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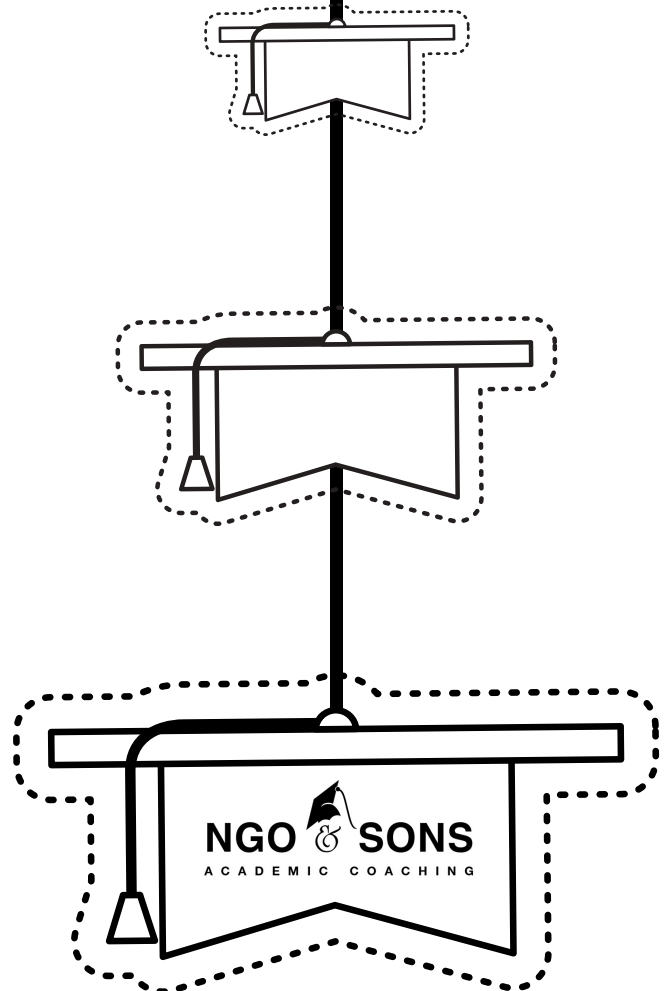
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

by Dr. Truong Ngo

DEAR PARENTS

Firstly I would like to express a warm congratulation to the class of 2019, who have achieved outstanding results in their HSC. Today our graduates can be found in leadership positions in every sector of society, from corporate boardrooms, corridors of government, university lecture theatres, research laboratories and almost every facet of the community. I hope that the graduates of 2019 will be able to make similar contributions in the near future.

Our outstanding educational institution was not built overnight. Ngo and Sons has been a leading centre for learning over several decades through the hard work and selfless devotion of many people. This year the extension 1 and 2 Mathematics course was completely revamped and revision worksheets were generated ready to be used in 2020.



It is expected that a complete overhaul of our advance mathematics course will take place over the coming months with the course focusing on more exam style questions. Other exciting projects such as providing solutions online for some of our senior courses, exam focus lessons for local and selective schools junior students, introduction of new topics in junior syllabus are in their infancy stages of development. Junior English has had great success over the last 12 months, with many of our students achieving high ranks at school. I would like to make a special mention of our school specific classes, taught by alumni, in particular made a huge difference to marks achieved by our students.

In the coming year, I will be in discussion with our English team to extend this concept to many of our other local schools in the Parramatta, Fairfield and Hurstville regions. Our Science team have made huge strides in improving the quality of our Physics and Chemistry lessons. I was hugely impressed with teacher's ability to apply mathematical and modelling skills and technology to their lessons, discussion of depth studies with individual students and attention to detail of class notes. I am sure this will translate to improving grades. Year 6 students made a seamless transition from our prep school, Ngo and Sons Preparatory College to our high school sector in March. It continues to produce high quality students instilled with motivation and respect. I will continue to work with our primary educators to ensure our young students have a strong foundation and good work ethic from the very start.

Kind Regards,
Dr. Truong

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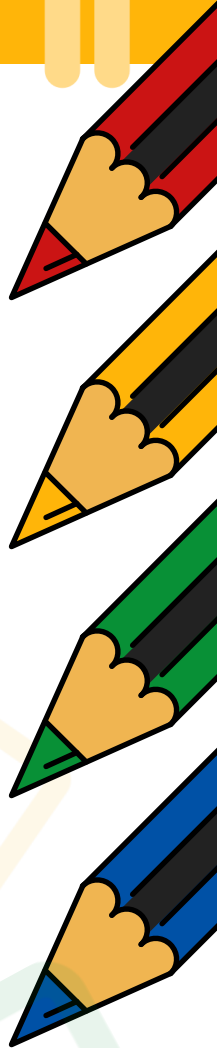


Jacqueline Lam

The NSPC team had introduced holiday writing courses to further motivate and hone students' writing and creative thinking. We have hosted a number of mock trials for Selective and Opportunity Class courses and will continue to do so in the new year.

