



CELEBRATION OF
Excellence
REPORT 2025



Love • Laughter • Learning





Principal's Report

Ms Kate Mortimer

Principal

Welcome to the 2025 Celebration of Excellence Report.

It is with great pride that I present this year's report, which recognises the outstanding academic, cultural, and personal achievements of our students throughout 2025. These accomplishments stand as a testament to their commitment to excellence, perseverance, and the high standards they set for themselves in both scholarship and work habits.

At Sheldon College, we believe that every student has the capacity to achieve the extraordinary. Academic excellence remains a cornerstone of our vision, yet we also celebrate the curiosity, creativity, and character that underpin true learning. Success takes many forms - whether through academic mastery, artistic innovation, or the quiet determination to keep improving. Each student's story reflects growth, grit, and an unwavering pursuit of personal best.

Guided by our philosophy of Love, Laughter, Learning, our community nurtures curiosity, fosters meaningful connections, and encourages students to embrace challenge with confidence. Within this environment, young people learn not only how to excel but how to find purpose and joy in the process of learning itself.

As you explore this report, I invite you to share in the pride we feel for our students - their achievements, their resilience, and their readiness to shape the future with courage and conviction.

Ms Kate Mortimer

Principal



Learning with Impact

As a Sheldon College learner,

I am

Curious
Creative
Engaged
Resilient

So that I can

Innovate
Make a difference
Promote relationships
Achieve my potential
Cultivate a growth mindset
Transform



At Sheldon College, learning is a continuous cycle. We understand that how we learn, unlearn and relearn empowers us all to reach our potential.



Academic Report



Mrs Mardi Bolton

Director of Primary



Mr Brenton Campbell

Director of Teaching and Learning

2025 saw the continued strengthening of Sheldon College's Learning Framework: Learning with IMPACT across the College. This framework is research-driven and grounded in contemporary educational practices that encourage our students to achieve the extraordinary. It guides our shared principles for learning and involves everyone who sees themselves as a learner.

Learning with IMPACT is Sheldon College's blueprint for learning. It enhances the teaching and learning process by creating meaningful, long-lasting effects that go beyond the acquisition of knowledge and skills. Impactful learners are agile, reflective change agents who seek to better themselves and make a positive difference in the world around them.

In 2024, our focus was on introducing the learner characteristics and IMPACT outcomes, both of which are foundational to the success of the entire framework. These elements have been nurtured and are now embedded within the College's learning culture.

In 2025, our attention turned to the centre of the Learning with IMPACT Framework, examining how evidence-

based practices are being delivered in classrooms, how collaborative communities are being fostered, and how a foundation of wellbeing continues to anchor learning success.

These practices have been demonstrated across the College through several key initiatives:

Expert Teaching Team

We are committed to building an Expert Teaching Team that continues to embed the Sheldon College Explicit Teaching Model, ensuring high-quality, evidence-based teaching across all classrooms. Staff are supported by our bespoke Instructional Playbook, which provides practical, research-informed strategies and guidance to refine and grow engagement, pedagogy, and learning. Through the Growth and Learning Cycle and Review process, teachers reflect on practice, set goals, and monitor impact to drive continual improvement. These initiatives work together to promote consistent, effective teaching and maximise student growth and learning outcomes.



Academic Excellence

Students achieved outstanding success across a range of academic pursuits, including high distinction and distinction results in ICAS, Gateways Challenges, the Australian Mathematics Competition, Readers Cup, World Scholars Cup, and Future Problem Solving. Teams participated in Mooting competitions, Future Anything entrepreneurial program and Queensland Government competitions. Our NAPLAN results once again exceeded state and national benchmarks, with exceptional growth particularly evident in writing.

Innovation and Creativity

Students engaged in rich, deep, hands-on learning experiences such as inquiry projects, living museums, expos, and exhibits across all year levels. These experiences cultivated curiosity, imagination, and collaboration, key attributes of impactful learners. These programs, arranged across year levels, foster a community of wellbeing.

