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Year 12 SACE Results, 2007

My first sentiment in relation to the Year 12 SACE results for 2007 is that 115 fine young people of the College attempted the South Australian Certificate of Education last year. Each would have a story to be told and I feel everyone would share in my esteem for their efforts and attainments. I am hopeful that a major challenge of a young person's life, for better or worse, can be now placed as part of life's experience. Such was the quality of last year's students I remain confident in the capabilities of each Year 12 student of 2007 to find a way to make the very best of their gifts in coming years.

More pragmatically, in a reflection on the academic results in statistical terms, it is of some comfort to observe that 40% of Pedare students placed in the leading 20% of South Australian students. Given that 44.8% of Prince Alfred College students managed to attain this same benchmark our College should be well pleased for the high standing of Pedare students.

The acclaim given to the Dux of any school is significant and stands in the history of a school for time immemorial. We are blessed for 2007 with two students jointly achieving a TER of 98.25 to share this honour. Delightedly, I extend our collective congratulations to Kate Bulling and Adam Cantley and look forward to honouring them in a forthcoming Assembly.

A further 12 students gained a TER of 90 and above and 22 students a TER of 80 and above. In total 110 students (95.7%) gained a SACE.

Students Attaining a TER above 90
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kate Bulling 98.25• Adam Cantley 98.25• Fiona Wademan 96.75• Eddie Bastiani 95.55• Benjamin Russell 93.55• Jessica Wojciechowski 93.0• Jamie Wormald 91.95• Hannah Clarke 91.2• Gabriela Tanumihardja 91.2• Rachael Linke 90.85• Adam Russo 90.85• Aishani Sharma 90.15

Kate and Adam were joined by Benjamin Russell in claiming five (5) A's while a further four students, Eddie Bastiani, Danielle Copini, Gabriela Tanumihardja and Fiona Wademan, received four (4) A's. Compliments should also be extended to the seven students who gained three (3) A's: Joshua Cavanagh, Amy French, Shannon Graham (a year 11 student), Rachael Linke, Thomas Oliver, Melissa Smith and Jamie Wormald.

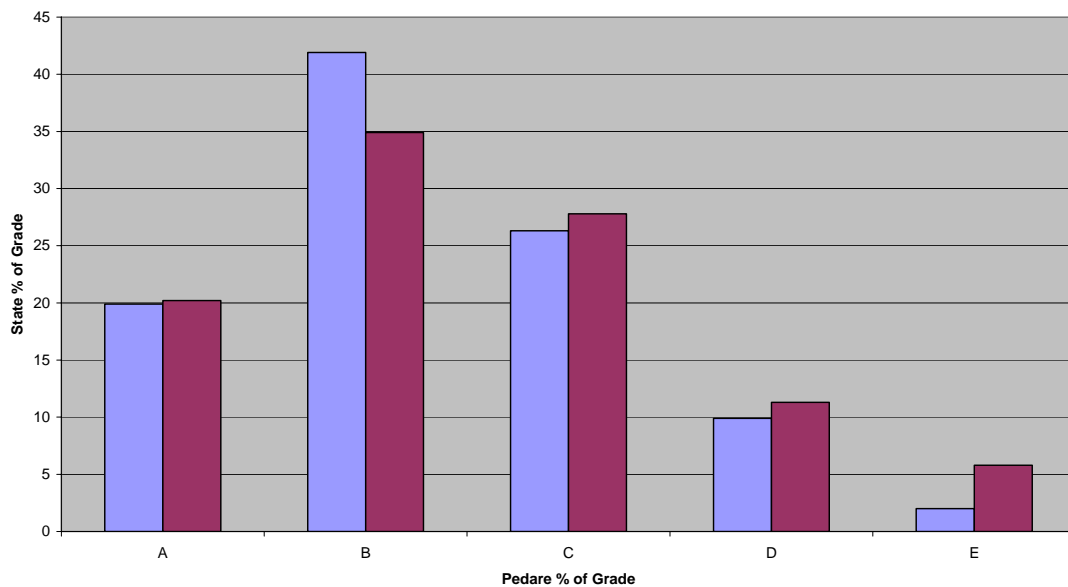
Notably, four students achieved a perfect score (20/20) in one subject:

- Kate Bulling in Psychology
- James Fox in Vocational Studies A
- Michael Harris in Solo Performance
- Ebony Weidenbach (a Year 11 student) in Vocational Studies B

In a comparison of Pedare students to the State SACE results the following table makes interesting reference. The chart following the data table presents the information in a graphic.

Achievement Grade	Pedare (%)	State (%)
A	19.9	20.2
B	41.9	34.9
C	26.3	27.8
D	9.9	11.3
E	2.0	5.8

SACE ACHIEVEMENT GRADES



In my reading of this data it would seem reasonable to make the comment that Pedare students attained results comparable to the State average for A Grades, C Grades and D Grades. Tellingly, the percentage of students gaining B grades was considerably higher than the State average. In an inclusive school where all students are accepted for what gifts they bring, the

results on Grade indicate the relative strength of the College's academic programme where the individual remains the most important focus.

The overall assessment of the SACE results is pleasing and a credit to the students, the preparation provided by the College staff and the support of parents.

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