



# EMANUEL SCHOOL

## 2015 HSC RESULTS

DECEMBER 2015/TEVET 5776

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### MAZAL TOV TO THE CLASS OF 2015

- **1<sup>st</sup> in the State in Software Design and Development**
- **9<sup>th</sup> in the State for English Extension 2**
- **Five All Round Achievers**
- **Five students with ATARs above 99**

All Round Achievers scored a Band 6 result for 10 or more units.

### ALL ROUND ACHIEVERS



Lawrence  
Cohen

**ATAR: 99.30**



Libby  
Feldman

**ATAR: 99.15**



Daniel  
Hellig-Smith

**ATAR: 99.30**



Alia  
Huberman

**ATAR: 99.65**



Joshua  
Zwi

**ATAR: 99.20**

WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL EXCELS

# CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

## MATTHEW (MATT) FRIEDMAN – HEAD MADRICH DRAMATIST, LEADER AND ROLE MODEL

Year entered Emanuel: 2004      ATAR: 97.95

*“Emanuel has been a home for me. Having grown up within its walls for over a decade, the community has become my extended family.”*

Matthew is a charismatic leader whose passion for and talent in performing and public speaking have given him an extraordinary ability to inspire those around him.



Matt is an active dramatist who has played lead or supporting roles in many school productions. He was also nominated for Best New Talent at the 2015 Short+Sweet theatre festival for a monologue he wrote, directed and performed. He received third place, along with his debating partner, Alia

Huberman, in the 2014 National grand final of the UN Youth Australia’s Evatt Trophy, a mock United Nations-style debating competition. Matt is a strong swimmer and his 2011 Boys 50m breaststroke record of 40.03 seconds still stands.

Matt won the inaugural David Nathan Award for Commitment and Dedicated Service to Emanuel School in 2014. He completed HSC Mathematics and Mathematics Extension 1 as an accelerant, being awarded top Bands in both courses. In 2015 he received The State Parliament Member for Coogee Award for character, citizenship and scholarship, the School Drama Award and Mensch of the Year.

## SARAH BEDER – HEAD MADRICH COMMITTED AND MUSICAL LEADER

Year entered Emanuel: 2006      ATAR: 96.55

*“Emanuel School has provided me with both a prodigious education and a supportive, familial community.”*

Sarah believes that perseverance, resilience and balance are important qualities learnt at school that will help her thrive in the workplace. Sarah feels that taking part in all aspects of school life helps create a well-rounded individual. She has lived by this motto, being involved in numerous extra-curricular activities, even throughout her HSC year, including singing in two choirs and playing flute in two ensembles. Sarah was awarded the School’s prize for Music 1 and the Principal’s Prize for Service to the Secondary School in 2015.



Although she has had numerous achievements throughout her school career, including that of Chair of the Student Representative Council, Sarah is most proud of being voted by her peers to the position of Head Madricha. She feels that this elected position has enabled her to give back to the Emanuel community and beyond and has also helped to further develop her skills in event planning, public speaking and leadership.

## ALIA HUBERMAN SOCIALLY-COMMITTED INTELLECTUAL

**4<sup>TH</sup> IN STATE IN SPANISH BEGINNERS**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> IN STATE IN EXTENSION ENGLISH 2 (FULL MARKS)**

Year entered Emanuel: 2008      ATAR: 99.65

*“Emanuel is a place where I am free to question, explore and engage with challenging concepts. It’s an oasis of individuality, acceptance and safety.”*

Alia is a deep thinker who has used her passion for debate and discussion to effect far-reaching change. Amongst her many achievements, Alia was chosen as a UN Youth Ambassador to the Middle East, spending three weeks meeting with NGOs, diplomats and local students, learning about the peace-building process.



Alia has a strong academic history and achieved third in the State in Modern Hebrew Continuers as an accelerant. She also excels in English and in 2015 was awarded Emanuel School Writer of the Year, and Prizes for Advanced English, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, and Academic Proficiency.

## LAWRENCE (LARRY) COHEN TECHNOLOGICAL WIZ AND PROXIME ACCESSIT DUCI 1<sup>ST</sup> IN STATE IN SOFTWARE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT (FULL MARKS)

Year entered Emanuel: 2008      ATAR: 99.30

Larry is a quiet and unassuming individual whose love for developing and designing software has led to the exceptional achievement of 1<sup>st</sup> in State for Software Design and Development.

Combined with his software skills, Larry is a strong mathematician and has taken part in numerous Informatics, Computer Programming and Mathematics competitions.



Larry is also a talented musician and has played in many ensembles, including playing electric guitar in one of the School’s Rock Bands.

Larry was awarded the UNSW School of Mathematics and Statistics Prize for Best Student in Mathematics, the Prize for Software Design and Development and was *Proxime Accessit Duci* of the School in 2015.

