



2023 FARRER HIGHLIGHTS

CAPTURING SOME OF OUR SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS THROUGHOUT 2022.
OUR FULL YEAR IS FEATURED IN THE 2022 MYALL MAGAZINE.

*Exceptional sporting
and academic
results throughout
the year!*

Expanding success through the year

Clint Gallagher - Principal's Message 2023

It is always a challenge to sum up a year at Farrer! So much happens and 2023 has been no exception. In short, the year has been exceptionally busy which has resulted in significant achievements across all facets of Farrer life. The most pleasing part was the enormous levels of participation in the widest possible variety of endeavours. The numerous successes and activities our boys have enjoyed are well documented in the pages that follow, but the following certainly stood out to me.

We proudly marched together as a school on Anzac Day for the first time since 2019. This was indeed a highlight of the year and a tradition which our Year 12 students felt was important to continue. Respecting those who have served our nation has been an important part of our school's culture since it opened during the Second World War. It was wonderful to welcome 94 year old Mr Pat Carberry in Term 4 to recount some of the challenges that students faced during the years when Australia was at war. Our boys were completely engaged with his reflections of life at Farrer during wartime.

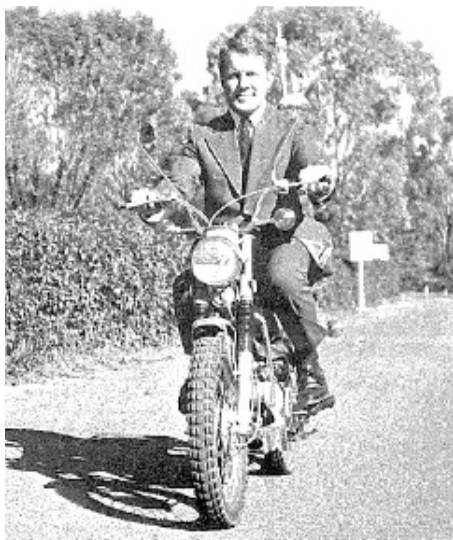
This year, Farrer celebrates an exceptional level of academic success. We have seen outstanding ATAR results with six students achieving an ATAR above 90. Among these high achievers, Lewis Shepherdson stood out by obtaining an exceptional ATAR score of 99.45. The students from the Class of 2023 have demonstrated remarkable progress in their educational journey at Farrer, and I commend them for their unwavering dedication to their studies and all other endeavours throughout their time here.

Agriculture excellence has continued to be a focus, with Farrer leading the way in the Tamworth district with the promotion of Food and Fibre week. Numerous primary schools and pre-schools have visited our campus to take a hands on approach to learning under the expert guiding instruction of our staff and students. Despite the dry times and challenging markets, the annual ram sale was a great success, achieving our highest ever price of \$30,000. The school enjoyed more success with Year 12 Primary Industries student Harry Mamone receiving a Certificate of Excellence at the 2023 WorldSkills Australia National Championships in Perth.

A year of sporting success was highlighted by our Hockey team winning the State Championship in a very close game which was decided in the final minutes. This success was matched by the U16 Rugby Union team winning their state title, the Buchan Shield. Our First XI Cricket team were crowned CHS State Champions. Logan Spinks was named Sportsman of the Year after being named in the Australian School Boys' Rugby League team. He was presented with the Carberry Cup by Old Boy Mr Pat Carberry at a special school assembly. Success abounded in Rugby Union, Rugby League, Basketball, Water Polo, Shooting, Equestrian, Tennis, with Lawn Bowls re-emerging as another sporting opportunity to represent the school.

Congratulations to the outgoing Year 12, who have done an outstanding job in leading the school. Captain Shannon Charters and his Vice Captains, Archie Davidson and Nick Mead were exemplary and the whole Year 12 group worked together to raise awareness and funding for charity and promote a positive culture in the school.

The Mother and Son dinner and the Father and Son golf day were enjoyed by all, as were the final farewell celebrations at the end of Term 3. It would be remiss not to acknowledge Year Coordinator Mrs Katie Rowe who worked tirelessly over the entire six years to support the boys in their journey through school.



The Haycock family joined us for the Official Opening of the Haycock Dormitory during the September holidays, delayed because of COVID. Brett, Lisa and Andy Haycock grew up at Farrer while their father Kevin was Deputy at the school for 20 years. They and their families joined a number of former staff and students to celebrate Kevin's contribution to the school.



