

Media Release

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2016 HSC WRITTEN EXAM TIMETABLE AVAILABLE

The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) today released the timetable for this year's 118 written HSC exams.

BOSTES President Tom Alegounarias said HSC written exams start on Thursday 13 October at 10:20am with a compulsory English paper, and finish on Friday 4 November with Design and Technology.

"Scheduling HSC exams is always a complicated exercise. In 2016, 118 written exams totalling around 300 hours have been timetabled over 17 days.

"BOSTES carefully analysed the HSC course patterns of over 77,000 students to produce the timetable.

"Minimising stress for students by keeping the overall exam period as short as possible is our priority," Mr Alegounarias said.

"Invariably some students will have individual preferences for when they sit particular exams, however BOSTES aims to provide an exam schedule which, on balance, is fair and equitable.

When scheduling the HSC written exams, BOSTES followed rigorous procedures to:

- minimise the number of students with two exams scheduled at the same time
- provide sufficient time between exams for popular courses
- provide sufficient time between exams for courses frequently studied together
- enable all exams to be marked and students to receive their results from 6.00am on Thursday 15 December.

BOSTES has identified and made alternative arrangements for a very small number of students who have two exams scheduled at the same time.

View the 2016 HSC written exam timetable:

http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/key_dates/

Students can download their individual timetable from www.studentonline.bos.nsw.edu.au

View the 2016 HSC fact sheet: <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/news-media/hsc-media-guide/fact-sheet.html>