

OLD GRAMMARIANS SOCIETY MELBOURNE GIRLS GRAMMAR  
GILMAN JONES SCHOLARSHIP TRUST  
Report for Annual General Meeting 10 May, 2023

This report is presented on behalf of the Award Trustees of the Trust being: Jenny Brown, Margaret McNaughton, Professor Philippa Pattison and Dr Judith Tisdall.

The Scholarship was established in 1942 by the Committee of the Old Grammarians Society, in gratitude for the wonderful service to the School of Miss Kathleen Annie Gilman Jones, Headmistress from 1916 to 1938. The bursary provides a single cash award to the successful applicant (or applicants), who, in the estimation of the Trustees shows "the greatest scholastic promise" based on the student's Year 12 results and a report from the Principal of the School.

The results from the MGGS VCE Class of 2020 were extremely strong, which reflects the continuing success of the management of the School throughout the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. The Class of 2022 comprised 130 students. Of these, 11 students achieved an ATAR score of 99 or higher and 40% of the students obtained ATAR scores of 90 or higher. The highest individual ATAR score was **99.80**, which was achieved by two students, **Louise Wang and Alexandra Zhang**.

The Trustees received 17 Applications for the Scholarship. We are pleased to announce the Award has been shared between the two abovenamed students, **Louise Wang and Alexandra Zhang**, each with their ATAR study scores of 99.80. Both students attended MGGS for a period of 6 years and both were recognised as being members of the Monash Scholars Program.

**Louise Wang** was regarded as an exceptional student who combined an excellent academic record over a wide range of subjects with participation in a range of co-curricular activities for the School and her House. The list includes general instrumental music, DAV debating and Model UN activities. Louise is a very keen athlete and represented her House in Cross Country, swimming and athletics.

For her VCE, Louise completed English, Literature, Chinese Second Language, Chinese Second Language Advance, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematical Methods and Specialist Mathematics and received perfect study scores of 50 for English (2022) and Chinese Second Language (2021).

Louise has been accepted by Monash University to commence a degree for a Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine this year.

**Alexandra Zhang** also received an ATAR study score of 99.80 for her VCE subjects which included studies in English, Latin, French, Specialist Maths and Chemistry. She also completed

a challenging Accelerated Mathematics Program and successfully participated in numerous Mathematics and Science competitions.

Alexandra was School Music Captain in 2022 and carried out the role of Concertmaster of both the Senior Orchestra and the Senior Strings from 2018 – 2022. She also participated in community musical events, and several Science, STEM and mathematics competitions. She has received numerous prizes and awards for her scholastic achievements and for her engagement in extra-curricular activities. She has shown great leadership capacity and has been highly valued for her participation in a range of co-curricular activities within the School. Alexandra is enrolled to study a Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne.

We heartily congratulate each of these students who both clearly fulfil the requirements for the Award, and we wish them well in their further education and future careers.

We were pleased to again be invited to attend the School's High Achievers' Assembly which was held in Ross Hall on Friday, 24 February 2023. We presented each of the successful students with their Awards at this event.

The management of the capital funds of the G J Scholarship Trust, the Old Grammarians Scholarship and the Life Members Trust funds is through the Merton Hall Foundation. We are seeking clarification of the system to enable us to clearly identify the amount of income earned from each fund, which is required to ascertain the amount available for payment of the awards to our Scholars. This year we were able to provide each of the 2023 Gilman Jones Scholars with an amount of \$1,500.00 for this award.

We wish to acknowledge the kind assistance we receive from the School's Careers Counsellor, Ms Breeanna McGrath, who encourages the Year 12 students to complete an Application for the Award, and once the VCE results are announced, she then completes each Application and collates the full record and Report from the School on each Applicant. The completed Applications are then delivered to the Award Trustees to study and complete the adjudication process.

Margaret McNaughton  
(Chairman of Award Trustees)