Throughout 2019, we had also experienced many exciting changes. These included the transition of Year 6 students to our high school centers; the introduction of new Year 2 classes; as well as witnessed the growth of all students. We had particularly enjoyed noting how students had matured over the course of the year. Through diligence and determination, students had demonstrated increased class attention and participation, more detailed homework, as well as improved exam technique.

For 2020, we are planning on making more refinements in our courses to reinforce fundamental concepts. We are also looking forward to welcoming our new Year 2 students into the NSPC family and wishing nothing but the best to our much loved Year 6 students, who will be finishing at the end of March later this year.



JUNIOUR MATHEMATICS



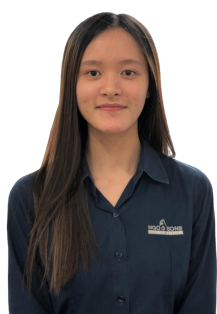
Cecilia Truong

In the past year, we introduced new exam-focused content, revision worksheets, and assignments to our classes. This has had a tremendous impact on our students' understanding of mathematical concepts. **With our new materials, our students are exposed to more logical and systematic approaches to a wide variety of questions. In teaching our techniques to students, we have seen a significant improvement in students' application of critical thinking.**

With the upcoming syllabus changes, our team has been working diligently and meticulously to make this adjustment an easy process. **The changes to the senior mathematics syllabus now mean that the gap between year 10 and year 11 is wider than ever.** To reduce this gap, we have introduced new topics (Series and Sequence, Polynomial, Vectors, Advance Probability, Unit Circle, 3D Trigonometry) into our program to prepare students and ease what is already a daunting transition to senior studies.



EXTENSION 1. MATHEMATICS



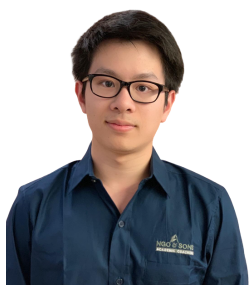
Maggie Lai



Vincent Ruan

The Ngo & Sons staff extension 1 team would like to congratulate the 2019 cohort for their extremely pleasing results in the HSC. Such exams are notoriously difficult for being highly competitive, but they have exceeded our expectations. This is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from mistakes.

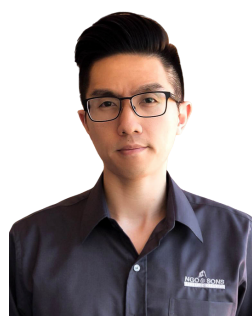
In the upcoming year, we plan to continue closely monitoring the new NESA syllabus in order to prepare our students for assessment tasks. Holiday classes will also be continued in the new year whereby focus classes will be held for selected subjects. We look forward to becoming an integral component of our students' success and growth in 2020.



Vincent Tran



EXTENSION 2. MATHEMATICS



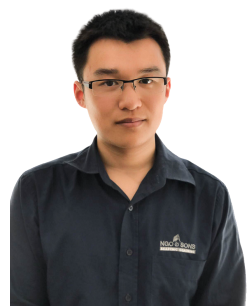
David Mai



Johnny Bui

This year has been pivotal for us as we pilot our first ever cohort of students through the new 4 unit syllabus. **The most prominent outcome of this revamped syllabus is that we are now able to start our accelerated classes in January of Year 11, rather than August of Year 10.** This change comes hand-in-hand with student feedback about the length of the previous iteration of the accelerated program.

As predicted, **students are increasingly being assessed on their critical thinking and analytical skills, rather than just their ability to regurgitate formulas at record speeds.** The leaner new syllabus has allowed us to allocate more class time to discussion of methods. The skill of communication and reasoning will ultimately be what differentiates the best of students. The non-accelerated program has seen additional changes to, as part of our continuing strategy from last year, push our students to perform on par with our accelerated cohort.



Jonathan Lam

The past year was a big one for the Ngo and Sons English department. **The introduction of school-specific focus classes for Stage 5 students has been an incredible success.** In January, we opened classes for Hurlstone Agricultural High School, Sefton High School and Prairiewood High School and since then, our students have seen great improvement and consistent results at school.

Across all classes, **our students have demonstrated greater motivation and improved study habits in addition to reading and writing techniques.** In the Hurlstone Agricultural High School Year 10 class, students have consistently scored 80% and above for all assessments throughout the year. In the Sefton Year 10 class, all students have shown improvement with most students who were achieving a B grade average increasing their results to gain an A grade average. In the Prairiewood Year 9 and Year 10 classes, students steadily improved their grades across mainstream and selective classes. For the Year 9 group, some students have achieved 1st rank within their class and one student has been offered a place in the selective stream after demonstrating amazing results.

We hope to continue this trend into 2020 as we open more focus classes for the following schools and year groups:

- **Hurlstone Agricultural High School, Year 10**
- **Sefton High School, Year 10**
- **Prairiewood High School, Year 9**

Students and parents are advised to **contact reception or amandanguyen@ngoandsons.com.au** for enrolment or other enquiries regarding the classes.

