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## 1 Important dates

11 October	HSC Advice Line opens at 4 pm on 13 11 12
14 October	Higher School Certificate written examinations begin
4 November	HSC Advice Line closes at 10 pm
8–12 November	School Certificate tests
10 November	Higher School Certificate written examinations finish
10 November	Students' Assessment Rank Order notice available through Students Online from 4pm
9 December	School Certificate award documents arrive in schools
14 December	First-in-course awards ceremony
15 December	HSC results available to students by internet/SMS message/telephone
	HSC Merit list published on Board website after midday
	HSC Examination Inquiry Centre opens on 13 11 12
16 December	Universities Admissions Centre releases ATAR rankings online for students (for information, see <a href="http://www.uac.edu.au">www.uac.edu.au</a> )
17 December	HSC Student Results Summary delivered by mail
	Students receive written advice of ATAR rankings
11 January	Formal HSC student credentials delivered by mail

## 2 2010 HSC facts at a glance

### The big picture

#### Some interesting figures...

- This year there are 71 310 HSC students, the largest group ever to sit HSC exams in NSW.
- Most students will sit six exam papers each in about 750 exam centres including schools in Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea and Singapore.
- This year students have studied a total of 111 different courses and will sit written examinations in 109 courses (English Extension 2 and Music Extension do not have written examinations).
- Students will read from 13 million printed pages of questions and submit answers in 2 million writing booklets. All exams are printed on Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified paper. The FSC promotes better environmental and economic management of the world's forests.
- A team of more than 30 people took nearly six weeks to pack all written examination papers for the exam centres, creating more than 50 000 parcels for distribution.
- The Board employs more than 5000 exam supervisors and more than 7000 markers.

- Since the 1990s, students have been able to choose to complete the HSC in as little as one year or as many as five years under the Pathways option. Of the students who are eligible for the HSC in 2010, there are 3406 who have completed the requirements for an HSC over more than two years.

### ... and some interesting facts

- To obtain the HSC students must complete courses that total at least 22 units over Years 11 and 12 – at least 12 units in Year 11 and at least 10 units in Year 12.

### On-screen Marking

- As part of the Board's ongoing plan to increase the use of computers and technology in exams, approximately 25 percent of this year's HSC and School Certificate responses will be marked 'on-screen'. Students' scanned exam answers will be distributed to markers via a secure internet site. The process is as simple as reading a newspaper online and requires straightforward computer skills.
- 'On-screen' marking is a separate initiative to the Board's longstanding use of computers to scan and mark multiple-choice and some short-answer questions.
- Approximately six million sheets of paper will be scanned as part the 2010 HSC marking operation.
- Marking takes place at venues across NSW, including Sydney, Bathurst, Coffs Harbour, Gosford, Newcastle, Tamworth, Wagga Wagga and Wollongong. On-screen marking will increase marking opportunities for teachers in rural NSW in the future.
- Several million individual marks are processed to produce students' examination marks in each course. The HSC mark is the average of the examination mark and the school assessment mark.
- Each student's performance is measured against consistent academic standards to create a fair and easily understood result.
- To help students better understand the HSC the Board of Studies has put together a new web-based explanation of How Your HSC Works. This nine-step description walks students through from Step 1, being eligible to start the HSC, to the final Step 9, where results are delivered before Christmas the following year. More information about this resource can be found on page 19.
- Studentonline.bos.nsw.edu.au includes a new Tips and Tools section that features useful information and advice for students who are preparing to sit for the HSC exams. Students can access a range of study materials available from the Board including past exam papers, study tips, what to expect in the exam and the rules and procedures for exam day.
- The 10 most popular HSC student names in 2010

	Girls	Total	Boys	Total	Family name	Total
1	Jessica	540	Matthew	436	Smith	510
2	Sarah	310	Daniel	423	Nguyen	459
3	Stephanie	269	James	385	Lee	359
4	Emily	257	Michael	372	Brown	248
5	Rebecca	246	Joshua	319	Tran	242
6	Samantha	224	Andrew	318	Williams	239
7	Emma	205	Christopher	288	Jones	238
8	Laura	186	Nicholas	266	Wilson	229
9	Lauren	176	Benjamin	242	Taylor	215
10	Alexandra	169	Alexander	238	Li	206

- This year there are almost 700 families across the state with more than one member studying for their HSC at the same time including:
  - 1 set of quintuplets
  - 12 sets of triplets
  - 673 sets of twins.

