



# PENRITH SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL

## OC Towers Newsletter

For Glenbrook Primary School

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Welcome to the first *OC Towers* newsletter for 2012. For those of you in Year 5 this is probably the first time you have seen this newsletter.

Since Penrith should be the school that students in OC classes attend when they move to high school, I think it is important for you to know more about the school.

Each edition of OC Towers will profile an ex student and tell you about some of the things that happen at the school.

Many people have wanted to know how our students did in the HSC last year, so in this edition you can find out how students from your school or community performed. You will find a mention of ATAR in the information. This is a student rank based on the HSC to determine entry into university courses. An ATAR of 99 places a student in the top 1% of HSC results; an ATAR of 97 places a student in the top 3% of HSC results and so on.

I hope you enjoy this edition.

*John Elton*  
Principal  
Penrith Selective High School

### Key Dates for Semester 1, 2012

- Selective High Schools Placement Test: Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March

## Glenbrook Students in the 2011 HSC Outstanding Success - Glenbrook Graduates 2005

**Hugo Branley** - ATAR 95.95 - Sydney University, Bachelor Arts / Bachelor Science ; Distinguished Achiever (more than 90%) in Extension English, Modern History and Studies of Religion; HSC Extension History Essay judged best in the State.



**Christopher Cullen** - ATAR 94.4 - University of NSW, Bachelor Science (Advanced Mathematics; Distinguished Achiever in Mathematics Extension 1 and Mathematics Extension 2.



**Luke Denoord** - University of Western Sydney, Bachelor Building Construction and Management.



**Hannah Gaffney** - ATAR 90.2 - Sydney University, Bachelor Health Science; Distinguished Achiever in Community & Family Studies, 2 Unit Mathematics and Music 1.



**Lewis Gould-Fensom** - ATAR 89.1, University of Technology, Sydney, Bachelor Business / Bachelor International Studies; Distinguished Achiever in Modern History.



**Sophie Grimm** - ATAR 85.1 - University of Sydney, Bachelor Applied Science (Exercise and Sport Science).



**Kaitlin Harms** - University of Western Sydney, Bachelor Health Science / Master Podiatry; Distinguished Achiever in Society and Culture.



**Madison Hughes** - ATAR 92.85 - Sydney University, Bachelor of Arts; Distinguished Achiever Music 1, Italian Continuers, Italian Extension, Studies of Religion.



**Emma Riches** - ATAR 92.2 - Sydney University of Technology, Bachelor of Arts Communication (Media Arts and Production); Distinguished Achiever in Physical Education, Health and Personal Development, Music 1 and 2 Unit Mathematics.



**Andrew Woolfenden** - University of Sydney, Bachelor Liberal Arts and Science.



## Student Profile

Monique Hitchens, Glenbrook Primary School, 2007



### Subjects Studied

#### in Years 7 – 10

Drama	Science
English	Technology
Italian	Visual Arts
Japanese	Visual Design
Mathematics	

### Subjects Studied

#### in Years 11 – 12

Business Studies  
English Advanced  
Legal Studies  
Modern History  
PD/Health/PE  
Society & Culture

### What is your fondest memory of Glenbrook Primary?

*It's hard to pick just one or two from the many great memories I have of being in the OC class at Glenbrook. Camp and the Year 6 mini fetes were always good. Every day at school in the OC was enjoyable for me.*

### Which teachers do you recall?

*The only two teachers that I remember who still work at Glenbrook are Mr Murray and Mrs McNally, as well as the Principal, Mr Brown.*

### Have you made many new friends at Penrith High School?

*I was quite concerned on my first day of Year 7 that I would take months to make new friends, when in fact, everyone is in the same boat coming to Penrith and I found it's so easy to make friends. I have a good group of friends and I'm still getting to know new people.*

### What do you like best about Penrith Selective High School?

*The best thing about Penrith is that there really are so many things on offer here. There are opportunities and activities available here to cover all sorts of desires and talents: sporting, artistic, musical, drama, public speaking, writing, science, leadership positions, etc.....*

### What are some of your achievements?

*Last year I was runner-up for both cross country and athletics and I went to Sydney West for both. I am also currently completing the Silver Duke of Edinburgh award.*

### What would you like to do when you leave Penrith High School?

*I am quite interested in Psychology and studies of the mind and human behaviour. I would very much like to help people and do something I find interesting.*

### Principal's Comment:

Monique is an outstanding student and ambassador for the school. She always impresses with her strong involvement both in and out of the classroom. A great ex student from Glenbrook.