

VCE SCHOOL RANKINGS

BIALIK IS TOP OF THE CLASS

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BIALIK College has been listed as the highest ranking school across the state following the release of VCE results in late December. While also topping the list in 2016, the college reclaimed the number one position from the 2017 top-ranked Mac.Robertson Girl's High School, which this year has fallen to fourth position.

Remarkably, Bialik has ranked in the top five school list for 21 of the last 22 years.

According to *The Age*, 40.2 per cent of Bialik's class of 2018 achieved study scores of 40 or above – a 4.7 per cent improvement on 2017, and significantly higher than second placed Melbourne High School with 34.2 per cent. Bialik's median VCE score was 38.

Bialik dux Sahar Shavit accomplished an ATAR score of 99.9; with a perfect study score in English and the highest grade in the University of Melbourne Extension Program (UMEP) in Hebrew.

Shavit was in "total shock" upon discovering his score.

"I don't think I ever truly believed that it was possible until I saw the number on the screen. I was just walking around the house aimlessly without a clue of what to do next!" he told *The AJN*.

However, Bialik principal, Jeremy Stowe-Lindner implored "all students should be equally proud of their results".

"We celebrate the full range of results, from the unscored to the VET, from the highest achievers to those who achieved beyond their potential," he said.

"Success comes in many forms and is realised in many fields – the swimming pool, the theatre, the



Bialik College principal Jeremy Stowe-Lindner.

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examination hall and the youth movement."

Fellow Jewish school Mount Scopus Memorial College also scaled great heights, rounding out the top 10 list of Victorian secondary schools in 10th place. 42 per cent of students achieved an ATAR score over 90. *The Age* also reported 29.1 per cent of Scopus

students received a subject study score of 40 or above, while the median score was 36.

Meanwhile, other Jewish schools also were also strong state performers.

The King David School (KDS) was the third highest ranking Jewish school in the state at 27th place with a median study score

of 35 and 23.1 per cent of study scores over 40. KDS was followed directly by Leibler Yavneh College at 28th position. Beth Rivkah Ladies College was ranked at number 36, two places ahead of Yesodei HaTorah, and Yeshivah College found itself in 63rd position on the list compiled by *Better Education*.