We have farewelled a number of staff this year. In Science, Mrs Amanda Watson made the very difficult decision to leave teaching at the end of term 2 to pursue a career with a renewable energy company. We thank her for

her many years of dedicated service and wish her the very best in her new career. Mr Matthew Dodds made the move to Glen Innes with his family part way through Term 4. He has inspired many senior physics students to pursue a science based career and has been an engaging teacher for many junior students. We thank him sincerely and wish him all the best. We must also bid farewell to Mrs Angela Wilde, who has served the school across faculties for the past ten years. We thank her for her support and wish her well in the future. Mrs Gai Chambers has worked as a teacher mentor over the last three years developing skills to implement our writing program. She has also provided students with tutoring assistance and we value her important contribution to our school.

We said farewell to Deputy Mr Luke Maloy at an assembly at the end of Term 3. Mr Maloy worked at Farrer for 14 years and was a passionate economics teacher, mountain biker and AFL supporter. He has moved to the coast and is trying to add the title of surfer to his list of accomplishments.

Farrer celebrates the contribution of two retiring staff this year. Mr John Drenkhahn originally joined the school as an agriculture teacher in 2013 before "retiring" in 2018, only to be enticed back to working and residing at the school until the end of this year. We thank him for the countless hours he has spent covering classes and residential supervision, and for

the many positive relationships he has developed at our school. Finally, Mr John McAdam will retire from teaching in 2024, after service as Head Teacher Science at Farrer since 2000. The school would like to thank Mr McAdam for his contributions in the science faculty, with the school hockey teams, the ODAS program, developing the school timetable and as the Teachers' Federation representative. We wish both gentlemen a long and healthy retirement.

We were saddened to hear of the death of David Smart, who passed away in January this year after working on the Farrer farm for 18 years. David was a kind and friendly man who enjoyed his work with our boys. He was a valued member of the Farrer family and is remembered fondly by his colleagues.

I would also like to thank the entire staff at Farrer for their immense contributions over 2023. The professionalism and expertise of these people cannot be overstated. We express gratitude to the teaching staff, and to the non-teaching staff; in the office, student support, kitchen, laundry, farm, cleaning, transport, maintenance and grounds. I again thank the School Council for their advice and their scrutiny of policies throughout the year and I look forward to working with this body in 2024. The Farrer PT&F has again been ably led by Georgie Firth who will now finish her time as President. We thank Georgie for her energy, enthusiasm and friendly approach after initially being 'encouraged' into the role. Amanda Gwalter will now take the reins as President and I encourage all parents to join the PT&F, as it is an excellent way to learn about the school and to meet people in the Farrer community.

It has been an honour to lead the school in such a successful year. I look forward to more challenges and opportunities in 2024.



Farrer celebrates 2023 HSC results

To all of our students, we are immensely proud of your achievement and wish you happiness and success in your future endeavours.

The Farrer Class of 2023 have embraced their roles as leaders within the school community. Their sense of commitment, pride in the school, community service and fundraising are a credit to their character. Not only do we celebrate the academic success of our top achievers from the HSC, we also congratulate those who have already accepted work and studies throughout various industries and tertiary institutions. For these students, we commend you for achieving your goals and living out your dreams.

Class of 2023 Highlights

Farrer had a highly successful year where every student from Class of 2023 gained entry into their chosen academic and career pathway.

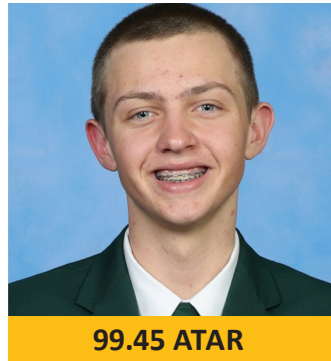
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2023 HSC PERFORMANCE INCLUDE:

- Top Student: 99.45 ATAR and HSC All Rounder Distinguished Achiever
- 35 Band 6 results across 14 subjects, 81 Band 5 results overall
- 15 Top Achievers listed on 2023 HSC Distinguished Achievers
- Band 5 & 6 results across 22 subjects
- Band E4 (notional Band 6) results on all students in English Extension 1
- 14 Nominations and 4 Shortlistings for exhibition in SHAPE 2023
- 8% students achieved above 90 ATAR

2023 ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

21% Health Industry
19% Engineering/Surveying
15% Science
12% Law
12% Commerce/Business
9% Agriculture
6% Computing
3% Education
3% Arts

Highlights of the 2023 HSC performance include:



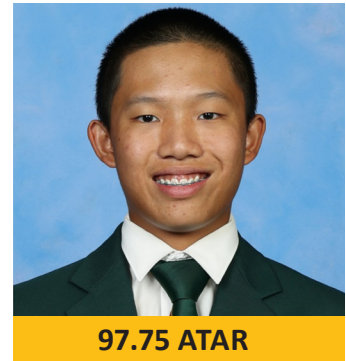
Lewis Shepherdson
Farrer Dayboy Prefect

Band 6: Economics, English Advanced, Geography, Legal Studies, Mathematics Advanced
Band E4: English Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 1

HSC Distinguished Achiever:
All Rounder

Recipient of Dux of the Trial HSC, Bellenger Award and Donald Campbell Ellis Memorial Prize

Future Goal: Bachelor Economics at University of Melbourne



Gavril Tan
Farrer Dayboy Prefect

Band 6: English Advanced, Legal Studies, Modern History
Band E4: English Extension 1, English Extension 2
Band 5: Economics

HSC Distinguished Achiever:
English Advanced, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, Legal Studies, Modern History

Recipient of Farrer Prize for Excellence in Literacy

Future Goal: Bachelor of Law at Bond University



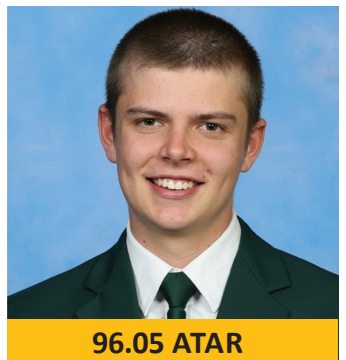
Joseph Anderson
Farrer Dayboy Prefect

Band 6: English Advanced, Legal Studies, Modern History
Band E4: English Extension 1, English Extension 2
Band 5: Economics

HSC Distinguished Achiever:
English Advanced, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, Legal Studies, Modern History

Recipient of University of Newcastle Prize and Most Outstanding Writer of the Year

Future Goal: Bachelor of Law at University of Newcastle



Nicholas Mead
Farrer Dayboy Vice Captain

Band 6: Business Studies, Legal Studies, Mathematics Standard 2, PDHPE
Band 5: Biology, English Advanced

HSC Distinguished Achiever:
Business Studies, Legal Studies, Mathematics Standard 2, PDHPE

Recipient of ADF Long Tan Award, Deputy Principal Day School Prize, Sporting Blue 2023 for achievement in Cricket

Future Goal: Bachelor of Law (Psychology) at University of Newcastle



92.0 ATAR

Campbell Lewis

Band 6: English Advanced, Geography
Band E4: English Extension 1
Band 5: Legal Studies
 Mathematics Standard 2
Band E3: English Extension 2

HSC Distinguished Achiever:
 English Advanced, English Extension 1

Future Goal: Bachelor of Design at University of Melbourne



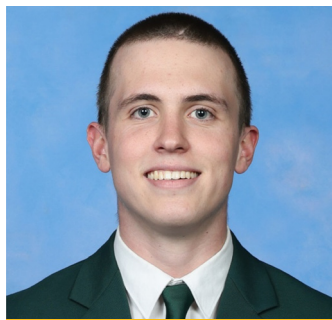
91.45 ATAR

Dusty Hagon
 Farrer Boarder Prefect

Band 5: Biology, Business Studies, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced

Recipient of Farrer Scholarship Prize and Nigel Smith Science All-Rounder Award

Future Goal: Bachelor of Commerce at University of Sydney



88.60 ATAR

Finlay Boresch
 Farrer Dayboy Prefect

Band 5: Economics English Advanced, Geography, Mathematics Standard 2, Modern History

Future Goal: Defence Force



88.55 ATAR

Zac Craig
 Farrer Dayboy Prefect

Band 6 Industrial Technology, Mathematic Advanced
Band 5 Engineering Studies, English Advanced

HSC Distinguished Achiever:
 Industrial Technology, Mathematics Advanced

Recipient of New England Engraving Prize, Ampol Best All Rounder Award and Sporting Blues 2023 for achievement in Cricket

Future Goal: Bachelor of Oral Health at University of Sydney



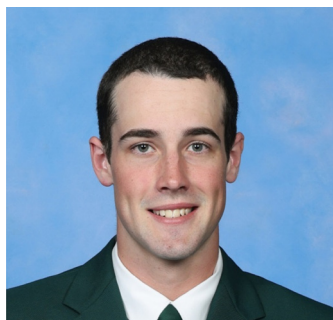
86.50 ATAR

Flynn Palmer
 Farrer Boarder Prefect

Band 6: Industrial Technology
Band 5: Economics, English Standard, Mathematics Standard 2

