

Adrian Piccoli MP Minister for Education

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MINISTER AWARDS 2013 HSC FIRST IN COURSE RECIPIENTS

The Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli today presented 2013 HSC students with First in Course Awards at an event at Australian Technology Park.

"Any student who receives their HSC has worked hard, and I congratulate all students who have completed their exams this year," Mr Piccoli said.

"HSC courses are demanding and the assessment and examination process is designed to challenge students.

"To claim the First in Course spot is a great honour for these students, and they, their teachers and their families should be very proud.

"The First in Course Awards acknowledge the highest achieving student in each HSC course, where the result is in the highest possible band for that course.

"The HSC is a world-class credential and coming first demonstrates an extremely high level of achievement on an international level.

"Completing the HSC requires immense dedication from students, and support from both teachers and parents," Mr Piccoli said.

The ceremony saw students receive a Certificate for Excellence from the Minister in front of their families and senior representatives from across the education sectors.

2013 highlights include:

- Awards made to 121 students in 112 courses
- Equal first place in nine courses
- Three students receiving a First in Course Award for more than one course
- 83 of the 121 recipients are young women, and 38 are young men
- 12 students live in regions outside of Sydney, including students from: Inverell, Grafton, Hermidale, Coonamble, Griffith, Wagga Wagga, and two students from Cooma.

This year marked the first examination of the Financial Services course. This course is designed to provide students with skills and knowledge to seek a job straight from school, or as a sound foundation for higher level education or university studies.

Over 70,000 students will have access to their HSC results from 6.00am tomorrow (Wednesday 18 December).

Results are available online and by SMS using a secure system requiring a Student Number and HSC PIN. For more information on HSC results go to <u>www.studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au</u>

The Board of Studies HSC Results Inquiry Centre 1300 13 83 23 will be open from 9 am for students with questions about their HSC results.

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