We have also introduced our 'The Book Stop' initiative in our Stage 3 and 4 classes at Fairfield campus. This initiative is intended to increase our students' literacy by exposing them to interesting novels that are age-appropriate and build upon the content we teach in our junior English program. Our deepest gratitude is extended to Ngo & Sons' in-house Teaching Librarian Mrs Siobhan James for providing a library of literature for students to explore and enjoy!



Amanda Nguyen

MORE ENGLISH



Finally, **we continued revamping and revising our junior and senior English programs across both Fairfield and Parramatta campuses. Countless hours have been poured into choosing texts that will engage students** and writing lessons that will sharpen skills in reading, analysis and writing.

We have begun to see results with this revision as more of our students seek our help and have reported consistent improvement in school tasks.

As we move forward into 2020, we are excited to find new ways to engage our students and develop their passion for our subject. In the coming year, we look forward to helping each of our students achieve their full potential by guiding them towards success in English.

Read below on what our students have to say about our current program.

TESTIMONIALS

"Ever since joining this tutor, my English marks in school drastically improved! Unlike other tutors, the Sefton Focus Class focuses on the work you do at school and gives a helping hand in your school assessments. I would definitely recommend it to anyone who is looking for an English tutor."

TINA, SEFTON HIGH SCHOOL

"The Sefton Focus class really helped me with upcoming assessments, it was a great class catered specifically to the weaknesses we as a class had. It really allowed us to get ahead of our classmates and allowed us to be less stressed as we were able to constantly work on improving our assessments within the class."

CINDY, SEFTON HIGH SCHOOL

"After the Prairiewood Focus Class, I believe my marks have improved drastically. I was a B average student and after hard dedication and helpful lessons, I made my way up to an A. I am so grateful I took the class and I would recommend to any newcomers."

NICK, PRAIRIEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



SCIENCE



Andrew Lam

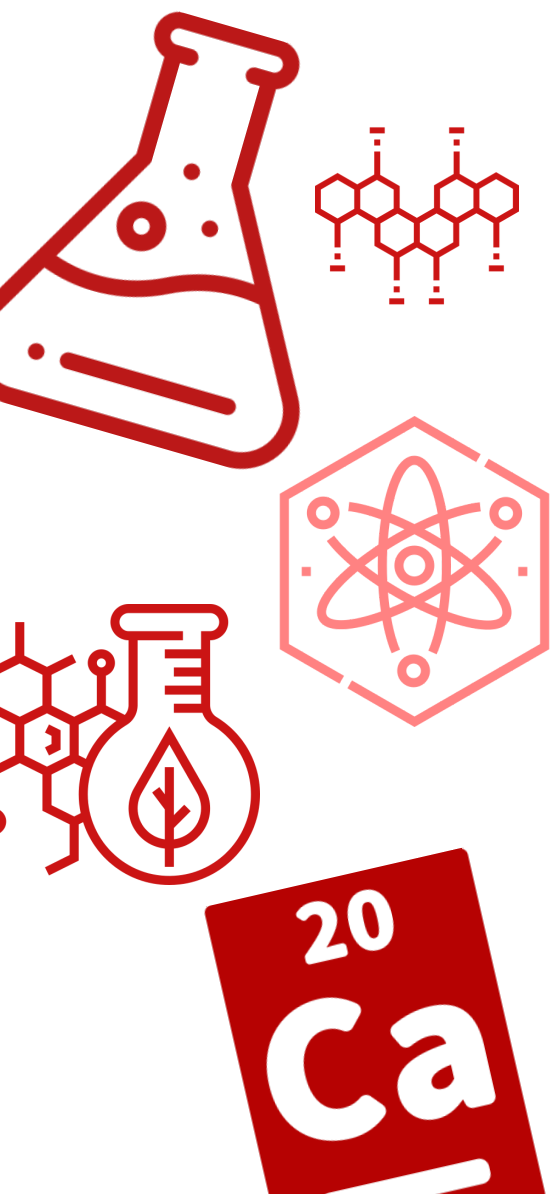
This year, our science team at Ngo & Sons has expanded greatly to further refine our teaching materials and resources. We are proud of every staff member as we effectively strengthen understanding of science for all students. Our staff endure hours every week to build on their skills of teaching, structuring and marking.

After incredible success in the first year at Parramatta we are delighted to have introduced Physics and Chemistry to our students at Fairfield in 2019. We hope this expansion creates more opportunities for our students to uptake Physics/Chemistry classes at our centre.

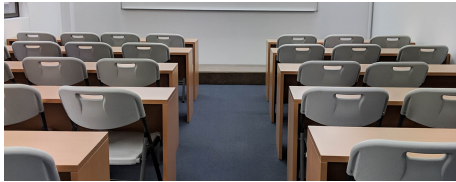
We have successfully opened our higher selective school focus classes, allowing for an accelerated yet rigorous form of teaching. Focus class positions are also offered to students in non-higher selective schools who have shown to have excelled significantly in the subject. The goal of these focus classes is to cover the necessary syllabus requirements and go beyond by understanding the syllabus holistically, enabling the students to answer extension questions to a band 6 standard.

We congratulate and welcome our new staff from the 2019 cohort who are the first to complete the HSC under the new NESA syllabus. With our newly expanded team, our 2020 Mock Trial HSC for Physics and Chemistry is created and refined, offering questions of the highest standard to yield the best results in school trial exams.