### 3 Enrolment trends

The candidature for the 2010 HSC is the highest on record with 71 310 students enrolled in one or more courses.

The female to male ratio remains stable at 51% female students compared with 49% male students. This has remained unchanged since 2002.

#### Top 15 subjects by enrolment in 2010

Subject	Total <sup>1</sup>	(2009 position)
1. English	66 964 <sup>2</sup>	(1)
2. Mathematics	53 614	(2)
3. Business Studies	16 061	(3)
4. Biology	16 060	(4)
5. Personal Development, Health and PE	14 444	(6)
6. Studies of Religion	14 182	(5)
7. Ancient History	12 269	(7)
8. Chemistry	10 516	(8)
9. Modern History	10 222	(9)
10. Visual Arts	9692	(10)
11. Physics	9480	(11)
12. Legal Studies	8791	(12)
13. Hospitality	7486	(13)
14. Economics	6201	(14)
15. Community & Family Studies	5845	(17)

<sup>1</sup> Totals include Life Skills students where applicable.

<sup>2</sup> The figure for English enrolments is always less than the total number of candidates because some students accelerate while others can take up to five years to complete the HSC.

## **English**

- English is the only mandatory subject in the HSC.
- The number of students taking the most demanding 2-unit course – English (Advanced) – stands at 27 302 students, representing 41% of all English enrolments.

## **Mathematics**

- More than 53 600 Year 12 students have chosen to take at least one Maths course making Mathematics by far the most popular HSC elective subject. This means 75% of all Year 12 students are currently taking Mathematics.
- The number of students enrolled in Mathematics Extension 1 is 9321, up 4.6% from 2009.
- Mathematics Extension 2 enrolments have increased to 3529, 9.4% higher than 2009.

## **Science**

- There has been strong growth across all Science courses since 2009 with around 45% of all 2010 HSC students studying at least one science course.
- Biology, with 16 060 candidates, remains the fourth-largest HSC subject and is taken by 24% of all HSC candidates. Since 2005, the number of students taking Biology has increased by 20%.
- Chemistry continues to be the eighth-largest subject with 10 516 students and Physics the 11th largest with 9480. Candidature for both courses has increased by about 3% on 2009.
- Senior Science enrolments have risen 26% from 3973 students in 2005 to 4992 students this year while enrolments for Earth and Environmental Science have increased by 29% from 1141 to 1471 in the same period.

## **History**

- More than one quarter (28%) of HSC candidates are enrolled in at least one history course.
- Ancient History has the seventh-largest enrolment of HSC subjects with 12 269 students – an increase of 19% on 2005 – and Modern History is in 9th position with 10222 students.
- There are 2273 students studying both Ancient and Modern History this year.

## **Business Studies**

- Business Studies is the third-most popular subject with 16 061 students in 2010, representing 23% of all HSC candidates. However Biology is now hot on Business Studies' heels this year with just one student fewer than Business Studies.



### Technology courses

- Almost one third (31%) of HSC candidates are enrolled in at least one technology course.
- Textiles and Design enrolments (2283) have risen by 35% since 2005, while student numbers for Engineering Studies (1841) have grown by 30%, Industrial Technology (4128) by 19% and Food Technology (3580) by 16% in the same period.

### Studies of Religion

- Studies of Religion is the sixth-most popular subject with 14 182 students in 2010, representing 20% of all HSC candidates increasing from 17% in 2005. The two-unit Studies of Religion II course has grown by 56% since 2005, from 2888 students to 4503.

### Vocational Education and Training (VET)

- There are about 19 000 students in Year 12 doing one or more VET Framework courses, with a further 2500 enrolled in other non-framework VET courses. This represents 30% of the candidature who will gain nationally recognised employment qualifications along with their HSC this year.
- A high percentage of VET students have opted to take examinations as part of their assessment, making their course eligible for inclusion in their ATAR ranking. For example, 90% of Entertainment Industry students and 87% of Hospitality and Information Technology students have chosen to sit the written HSC exam.
- Electrotechnology with 287 enrolments increased by 21% after its introduction last year.
- Enrolments in Primary Industries (877) and Metal and Engineering (1229) both increased by about 17%.
- Construction enrolments have increased to 2724, up by 8.4% from 2009 while Tourism and Events increased by 9.4% to 557 in the same period.

