



Adrian Piccoli MP

Minister for Education

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HSC WRITTEN EXAMS START TODAY

Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli today announced the start of the 2013 Higher School Certificate (HSC) written exams.

“Students have already completed fifty per cent of their HSC assessments at school and over the next four weeks will complete the other fifty per cent in a series of exams,” Minister Piccoli said.

“The 11.20am start for the only mandatory subject, English, on Day One gives students time to get plenty of sleep, a healthy breakfast and allows all students to experience the start of the HSC written exams at the same time,” Minister Piccoli said.

This year 75,168 students are enrolled in at least one HSC course.

HSC written exams will be held over 18 days from Monday 14 October to Wednesday 6 November. There will be 117 different exam papers. The first exams are English Standard and Advanced and English as a Second Language, and the last are Classical Hebrew Extension, Geography, Heritage Korean and Visual Arts.

Tom Alegounarias, President of the Board of Studies NSW said the HSC is a quality credential that is recognised by tertiary education providers and employers worldwide.

“Students with an HSC can be assured that they hold a much respected credential that indicates their abilities across a wide range of skills.

“We recognise that these students become our future decision-makers and want them to have a well-rounded education.

“This is a central focus for all our planning when we develop the NSW syllabus content for Years 11 and 12,” Mr Alegounarias said.

Carol Taylor, Chief Executive of the Board of Studies NSW said the Board works to ensure students who receive an HSC have met standards that will place them in good stead for the next chapter in their lives, be that onto university or other further education, straight into the workforce or taking time out to travel.

To receive an HSC, students must have 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.

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