



School Vice Captain, Matilde Wiese, Speech Night Guest Speaker, Frances Adamson and School Captain, Emily Taliangis.

*Emily Taliangis, School Captain 2009, delivered an insightful and entertaining Speech Night address. Below is an excerpt from her address.*

Good evening distinguished guests and fellow students.

I would like to admit this evening something terribly selfish I did in Year 9. I'm sorry if I disappoint anybody, but my dear friends and teachers, I just don't think I'll be able to exist peacefully in this world if I don't relieve myself of this guilt. One lunchtime in Year 9, when the locker room was empty, I stole something from the Middle School notice board. I realise that this was a bad thing to do, but I must also admit that I don't regret it in the slightest. In fact, this illegal act of theft enabled me to recognise something quite life-altering.

Well I suppose I better tell you all what it was I stole. At the end of the first semester in 2006, Miss Clarke, our Head of Middle School, placed a card on the Morrison notice board, written to all students from Year 6 to 9, wishing us all the best for our future lives at Walford, and beyond. Secretly, I snuck the card into the inside pocket of my blazer. However, it was the quote by an unknown somebody on the front of the card, which I found truly inspiring and wanted to keep. This quote read: "Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."

It has taken me until now, as I finish my schooling along with a very incredible group of Year 12 girls, to realise that this is a 'creation' journey which will never end. It is a journey in which every single person here tonight is taking part. However, I now realise that life is not only about creating yourself. People are largely created by those they meet throughout their journey. Without different experiences shared with parents, teachers and friends, we would not be the people we are today. All of us will continue to change and develop throughout our lives. I had never considered this metaphorical idea of 'creation' during my schooling, but I now appreciate the true significance of all of our memorable experiences at Walford, in the creation of our varied characters.

To those who are leaving; yes there is a sad element to this idea of a journey as all journeys must end, but I assure you that this sad ending is not tonight. You take with you lasting memories and friendships which have defined the people you are. This not the end of a journey. This is an early stage of a journey which will continue for decades into the future. We are not saying goodbye to our journey through school, we are merely at a stage of transition between school and whatever the future brings. Whilst I haven't experienced many 'transition' stages in my journey yet, I've got a feeling that there will be many more, each which will bring the feelings of excitement, fear, happiness, sadness and hopefulness which we share tonight...



## 2009 Year 12 SACE and IB Results and Tertiary Placements

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# Congratulations to 2009 Walford Year 12 students

We are delighted to report on the remarkable accomplishments of our Year 12 students in both the SACE and IB in 2009.

Our students have worked diligently to achieve these outstanding results and we congratulate each student upon her excellent achievement.

Some of the outstanding statistics in the results include:

- All students doing a full course in SACE gained their SACE certificate, and all students studying the International Baccalaureate gained their Diploma.
- 9% of all students (IB and SACE) gained a TER of 99 or over.
- 44% of all students (IB and SACE) gained a TER of 95 or over.
- 58% of all students (IB and SACE) gained a TER of 90 or over.
- 100% of IB students are in the top 20% of the State (TER 80+)
- 41% of SACE students are in the top 10% of the State (TER 90+)
- 50 Merit Certificates were achieved across SACE and IB.

## Consistent Excellence

Of particular interest is the continuing consistency of these results. Comparisons over the last 6 years show:

	TER of 90+	TER of 99+
2003	64%	8%
2004	48%	10%
2005	66%	21%
2006	57%	12%
2007	60%	19%
2008	61%	16%
2009	58%	9%

## Outstanding achievements

<i>Natasha Wright</i>	5 Merit Awards	TER 99.95
<i>Rhea Danner</i>	4 merit Awards	TER 99.95
<i>Ashleigh Peplow-Ball</i>	3 Merit Awards	TER 99.70
<i>Laura Sharley</i>	3 Merit Awards	TER 99.70
<i>Stephanie Campbell</i>	3 Merit Awards	TER 99.20
<i>Alice Aplin</i>	2 Merit Awards	TER 99.20
<i>Emily Taliangis</i>	1 Merit Award	TER 98.95
<i>Sarah Black</i>	3 Merit Awards	TER 98.85
<i>Zoe Last</i>	3 Merit Awards	TER 98.85
<i>Matilde Wiese</i>	3 Merit Awards	TER 98.85
<i>Meg Allison</i>	3 Merit Awards	TER 98.50
<i>Brittany Spaven</i>	2 Merit Awards	TER 98.50
<i>Emma Primett</i>	1 Merit Award	TER 98.20
<i>Melissa Willson</i>	1 Merit Award	TER 98.20



At Speech Night, L-R: Guest Speaker, Diplomat, Frances Adamson (76), Principal, Helen Trebilcock, and Chair of Council of Governors, Pamela Martin.