### Creative Arts

- About 28% of the HSC candidature are enrolled in one or more courses from Creative Arts.
- Visual Arts is the tenth-most popular subject with 9692 students. This represents a 13% increase in students since 2005, when there were 8599 in Visual Arts.
- Enrolments in Music courses have increased by about 17% since 2005 with Music being the 16th-most popular subject in 2010.
- Dance has shown the greatest growth from last year with an increase of almost 5% (from 775 students in 2009 to 810 in 2010) and an increase of 17% since 2005.

### Languages

- About 10% of HSC candidates are enrolled in one or more Language courses.
- This year's three most popular languages are French (1570 students), Japanese (1516) and Chinese (1303).
- Some language courses have shown significant increases in student enrolments since 2005. These include Vietnamese Continuers (74%), French Beginners (43%), Spanish Beginners (35%), and Japanese Beginners (22%).

- The 10 most popular language subjects include four European languages (French, Italian, German, and Spanish) and four Asian languages (Japanese, Chinese, Indonesian and Vietnamese), while one is Middle-Eastern (Arabic) and one is classical (Latin).

The top 10 languages by enrolment are:

Subject	Total	(2009 position)	(2008 position)
1 French	1570	(3)	(2)
2 Japanese	1516	(1)	(1)
3 Chinese	1303	(2)	(3)
4 Italian	681	(4)	(4)
5 German	442	(5)	(5)
6 Spanish	384	(6)	(6)
7 Arabic	237	(7)	(7)
8 Indonesian	231	(8)	(9)
9 Vietnamese	184	(10)	(-)
10 Latin	180	(9)	(8)

## 4 2010 HSC enrolment by course and gender

Course Name	Units	Male	Female	Total
<b>HSC Courses</b>				
Aboriginal Studies	2	115	243	358
Agriculture	2	718	723	1441
Ancient History	2	5232	7037	12269
Biology	2	6221	9839	16060
Business Studies	2	8264	7797	16061
Chemistry	2	5757	4759	10516
Community and Family Studies	2	358	5487	5845
Dance	2	42	768	810
Design and Technology	2	2092	1541	3633
Drama	2	1379	3141	4520
Earth and Environmental Science	2	750	721	1471
Economics	2	3886	2315	6201
Engineering Studies	2	1763	78	1841
English (Advanced)	2	11318	15984	27302
English (Standard)	2	18478	16487	34965
English as a Second Language	2	1612	1574	3186
English Extension 1	1	1985	3659	5644
English Extension 2	1	723	1510	2233
Food Technology	2	891	2689	3580
General Mathematics	2	15630	15767	31397
Geography	2	2481	2208	4689
History Extension	1	866	1409	2275
Industrial Technology	2	3702	426	4128
Information Processes and Technology	2	3496	1267	4763
Legal Studies	2	3454	5337	8791
Mathematics	2	9539	7974	17513
Mathematics Extension 1	2	5496	3825	9321
Mathematics Extension 2	2	2216	1313	3529
Modern History	2	4609	5613	10222
Music 1	2	2856	2224	5080
Music 2	2	371	379	750

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Course Name	Units	Male	Female	Total
Music Extension	1	221	234	455
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	2	6384	7275	13659
Philosophy - Distinction Course	2	34	22	56
Physics	2	7356	2124	9480
Senior Science	2	2759	2233	4992
Society and Culture	2	728	3331	4059
Software Design and Development	2	1618	168	1786
Studies of Religion I	1	4550	5129	9679
Studies of Religion II	2	1508	2995	4503
Textiles and Design	2	51	2232	2283
Visual Arts	2	2892	6800	9692