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## **DANIEL HELLIG-SMITH – COMMUNICATIONS MADRICH ECLECTIC FREE-THINKER**

**Year entered Emanuel: 2006      ATAR: 99.30**

*"Emanuel is a formative and transformative place where I have grown both academically and emotionally."*

Daniel describes himself as "someone who wants to instill positive change in the world and to give back to society the opportunities provided to me". In support, a fellow student commented that Daniel is "destined for great things".



It was no surprise that Daniel was elected as Communications Madrich, having been selected and awarded Best in Chamber at The Hague International Model United Nations Competition, as well as being selected to represent Australia on the UN Youth Pacific Project as the youngest delegate ever chosen for this experience. Daniel thoroughly enjoys and excels in History, and won the School's Prizes for

Ancient History, Modern History and History Extension in 2015. He also received an award for Academic Proficiency.

## **JULIA MELTZER – JEWISH LIFE MADRICH PASSIONATE ADVOCATE OF CHANGE**

**Year entered Emanuel: 2008      ATAR: 97.60**

*"I have felt so empowered and supported due to the way that the students and teachers have challenged me to become the person I am today."*

Julia is dedicated to *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world) through her determined beliefs and actions. She is highly principled and has encouraged others to examine and question their own and others' points of view. Julia was instrumental in establishing and running the School's Gender Club and was an enthusiastic and committed Jewish Life Madricha and member of the school choirs.



Julia's commitment to making a positive change in the world is respected and recognised by her fellow students: "Julia is an extremely passionate individual determined to improve the world and act on her principles. She pursues her goals for social change and has started many amazing initiatives of which she should be proud." She was awarded the President's Prize for Community Service and Citizenship and the Biology Prize in 2015.

## **JOSHUA (JOSH) ZWI – RABIN HOUSE CAPTAIN PRODIGIOUS SWIMMER AND DUX**

**Year entered Emanuel: 2002      ATAR: 99.20**

*"The School has taught me, both through structured learning and its key ideals, the importance of philanthropy and pursuing what you are passionate about."*

Josh is an exceptional and approachable role model for younger students and could often be found providing them with advice and motivation. In his role in Year 11 as Peer Support Leader to Year 7s, Josh was instrumental in helping young students to explore their dreams and develop a strong sense of connection.



Josh believes in the value of hard work and was an accelerant in Mathematics and Mathematics Extension 1, gaining top Band results in both. He is grateful to his teachers at Emanuel who have encouraged him to pursue his passion of swimming. Josh, who holds numerous swimming records at Emanuel, including that of the Senior Boys 100m freestyle in 2015 with an impressive time of 57.80 seconds, has also represented Australia at the 2013 Maccabiah Games in Israel, amongst others.

In 2015, Josh was awarded the School's Prizes for Chemistry, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics, All-Round Participation and Dux of Year 12.

## **LIBBY FELDMAN – RASHI HOUSE CAPTAIN LINGUISTICALLY-TALENTED MENSCH**

**Year entered Emanuel: 2010      ATAR: 99.15**

*"The mark of a good school is the fostering of confident, well-adjusted, capable and passionate individuals, which is something Emanuel achieves consistently."*



Libby is an outgoing, positive individual who loves sport and being creative. As Rashi House Captain, she considers uniting, motivating and lifting the House spirit as being amongst the highlights of her time at Emanuel. She was exceptionally proud of her fellow Rashians when the House won its first Ezekiel Cup – the coveted annually-awarded trophy. Libby is an outstanding Hebrew scholar and achieved First in the State in Modern Hebrew Continuers as an accelerant. She also accelerated in Mathematics and Mathematics Extension 1 with top Band results. In 2015 Libby was awarded the School's Prizes for French Continuers, Academic Proficiency and School Spirit.

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## DANIEL BROCKWELL SINGING DYNAMO

Year entered Emanuel: 2008 ATAR: 96.40

*"Emanuel has been the site of my formative intellectual and emotional years and as such has been key in shaping the person I am today."*

Daniel believes in the power of music to bring people together. He has been involved in school music for many years and cites playing in the school rock band, Karma Train, as the most unforgettable experience of his time at Emanuel.

Daniel has featured strongly in the School's merit and award lists as well as those of external organisations. Despite never having competed in formal debating, Daniel reached the State finals of the UN Youth Australia's Evatt Trophy. In 2015 he received the Prizes for Geography and Legal Studies.



## RAPHAEL SEBBAN FOCUSED LIFE-LEARNER

Year entered Emanuel: 2001

*"Emanuel School has given me the freedom to be myself and grow."*

Raphael is a focused, hard-working and ambitious young man who is committed to his learning. Raphael made a strong contribution to the sporting life of the School as Athletics Age Champion for several years. He also represented the School in basketball, athletics and cross-country at AICES, as well as playing clarinet in the Copland and Klezmer bands.

