

Jewish students, schools shine in VCE results

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THERE was cause for celebration on Monday morning as Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) results confirmed that Melbourne's Jewish day schools and their students were once again among the top performers in the state.

Mount Scopus Memorial College's Daniel Shell and Bialik College's Gabrielle Hayman both achieved the highest possible ATAR score of 99.95, a feat that only 33 Victorians attained this year.

Mount Scopus finished with flying colours, with 14 per cent of the grad-

uating class achieving an ATAR of 99 or over and 40 per cent over 95. The school achieved a whopping 12 perfect study scores across seven subjects.

"We are delighted with this year's excellent results for Scopus students," principal Rabbi James Kennard said.

Bialik College can boast 8.2 per cent of students scoring 99 and above, and 54.8 per cent attaining 90 and above, which places those who achieved the feat in the top 10 per cent of the state. There were seven perfect study scores across six subjects and 35.4 per cent of study scores were over 40.

Principal Jeremy Stowe-Lindner

congratulated the cohort for their "outstanding results".

"On the sports field, in the theatre, and in community activism our class of 2014 have excelled and their achievement at VCE is equally impressive."

The King David School (KDS) also emerged with impressive results, with 6.5 per cent of final year students achieving an ATAR of 99 or above and 24 per cent achieving 95 or above. Forty per cent achieved 90 or above and two KDS students celebrated perfect study scores of 50.

In a letter to parents of the school, principal Marc Light congratulated

the "inspiring group of young people" for their "outstanding VCE results".

At Leibler Yavneh College, 13 per cent of the year 12 class achieved an ATAR score of 99 and above, and 62 per cent of the class placed in the top 10 per cent of the state.

In congratulating the students, principal Roy Steinman thanked the parents, students and teachers for the "phenomenal results".

Stellar VCE results were also achieved at Beth Rivkah Ladies College, with 64 per cent of ATAR scores in the top 20 per cent of the state (above 80). Meanwhile, 50 per

cent of Yeshivah College students achieved an ATAR of 96.75 and above, with a median ATAR of 93.45.

In his letter to parents, Rabbi Yehoshua Smukler wished students "mazal tov" for their "hard work, growth in knowledge and enrichment of middot – character".

With Jewish student Daniel Tashlik duxing Bentleigh Secondary College, principal Jane Kramer told *The AJN* that he is "an outstanding citizen and has made a valued contribution to our college community".

Top of the class **17-21**