### Languages

Arabic Beginners	2	3	6	9
Arabic Continuers	2	77	150	227
Arabic Extension	1	20	47	67
Armenian Continuers	2	13	16	29
Chinese Background Speakers	2	556	585	1141
Chinese Beginners	2	16	26	42
Chinese Continuers	2	50	70	120
Chinese Extension	1	14	23	37
Classical Greek Continuers	2	9	3	12
Classical Greek Extension	1	9	3	12
Classical Hebrew Continuers	2	15	23	38
Classical Hebrew Extension	1	7	15	22
Croatian Continuers	2	9	6	15
Dutch Continuers	2	2	2	4
Filipino Continuers	2	5	6	11
French Beginners	2	92	578	670
French Continuers	2	274	615	889
French Extension	1	63	160	223
German Beginners	2	24	76	100
German Continuers	2	134	206	340
German Extension	1	38	56	94

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Course Name	Units	Male	Female	Total
<b>Languages</b>				
Hindi Continuers	2	1	16	17
Hungarian Continuers	2	0	4	4
Indonesian Background Speakers	2	60	49	109
Indonesian Beginners	2	15	38	53
Indonesian Continuers	2	24	45	69
Indonesian Extension	1	10	12	22
Italian Beginners	2	93	262	355
Italian Continuers	2	94	230	324
Italian Extension	1	18	43	61
Japanese Background Speakers	2	14	27	41
Japanese Beginners	2	226	455	681
Japanese Continuers	2	263	519	782
Japanese Extension	1	93	193	286
Khmer Continuers	2	8	15	23
Korean Background Speakers	2	41	51	92
Korean Continuers	2	2	7	9
Latin Continuers	2	110	70	180
Latin Extension	1	59	38	97
Macedonian Continuers	2	7	24	31
Modern Greek Beginners	2	18	30	48
Modern Greek Continuers	2	30	67	97
Modern Greek Extension	1	10	25	35
Modern Hebrew Continuers	2	14	31	45
Persian Background Speakers	2	24	19	43
Polish Continuers	2	12	20	32
Portuguese Continuers	2	10	10	20
Russian Background Speakers	2	8	10	18
Serbian Continuers	2	8	13	21
Spanish Beginners	2	47	169	216
Spanish Continuers	2	65	103	168
Spanish Extension	1	14	32	46
Swedish Continuers	2	1	6	7

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Course Name	Units	Male	Female	Total
<b>Languages</b>				
Tamil Continuers	2	8	17	25
Turkish Continuers	2	11	20	31
Ukrainian Continuers	2	2	2	4
Vietnamese Continuers	2	86	98	184
<b>Vocational Education and Training</b>				
Accounting	2	273	259	532
Automotive		650	60	710
Automotive Specialisation Study		68	8	76
Automotive Examination		316	22	338
Business Services		570	1979	2549
Business Services Specialisation Study		1	13	14
Business Services Examination	2	377	1566	1943
Construction		2689	35	2724
Construction Specialisation Study		89	2	91
Construction Examination	2	2155	26	2181
Electrotechnology		280	7	287
Electrotechnology Specialisation/Extension		37	0	37
Electrotechnology Examination	2	162	5	167
Entertainment Industry		510	526	1036
Entertainment Industry Examination	2	449	488	937
Hospitality		2423	5055	7478
Hospitality Specialisation Study		130	195	325
Hospitality Examination	2	2032	4448	6480
Information Technology		1699	527	2226
Information Technology Specialisation Study		80	9	89
Information Technology Examination	2	1485	441	1926
Metal and Engineering		1206	23	1229
Metal and Engineering Specialisation Study		52	1	53
Metal and Engineering Examination	2	964	20	984
Primary Industries		551	326	877
Primary Industries Specialisation Study		9	9	18
Primary Industries Examination	2	423	282	705

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Course Name	Units	Male	Female	Total
<b>Vocational Education and Training</b>				
Retail Services		605	1394	1999
Retail Services Specialisation Study		2	5	7
Retail Services Examination	2	433	1068	1501
Tourism and Events		51	506	557
Tourism and Events Extension		1	24	25
Tourism and Events Examination	2	33	355	388
<b>Life Skills</b>				
Citizenship and Society Life Skills	2	392	300	692
Creative Arts Life Skills	2	370	309	679
English Life Skills	2	864	619	1483
Mathematics Life Skills	2	636	470	1106
Personal Development, Health & PE Life Skills	2	477	308	785
Science Life Skills	2	266	165	431
Technology & Applied Studies Life Skills	2	496	323	819
Work and the Community Life Skills	2	489	373	862

Note: There are multiple courses available within each VET industry framework, allowing for flexible delivery throughout Stage 6. The courses have been combined to show entries in the base course, entries in any extension or specialisation courses, and entries in the optional examination. Due to the consolidation, no course number or unit value can be shown for these courses.