Raphael feels that his teachers have provided him with essential skills for life, including being able to challenge and question concepts and how to analyse and communicate ideas effectively. Raphael is a proficient debater and reached the State finals of the UN Youth Australia's Evatt Trophy. He completed HSC French Continuers as an accelerated student in 2014, being awarded a Band 6.



## ADAM ALBERT POSITIVE ADAPTER

Year entered Emanuel: 2014

*"My time at Emanuel has been a life-changing and life-enriching experience."*

Although Adam only joined Emanuel in 2014, he has settled in exceptionally well. The School has provided him with a welcoming environment and the students have embraced him as part of their cohort. A keen sportsman, Adam has felt this generosity of spirit saying: "You don't have to be related to someone to be their family".



## ELLA SIMON – SZENES HOUSE JEWISH LIFE MADRICHIA PRAGMATIC PROBLEM-SOLVER

Year entered Emanuel: 2010 ATAR: 97.35

*"Emanuel School has been a warm, supporting and nurturing environment that has truly enabled me to reach, and exceed, my potential."*

Ella is positive and self-motivated and feels that perseverance and determination are essential skills that she has developed at school. As a member of the 2015 Madrichim, Ella has thoroughly enjoyed helping to organise events and seeing the team's plans come to fruition. Zionist and ski camps are amongst her favourite memories, whilst she is most proud of attaining her Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Ella received the Prize for Outstanding Service to the Jewish Life of the School in 2015, as well as Business Studies and the joint prize for Economics.



## JOSHUA (JOSH) DOUST MUSICAL MAESTRO

Year entered Emanuel: 2010 ATAR: 94.40

*"I have learnt at Emanuel that only by stepping out of my comfort zone will I grow as a person."*

Josh is a talented saxophonist, who lists playing in the various school ensembles as his most rewarding experience – starting as the youngest and ending as one of the oldest members. In Year 8, Josh received a High Distinction in Grade 8 saxophone and Honours in Grade 4 Music theory – highly notable achievements for one so young. Josh is a committed and dedicated student, who excels in Mathematics and Computing. He continues to strive towards "big and ambitious goals" enabled by his dedicated attitude towards learning. He completed HSC Mathematics and Mathematics Extension 1 as an accelerant. In 2015 Joshua received the Prizes for Music 2 and Mathematics Extension 1.



## JEREMY SCHNEIDER Year entered Emanuel: 2009

QUIET ACHIEVER  
ATAR: 97.55

*"The combination of enthusiastic, caring teachers and the School's unique culture has ultimately resulted in what has been an unforgettable experience."*

Jeremy describes himself as a quiet but approachable student. He feels that he has learnt important skills of leadership, resilience and problem solving at school, which will help him in the future. Jeremy won the Business Studies and Jewish Studies prizes in Year 11, an achievement of which he is especially proud. He completed HSC Mathematics and Mathematics Extension 1 as an accelerant, being awarded top Bands in both courses. In 2015, Jeremy won the Jonathan Sesel Prize for the student who best exhibits the characteristics of humility, honesty, integrity, hard work, excellence, community and love of Emanuel School.



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## ANASTASIA URICHER – ART MADRICHA COURAGEOUS HUMANITARIAN

Year entered Emanuel: 2010      ATAR: 92.35

*“The School is incredibly good at coming together to address important issues, as well as supporting the growth of individuals in the paths that they chose.”*

Anastasia is the recipient of the newly-created Rabbi Brian Fox Scholarship which provides a monetary prize to be used for a *Tikkun Olam* project of the awardee’s choice. Anastasia said: “The Rabbi Brian Fox Scholarship is one of my proudest achievements because, in my eyes, it demonstrates the School’s belief in me to establish a social action project abroad. With the scholarship, I will be able to make a greater impact in the community that I’ll be working with in Cambodia, by contributing funds and also physically helping to build much-needed infrastructure, such as wells, toilets and housing.” Anastasia was also awarded the Visual Arts Prize in 2015 and a Band 6 for German Beginners.



## REBECCA EMDER – SOCIAL ACTION MADRICHA COMMUNAL LEADER

Year entered Emanuel: 2008      ATAR: 96.60

*“Emanuel is a school that not only equips you in an academic sense, but makes you a well-rounded person, emotionally and creatively.”*

Rebecca has been involved in many aspects of school life, but feels that the highlights of her school career are the HSC and her school visit to the Northern Territory.

Rebecca is focused and determined. As Social Action Madricha she organised talks for students and the community on human trafficking and the plight of refugees. Her efforts were recognised with the School’s Community Conscience Award. She also was jointly awarded the Advanced English and Economics Prizes.



