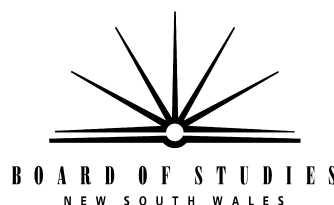


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HSC written exams start Monday

The 2011 Higher School Certificate written exams kick off at 9.25am this Monday October 17 with Business Studies and Classical Greek Continuers.

Business Studies has the sixth largest enrolment of all HSC courses with 14 995 students. Fifty-one per cent are male, 49 per cent female.

The three-hour exam has four sections: multiple choice, short answer questions, business report, and an essay.

“The Business Studies course aims to help students participate effectively in a corporate environment as well as make informed choices about the impact of business on their daily lives,” the chief executive of the Board of Studies NSW, Carol Taylor, said.

“It also develop skills in research, analysis, problem solving, decision making, critical thinking and communication, all of which are invaluable when applied to other studies and exploring career options,” she said.

Business Management and Change, Financial Planning and Management, Marketing, Employment Relations, and Global Business are the five topics studied in HSC Business Studies.

There are 17 students enrolled in HSC Classical Greek Continuers. Classical Greek language, literature and culture have contributed much to the modern world. Continuers students are typically those who have undertaken between 200-400 hours of study in that language by the start of Year 11.

This three-hour exam asks students to translate prose and verse into English, and answer short and long response questions based on prescribed and an unseen text.

The first day of the HSC written exams also features Drama at 1.55pm and Chinese Beginners at 2pm.

Drama has 4807, mostly female, students enrolled. Chinese Beginners has 27 students enrolled.

Written exams for English, the only compulsory HSC course, begin on Tuesday October 18.

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

It is awarded to students who have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of two years of prescribed study and in doing so, satisfactorily completed assessments and external examinations. Most candidates are awarded the HSC at the end of Year 12.

The Board of Studies written exams account for up to 50 per cent of most HSC candidates' final results.

In 2011 there are 72 391 students enrolled in HSC courses.