

## 2004 HSC

### BEST OVERALL PERFORMANCE IN A DECADE

In the fourth year of the new HSC, Shore achieved outstanding results in a wide range of subjects. We had the honour of having seven boys from the Class of 2004 in the All Rounders' list. These boys achieved a Band 6 result (a mark of 90 or more) in ten or more units of their HSC studies. We extend congratulations to D N Bragg, H F Hawthorne, T D Cooper, T W Hughes, C R M Jansen, E R Lee and W Lumsdaine.

Based on the measure of excellence reported in the Press (the number of students gaining a Band 6 result in any subject), Shore ranked 46<sup>th</sup> top school overall in New South Wales and **top non-selective boys' school in the Northern suburbs.**

### 2004 HSC RESULTS

We congratulate the Class of 2004, many of whom worked with concentration and determination and followed closely the advice and support provided to them by staff and such structures as the Holiday Workshops and the Learning Support Centre. Many boys who achieved a mark over 90 (or their own personal best) in any subject have attributed this largely to a regime of regular assignment work coupled with meaningful feedback throughout the Preliminary and HSC courses in that subject. Special thanks to our staff who have worked hard with these boys during their years at Shore, always with characteristic dedication, encouragement and concern.

#### Some outstanding performances:

- Based on average UAIs, 2004 represented **our strongest performance since 1995.**
- Based on the measure of the number of students gaining Band 6 results in each subject, **Shore ranked third top non-selective boys' school in NSW** (having ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in 1999 and 2002).

- D N Bragg, H F Hawthorne, W Lumsdaine, T D Cooper, E Rankin and E R Lee all achieved UAIs of over 99, placing them in the top 1% of the State.
- L Opacic (IV), an HSC Music accelerant, had his HSC Music Extension performance selected for ENCORE, to be held at the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House on February 21, 2005. Lukas also **placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the State in HSC Music Extension.**
- L G K Stephenson had his HSC Drama set design selected for OnSTAGE.
- C Q E Taperell and R L Hunt had their Major Bodies of Work nominated for ARTEXPRESS.
- 119 boys (63%) obtained a UAI of 80 or more, placing them in the top 20% in the State. This standard was achieved by 60% of our candidates in 2003, 57% of our candidates in 2002, and 52% in 2001.
- 67 boys (36%) had UAIs of 90 or more (top 10% of State) compared to 66 boys (36%) in 2003, 59 boys (32%) in 2002, and 59 (31%) in 2001.
- 25% of our boarders gained UAIs of 90 or more (top 10% of the State), compared to 24% in 2003.
- 55% of those in the Class of 2004 who attended Shore Prep obtained a UAI of 80 or more, compared to 55% in 2003.
- This year 86 boys received Band 6 results (a mark of 90 or more). We achieved a total of 215 Band 6 results (compared to 188 in 2003, 200 in 2002, 127 in 2001, 67 in 2000 and 54 in 1999).
- We achieved 431 Band 5 (a mark in the 80-89 range) results (compared to 398 in 2003 and 363 in 2002).
- Band 6 results were achieved at every level in Mathematics. In English, no boy obtained Band 6 results in Standard English (only **two** in the State candidature achieved at this level).

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
English	10	12	12	15	20
Mathematics	32	47	80	59	72

- Band 6 results increased in **English** to 20 (compared with 15 in 2003 and 12 in 2002), most notably in Extension English 1 (10 in 2004 compared with 2 in 2003). In English Advanced the percentage of students in the top 2 bands was 86% compared with a State-wide figure of 50%. The mean for Shore boys in Standard English was more than a standard deviation above the State mean.

- In **Mathematics**, we gained 72 Band 6 results (compared to 59 in 2003 and 80 in 2002). Our total Band 6 results was second highest over the past 5 years. This result is very encouraging.
- Of the 31 courses offered by the School, 26 achieved at least one Band 6 result, including all the Creative Arts subjects.
- Humanities results continue to be impressive.
  - 39% of our Economics candidates received Band 6 results (compared with 14% State-wide).
  - 26% of our Ancient History candidates received Band 6 results (12% State-wide). 24% of our Modern History candidates gained Band 6 (9% State-wide).
  - In Geography our candidates obtained almost 5% of the Band 6 results in the State.
  - In Biology, 25% of our candidates received Band 6 results (compared with 8% State-wide); in Chemistry we achieved 20% Band 6 results (8% State-wide).
- Our strongest performing subjects, based on the number of Band 6 results, included Economics, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, Mathematics Extension 2, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics, History Extension, Ancient History, Modern History, Biology, Chemistry and Music 1.

### **UAI (Universities Admission Index) Analysis**

- 18% of our boys were in the top 5% of the State, gaining a UAI of 95 or more (compared with 17% in 2003).
- 36% of our boys were in the top 10% of the State, gaining a UAI of 90 or more (compared with 36% in 2003).
- 50% of our boys were in the top 15% of the State, gaining a UAI of 85 or more (compared with 50% in 2003).
- 63% of our boys were in the top 20% of the State, gaining a UAI of 80 or more (compared with 60% in 2003). **This is the highest percentage in this range for the past decade and reflects a considerable level of achievement for a comprehensive boys' school.**

**% Class in Top 2 Bands (Bands 5 and 6 combined)**

Course	No. of boys in course	Units	2004	
			School %	State %
Ancient History	19	2	52.6	37.0
Biology	44	2	65.9	36.6
Business Studies	94	2	55.3	25.7
Chemistry	49	2	61.6	35.2
Design & Technology	10	2	70.0	19.7
Drama	19	2	47.4	37.8
Economics	51	2	90.2	48.3
English (Standard)	107	2	1.9	1.9
English (Advanced)	81	2	86.4	50.1
English Extension 1	22	1	100.0	81.3
Geography	82	2	67.1	31.4
Industrial Technology	18	2	50.0	26.8
General Mathematics	64	2	53.1	19.2
Mathematics	102	2	65.7	42.0
Mathematics Extension 1	47	2	86.7	73.3
Mathematics Extension 2	11	1	100.0	81.8
Modern History	80	2	76.3	40.8
History Extension	18	1	94.4	11.0
Physics	42	2	64.3	38.4
Senior Science	26	2	69.2	33.5
Visual Arts	15	2	80.0	48.0

**Notes:**

- 1) Subjects with small candidatures (less than 10) have been omitted. It is misleading to interpret statistics for such small numbers.
- 2) This table is meaningful only for comparing School % with State % in each subject. We warn against superficial comparison between subjects and courses. Such comparisons are invalid because of different sizes of candidature and different percentages in Bands 5 and 6 awarded State-wide.