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## St Ursula's girls farewell principal with a record

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and to ensure that the students get the most out of their education here at St Ursula's," she said.

A record seven students made the All-round Achievers List, and the college rose from 65 to 62 in the rankings for the top 100 schools in the state.

College captain Elizabeth Daher who achieved an ATAR of 98.5, praised her graduating class.

"It's a grand way for the school to bid farewell to Ms Anderson," said Elizabeth.

"We had an amazing year group and I am so proud of every single one of the students and how hard they've worked."

Elizabeth hopes to study law next year and work in the area of juvenile justice after being inspired by the school's work in social justice activities like Vinnies Night Patrol.

The school's top student, Savanna Russo, who achieved an ATAR of 99.6, plans to pursue law and international studies at the University of NSW.

"I'm part Italian, so I'd love to learn Italian and study in Italy for a year," said Savanna,



who aspires to work for the United Nations.

Marianne Daher, of Tangara School for Girls, Cherrybrook, achieved the highest possible band for all her courses in the 2014 HSC.

Tangara students achieved a total of 60 listings on the Distinguished Achievers List, including three Year 11 students studying accelerated courses in music and Latin.

At Lumen Christi College at Pambula in the archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, Sarah Foley (above) was named dux with an ATAR of 95.35.

Sarah plans to pursue studies in anthropology and history at Melbourne University.

Four other students received ATARs above 90.

## 'Pope has built a bridge for us to reach out to family, friends'

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pointing to the large congregations at Christmas and Easter Masses.

"Businesses spend an inordinate amount of money just trying to get people through the shop door," Ang says, having come to his current role after a time in marketing.

"On these great feasts, there's a graced opportunity to engage them with the good news of Christ calling in their life," Ang says.

Near universal admiration for Pope Francis also begged greater parish offerings to seekers: "Pope Francis has built a bridge the rest of us are fortunate enough to walk across to our families and workmates who might not

in times past have been so attentive to the Gospel the Church is offering," Ang says.

What the Church most needs to welcome new God-seekers, however, is genuine disciples, Ang says: not, in the first instance, people who have technical know-how, but people who are compelling witnesses who are trying to grow in their faith.

"Unless we grow the depth of discipleship in our parishes, the task of evangelisation can risk becoming a collection of extrinsic practices rather than an organic expression of committed hearts. I think many of our parishes recognise the need for that kind of radical, interior conversion."

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