Industry Specialists - Writer in Residence Program

A highlight of 2025 was the Writer in Residence experience, which inspired students to think creatively, refine their writing craft and learn from a published author. Brian Falkner is an award-winning author of children's and young adult fiction. His adventurous, imaginative and thought-provoking stories were showcased as ways children workshopped their ideas with him. This initiative reflected our commitment to nurturing creativity and communication skills as part of the Learning with IMPACT vision.

Data-Informed Practice and Student Voice

Data continues to play an important role in classroom decision-making. Staff engaged in professional learning on the Learning Cycle, a process of: Identify; Think; Act; and Grow, to inform curriculum and teaching decisions. In Term Three, students across the College provided feedback through an anonymous Student Feedback Survey, enabling teachers to reflect on classroom practices and strengthen engagement. Listening to our students' experiences remains a powerful way for teachers to Learn with IMPACT.

Celebrating Impactful Learners

This year also saw the promotion of the Learning with IMPACT Award at our Celebration of Learning and Celebration of Excellence ceremonies. These awards recognise students who demonstrate the learner characteristics and embody the IMPACT outcomes both within and beyond the classroom. We thank our college community for your nominations and congratulate the worthy recipients, listed later in this report.

Connecting with Our Community

Throughout the year, parents received Thought Leadership articles exploring the theory and practice behind the Framework. Our Academic Prefects shared how they apply Learning with IMPACT in assemblies, and staff continued to embed the framework's language and principles into everyday conversation and practice.

Looking ahead, in 2026, the focus will turn to sharing our teaching practices through a data-informed learning cycle with families and students. Learning with IMPACT will continue to cultivate meaningful, lifelong learning skills, shaping the future capabilities of our learners. It will nurture the ability to learn, unlearn, and relearn, empowering every member of our community to reach their full learning potential.





Celebration of Excellence Honour Roll 2025

Senior College Awards

Senior College Dux

Charlotte Boniface

Senior College Citizenship Award

Angela Seager

ADF Future Innovator Award

Ayah Abdalla

ADF Long Tan Leader and Teamwork Award

Tabytha-Lilyjana Lee-Wilson

Ampol Best All Rounder Award

Harrison Knott

LTQ Spirit Award

Anna Binder

MEGT Outstanding School-Based Apprentice/Trainee

Anna Binder

Tara Johnston Memorial Award

Tamarau Reid

Year 12 Award Recipients

Subject Excellence

Accounting	Christian Haller
Ancient History	Eva Smith
Biology	Ayah Abdalla
Chemistry	Noah Kim
Chinese	Zixuan Miao
Dance	Meg Mather
Design	Byron Verhey
Digital Solutions	Michael Taylor
Economics	William Freese
English	Jasmine Lee See
Film, TV and New Media	Luka Wegner
General Mathematics	William Freese
Geography	Ana Sofronie
Industrial Technology Skills	Bailey Gregson
Legal Studies	Samreen Kaur
Literature	Michael Gol
Mathematical Methods	Ailsa Weng
Modern History	William Freese
Music	Luka Wegner
Music Extension (Composition)	Luka Wegner
Music Extension (Performance)	Harlan Goode
Physical Education	Ryan Snell
Physics	Charlotte Boniface
Specialist Mathematics	Michael Taylor
Visual Art	Eva Smith

Year 12 Gold Awards

Ayah Abdalla, Evelyn Barwick, Charlotte Boniface, Benjamin (Benji) Chai, Otto Chang, David Chiu, Cayden de Beer, William Freese, Sadara Gamage, Michael Gol, Harlan Goode, Christian Haller, Samreen Kaur, Noah Kim, Jaden Lee, Jasmine Lee See, Meg Mather, Ruby Mather, Angela Seager, Tiana Smiley, Ryan Snell, Sienna Spurrell, Michael Taylor, Luka Wegner, Ailsa Weng, Richa Wochit.

