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(L-R) Patrick Atallah (2015 College Captain), Nimesh Kularatne (2015 College Dux) and Luis Mascaro (2015 Moroney House Captain)

2015 VCE RESULTS

Congratulations to our 2015, Year 12 cohort on their successful VCE results.

Patrick Atallah (College Captain), Nimesh Kularatne (Dux), and Luis Mascaro (Moroney House Captain) carried on an extraordinary family and College success rate, achieving an ATAR of 98 and above, all within a 1.8 percent range of their older brothers (Class of 2011).

THE HIGHLIGHTS

- Dux of 2015, Nimesh Kularatne achieved the highest score in the College's history with an ATAR of 99.8; putting him in the top 0.15 percent of all Year 12 students in the state
- 6.5 percent of students achieved an ATAR above 97
- 9.5 percent of students achieved an ATAR above 95
- 17 percent of students achieved an ATAR exceeding 90
- 8.7 percent of students achieved a study score above 40



Making College history with an ATAR of 99.8, 2015 College Dux, Nimesh Kularatne with Principal Robert Brennan

- The cohort maintained a median study score of 31
- 30 per cent of students achieved an ATAR above 80
- VCE completion rate sat at 100 per cent



Associate Professor Mark Dawson, Class of 1992 graduate

PAST STUDENT LEADS CANCER BREAKTHROUGH

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
MARK DAWSON
1992, YEAR 12 SALESIAN COLLEGE
CHADSTONE GRADUATE**

Past student and leading Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre clinical-researcher Associate Professor Mark Dawson's ongoing commitment to learning and innovation is 'leap frogging' our understanding of cancer; transforming prevention and treatment to save and extend lives.

Today, Mark is leading a group of researchers in the newly established Cancer Epigenetics Laboratory at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, who are driving significant impact in the area of acute myeloid leukaemia (AML); a disease which holds a poor prognosis. But it's not all laboratory focused. Mark balances his time in research with human patient contact; "coupling curiosity and compassion" remains his priority - reiterating his fundamental belief in "looking after others". His attitude and motivation is fuelled by his drive and desire to "know why we can't cure this disease - it's not good enough to just accept this".

This driven, academically gifted and socially conscious man hasn't just arrived at this place.

Post his years laying the foundations at Salesian College Chadstone, it has taken around fifteen years of dedicated tertiary learning. Studying an undergraduate degree of Medicine at Melbourne University and further study at Oxford University in the United Kingdom placed him in perfect stead for one of eight General Sir John Monash Award scholarships in 2006 and an invitation to study his PHD at the University of Cambridge.

In an effort to give back to the country that holds the strongest emotional tie, Mark has returned to Melbourne with his wife, Dr Sarah-Jane Dawson, also a leading clinician-researcher working at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, along with their two sons.

As results determine the immediate future for many students across the country, Mark acknowledges the instances that changed where he is today, going right back to his time on the College grounds twenty-four years ago. He smiles and positively reminisces about the three key teachers who motivated him at the critical points in his Year 12 to ensure he reached his potential. Mark acknowledges that he often reflects; "I wonder where I'd be if I hadn't met those people".