

Media Statement

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2012 HSC RESULTS RELEASE

2012 HSC results for over 70,000 students have been released by the Board of Studies NSW from 6.00am this morning.

President of the Board of Studies NSW, Mr Tom Alegounarias, said that almost 72,500 students will receive result for at least one HSC course in 2012, the highest number ever.

“Annual HSC results are important indicators of the outcomes of education in NSW,” said Mr Alegounarias.

“Reflecting on HSC outcomes since the introduction of the ‘new’ HSC in 2001, shows a pattern of steady growth and improvement.”

Compared with 2001, there are over 8,000 more students who receive an HSC, over 2,000 of them from rural and regional NSW. The number of students achieving a top band result in a course has grown by almost 6,500 since 2001. The number of “all-rounders”, students who receive a top band result in 10 or more units, has almost quadrupled since 2001.

Mr Alegounarias said the proportion of students achieving results in the top bands for their HSC has stabilised at a very high level for the past five years.

“Achievement at Band 6 represents a very high level of knowledge and understanding.

“This year’s HSC picture is one of stability and rigour. The trend over the past five years of having over 10 per cent of students achieving in top band continues, and 39 per cent are placed in the top two bands.”

“These are results that show continued sound performance by NSW HSC students, and they also confirm the rigour of the HSC itself.”

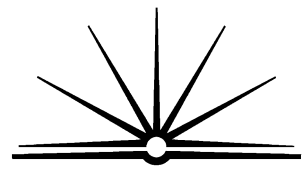
“We want to see stability in trends over time – it shows that our courses and examinations continue to be challenging and not vulnerable to study trends such as rote-learning responses. It is also a good indicator that we are not seeing the sort of ‘band creep’ evident in some other school systems around the world.”

The HSC continues to be a valuable and relevant credential for students, irrespective of whether they have aspirations to continue academic study, undertake other training, or move straight into the workforce.

“It is very heartening to note that a very high proportion – 82.4 per cent this year – of students completing their full HSC are eligible for an ATAR,” said Mr Alegounarias.

“It’s also very exciting to see that the breadth of the HSC in NSW is being well utilised by our students.

“This year, one-in-three students who are eligible for their HSC have completed a Vocational Education and Training (VET) course.



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“The number of students receiving an HSC including a VET Certificate II or above who are also eligible for an ATAR continues to climb, with nearly 5,800 students fitting that profile in 2012.”

The Board of Studies NSW will today release Merit lists, including the names of almost 1,300 All-Round Achievers who placed in the top band of 10 or more units of their HSC courses, along with almost 16,000 students on the Distinguished Achievers list who achieved a top band result in any course.

2012 HSC RESULTS FACT SHEET

- At 6.00am this morning there were already around 2,500 students waiting online to receive their results.
- By 10.00am this morning close to 60,000 students had accessed the Board's websites to retrieve results.
- Almost 73,000 students – a record number - have received an HSC result in at least one course in 2012
- 54,868, or 82.4 per cent of students receiving their full HSC, are eligible for an ATAR
- Almost 24,500 students who are eligible for their HSC have also completed a VET course
 - 10,164 will receive an HSC and a VET Certificate II
 - 5,794 will receive an HSC, a VET Certificate II or above and an ATAR
- On Tuesday 18 December, the Minister for Education awarded 117 students a First in Course award:
 - First in Course awards were made in 111 courses
 - For the first time, young women were awarded First in Course for all Mathematics courses
 - Five students received more than one First in Course award; one student received four
- The Board will release today three other merit lists. The headline numbers for these lists are:
 - 15,937 - Distinguished achievers – who have received a top band result in any course
 - 741 - Top Achievers – a list of the top achievers in each course
 - 1,286 - All-Round Achievers – who have achieved a top band result in 10 or more HSC units
- Students will be sent their HSC credentials in January 2013
- Breakdown of merit lists by gender:

First in Course	Female: 65%	Male: 35%
Top Achievers	Female: 62%	Male: 38%
Distinguished Achievers	Female: 58%	Male: 42%
All-Round Achievers	Female: 57%	Male: 43%
- Eligible students will receive an ATAR as calculated by the University Admissions Centre tomorrow (20 December, 2012)