Year 12 Silver Awards

Aria Buscke, Pablo Bustamante, Shylah Crawford, Suzannah Dwyer-Frost, Daniel (Dan) Gallie-James, Kate Herd, Stephanie Jones, Harrison Knott, Jayden Lau, Tabytha-Lilyjana Lee-Wilson, Matteo Lorentzen-Bustillo, Lara Neilson, Tamarau (Tama) Reid, Eva Smith, Ana Sofronie, Baxter Swain, Lilly Twist, Jazmin Waddell, Charles Williams, Hunter Williams.

Year 12 Bronze Awards

Liam Bengé, Anna Binder, Max Butler, Sienna Coates, Mikayla Dunford, Jimmy Fusco, Bailey Gregson, Jonathan Huynh, Ella Johnson, William Logan, Holly Mainwaring, Zixuan (Jason) Miao, Charlotte Purdey, Charlotte Sloan, Clare Thompson, Xun (Jerry) Yang.



Year 11 Award Recipients

Academic Excellence

Tiffany Fong

Spark Award, GU

Katerina Dugdale

Subject Excellence

Accounting	William Gol
Ancient History	Morgan Baldwin
Biology	Oliver Kemp
Chemistry	Tiffany Fong
Chinese	Karen Liu
Dance	Maddison Sturgess
Design	Victoria Simon
Drama	Micah Da Silva
Economics	Angus Pengilly
English	Kobe Preece
Film, TV and New Media	Keightley Walsh
General Mathematics	Flavia Ferguson
Industrial Technology Skills	Lachlan Allen
Legal Studies	Samantha Spink
Literature	Jacob Nunn
Mathematical Methods	Karen Liu
Mathematical Methods (Fast Track)	Tiffany Fong
Modern History	Ayla Hinton
Music	Maddison Semmens
Physical Education	Callum Prowse
Physics	Tiffany Fong
Specialist Mathematics	Karen Liu
Visual Art	Flavia Ferguson

Year 11 Gold Awards

Katerina Dugdale, Tiffany Fong, Oliver Kemp, Harrison Lihan, Karen Liu, Joseph Markus Munoz, Abigail Marta, Linda-May (Linda) Muller, Jacob Nunn, Kobe Preece, Callum Prowse, Samantha Seager, Samantha Spink.

Year 11 Silver Awards

Morgan Baldwin, Flavia Ferguson, James Godfrey, Annabelle Harvey, Ayla Hinton, Zhenlin (Justin) Hu, Diara Maistry, Oliver Moon, Millie Rae, Siena Reece-Anderson, Maddison Semmens, Stephanie Taylor.

Year 11 Bronze Awards

Lachlan Allen, Ella Craig, Micah Da Silva, Holly Harvey, Morgan Leather, Yuhan Li, Jake Makela, Cooper McFaul, Grace McLennan, Pradyun Nayakineni, Mia O'Brien, Laura Paterson, Angus Pengilly, Amelia Rotert, Victoria Simon, Maddison Sturgess, Keightley Walsh.

Celebration of Excellence Honour Roll 2025 (continued)

Year 10 Award Recipients

Academic Excellence

Farin Zarei

ADF Future Innovator Award

Zoárd Farkas

ADF Long Tan Leader and Teamwork Award

Cooper Kreis

Subject Excellence

Business Education.....	Saamya Sandal
Chinese.....	Zoe Lee
Dance	Sophie Koina
Design and Technologies	Simal Koc
Digital Technologies.....	Ethan Lee
Drama.....	Isla Davies
English.....	Farin Zarei
Health and Physical Education	Zoárd Farkas
Humanities	Zoárd Farkas
IDEAS.....	Freya McCreath
Mathematical Methods (Fast Track).....	Matilda Dixon
Media Studies.....	Natalia Barone
Music.....	Natascha Tsao
Pre-General Mathematics	Troy Chang
Pre-Mathematical Methods.....	Cheng (Roley) Li
Science.....	Matilda Dixon
Visual Art.....	Wangyueqi (Emma) Wu

Year 10 Gold Awards

Jvern Chang, Matilda Dixon, Zoárd Farkas, Mia Hsueh, Zoe Lee, Natasha Matiyenga, Freya McCreath, Kyra Ngo, Molly O'Donovan, Zhenglin (Richard) Pan, Samuel Penney, Sarah Pountney, Saamya Sandal, Olivia Stocker, Natascha Tsao, Ruby Woods, Farin Zarei.