### 5 2010 HSC and SC enrolment by region

The following data are based on the Board of Studies regions (see the maps in Section 9 of this guide). Students doing the HSC outside NSW and those studying by self-tuition are included in 'Other categories'.

#### 2010 HSC candidates

Location	Female	Male	Total	Percentage
<b>Metropolitan</b>				
Metropolitan East	5480	5463	10943	15.3%
Metropolitan North	5426	5612	11038	15.5%
Metropolitan North West	5567	5254	10821	15.2%
Metropolitan South West	4730	4357	9087	12.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>21203</b>	<b>20686</b>	<b>41889</b>	<b>58.7%</b>

Location	Female	Male	Total	Percentage
<b>Country</b>				
Hunter	4055	3735	7790	10.9%
North Coast	2871	2422	5293	7.4%
North West	1232	944	2176	3.1%
Riverina	1825	1517	3342	4.7%
South Coast	3614	3453	7067	9.9%
Western	1649	1549	3198	4.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15246</b>	<b>13620</b>	<b>28866</b>	<b>40.5%</b>

<b>Other categories</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>Total of all categories</b>	<b>36651</b>	<b>34659</b>	<b>71310</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

See page 23 for maps defining these geographical locations.

#### Candidates by institution type

School students	69722	97.8%
TAFE students	1557	2.2%
Self-tuition students	31	<0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>71310</b>	

Some smaller regional breakdowns may be available on request.



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Location	Female	Male	Total	Percentage
<b>Metropolitan</b>				
Metropolitan East	5213	5654	10867	12.1%
Metropolitan North	5924	5885	11809	13.1%
Metropolitan North West	6820	7288	14108	15.7%
Metropolitan South West	5750	6052	11802	13.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23707</b>	<b>24879</b>	<b>48586</b>	<b>54.0%</b>

Location	Female	Male	Total	Percentage
<b>Country</b>				
Hunter	5452	5843	11295	12.6%
North Coast	3889	3971	7860	8.7%
North West	1517	1558	3075	3.4%
Riverina	2312	2543	4855	5.4%
South Coast	4627	4724	9351	10.4%
Western	2270	2330	4600	5.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20067</b>	<b>20969</b>	<b>41036</b>	<b>45.6%</b>

<b>Other categories</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>Total of all categories</b>	<b>43922</b>	<b>45981</b>	<b>89903</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## 6 HSC support services for students

### Students Online

Students Online is developed and delivered by the Board of Studies specifically for Year 12 HSC students. Students Online presents a range of resources, information and advice to assist students throughout their HSC study.

Using their student number and HSC PIN issued by the Board, students can log in to the *My Details* section of Students Online and view and update their personal HSC details. At specific points in the year this includes their enrolment details, personal HSC exam timetable, assessment ranks, and finally HSC results.

Students Online also features:

- study tips and materials, including past exam papers and quizzes
- advice on what to expect in HSC exams
- a range of Frequently Asked Questions about the HSC
- calendar of HSC events
- latest HSC news from the Board of Studies.

Students can submit their email address in the *My Details* section to receive email updates about the HSC throughout the year.

For more information visit [studentsonline.bos.edu.au](http://studentsonline.bos.edu.au).

### The HSC Advice Line

**The number for the HSC Line is 13 11 12.**

The HSC Advice Line is a telephone service for students preparing for the HSC examinations. It provides course assistance and support from experienced teachers in 20 of the most popular HSC courses.

The Advice Line will be open from Monday, 11 October to Thursday, 4 November 2010.

The service is open:

Monday to Thursday    4 pm to 10 pm

Saturday                    10 am to 6 pm

Sunday                    10 am to 10 pm

To speak to an adviser, students can call **13 11 12**. An operator will confirm the student's student number and the nature of their question and arrange for an adviser to speak with them. All advisers are experienced teachers of HSC courses.

