

MEDIA RELEASE The Hon Verity Firth MP Minister for Education and Training

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Embargoed 6am HSC RESULTS RELEASED TODAY

Higher School Certificate (HSC) results were released for a record 71,000 students at 6am this morning.

The Minister for Education and Training, Verity Firth said students and parents across NSW would be glad the wait for results was finally over.

"Completing the HSC is an important milestone, and students should be extremely proud of their hard work," Ms Firth said.

"The HSC is the perfect preparation for our young people but students should keep their HSC experience in perspective - remember there are many pathways to university, training or a job.

"We're very proud of our HSC.

"It's a qualification that's highly regarded all over the world.

"Around 83% of the HSC class of 2010 will be eligible for an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) – more than ever before.

"ATARs are released to students tomorrow from 9am.

"My congratulations go to our top performing students who've made the Distinguished Achievers List, the All-round Achievers List and the Top Achievers in Course List.

"From today onwards, there will be a range of support services available for students to assist them with their enquiries relating to their HSC results and future after high school."

Students with enquiries about their HSC results can ring the NSW Board of Studies' HSC Results Inquiry Centre on 13 11 12 for the cost of a local 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 <u>careers@det.nsw.edu.au</u>.

This year, students have been able to access their HSC results by phone, text message or on the Internet.

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For information:

- **The Distinguished Achievers List** students who achieved the top HSC band, Band 6, for a course, or in the case of extension courses, Band E4.
- **The All-Round Achievers List** students and schools of students who have been placed on the Distinguished Achievers List for courses totaling 10 or more units.
- **The Top Achievers by Course List** students in the top places in each course, provided they have also achieved Band 6 or Band E4, as appropriate.

Full lists will be available later today on the NSW Board of Studies Website: <u>www.bos.nsw.edu.au</u>