Year 10 Silver Awards

Natalia Barone, Tristan Bartholomew, Zachary Chai, Yishan (Eason) Chen, Bryn Foster, Derek Hao, Lyla Hollywood, Anthony Knott, Lydia Ko, Simal Koc, Sophie Koina, Ethan Lee, Yun-An (Tiffany) Lin, Yuyao (Eva) Pan, Gemma Ramsay, Emily Richards, Mikayla (Miki) Treuer, Elijah (Eli) Warriner, Eli Wenman, Natalie Wong, Wangyueqi (Emma) Wu, Christine Youm.

Year 10 Bronze Awards

Awwab Asad, Walker Byron-Campbell, Gabriella Charlton, Yijiang (Ryan) Chen, Leticia Evans, Mitchell Gamer, Rainie Hong, Armani Hunter, Anika Kircher, Curtis Lee See, Mirandeep (Miran) Lim, Jordan McGrath, Joshua (Josh) McGrath, Aryan Nayak, Ella Neilson, Jake O'Brien Rodrigues, Keira Payne, Zafar Preena, Jake Spurrell, Vennela Valiveti, Elaine Wu, Mina Yong, Duoduo (Doris) Zhong.



Year 9 Award Recipients

Academic Excellence

Ava Urquhart

Subject Excellence

Business Education.....	Sinuo (Cici) Chen
Chinese.....	Yuet Tung (Anisa) Lu
Dance	Halle McLachlan
Design and Technologies	Clara Goodfellow
Digital Technologies	Joshua Kemp
Drama.....	Ava Urquhart
English.....	Camryn Mitchell
Health and Physical Education	Baden Watson
Humanities	Rachel Baladi
IDEAS.....	Oliver (Ollie) Watmough
Mathematics	Sinuo (Cici) Chen
Media Studies.....	Annabel Cawrey
Music.....	Joshua Moon
Science.....	Jaye Hinton
Visual Art.....	Phoebe Mainwaring

Year 9 Gold Awards

Adam Abdalla, Rachel Baladi, Kohan Chainey, Sinuo (Cici) Chen, Paige Colverson, Clara Goodfellow, Leia Harries, Faden Ho, Yuet Tung (Anisa) Lu, Kaia Jensen, Sara Jing, Joshua Kemp, Ruwen Lin, Phoebe Mainwaring, Halle McLachlan, Camryn Mitchell, Joshua Moon, Liana Muller, Jemma Neill, Gowri Nisha, Keira O'Loughlin, Aleisha Paddon, Ella Silk, Ava Urquhart, Sylvia Zhou.

Year 9 Silver Awards

Charlotte Barnes, Arvyn Bhasin, George Brehon, Bayley Cartwright, Gwenevere Cassar, Annabel Cawrey, Hanlin (Woody) Chen, Liam Coenen, Lexi Cunningham, Jaxon Davis, Navreet Gill, Jasmine Greensill, Aiesha Hamilton, Cerena Hand, Elissa Herman, Anabella Hill, Charlie Jeavons, David Juhancsik, Mila Mabb, Emily Mackay, Saskia Mackinlay, Oliver Marta, Stella Minton, Phoebe Moudanidis, Anesha Patel, Nicolas Peters, Charlie Power, Sophia Roudencko, Lohiith Sathesh, Rodin Tehrani, Hannah Truscott, Yunqi (Evie) Wang, Oliver (Ollie) Watmough, Baden Watson, Phoenix Wegner

Year 9 Bronze Awards

Arkin Amin-Patel, Vince Bell, Harserut Bhullar, Jude Bowen, Fengcheng (Kevin) Cao, Brianna Dunford, Bohdie Duyn, Isabelle Edwards, Harper Gaylard, Grace Hill, Larissa Hines, Jaye Hinton, Evy Hollywood, On Yee (Chantel) Hui, Tom Jowett, Chloe Koh, Henk Muller, Torin Peat, Charlee Preece, Zara Price, Manraj (Manny) Rai, Takurua (Taku) Reid, Ava Roberts, Cynthia Tan, Ella Wruck, Zidi (Andy) Zhou.