The cost is only 25 cents from anywhere in NSW, no matter how long the call lasts. Calls to the Advice Line cannot be made from mobile phones

Course	Dates	Course	Dates
Ancient History	19–21 October	History Extension	27–28 October
Biology	2–4 November	Legal Studies	30–31 October
Business Studies	11–13 October	Mathematics	23–24 October
Chemistry	31 Oct–2 Nov	Mathematics Ext 1	23–26 October
Economics	30 Oct–1 Nov	Mathematics Ext 2	23–24 October
English (ESL)	13–17 October	Modern History	17–19 October
English Standard	11–17 October	PD/Health/PE	18–19 October
English Advanced	11–17 October	Physics	1–3 November
English Extension 1	26–27 October	Studies of Religion I/II	26–28 October

## 7 How your HSC works

What is moderation? How do you check your assessment ranking? Who sets the exams? These and many other questions are answered in the step-by-step explanation *How Your HSC Works* on the Board's website.

The screenshot shows the NSW Board of Studies website. The header includes the New South Wales Government logo and the Board of Studies NSW logo. The main navigation menu on the left lists: Home, Australian curriculum in NSW, How your HSC works (selected), HSC Exam Papers, HSC Assessment, HSC Syllabuses, and School Certificate. The main content area is titled 'How your HSC works' and features a 9-step process diagram. The steps are: 1 - Getting ready, 2 - We're ready for you, 3 - The people, the papers, the processes, 4 - Your school assessment marks, 5 - The exams, 6 - Marking, 7 - Moderating assessment marks, 8 - Judges apply the standards, and 9 - Finally: your results. Below the diagram, the text reads: 'You're about to take your first step into your first HSC classroom as a Year 12 student. There were many other steps that led to this moment, but this is the beginning of your last year at school, the end of a journey that began in Kindergarten. The year ahead will be sometimes exciting, sometimes challenging, sometimes sheer hard work. At the end of it all, however, you will have earned one of the world's most respected secondary school credentials, the [NSW Higher School Certificate](#). The public respect for the HSC exists for two reasons: the integrity of students like you, and the immense number of quality controls managed by the Board of Studies NSW and your school. You probably want to know what happens next, right?'

*How Your HSC Works* is a nine-step walk-through of the HSC process, from how students and the Board get ready to start the HSC through to the delivery of HSC results. It covers the following:

- how students get ready to start the HSC
- the people, the papers and the processes behind the HSC operation
- completing school assessments and assessment ranks
- completing the written and practical exams
- the marking process
- moderation of assessment marks works
- judging and applying the standards
- how the HSC results are calculated and delivered.

The information is designed to allow visitors to delve to whichever level they require, whether it is a simple overview or the nuts and bolts of a process.

Visit [boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/yourhsc](http://boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/yourhsc) to review *How Your HSC Works*.

## 8 Release of HSC results to students

The HSC results are available to students via the internet, SMS text message and automated telephone services from 6 am on Wednesday 15 December 2010. Students will use their 8-digit student number and HSC PIN issued by the Board of Studies to access their results.

Students will receive HSC results summaries in the mail on Friday 17 December and their full credentials by mail on Tuesday 11 January 2011.

The pre-Christmas release of HSC results gives students more time to take advantage of career information and other support services before making decisions about university, TAFE and employment offers or other plans.

### The internet results service

- Students can access their HSC results on three Board of Studies websites from 6 am on Wednesday 15 December by submitting their student number and HSC PIN at:  
**www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au**  
or  
**www.hscresults.nsw.edu.au**  
or  
**www.hsc-results.nsw.edu.au**
- There is no cost to students who use one of these websites other than the charges applied by their internet service provider and/or the cost of the dial-up call.

### The SMS text message service

- Students who want to automatically receive their HSC results by SMS can register for the SMS service by texting their student number and HSC PIN to **0427 659 900** from 1 November 2010.
- A return text message to the student confirms that they have registered for the service and the results will be sent to their mobile phone at approximately 6 am on 15 December.
- Students who do not register can still get their results by SMS by messaging their student number and HSC PIN to the service **after** 6 am on 15 December.
- Students should check that their phone has credit and that there is room for messages in their phone's inbox.
- The SMS service will be charged at the standard price of a text message.