## MICAYLA LAURENCE – HARD-WORKING MUSICIAN

Year entered Emanuel: 2008



*“Emanuel has allowed me to discover my passions.”*

Micayla is a dedicated and talented saxophonist, singer and more recently, bassoon player. Her musical flair resulted in Micayla receiving her Year’s Music award for many years and again in 2015 with the Prize for both Music Extension and Outstanding

Commitment to Choir. Micayla’s love of music was a strong motivator and, in her HSC year, she played in three school bands and sang in two choirs. Micayla is hard-working and extremely generous with her time. In recognition of this, she received the Prize for Communal Service in 2015.

## ANDREW KAPLOUN – EDUCATION MADRICH SCIENTIFIC EXPLORER

Year entered Emanuel: 2003



Andrew’s commitment to his academic pursuits has been recognised in many ways. His love of Science saw him selected to represent Australia at the International Science School in Canada, where he attended the Canada-wide Science Fair. In Year 11 he was awarded Distinctions in the UNSW Progcomp as well as in the Australian National Chemistry quiz.

As Education Madrich, Andrew led a number of activities, including the lunchtime Science Club, as well as assisting with the organisation of the Inter-House Science and Mathematics competitions. These were well attended, particularly by younger students who looked to him for guidance and support.

## EXCEPTIONAL ACCELERANTS (YEAR 11 2015)



### Dylan Blecher

Mathematics:  
Band 6  
Mathematics  
Extension 1: E4



### Holly Lipman

Dance:  
Band 6  
Selected for Callback



### Ryan Shenfield

Mathematics:  
Band 6  
Mathematics  
Extension 1: E4  
Full marks in  
Mathematics  
HSC Examination



### Nathaniel Knoll

Mathematics: Band 6  
Mathematics  
Extension 1



### Etai Meretz

Modern Hebrew  
Continuers: Band 6



### Joel Springer

Mathematics: Band 6  
Mathematics  
Extension 1: E4  
Full marks in  
Mathematics  
Extension 1 Course

# CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

Table One Subjects	Emanuel Candidature	Emanuel % Band 6	State % Band 6	Emanuel % Band 5	State % Band 5	Emanuel Average %	State Average %
Ancient History	7	28.57	7.90	0.00	24.70	79.26	71.34
Biology	10	20.00	5.77	10.00	22.19	75.84	71.13
Business Studies	29	17.24	8.38	58.62	27.50	81.65	73.65
Chemistry	7	14.28	10.72	42.85	30.33	81.23	75.81
Drama	14	28.57	14.36	50.00	28.00	84.84	77.81
Economics	27	0.00	11.36	51.85	34.49	78.98	76.12
English Standard	11	0.00	0.37	0.00	7.94	69.64	67.10
English Advanced	57	24.56	15.40	38.59	42.41	82.54	80.43
French Continuers	5	40.00	30.67	20.00	35.62	81.92	82.16
Geography	9	0.00	8.51	55.55	32.79	79.29	73.85
Legal Studies	17	17.64	10.62	41.17	29.50	79.73	74.60
Mathematics General 2	15	26.66	5.60	66.66	20.04	85.25	68.64
Mathematics	29	31.03	19.63	48.27	32.68	83.14	77.89
Modern Hebrew Continuers	4	50.00	51.28	50.00	41.02	88.75	88.72
Modern History	5	60.00	11.47	20.00	32.18	86.12	75.29
Music 1	2	100.00	16.71	0.00	45.13	95.20	80.60
Music 2	4	0.00	36.59	75.00	51.44	79.80	86.68
PDHPE	14	7.14	8.68	21.42	20.94	78.17	73.10
Physics	9	22.22	8.38	33.33	20.37	79.56	72.66
Society and Culture	16	0.00	11.80	56.25	35.13	79.20	77.21
Software Design and Development	6	50.00	8.36	16.66	21.99	88.67	73.53
Studies of Religion II	13	7.67	6.30	46.15	33.66	77.68	74.20
Visual Arts	15	0.00	12.68	80.00	40.72	81.85	79.21

Table Two Extension Subjects	Emanuel Candidature	Emanuel % E4	State % E4	Emanuel % E3	State % E3	Emanuel Average/Unit	State Average/Unit
English Extension 1	12	41.66	34.53	58.33	59.55	43.64	41.80
English Extension 2	3	100.00	26.13	0.00	56.24	48.67	39.54
History Extension	1	100.00	22.00	0.00	56.14	48.30	38.64
Mathematics Extension 1	20	40.00	34.30	60.00	49.81	42.61	40.60
Mathematics Extension 2	9	44.44	36.00	55.55	50.14	44.16	41.14
Music Extension	4	25.00	56.36	75.00	36.79	40.93	43.60

#### Definitions for Table One:

Emanuel and State Averages  
Band 6  
Band 5

marked out of 100  
mark of 90% or above  
mark of 80% - 89%

#### Definitions for Table Two:

Emanuel and State Averages  
E4  
E3

marked out of 50  
mark of 45 or above  
mark of 35 - 45