At Ngo & Sons, our staff will ensure all students are catered for. Catch up lessons and resources will be provided, and our team will go above and beyond to help all students. In 2020, Ngo & Sons will celebrate our first cohort of students to have finished HSC Physics and Chemistry. We will continue to provide support for all students and wish them good luck for their studies in the year to come.



HURSTVILLE



2019 marked the grand opening of Ngo and Sons Hurstville Campus. Led by one of our Mathematics Head Teacher, Miss Shannon Duong, our Hurstville team has been diligently striving to continue and spread the Ngo and Sons teaching, which has brought success to countless students at both our Fairfield and Parramatta Campus.

In our first year in Hurstville, we have been delighted to see the opening of Junior Mathematics classes in Year 6 to Year 10, led by Miss Cecilia Truong and Mr Thomas Le. Our Senior teachers, Miss Shannon Duong, Miss Maggie Lai and Mr Vincent Tran supported and guided our first group of Year 12 students to prepare them for the 2019 HSC in Advanced, Extension 1 and Extension 2 Mathematics and are now preparing our new group of Year 12s for the 2020 HSC.

Our Hurstville team, together with our Ngo and Sons members, have been working extremely hard over the past year preparing materials and contents to provide our students with the best resources and assistance for their school examinations.

With 2020 approaching, our Hurstville team aims to open up focus classes which will cater to specific schools such as St George Girls High School and Sydney Technical High School.

We would also like to use this opportunity to thank those who have supported us in the opening and operating of our Hurstville Campus. We would also like to thank our loyal students and parents who have help spread the word about the opening of our Ngo and Sons Hurstville Campus.



Kim Hua



Shannon Duong





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MATHEMATICS



Genevieve Loi

As of 24th October 2019, the Premier of NSW, Gladys Berejiklian, has stated that the NSW Government will be working towards making Mathematics compulsory for students in Primary (Kindergarten – Year 6) and Secondary School (Year 7 – 12). This initiative is to ensure that students are better equipped with numeracy skills enabling them to be successful in the society that they live in.

Mathematics is an essential part to learning and it is important that students are able to understand certain mathematical concepts. If students are mathematically equipped then they will be able to develop their minds to be critical thinkers and active problem solvers.

With the Year 11 students commencing in 2020, they will be the first to test out the new syllabus which has been implemented by NESA. This is an exciting experience, but also a scary one. Our centre tries our best to cater for all students from all schools, whether it be public, private, catholic or selective. Our teachers are readily equipped with the knowledge of the new syllabi and have prepared for sequencing the topics so that students are to be one step ahead of school.

Read more about the Premier's initiative here:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/news/media-releases/maths-to-be-compulsory-for-students>

SCIENCE

2019 marked the first year that the new Physics and Chemistry syllabi were to be assessed. The Higher School Certificate paper seemed to reflect a lot of our assumptions, that is, Physics and Chemistry are now mainly application based. Not only are students required to learn the content, they will also need to apply their knowledge to critical thinking questions.

We should also be expecting changes to the Stage 4 and Stage 5 syllabi in order to compensate for the gap that has been left due to the new syllabus changes for the Stage 6 course, however this is still uncertain. For the time being, our Science department is working hard to revamp our junior content so that we can bridge the gap. We hope that students taking our science course will be better prepared for the senior syllabi and ultimately, for their Higher School Certificate.



ENTRANCE EXAM & STAFF OF THE YEAR

With more than 1500 class offers given, 2019 marks another successful year of growth for Ngo and Sons. Whilst classes are of high demand and positions are at a premium, students attending our assessment centers are still being given offers to accelerate them in their academic journey. Whether it be students struggling to perform consistently in school or students that want to reach the top bands of Mathematics, English, or Science, Ngo and Sons aim to support and develop as many students as possible regardless of academic ability. These values are instilled in how we operate, and as such, Ngo and Sons encourage all students to have an obligation-free assessment with us to see how we can help.



Duy Le

The year 2019 also marks the year where we add value to our student's learning experience by incorporating technology into the way we teach, interact and deliver results. With great success, it is these innovations that have allowed us to excel in the communication of content, information and other updates between students, parents, and caregivers, allowing us to be more flexible what content we teach, when we teach it, and how we operate in the most efficient and effective manner possible. Looking forward, in early 2020 we are anticipating to connect our networks together across campuses, allowing payments to be settled across any one of our locations. It is these changes that drive who we are as a company and allow us to better focus on the needs of our students.

STAFF OF THE YEAR!



Erich Loi



Linda Fang



Kāvya Kalutantiri



Jason Wu

These amazing staff members at Ngo and Sons have been recognised as people who have shown exceptional contributions to the centre consistently and diligently throughout the year of 2019. Thank you for your hardwork!

NGO & SONS UCAT

“Improvise, Adapt & Overcome” Marines Mantra

Ngo & Sons UCAT Team worked hard this year to help you get into Medicine and Dentistry.

