Congratulations are extended to the Ivanhoe Girls’ Class of 2015 who have received their 2016 tertiary offers. Every single student who was seeking a tertiary placement has been offered a place in a course of her choice, primarily in Victoria but a number have chosen to study interstate, most notably the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra.

A great joy for all of us is to see the excitement of students who worked exceptionally hard throughout their schooling to achieve a place in the course of their dreams irrespective of their ATAR. Once again the tertiary destinations that the Class of 2015 have chosen to pursue are very diverse. It is really encouraging to see that the girls are carefully considering what course and institution best suits them as individuals.

Our 2015 Dux, Liu Xin (Danielle) Zhang, has been awarded a Chancellor’s Scholarship at The University of Melbourne where she has chosen to study Science. Hannah McConnell has accepted a place to study Philosophy (Honours) — Science at ANU whilst Erin McCubbery has chosen Arts at The University of Melbourne where Martha Mildred Short will be studying Biomedicine (all of whom also achieved ATAR scores over 99)

Congratulations also to both Alicia Cognian and Hannah McConnell who have received National Scholars Program awards from ANU.

Each member of the Class of 2015 has chosen her pathway to suit her own individual interests. In total they have selected to study 71 different courses (a number of which are combined courses) at 14 different tertiary institutions, from broad fields such as Arts, Commerce and Science to Art History/Curation, Film and Television — Animation, International Relations and Law(Honours)/Arts.

With many future careers predicted to require Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) it is exciting to see that 45% of the year level have chosen to study a diverse range of STEM related courses including animal and veterinary bioscience, biomedical science, electrical engineering, exercise science, food technology and pharmacy.

In applying for entry to tertiary study, our girls are encouraged to aim high and use their first two preferences (of up to 12) for the courses of their dreams. Consequently we are delighted that in the first and second round of offers an amazing 70% have gained entry to their first choice and 91% of the Class of 2015 receiving a place in a course of their first three choices.

We wish the Class of 2015 well in their future studies and look forward to watching their careers develop in the years ahead.