers), and to Charlie Carr, who achieved Merits in Drama and English Literary Studies.

We are incredibly proud of the Class of 2025 and look forward to seeing the many ways they will contribute to their communities and chosen fields.

Recipients of 2025 School Blue Awards

A School Blue is the School's highest honour, recognising outstanding achievement, leadership and contribution to school life. At Speech Night, two students from the Class of 2025 were awarded a School Blue.



Samara Zhang (above left)

Samara achieved exceptional academic results throughout her schooling, consistently placing among the top students in her year level.

She received major subject prizes in Mathematics, English, Commerce, Economics and Japanese, along with distinctions in the Australian Mathematics Competition and Academic Excellence Awards across nearly every term from Years 7 to 12. Her Year 12 honours included the Japanese Prize, the ML Sparron Prize for Economics, the Dr Roneal Naidu Award for Service Above Self and the ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award.

A committed contributor beyond the classroom, Samara was deeply involved in the School's music program, performing in ensembles including Senior Concert Choir, Grammarphones, Stage Band and Senior Strings. She also represented Pulteney in a range of co-curricular activities such as chess, debating, fencing, cricket and swimming, serving as Swimming Captain in 2022.

As School Vice-Captain in 2025 and a member of the Student Wellbeing Committee, Samara led with empathy, integrity and a strong sense of service to others. Samara's scholarship, character and leadership exemplify the values of a Pulteney graduate and make her a most deserving recipient of a School Blue.



Addison Ritossa (above right)

Addison has demonstrated exceptional all-round excellence throughout her time at Pulteney.

Academically, she achieved consistent Academic Excellence from Years 7 to 12 and earned major subject prizes across Dance, Mathematics, German, Chemistry and Physical Education. She was named Middle School Dux in 2022 and was an active participant in enrichment opportunities including Tournament of Minds and the da Vinci Decathlon.

A passionate contributor to the Performing Arts, Addison performed in five major School productions, played a significant role in the Dance program and served as Dance Captain, inspiring younger students through her leadership and commitment.

She was equally dedicated to sport, representing Pulteney in athletics, basketball, cricket, cross country and netball, and captaining the School's soccer team for several years.

Beyond her achievements, Addison is recognised for her humility, kindness and service to others. As a Prefect and member of the Student Wellbeing Committee, she led with empathy and integrity, also receiving the Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award and the Ampol Award. Addison's breadth of achievement and positive impact on the community exemplify the spirit of what it is to be a Pulteney Navy Blue.

Making a Difference Beyond the Classroom

The Class of 2025 demonstrated that a Pulteney education extends well beyond academic success.

School Captains Charlotte Jarmer and Jack Oates, together with Vice Captains Samara Zhang and Freddy Hawkes, led a whole-school fundraising initiative in support of Unite4Kids, an organisation assisting children and families affected by cancer.

Students from Years 4 to 12 walked and ran laps of Park 20, dressed in the colours of their favourite sporting teams, creating a vibrant display of community spirit and compassion.

The event raised more than \$17,000, surpassing the original \$15,000 goal, and exemplified the leadership, empathy and service that characterise a Pulteney graduate.

Below: School Captains & Vice Captains presenting the cheque to Clown Doctors at Women's and Children's Hospital.



Sporting Excellence

Zach Parish

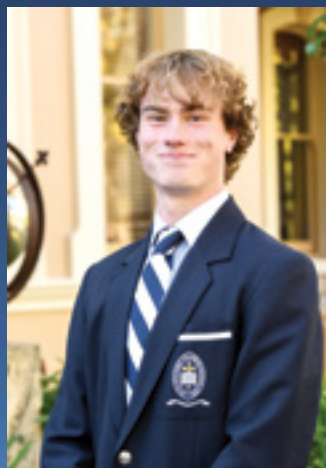
NAVY BLUE TO GREEN AND GOLD

Successfully balancing the demands of elite sport alongside his Year 12 studies, Zach Parish achieved the remarkable honour of representing Australia in lacrosse in 2025.

Selected for the Australian Under-20 men's national team, the Crocodiles, Zach travelled to Japan and South Korea to compete at the Men's National Lacrosse Championships and the Under-20 World Lacrosse Championship on Jeju Island. Competing against some of the world's strongest lacrosse nations, including the USA and Canada, the team delivered an outstanding performance, returning home with a bronze medal.

Zach's selection followed more than a year of rigorous trials and preparation, reflecting his dedication, perseverance and passion for the sport. In recognition of his achievement and contribution to Pulteney sport, he was awarded a Pulteney Blue for Lacrosse.

Zach now hopes to continue pursuing lacrosse internationally, with aspirations to play at college level in the United States and further develop his opportunities in the sport.



Above: Zach Parish

Right: Zach receiving his Bronze medal at the U20 World Lacrosse Championships.



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