In March, **Ngo & Sons** held its annual **Special Medicine Information Evening**, with **over 200 guests**, some of whom had attended in previous years, a testament to how much value the event offers. We shared insights on not only how to apply to Medicine but also on what you need to be doing to maximise your chances. Thank you for your positive feedback and for joining us.

2019 was interesting. It was the first year of **University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)** in Australia, replacing UMAT. Unlike UMAT, **UCAT** is a 2-hour computer-based exam, comprising 233Q over 5 subtests, with less allocated time per question (some allowing only 14.18 secs!). A different game, it requires a different approach. So we improvised, adapted, and overcame it.

In **April Holidays**, **Intensive UCAT Courses and Mock Exam Days** were run at both **Fairfield and Parramatta campuses**, each venue over **4 full days**. You learned effective strategies for all 5 subtests of the UCAT exam and practised many UCAT-style questions. Students who sat the Mock Exam received thorough feedback.

Throughout July, **UCAT** was held. **At least 12 of our Students scored > 90th percentile**. Incredible. The highest score being **98th percentile – Christopher T, Kathryn C**, well done!

In **November**, right after HSC, we held **Medicine Interview Workshops**. We are **SO proud of our Year 12s scoring interviews all around Australia**. Congratulations to all our Students who achieved **Medicine Offers**, some of whom include **Jessi T, Kevin F, and Ian N**.

In **2020**, we will introduce a **new Intensive UCAT Course with Full Online Question Bank (thousands of questions)** as well as a **Bundle Special**, where **you can save \$200+** (if you join in a **Group of 3**). The **Mock Exam** has also been moved closer to the Official UCAT Exam (July), so Year 12s can get some final revision before their exam. **To secure your spot, please visit: <https://www.ngoandsons.com.au/ucat>**



Alex Ngo

*Director of UCAT &
Medicine Interviews*

KEY DATES 2020	EVENT
March 8, Sunday 4.30-7pm	N&S Special Medicine Information Evening (FREE) <i>Cabra-Vale Diggers Club, Canley Vale</i>
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS April 13,14,15 April 20,21,22	N&S Intensive UCAT Course + Full Online Question Bank (New) <i>Fairfield, 9am-4pm</i> <i>Parramatta, 9am-4pm</i>
June 20, Saturday	N&S UCAT Mock Exam (Year 12s); Fairfield, 9am-4pm
March 2-May 11 July 1-31	Official UCAT - Registrations Open (Y12s only, REGISTER ASAP) Official UCAT Exam
September 28-30	Most University & UAC applications close
October-November	HSC Exams
November-December	N&S Medicine & Dentistry Interview Workshops

Thank you for your trust and
support,
Alex Ngo

**Ngo & Sons Director of UCAT &
Medicine Interviews**
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UCAT 2020



Doctor, Bác Sĩ, 醫生
Dentist, Nha Sĩ, 牙醫

March 8
Sunday
4.30-7PM

Special Medicine Information Evening (FREE)
Year 11 & 12s, Parents
Cabra-Vale Club, Canley Vale

April Holidays
Fairfield 13,14,15
Parramatta 20,21,22

Intensive UCAT Course (3 days, 9am-4pm)
with Full Online Question Bank (New)

BUNDLE SPECIAL: 1 Student \$1000 (Save \$100+!)
3 Students \$900 each (Save \$200+!)

June 20
Saturday

UCAT Mock Exam (1 day, 9am-4pm)

Fairfield 1 Student \$250
3 Students \$220 each (Save \$30!)

November
(After HSC)

Medicine & Dentistry
Interview Workshops



Please enrol at **Reception** or www.ngoandsons.com.au/ucat
Join the **N&S UCAT SQUAD!**

