

# Media Release

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**Wednesday 17 December 2014**

## **2014 HSC results released to 76,000 students**

Today almost 76,000 students have started to receive their Higher School Certificate (HSC) results from the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES).

President of BOSTES, Mr Tom Alegounarias said the HSC is an international credential that is highly regarded by tertiary institutions and employers.

“It is a credential students can be proud of.

“This year 75,767 students completed at least one HSC course, of these, 68,007 will receive their full HSC, and 55,490 will be eligible for an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR).

“This means around 82 per cent of all students receiving an HSC will be eligible to apply for entry into university.

“The number of students awarded an HSC continues to grow each year, up by 1,166 from 2013.

Mr Alegounarias said it is also good just over 10 per cent of student results were in a top performance band, and the proportion of results in the top band has been relatively stable since 2008 – which is exactly what we want to see.

“If students have questions about their exam results they can contact the BOSTES Inquiry Centre on 1300 13 83 23.

“It is an exciting day and I congratulate all students for their hard work and wish them the very best as they make decisions for 2015,” Mr Alegounarias said.

BOSTES provides a number of post-results services that open this Friday. Students can use these services to order copies of their raw marks or their completed examination papers.

Post-results services can be accessed through the BOSTES Students Online website. Eligible students will receive their ATAR from 9am on Thursday 18 December from the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).

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BOSTES publishes four HSC merit lists:

**First in Course:** the student or students who achieve the highest HSC result in each course. A First in Course is only awarded if the result is in the highest band possible for that course.

**All Round Achievers:** students who have achieved results in the top band possible for at least 10 units of HSC courses.

**Top Achievers:** for students provided their results are in highest band possible for the course, who have gained the top places in each course. The number of students listed for each course depends on the overall size of the course.

**Distinguished Achievers:** all students who received a result in the highest band possible for one or more courses.

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## 2014 HSC Fact Sheet

- A record 75,767 students achieved an HSC result in at least one course in 2014.
- Students sat the 2014 HSC examinations in 24 countries outside of Australia, including **China, New Zealand, Switzerland and Tanzania**.
- Students can access their results wherever they are, online or by SMS.
- The largest number of students will receive their results by SMS, with about 18,500 students registering in advance to receive SMS results.
- Most students accessing their results online will use a desktop computer; however, close to half will use a smartphone or tablet.

Of the 68,007 students who will receive a full HSC:

- 55,490 – almost 82 per cent of those students receiving an HSC are also eligible for an ATAR.
- Around 30 per cent of students completed a VET (Vocational Education and Training) course.
- Around 50 per cent of students completed a science course. This result continues the NSW trend of increasing enrolments in most science courses over the last decade.
- Entries into maths courses remain at about 80 per cent of students. Entries into mathematics extension courses have remained stable since 2007.
- On Tuesday 16 December, the Minister for Education announced the award of First in Course results to 105 students, including one student who placed first in five courses, one in four courses, and three students with two First in Course results (60 per cent female, 40 per cent male).
- BOSTES will release three further merit lists today (Wednesday 17 December), including All-Round Achievers and Distinguished Achievers.
- In 2014 there are 1,251 All-Round Achievers – students who received a top band result in at least 10 HSC units (52 per cent female and 48 per cent male).
- In 2014 there are 16,485 Distinguished Achievers – students who received a top band result for one or more courses (55 per cent female, 45 per cent male).