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The Hon Verity Firth MP
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SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMS START FOR 90,000 STUDENTS

A record 90,000 Year 10 students start their first NSW School Certificate exams today.

The Minister for Education and Training, Verity Firth, wished students the best of luck.

“The School Certificate is an important milestone for secondary students,” Ms Firth said.

“It’s critical in preparing our young people for future success in HSC study, training, apprenticeships or work.”

Some School Certificate exams are compulsory for all Year 10 students including:

- English-literacy;
- Mathematics;
- Science;
- Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship; and
- Computing Skills.

Ms Firth said this was the first year where all NSW students will complete their Computing Skills exam online.

The exam requires students to complete 100 multiple choice questions on a computer. Responses are automatically captured then marked by an electronic system administered by experts at the NSW Board of Studies.

“Computer literacy is an increasingly important skill so it makes sense to use computers to test our students,” Ms Firth said.

“Online study resources provided by the Board of Studies have been in heavy use by students ahead of their School Certificate exams.

“In the week leading up to the School Certificate, students downloaded nearly half a million multiple choice practice tests from the Board’s *Test Yourself* website.”

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