



# The Hon Adrian Piccoli MP

## Minister for Education

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## **More than 72 000 enrolled for the 2011 HSC**

Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli, today announced 72,391 students are enrolled in this year's Higher School Certificate. This is the largest number of students to date.

Written exams, which account for up to 50 per cent of results in many HSC courses, begin next Monday October 17 and conclude on Friday November 11.

More than 760 exam centres in Australia and around the world will be the venue for 117 different exam papers.

"The HSC is a major investment in the future of New South Wales," said Minister Piccoli.

"While the HSC remains a vital introduction to university studies, it has now evolved into a world class credential that encourages students to explore a wide range of subjects that suit their interests, abilities, and potential career paths.

"Students no longer need to leave school to begin to develop the skills and knowledge essential to a successful and rewarding role in the workforce.

"Approximately 30 per cent of all HSC students are enrolled in a VET course and will gain nationally recognised employment qualifications along with their HSC," Mr Piccoli said.

The Higher School Certificate is the highest educational achievement in secondary education in New South Wales.

"The NSW Government is committed to the delivery of courses that help every student realise their potential and an education system that is equitable," Minister Piccoli said.