

# Year 12 graduates share future plans

St Margaret's students Lily Devereaux, Megan Roxburgh and Elizabeth Fowler are among our Year 12 graduates who are eagerly anticipating the release of OP results on 14 December.

The girls admitted they had mixed emotions leaving the school gates for the final time, however each of the young women have exciting post-school plans and bright futures ahead of them.

Lily Devereaux is about to embark on an exciting opportunity in the USA.

The rowing captain and bow of St Margaret's winning First VIII at this year's Head of the River was recruited to become a student-athlete at Michigan State University (MSU) where she is planning to study business as well as join the MSU rowing program.

The well-rounded athlete was a member of the St Margaret's cross country and water polo teams in addition to the rowing squad and also played touch football and basketball during her years at St Margaret's.

Lily said St Margaret's provided her with many opportunities to prepare her for this new adventure including a global rowing exchange when she was in Year 10.

"It was an incredible experience where I was able to grow as both a rower and an individual. It definitely gave me the travel bug, hence my interest in studying abroad," she said.

Megan Roxburgh is hoping to study a dual degree of engineering and maths next year, planning to eventually major in civil engineering. She was the recipient of an Ausenco Engineering Scholarship which will not only assist her pursuit of a career in engineering but also support her aspirations by providing valuable networking opportunities and work experience opportunities with the company.

Megan said: "St Margaret's has given me so many opportunities to learn more about engineering and other possible paths I can take in the future, all of which I am very grateful for. Through the school, I was able to participate in the QUT High School STEM Internships, where I learnt about real-life applications of environmental engineering, which encouraged me to follow my goal of studying engineering. I was given the chance to work in a university environment and learn from expert lecturers and students."

Dux of St Margaret's, Elizabeth Fowler, is hoping to be offered a place in the Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Honours) at The University of Queensland which will fulfil her passion for modern history.

Her plan is to one day become a teacher, no doubt inspired by the teaching staff at St Margaret's who she said supported, motivated and mentored her throughout secondary school.

Of her educational achievements to date, Elizabeth said: "I am very honoured to have been named the 2019 Dux of St Margaret's.

"I have always loved school and have been driven to succeed academically and improve my individual marks," she said.

Elizabeth also received The University of Queensland Achievement Award, English Extension Prize, the English Prize, the Geography Prize and the German Prize at the school's Speech Night and Prize Giving Ceremony earlier this month.

Principal Ms Ros Curtis said that all of this year's graduating class should be proud of their achievements.

"The girls have worked incredibly hard this year as have the teaching staff who have endeavoured to ensure each student receives personalised learning and academic support to assist them in achieving their personal best," said Ms Curtis.