The Samaritan College community congratulates all Year 12 students on their achievements in 2015. The hard work of our young people, their commitment and shared learning relationships with each other, their teachers and support of family, have all contributed to their personal successes. We congratulate Molly McCarroll, 2015 Dux, for an impressive ATAR of 95.6, a reflection of determination and rigorous study. Molly is hoping to head off to the University of Adelaide to study Occupational Therapy in 2016.

Han-Mari Cronje, Head Girl this year, has been a diligent student throughout her years at Samaritan, and her score of 94.8 is an outcome that she is thrilled with, planning to study in the area of Psychology with this excellent result.

Bonnie Taylor is congratulated on her success with an ATAR of 91.85. She is planning to study in the areas of Law and Psychology at the University of Adelaide next year.

Alana Bray is thrilled with her result of 91.75, saying that it has opened up her options. Alana will relocate to Adelaide to pursue further study, chasing her dream of becoming a speech pathologist.

We are very proud of Dion Samu and his outcome of 91.00. He is planning on studying a degree in chemical engineering (focusing on pharmaceutical engineering) at the University of Adelaide.

Jordyn Meacham, currently travelling in South Africa, logged on at midnight and is excited about her ATAR of 88.00. Jordyn is planning on pursuing the primary teaching degree at the University of South Australia Whyalla campus, with a focus on special education.

Teagan Venning, with an ATAR of 87.30, is hoping to enter the degree in medical radiation at the University of South Australia.

With 100% of Year 12 students completing their SACE, and over three quarters generating an ATAR, there will be many possibilities to consider for the future. Whilst we celebrate the wonderful outcomes and hard work of our students, every one of them has contributed their best effort at the time, with many having to balance challenging lives and deal with adversity in their school years. Society places intense pressure on Year 12 results, with an associated expectation on the ATAR. It is by no means a measure of a person's worth or a determination of absolutes with regard to possibilities.

Students will use many pathways to achieve their goals and we encourage every young person to pursue their dreams and use their creativity and self determination to do so. We acknowledge the commitment of parents as the first and foremost educators of their children and thank our teachers for their hard work and support – often over and above the call of duty to help each student; from those who engaged readily to some who needed to be coaxed and even pushed somewhat, in order to fulfil their potential.

Congratulations - peace and blessings for the Christmas season and in the future.