



# Adrian Piccoli MP

## Minister for Education

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#### **EDUCATION MINISTER PRESENTS THE FIRST RECORD OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT**

On Tuesday this week Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli presented Reece Barrett from Windsor High School and Ashley Alwan from Model Farms High School with their Record of School Achievement credentials at a ceremony at Parliament House, Sydney.

The Record of School Achievement (RoSA), announced by the government in 2011 and developed by the Board of Studies NSW, is the new credential for students who leave school after Year 10 and before they receive their Higher School Certificate (HSC).

Minister Piccoli said that under the previous system students who did not go on to receive their HSC used their School Certificate as a record of their secondary school achievement but that had not recognised achievements beyond Year 10.

“We know that whilst most students stay on, some will begin senior secondary study but leave school during Years 11 or 12 for employment or other training opportunities before receiving their HSC,” Mr Piccoli said.

“Reece and Ashley are great examples. They both have well planned pathways, securing jobs in their chosen fields and have committed to further education which will build on what they will learn on the job.”

The RoSA will record results using A to E grades and participation in any incomplete courses up until a student leaves school, giving them a comprehensive record of their academic achievements.

“All grades are allocated by the school and monitored by the Board of Studies NSW to ensure students receive fair and consistent recognition of their work,” Mr Piccoli said.

Students who leave school before they get their HSC also have the option to take online literacy and numeracy tests.

“The Board of Studies NSW developed the tests after discussions with employer groups indicated that evidence of these skills was an important factor in the decision to hire,” Mr Piccoli said.

“With the Australian Government planning to make NAPLAN tests available online it is good to see NSW leading the way.”

The Board of Studies NSW is mailing RoSA credentials to eligible students this week.

For more information on the RoSA visit <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/rosa/>

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