

## Adrian Piccoli MP Minister for Education

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## MINISTER AWARDS STATE'S TOP STUDENTS

The State's top HSC students were today recognised by Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli at the First in Course Awards for the 2014 Higher School Certificate.

Mr Piccoli said 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.

"This year 105 students received First in Course Awards, including one student who came first in five courses," Mr Piccoli said.

"Over 76,000 students sat at least one HSC subject this year, so to come first is an incredible achievement that these students should be very proud of.

"The HSC is a qualification that will be a pathway to further study for many students. It is important to remember that it is just one way of getting into the university course or career you want.

"Students across the State will have access to their HSC results from 6.00am tomorrow.

"A full record of senior secondary results, including Year 10 and Year 11 results will be available to HSC students on Friday 19 December.

"This year for the first time, students will be able to get their HSC Record of Achievement as a PDF file on 7 January. This will be followed by hard copies on 14 January.

"Having a PDF of their results is a great advantage for HSC students. While many students will receive an ATAR and a university offer, over 30 per cent of students will use their HSC to go straight into employment, TAFE or an apprenticeship," Mr Piccoli said.

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 <a href="https://www.studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au">www.studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au</a>

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

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