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NERVOUS WAIT ENDS FOR 67,000 HSC STUDENTS

A record 67,000 students will today be logging on, phoning in and receiving text messages to access their HSC results.

The Minister for Education and Training, Verity Firth, said the HSC is an important milestone in a young person's life.

"I congratulate all HSC students – making it this far is an achievement in itself," Ms Firth added.

The class of 2008 is largest cohort to receive an HSC, highlights include:

- an increased number of students in the top two bands of the HSC (almost 40 percent of the 2008 class are in the top two bands);
- record number (15,697) of students on the Distinguished Achievers List (scoring over 90 in at least one course);
- 1,196 students on the All Round Excellence List (scoring over 90 in at least 10 units of study) – this is an increase on 2007; and
- almost one-in-five HSC students also received a Certificate II vocational education and training (VET) qualification.

Ms Firth said many students will be using the HSC to gain access to university, however, a growing number of students are gaining VET qualifications as part of their HSC.

"Of the 63,119 students awarded an HSC this year, 22,982 included a VET course in their study," added Ms Firth.

"This means, more than a third of HSC students are doing VET in their HSC – including construction, hospitality, primary industries, and metal and engineering."

Students can access their results:

- Through the internet service at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au by typing in their student number and PIN
- 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 on 17 December
- 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.

Ms Firth said a range of support services would also be available today to provide advice to students.

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

The Department of Education and Training will offers a free Careers Advisory Service for all students via telephone 1300 300 687 or e-mail careers@det.nsw.edu.au.

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