Celebration of Excellence Honour Roll 2025 (continued)

Middle College Awards

Middle College Dux

Emma Sankey

Middle College Citizenship Award

Aria Tharaken

Year 8 Award Recipients

Subject Excellence

Chinese (Native Speaking)	Mozhe (Miles) Zhang
Chinese (Non-Native Speaking)	Emma Sankey
Dance	Amy Maher
Drama	Emma Sankey
English	Isa Singh
Health and Physical Education	Sean Lee
Humanities	Gabrielle (Gabbi) Jones
Mathematics	Nianqing (Leona) Liu
Media Studies	Wilbur Knickerbocker
Music	Sean Lee
Science	Nianqing (Leona) Liu
Technologies	Lorelei Goodfellow
Visual Art	Nianqing (Leona) Liu

Year 8 Gold Awards

Olivia Chen, Lorelei Goodfellow, Ayla Hines, Serena Jing, Joanna Le, Sean Lee, Nianqing (Leona) Liu, Livy McLaren, Wai (Rieann) Ng, Alicia Prowse, Natalie Reeves, Emma Sankey, Aria Tharaken, Owen Tsao, Ferica Wong, Sophie Yu, Mozhe (Miles) Zhang, Zhiyuan (Calvin) Zhang.

Year 8 Silver Awards

Quinn Barkley, Emma Barnes, Daniel Bowen, Julia Dalgetty, Logan de Villiers, Owen Eilander, Wilbur Knickerbocker, Joshua Knott, Amy Maher, Jiahe (Ben) Man, Lucy Moore, Aurora Ngew, Jasraj Nurpuri, Jeevan Oberleuter, Bella-Rose Park, Tanya Patel, Cooper Piket, Krystal Ramsay, Shiven Satija, Vaikha Vinesh, Nathaniel Zhao.

Year 8 Bronze Awards

Lily Barker, Sebastian Bisseker, Kayden Campbell, Pippa Coleman, Lily-Rose (Lily) Fong, Lily Gardner, Gabrielle (Gabbi) Jones, Finn Jordan, Zeynep (Mina) Koc, Isabella Kotze, Vivienne Mackinlay, Jenna Oh, Cleo Pagnon, Abigail Paterson, Polly Priest, Ashmia Sachdeva, Sophie Sikora, Isa Singh, Isaac Vassallo, Toby Volker, Ruoheng (Yohanna) Wang, Xiwei Wang, Louie Yong.



Year 7 Award Recipients

Academic Excellence

Megan Jin

Subject Excellence

Chinese (Native Speaking)	Henry Li
Chinese (Non-Native Speaking)	Naisha Shukla
Dance	Tilly Allen
Drama	Sienna Jacka
English	Sehneer Rai
Health and Physical Education	Sienna Jacka
Humanities	Alessio Bodo
Mathematics	Jeremy Yang
Media Studies	Tilly Allen
Music	Jack Esdaile
Science	Megan Jin
Technologies	Tilly Allen
Visual Art	Lucy Boyd

Year 7 Gold Awards

Samana Bhatia, Evie Blackmore, Alessio Bodo, Royce Chen, Tanya Dahiya, Josephine Edwards, Sarah Gong, Hoi Yee (Charis) Hui, Sienna Jacka, Megan Jin, Ruyuan Lin, Blake Mitchell, Naisha Shukla, Daniel Tang, Jeremy Yang.

Year 7 Silver Awards

Tilly Allen, Mila Boreland, Lucy Boyd, Xavier Cassar, Bianca Cattabriga, Hanxiang (Sheldon) Chen, Jaiden Egan, Jack Esdaile, Clarke Grech, Ellie Hand, Blake Harvey, Monty Jamieson, Caitlyn Morris, Casey Nevin, Sehneer Rai, Myra Saiyed, Sehar Sandhu, Annuska Sarma, Aria Savvas, Thomas Turner, Faye Wu.