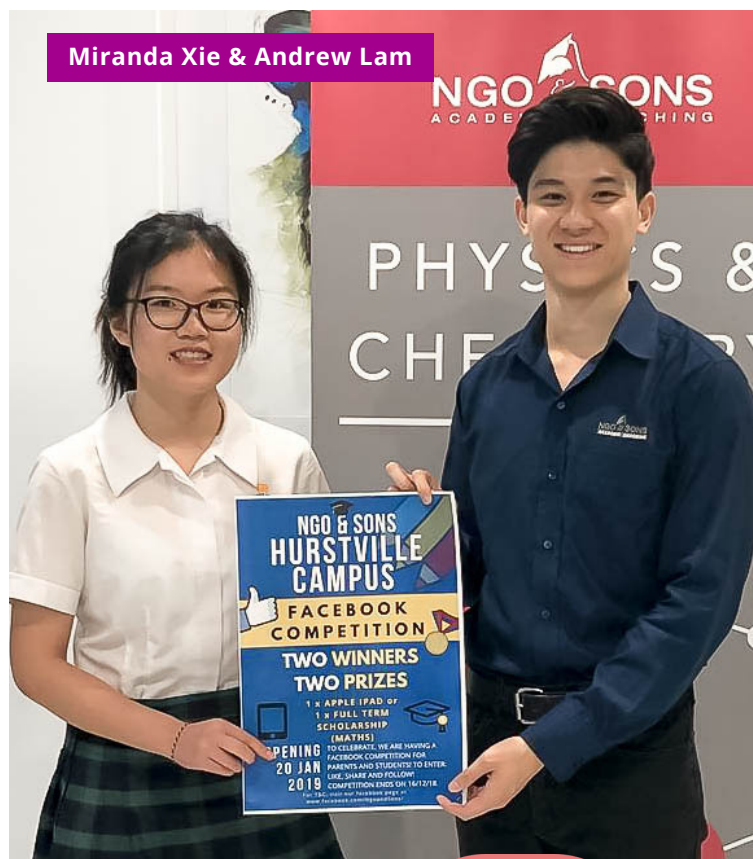
STUDENT APPRECIATION



Alex Ngo & Vivien Chor



Jessica Lam & Hillary Ngo



Miranda Xie & Andrew Lam

TESTIMONIALS



ATAR: 99.20

SCHOOL: SEFTON HIGH SCHOOL

Hello there,

I am Jason He and I started going to 'Ngo and Sons' at the end of year 10 and it was the best decision I had ever made. I graduated from Sefton High School with an ATAR of 99.20.

Now, the reason why I'm so grateful that my friend, Jessi Ta, introduced me here is because **NS's teaching style, WORKS.** I personally had Dr. Truong Ngo and Mr. Johnny Bui. The way that they drilled the key concepts into your head repeatedly and consistently helped me tremendously. **They teach you all the rules, all the curve-balls, all the common mistakes!** It's hard to explain how effective their teaching was on paper, but at first I was hopeless and I can say with confidence that I improved immensely. And although it was extremely daunting when I first came to the center because I wasn't used to bowing or addressing titles, **the teachers there were some of the nicest and funniest people that I have ever met.**



Jason He

TESTIMONIALS



Patrick Nah

ATAR: 99.95

SCHOOL: BAULKHAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

State Ranking:

- **Economics: 3rd in NSW**

Extra-curricular activities: I trained for cross-country on a near-daily basis and played the piano when I was stressed.

I studied with Ngo and Sons from Year 9 up till Year 12. During my time at the Centre, my tutors emphasized the importance of the structure and technique needed to tackle a question. This really helped me through the HSC as the exams are now increasingly focused on skill and application of knowledge, rather than recitation of knowledge.

ATAR: 99.85

SCHOOL: JAMES RUSE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Studying at Ngo & Sons helped my academic marks improve drastically - from a triple digit rank for maths in Year 9 to 99 and 98 in Extension 1 and Extension 2 Maths in Year 12, respectively. The philosophy and principles of the Centre also helped me develop self-discipline and taught me to work hard to achieve my dreams. The Centre's values also taught me to be respectful and appreciative of the sacrifices my family makes for me. The unique style of teaching, a blend of lecture-style lessons and practice questions guarantees that you are being looked after by the best of the best!

Kathryn's HSC study tips are:

- *PAST PAPERS* – always check your answers and note down which questions you found hard or did not complete.
- Ask questions!
- Collate and condense your notes from school and tutoring.

ATAR: 99.95

SCHOOL: JAMES RUSE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

I joined Ngo & Sons at the end of Year 10 and due to Mr. Mai's engaging and technical teaching skills, my mathematics grades started to improve dramatically. I was immediately taken aback by my engaging and highly skilled tutors. It was only after joining that my mathematics grades started to improve dramatically.

Jerry's HSC study tips are:

- *Reviewing past paper questions really helped me understand and complete the questions that I thought were previously too difficult to attempt.*

ATAR: 99.95

SCHOOL: AL-FAISAL COLLEGE

State Ranking:

- **Mathematics Extension 1: 9th in NSW**

My wonderful teachers were Ms Shannon Duong and Mr Johnny Bui. One of the most important things I learnt this year was the importance of studying smart rather than hard. A lot of students focus on the amount of time they spend studying and forget to focus on evaluating their study routine.

Dania's HSC study tips are:

- *Reflect constantly every night!*
- *Remember to look after yourself and take breaks when you need them.*
- *Keep up to date with your notes and don't fall behind.*



Kathryn Chen



Jerry Shen

Dania Al-Rifai



TESTIMONIALS



Ian Ngo

ATAR: 99.75

SCHOOL: HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

State Ranking:

- **Chemistry: 3rd in NSW**

I would like to thank Dr. Truong Ngo and Mr. Johnny Bui for being amazing teachers. While attending school and tutoring, I learnt to prioritize tutoring over school as the content and workload was more in-depth. I trusted their teaching methodology. Extra-curricular activities: I was part of Hurlstone's Open Soccer team, regional cross-country and athletics. Remember to prioritize assessment tasks while taking part in these extra-curricular activities.

Ian's HSC study tips:

- Do practice papers after understanding the basics which is taught at tutoring.
- For English, practice writing!
- For science, understanding the concept is more important than practice papers. You need to understand the concept before knowing how to apply it to answering questions in exams and past papers.
- Focus on your weaker subjects first.
- Start preparing for exams at least 2-3 weeks before the exam. The first week is to work on your weak spots and the next two should be doing past papers.