### The telephone results service

- Students can access their HSC results from 6 am on Wednesday 15 December by using the automated telephone service.
- Students can call **1300 669 248** and follow the voice prompts. They will be asked to enter their student number and HSC PIN.
- Calls will be charged at standard local call rates. Mobile and payphone calls cost extra.

## **9 HSC examination inquiry centre**

**The phone number for the HSC examination inquiry centre is 13 11 12.**

The centre will operate from 8 am on Wednesday 15 December until noon on Friday 31 December 2010. Students can talk to experienced Board of Studies officers about their Higher School Certificate results.

Inquiries relating to the ATAR, university admissions, post-secondary education and work should be directed to the Universities Admissions Centre or the annual Careers Advisory Service for School Leavers.

## **10 Careers Advisory Service**

Each year, following the release of the Higher School Certificate results, the NSW Department of Education and Training offers a free Careers Advisory Service which provides students and their families or caregivers with up-to-date and relevant information about the range of available career and study options.

The Careers Advisory Service will be open from Thursday 16 December 2010 to Friday 7 January 2011, from 9 am to 5 pm. Students can contact the service by calling **1300 300 687**, or by emailing [careers@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:careers@det.nsw.edu.au).

More information is also available at [www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au).

## **11 HSC showcases**

Some HSC students of 2010 will be chosen to participate in a range of exhibitions and performances of outstanding works.

### **ARTEXPRESS**

ARTEXPRESS is an annual exhibition of artworks created by students for the Higher School Certificate examination in Visual Arts. The works demonstrate exceptional quality across a broad range of subject matter, approaches, styles and media including painting, photography, drawing, graphics, sculpture, wearables, ceramics, design, film and video, computer-generated works and collection of works. ARTEXPRESS opens in Sydney in February 2011.

### **Callback**

Callback is the showcase of exemplary performances and compositions by HSC Dance students. Callback is a great opportunity for students who are currently studying HSC Dance and for students contemplating undertaking this course of study to see outstanding performances. Callback opens in Sydney in early February. Check the Board's website for details.

### **ENCORE**

ENCORE is an annual concert of outstanding music performances and compositions from HSC Music students. Held at the Sydney Opera House on 7 February 2011, students will present original

compositions and performances in a range of styles and genres that include vocal music, chamber music, orchestral music, jazz, popular music and music for theatre.

### **DesignTECH**

DesignTECH is an exhibition of outstanding Major Design Projects by HSC Design and Technology students. Opening at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney on 19 February 2011, the exhibition will include the students' portfolios which provide valuable insights into the design and production process. Projects are selected for DesignTECH on the basis of innovative design, quality production techniques and technological applications.

### **OnSTAGE**

Exemplary Drama students from the 2010 HSC will have an opportunity to present individual and group performances at OnSTAGE, to be held at the Seymour Theatre in Sydney between 5 and 11 February 2011. Scripts, video dramas and design projects are also exhibited.

### **Texstyle**

Texstyle is an exhibition of outstanding HSC Textiles and Design major projects, exhibited in Sydney and regional areas. Students choose to work in one of five focus areas – apparel, costume, textile art, furnishings or non-apparel. Texstyle 2010 will be open at Federation House, Sydney, between 29 November and 5 December 2010.