HSC Distinguished Achiever:
 Industrial Technology

Future Goal: Computer Science in Brisbane



86.20 ATAR

Luke Goodhand
 Farrer Dayboy Prefect

Band 5: Economics, English Advanced, Geography, Industrial Technology, Mathematics Advanced

Future Goal: Bachelor of Environmental Science at University

Congratulations to the following 2023 HSC Distinguished Achievers

Industrial Technology

Shannon Charters
 Nicholas Driscoll
 Oliver Gibbs
 Noah Hooley

Thomas Maxey
 Lachlan Overton
 Nicholas Revell

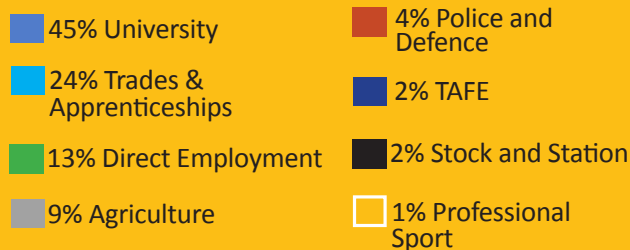
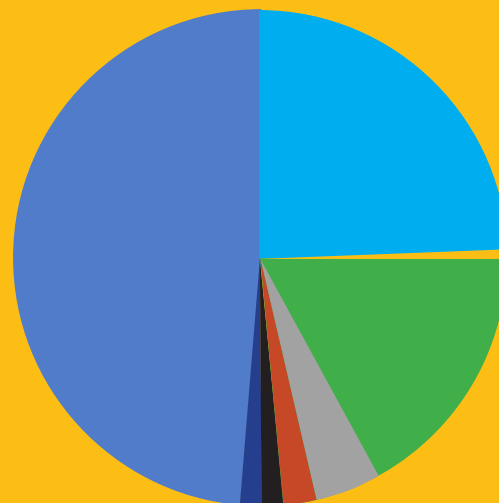
Primary Industries Examination

Harrison Mamone

Students Shortlisted for Exhibition in SHAPE 2023

David Barclay
 Shannon Charters
 Archie Davidson
 Lachlan Overton

FROM A COHORT OF 73 STUDENTS CHOSEN CAREER DESTINATIONS



Farrer celebrates sporting success throughout 2023

Australia Representatives

*Australian U18s School boys -
Rugby League
Logan Spinks - Year 12*



*Australian All Stars
U17s - Hockey
Jack Marshall - Year 11*



State winning teams

Darcy Hannaford (Rugby Union), Charlie Stone (Cricket) and Jack Marshall (Hockey) with the spoils of Farrer's title trifecta.



Hockey

The Farrer First XI Hockey team were crowned NSW Combined High School Champions, winning the statewide competition final this year. After overcoming Grafton High School 2-1, and then defeating Crookwell High School in penalties, 2(4) - 2(3), Farrer secured their position in the final against a strong Parkes High School side. An evenly contested first half saw the teams locked at 0 - 0 at half time. Farrer fought hard in the second half, their defence holding extremely tight under numerous attacking plays. It was a crucial penalty corner that enabled the victory, Farrer winning 1-0.

Cricket

The year 2023 marked a historic moment for the Farrer First XI Cricket team, as they emerged victorious in the NSW Combined High Schools Alan Davidson Shield competition. Dominant performances from Blake Scicluna (41 and 3/6) and Harry Lewington (77 and 2/13) saw Farrer 169 defeat Cowra High School 37.

The team dedicated the win to long-time Farrer coach John Kilborn. The man affectionately known as Killer coached the First XI from 1976 through to 2013 and was in charge the last time they made the final, which was in 2009.

The Under 14 Coleman Shield side was successful in defeating Warialda in the Final. Farrer also had 10 teams compete in the Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 Cricket comp run on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings.



It was a big few days for the under 16s rugby union side winning the North West Regional Youth Competition final and four days later the statewide Buchan Shield.

Rugby Union

It was a very successful year for our Rugby Union sides with Farrer representing in all three grand finals in the North West Regional Youth competition. Farrer 16As won convincingly 30-3 against Calrossy while the First XV remained undefeated for the season edging out Narrabri 17-14.

The Farrer 16s progressed to the NSW Combined High Schools Buchan Shield finals in Sydney where they played in a three team finals series defeating Murrumbidgee Regional High School 20-12 and Orange High School 28-12 to win the Buchan Shield competition.

TAS v Farrer

Farrer wins both shields

Farrer wins both Shields at this year's Farrer vs TAS annual clash held at The Armidale School on Thursday 8th June 2023.