Kim Zheng

ATAR: 99.95

SCHOOL: JAMES RUSE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

State Rankings:

- **Extension 1 Mathematics: 1st in NSW**
- **Extension 2 Mathematics: 7th in NSW**
- **Physics: 3rd in NSW**

My HSC experience was probably one of the hardest things I had to face in my life at the time. I was really stressed and did not know how to improve my marks. After a while, I figured the only thing you can do is to work harder and smarter. This mindset helped me persevere through my bad marks and in the end helped me achieve a top ranking for Chemistry.

Kim's HSC study tips are:

- Do your school past papers to identify the types of silly mistakes you make as well as the setting out that is required.
- Also do other school papers as well as the booklets from Ngo & Sons, especially the difficult questions, to increase exposure to difficult questions to maximize the chances of completing the final question in your exams.



TESTIMONIALS



Kevin Fang

ATAR: 99.95

SCHOOL: NORTH SYDNEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

State Rankings:

- **Mathematics Extension 1: 7th in NSW**
- **English Advanced: 16th in NSW**
- **Information Processing and Technology: 1st in NSW**
- **Chemistry: 16th in NSW**

I attended Ngo & Sons from Year 9 through to Year 12. I appreciated the teaching style of the Centre which emphasized understanding 'how' to solve all types of questions, as opposed to memorizing all the different types of questions possible. My tutor Mr. Mai was truly an inspirational mentor who guided me through my HSC journey and I will remain grateful to Mr. Mai for as long as I live.

Kevin's Study Tips are:

1. **Study ahead.** Study half a year ahead. By the time I went into year 12 Chemistry, I already finished studying the year 12 content by myself via textbooks and online resources. Thus, when we did go over it in class, it was simply a process of revision. So, while everyone else is trying to grapple with new concepts and grasp new ideas, you are actually able to engage with it, reinforcing your understanding and asking the teachers anything that you don't understand.
2. **Do your past papers of the top five schools in the state.** Then, you **MUST** go back and fix your mistake. Even if it's something small like a silly mistake, it is important for you to redo the question just so that you'll commit that mistake to memory and avoid it in the upcoming tests.
3. **Achieve a balance between sleep and study times.** Many people begin to stress and study more leading towards the exam because they didn't study enough before, which only results in them getting less sleep and feeling tired inside the exam. So, my technique actually involves studying a lot at the start of the term, even if it means reducing your sleep time. For me, I would often study 10 hours a day and sleep for 5 hours at the beginning of each term just so I can make sure I'm ahead of everyone else
4. **Don't be scared of asking for help.** I'm not going to lie. I have never been someone who's gifted with an extremely bright mind and that's why I make lots of mistakes and can't do a lot of questions. However, rather than wasting time on trying to tackle a problem that I can't do by myself, I will just ask my friends, tutors or teachers who often provides me with a super easy solution.
5. **Don't be afraid of admitting your weaknesses.** Everyone has a subject they're weak at whether it be English or Chemistry or Mathematics. It's completely alright to be weak in that subject but it's not alright to stay weak at it. You need to be able to realise your weakness, accept it and then be able to put more time and effort into improving that weakness.

Message to Kevin's peers:

*I'll leave you guys with a message that I wrote on the day of graduating high school and I hope you can take some inspiration from it. Today is both the best and the worst day of my life as I finally step out the gates of NSB for the last time. To the class of 2019, I want to thank each and every one of you for your help and support throughout the long high school years. I would also like to extend this respect to my family, teachers and tutors for staying by my shape through this rough journey and for shaping me into the person I am today. **I appreciate all the lectures and the knowledge you have passed onto me.** They will forever have a special place within my heart and I will be sure to apply them to my life and become a better person, one who others can respect and look up to. To the class of 2019, today marks the end of our high school lives and sadly enough, it's something we cannot start over. However, what we can do from this point on is to turn over a new leaf and create a new beginning for us all. I'm sure our paths will cross again sometime in the near future. Also, remember that at this point of time, you're no longer studying for the HSC for your sake only. **You're studying for the sake of your family, friends, teachers and tutors.** It's simply a sign of respect to study hard and do well **in order to thank those who have helped you along your journey.** I'll leave you guys one last message. Imagine the HSC as a competition with no one in it other than yourself. If you do so, you will have no desire to do better than anyone else, but simply a desire to become better than you were before. That's the most important. With that said, I wish you guys **all the best with your HSC studies and future aspirations.***