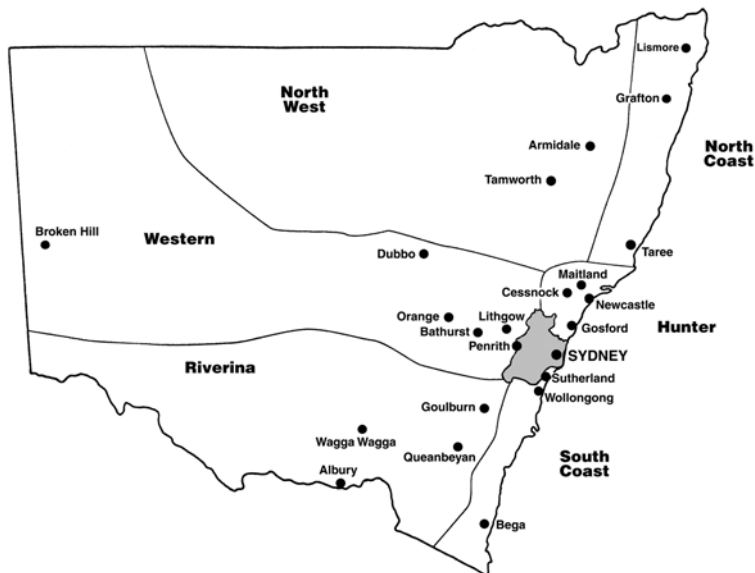
### **Young Writers Showcase**

The *Young Writers Showcase* is an anthology of major works presented by English Extension 2 students for the 2010 HSC. The book offers a selection of short stories, poetry and critical responses. The next book will be published in 2011.

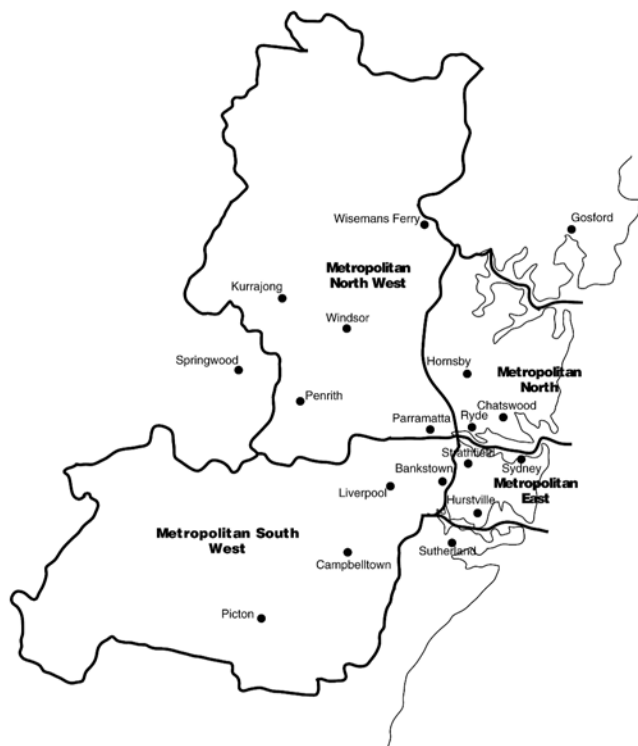
See the Board's website for showcase details as they are released.

## 12 Maps of Board of Studies regions

### New South Wales



### Sydney metropolitan





## 13 Media inquiries

Please direct all your HSC media inquiries to:

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### Guidelines for contacting students and schools

***It's important that students are free to concentrate solely on their exams. Media outlets should not attend schools before or during exams.***

- Mock-up shots after the exam can be arranged to provide images of students concentrating on their exam papers. Call the Board of Studies to make arrangements.
- Journalists seeking access to a government school or telephone interviews with teachers should contact a Department of Education and Training media liaison officer on (02) 9561 8501, preferably 24 hours in advance.
- Journalists seeking access to a non-government school should contact the school principal directly.
- Be aware that in some cases parental permission must be obtained for students to be photographed or filmed or otherwise identified or interviewed. Check this with the principal.
- Always notify the school principal on your arrival at the school.

Please call the above media inquiries number at any time with questions or special requests.

Additional media information and copies of this Media Guide can be found on the Board of Studies website [www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au)

## **14 Don't miss out**

The Board of Studies website is one of the largest and busiest education sites in the world. For anyone in the education community – teachers, principals, parents, students and others – this site is essential reading.

So how do you keep track of what's new and what's important to you?

- 1 You can subscribe to our email notification service at <http://news.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>.

Each Monday during school term email subscribers receive the Board Bulletin, a simple digest edition of any news items and official notices published on the Board's website in the past week. The Board Bulletin is particularly important for NSW school teachers.

- 2 You can subscribe to an RSS feed in your favourite News Reader (see the RSS icons at <http://news.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>).
- 3 Want to see BOS news as it happens? Want the choice of updates to your web-enabled mobile phone? If you like your news in quick, short bites, get your updates on Twitter by following NewsAtBOS.