



MEDIA RELEASE

The Hon Verity Firth MP
Minister for Education and Training

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HSC STUDENTS CELEBRATE BEING FIRST IN COURSE

The Minister for Education and Training Verity Firth has congratulated 107 of the state's brightest students who have topped the state in their HSC courses for 2010.

"The annual First in Course ceremony is a wonderful way to celebrate our high achieving students," Ms Firth said.

"First in Course demonstrates the diversity of our state's top performing students and I wish them the very best for their future."

Highlights from this year's First in Course include:

- Seven students achieving first place in two courses
- four subjects where two or more students were awarded Equal First including four students topping Mathematics Extension 1
- 18 students from regional areas including Albury, Carcoar, Dubbo, Gumly Gumly Kangaroo Valley and Mullumbimby
- two students completing the HSC while living overseas, one in Singapore and one in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 70 girls achieved first place compared to 37 boys
- one of the youngest students in the 2010 HSC also topping a course

Ms Firth also acknowledged families, schools and teachers for the important role they played in supporting and encouraging students.

The HSC results for more than 70,000 NSW students will be released tomorrow from 6am via Internet, telephone and SMS text message.

Students can access their results:

- By pre-registering for the SMS service. Students need to text message their student number and PIN to 0427 659 900. A return text message to the student confirms they have registered for the service and the results will be sent to their mobile phone at approximately 6am tomorrow.
- Through the HSC Results website by typing in their student number and PIN www.hscreults.nsw.edu.au
- By using the automated telephone service. Students call 1300 669 248 and follow the voice prompts. They will be given information about the cost of the call and asked to enter their student number and PIN.

Student support services will also be open from tomorrow to provide advice to students on questions they may have.

Students with inquiries about their Higher School Certificate results can ring the Board of Studies' HSC Examination Inquiry Centre on 13 11 12 for the cost of a local telephone call from anywhere in NSW.

Students with career advice questions can contact the Department of Education and Training's Careers Advisory Service on 1300 300 687 (Free Call) or e-mail careers@det.nsw.edu.au.

For the full list go to www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au

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