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STUDENT	SCHOOL	3U	4U	ATAR
Anonymous	Sefton High School	94	86	97.95
Jessi Ta	Sefton High School	94	86	97.95
Lachlan Banh	Hurststone Agricultural High School	96	93	97.95
Kerry Liu	Sefton High School	95	91	97.9
Emily Khou	Canley Vale High School	95	89	97.85
Joanna Zhuang	Sydney Girls High School	94	80	97.65
Elvis Dao	Sefton High School	95		97.6
Kush Singhy	Girraween	97	94	97.6
Michael Le	Bonnyrigg High School	96	95	97.5
Ethan Susanto	Bonnyrigg High School	93	91	97.45
Nathan Phanith	Hurststone Agricultural High School	97	93	97.45
Maggie Li	Penrith High School			97.45
Ben Banh	Georges River Grammar	97	92	97.25
Jessalyn Le	Hurststone Agricultural High School	96		97.2
Andrew Kim	Hurststone Agricultural High School	94	92	97.15
Kevin Cai	Hurststone Agricultural High School	94	89	97.15
Humphrey Guo	Fort Street High School	96	92	97.1
Andrew Nguyen	Moorebank High School	98	93	96.95
Jack Di	Hurststone Agricultural High School	93	80	96.9
Kristine Nguyen	Sefton High School	86		96.8
Krthivas Vemula	Macquarie Fields HS	94		96.45
Donna Wilson	Macquarie Fields High School	94	82	96.4
Justin Lang	Sydney Girls High School	94	88	96.4
Anonymous	Sydney Girls High School	97	93	96.15
Christopher Luong	Sefton High School	96	88	96.05
Neha Arghode	Sydney Girls High School	93	87	96
Gungeet Singh	Sefton High School	94		95.75
Mathew Zhong	Moorebank High School	86	80	95.6
Fadi Yonan	Fairvale High School			95.5
Alvin Chen	Hurststone Agricultural High School	96		95.4
Keshiga Gopalarajah	Baulkham Hills High School	88		95.2
Danny Le	Hurststone Agricultural High School	93	84	95.15
Helen He	Burwood Girls High School			94.9
Kiet Hoang	Prariewood High School	94	88	94.75
Patrick Tran	Hurststone Agricultural High School	92	80	94.5
Meilin He	St George Girls High School	90		94.3
Will Huang	Hurststone Agricultural High School	92	76	93.55
George Xu	Arden Anglican High School			93
Anirudh Shetty	Baulkham Hills High School	90		92.55
Dylan Ngo	Bonnyrigg High School	92	79	92.45
Trish Pham	Cabramatta High School	88		92.25
Justin Duong	Bonnyrigg High School	95	89	92.2
Gary Peng	All Saints Catholic Senior College	86		91.85
Sarah Hoang	Bonnyrigg High School	92	84	91.75
Allen Jacob Kovoov	Elizabeth Macarthur High School	90		91.7
Thomas Do	Sefton High School	88		91.6
Kevin Dang	All Saints Catholic Senior College	84		91.45
Kelvin Do	Hurststone Agricultural High School	92	83	91.05
Arron Giang	Canley Vale High School			90.8
Alex Lam	Sefton High School	98	93	90.45
Alison Ma (year 11)	Sydney Girls High School	100		
Yuhan Zhou	Santa Sabina	100		

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OUTSTANDING ATAR SCORES

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2018 ON YOUR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR.
THE NGO AND SONS FAMILY WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS!

STUDENT	SCHOOL	3U	4U	ATAR
Dania Al Rifai	Al-Faisal College	100	97	99.95
Kevin Fang	North Sydney Boys High School	100	97	99.95
Kim Zheng	James Ruse Agricultural High School	100	99	99.95
Jerry Shen	James Ruse High School	98	98	99.95
Patrick Nah	Baulkham Hills High School	99	94	99.95
Christopher Lauw	James Ruse Agricultural High School	99	98	99.85
Giannie Ta	Baulkham Hills High School	99	98	99.85
Kathryn Chen	James Ruse Agricultural High School	99	98	99.85
Elisa Cai	Sydney Girls High School	98	96	99.8
Ian Ngo	Hurststone Agricultural High School	98	97	99.75
Josh To	Hurststone Agricultural High School	99	97	99.7
Emily Huynh	Sydney Girls High School	98	97	99.6
Arjun Rmanesh	Macquarie Fields High School	94	90	99.45
Jessica Nallaretnam	Baulkham Hills High School	97	95	99.4
Miranda Xie	James Ruse Agricultural High School	96	94	99.35
Patrick Huang	Sydney Boys High School	99	97	99.35
Vedant Patel	Penrith High School	97	96	99.3
Justin Mai	Sydney Boys High School	97	93	99.25
Jason He	Sefton High School	98	94	99.2
Catherine Bui	Hornsby Girls High School	93	89	99.15
Amirah Ali	Baulkham Hills High School	97	95	99.05
Angela Wang	James Ruse Agricultural High School	94		99.05
David Nguyen	Hurststone Agricultural High School	96	91	99
Akshat Bansal	Baulkham Hills High School	97	94	98.85
Brandon Ngo	Hurststone Agricultural High School	98	97	98.85
Andy Hua	Sydney Boys High School	97	93	98.75
Jeff Li	Sydney Boys High School	97	91	98.6
Amy Chau	Sefton High School	90		98.55
Viraj Panchasara	Bulkham Hills High School	97	93	98.3
Anna Do	Sydney Girls High School	91		98.2
Andy Le	Hurststone Agricultural High School	94	89	98.1
Rebecca Davis	Hurststone Agricultural High School	94	85	98.05
Jayden Nguyen	Hurststone Agricultural High School	96	87	98
Anonymous	James Ruse Agricultural High School	96	91	98