First XV Rugby Captain Tom Maxey and Vice Captain Barnaby Mount presented both the Dick Hodgson and Jim Levy shields to Principal Gallagher at the whole school assembly held June 23rd, 2023. There was much excitement at the school as this is the first time in four years that Farrer has won both shields.



Rugby Union First XV

Rugby Union



Debating



Gold Rugby



Basketball



15s Basketball



Football



First XI Hockey



Shooting



TOTAL Raised \$53,161

The World's Greatest Shave

March 7th, 2023

Since 2010, Year 12
classes at Farrer have
raised over \$300,000
for the Leukaemia
Foundation.



Adrian Leggit from Leukaemia Foundation presented a certificate of appreciation to Farrer who has raised over \$300,000 since 2010. Mr Dave Olrich was also acknowledged for his participation since 2010.

Mr Leggit was extremely impressed by the efforts of Farrer to raise over \$300,000 so far for the Leukaemia Foundation. The funds have contributed to building accommodation facilities in Sydney for patients from rural and regional NSW.





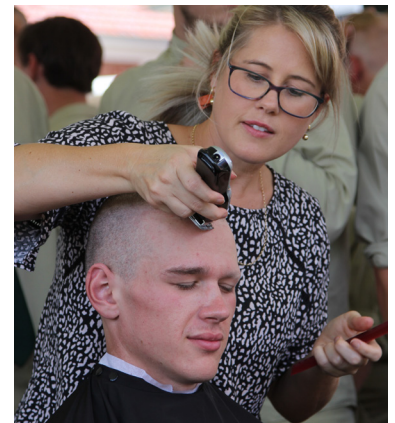
Farrer Class of 2023 followed in the footsteps of their predecessors by participating in the World's Greatest Shave, raising a total of \$53,161.62 for The Leukaemia Foundation.

In addition to the Shave, Farrer Class of 2023 hosted an online auction throughout March with prizes generously donated by the local community, coupled with an overwhelming result in raising over \$4,000 alone at the "Bid to Shave" auction.

"It is all about school spirit at Farrer, and we realise that the Leukaemia Foundation has had a big impact on people within our school community, as well

as the whole nation, and getting our heads shaved really promotes the message that we support those suffering and going through those hard times and the families around them." said Vice Captain, Nicholas Mead.

In 2023, the World's Greatest Shave celebrated their 25th Anniversary making it one of Australia's longest running and most iconic fundraising events.



23rd Angus Bull Sale

Clearance 94%
Avg \$9,031
Top Sale: \$23,000



29th Annual On Property White Suffolk Ram Sale

Farrer White Suffolks 29th Annual On-Property Sale was held on Wednesday September 6th, 2023 at the Farrer Agricultural Centre of Excellence.

For 2023, the top price Ram surpassed our previous on-property record with a new top sale of \$30,200 as well as reaching the second highest average price of \$3,162.50.

Congratulations to Mr Darren Smith, Ag Staff and the Year 10 Wool Science students for their hard work and contribution to the direction and management of the White Suffolk Stud throughout the year. Special thanks to Garvin & Cousens, Auctions Plus, Farrer Farm, FEC and laundry staff for making this event a success.

Top Sale \$30,200

Harry Mamone WorldSkills National Championship



Congratulations to Farrer student Harry Mamone who gained a Certificate of Excellence at the 2023 WorldSkills Australia National Championships - VETIS Primary Industries division held in Melbourne.

The opportunity came when Harry received 2nd place in the Regional Competition earlier this year.

Harry had to demonstrate his skills in numerous facets within the Primary industries trade at the National competition which include livestock handling, condition scoring, fencing, chemical application and clean up, just to name a few. Well done Harry. We are extremely proud.

March 8th, 2023

Open Day

Each year students and parents considering Farrer as their school of choice are invited to explore our facilities, talk to our team and meet current students to help them decide if Farrer is a good fit for their family.

The day is designed in a group tour format, during school hours and runs for a full school day.



Charities Farrer supports

World's Greatest Shave (2007-2023) \$326,649
Movember (2007-2023) \$81,516
Biggest Morning Tea (2007-2023) \$18,875
Red Cross (2007-2019) \$54,239
Red Shield Appeal (2007-2019) \$63,930

Plus many other minor fundraising activities, including the RSPCA, Jeans for Genes, Aussie Farmers, RU OK Day, Do it for Dolly, Westpac Rescue Helicopter, McGrath Foundation and various Cancer Council appeals.

The Inaugural Year 12 Mother and Son Dinner

Friday March 24th, 2023
Farrer Centre Lawn



TUESDAY, 25 APRIL 2023
ANZAC DAY