## SACE Merit Awards

The following students have received the distinction of Merit Awards for perfect scores in SACE:

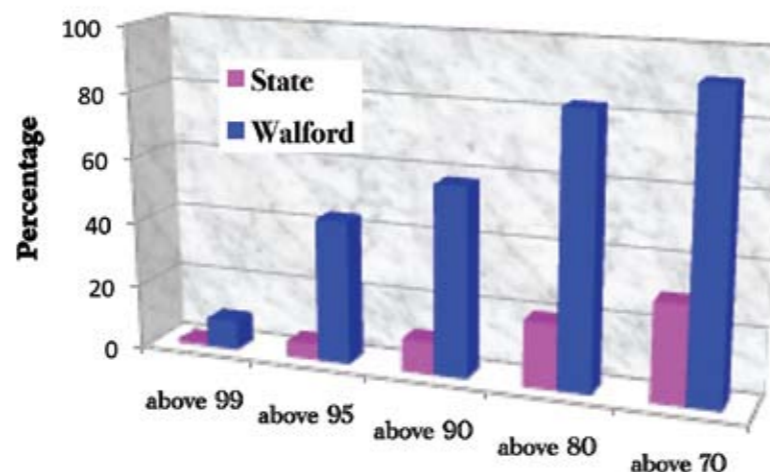
- Ashleigh Peplow-Ball*: Biology, Physical Education, Mathematical Methods
- Laura Sharley*: Physical Education, Mathematical Methods
- Alice Aplin*: English Studies, Modern History
- Emily Taliangis*: English Studies
- Ashlee Wachtel*: Mathematical Methods
- Nicole Andrewartha*: Mathematical Methods
- Emma Haberman*: Nutrition
- Penny Schulz*: Physical Education
- Catherine Schulze*: Nutrition
- Sophie Holland-Smith*: Vocational Studies B
- Alexandra Thomas*: Vocational Studies B
- Hannah Way*: Vocational Studies B

## IB Diploma (International Baccalaureate)

34 Merits were awarded to 15 students across 15 subjects:

- Natasha Wright*: Mathematics, Geography, Chemistry, English, Biology
- Rhea Danner*: Mathematics, Geography, German, Biology
- Stephanie Campbell*: Mathematics, English, Physics
- Sarah Black*: History, English, Music
- Zoe Last*: History, English, Physics
- Matilde Wiese*: English, Physics, French
- Meg Allison*: German, English, Physics
- Brittany Spaven*: Mathematical Studies, Biology
- Emma Primett*: Mathematical Studies
- Melissa Willson*: Biology
- Olivia Tolley*: Mathematical Studies, English
- Madeleine Piochaud*: Geography
- Emma Nelson*: Physics
- Penelope Evans*: English
- Fiona Lee*: Chinese

## Distribution of TER scores 2009



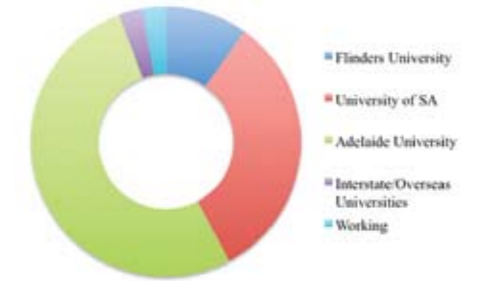
L-R: Dux of the School (IB), Stephanie Campbell, Guest Speaker, Frances Adamson (76) and Dux of the School (SACE), Alice Aplin



Some of the IB Merit Award recipients at the award ceremony  
Some of the SACE Merit Award recipients at the award ceremony



## Tertiary Placements



## Tertiary Offers

Animal Science & (Pre Vet)	4
Arts, Archaeology, Development Studies	3
Civil Aviation	1
Commerce, Economics/Finance	4
Design, Architecture Studies	2
Engineering (Architectural, Mechanical)	3
Health Science, Biomedical Science & Molecular Biology	4
Human Movement	1
Interior Architecture	2
International Studies	3
Journalism	2
Law	12
Marketing, Public Relations, Communication & Media	6
Medicine	2
Nursing	1
Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy	3
Oral Health	1
Paramedics	2
Pharmacy	3
Psychology Hons, Behavioural Science & Psychological Science	8
Teaching (Junior Primary/Middle)	1
Visual Communications	1