Year 7 Bronze Awards

Hunter Barker, Henry Coenen, Noa Cohen, Yasmin Dwaikat, Charlita Dyson, Mika Flack, Hope Goode, Miles Hitchcock, Jiaqi (Felix) Hu, Katherine Irvine, Tristan Kanter, Namu Kim, Adrian Lee, Henry Li, Nathan Morris, Jamie Murfield, Jake Nicholls, Caleb Olsen, Virapheth (Mark) Philaphandeth, Nashwa Saleh Aljassem, Maikaa Sarma, Dylan Song, Keshav Tandon, Christian Tierney, Brandon Vanderdrift, Adithi (Sai) Vyasabhattu, Chenyao (Chelsea) Wang, Eden Wegner, Chana Zhang.

Celebration of Excellence Honour Roll 2025 (continued)

Year 6 Award Recipients

Citizenship Awards

Sebastian de Villiers, Georgina Fardell,
Heidi Heimann, Avneet Sandhu.

Endeavour Awards

Yada Mellish, Johannes Noval,
Freya Reeves, Isla Rundle.

Year 6 Academic Award Recipients

Naail Asad, Julius Chai, Sebastian de Villiers, Tyler Harms, Bryce Hinton, Jocelyn (Josie) Hughes, Kate Hunter, Hiram Jao, Serene Jiang, Guo Yang Benjamin (Benjamin) Lee, Annabelle Li, Cindy Li, Jiaxi Li, Lucas Long, Annabella Lu, Qianxi (Linda) Luo, Xinan (Phillip) Mai, Eva Mienie, Lachlan O'Brien, Lachlan Rayner, Freya Reeves, Isla Rundle, Raphael (Raphi) Schneider, Arvin Teimoori Sangani, Emily Volker, Lily Wang, Leila Whitehead, Felix Yang, Selina Yu, Hengrui (Henry) Zhang.

Year 5 Award Recipients

Citizenship Awards

Kiana Bagga, Maddison Bolger,
Olivia Francis, Zak McLennan.

Endeavour Awards

Charlotte Barwick, Harrison Gooch,
Jack McLaughlin, Mishelle Schott.

Year 5 Academic Award Recipients

Atlas Acar, Alexa Caruso, Logan Casey, Zayden Cheng, Cameron Dewar, Sally Fu, Olivia Gong, Harrison (Harry) Gooch, Henry Goodfellow, Nathan Hammond, Ray Hao, Ava Jin, Charles (Charlie) Kemp, Denny Khroustalev, Jayden Koh, Rian Kundu, Percy Lee, Kimi Lin, Ariel Lu, Sally Lu, Olivia Ma, Hao En Riley (Riley) Ng, William Rundle, Zimo Shen, Niam Shukla, Willow Stallard, Junci (Yoyo) Wang, Dali Wang, Elliot Wei, Elliot Yu, Oliver Zhao.

Learning with Impact Awards

Baxter Swain (Year 12), Laura Paterson (Year 11), Jvern Chang (Year 10), Ella Silk (Year 9), William Trotman (Year 8), Samana Bhatia (Year 7), Sebastian de Villiers (Year 6), Parker Hanks (Year 5), Eldene Pretorius (Year 4), Wing-Yee (Cherelle) Hui (Year 3), Samar Shastri (Year 2), Sofia Kovacs (Year 1), Heidi Otter (Prep).

Young Alumnus of the Year Award

Dr Bree Hurst (Devin), Class of 2005

Associate Professor Bree Hurst, Deputy Director of QUT's Centre for Decent Work & Industry, is a global leader in corporate social responsibility and sustainable business. Her research addresses pressing issues such as food loss, textile waste, and the circular economy, helping organisations balance profit with social and environmental accountability.

As a QUT lecturer, Bree inspires students to think critically about their impact. She balances her career with raising twin daughters and exemplifies resilience, purpose, and compassion, shaping a sustainable world and reflecting Sheldon College's ethos to achieve the extraordinary.







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