

## 2005 HSC

### BEST PERFORMANCE IN OVER A DECADE

In the fifth year of the new HSC, Shore achieved outstanding results in a wide range of subjects. We had the honour of having twelve boys from the Class of 2005 in the All Rounders' list, compared to seven boys last year. 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 R H Geddes, D Harapoff, B G Hayne, S D Hogan, S K Job, D W Mack, O L C Rourke, D C Smith, T J Smith, T D A Ubergang, T C Whyte and E Y S Yau. **This is by far the highest number of boys gaining this distinction since its inception.**

Based on the measure of excellence reported in the Press (the number of students gaining a Band 6 result in any subject) Shore ranked 42<sup>nd</sup> top school overall in NSW and **top non-selective boys' school in NSW.**

### 2005 HSC RESULTS

We congratulate the Class of 2005, many of whom worked with diligence 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, 2005 represented **our strongest performance since 1994.**
- Based on the measure of the number of students gaining Band 6 results in each subject, **Shore ranked top non-selective boys' school in NSW** (having also ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in 1999 and 2002).
- A record breaking 18 boys achieved UAIs of over 99 placing them in the top 1% of the state. We extend our congratulations to O L C Rourke, D Harapoff, B G Hayne, M W Der Sarkissian, T J Smith, T J Tian, A D Simon, P R Madden, T D A Ubergang, S K Job, S D Hogan, T C Whyte, R T Sparks, R H Geddes, R A Leishman, J J Debenham and D C Smith.

- O L C Rourke gained a perfect UAI score of 100.00. He placed **2<sup>nd</sup> in the State in Latin Extension** and **9<sup>th</sup> in Mathematics Extension 2**.
- A D Simon placed **3<sup>rd</sup> in the State in Economics** and **14<sup>th</sup> in Business Studies**
- T R Kreft was placed **21<sup>st</sup> in the State in General Mathematics**.
- D I De Ferranti, C A Lloyd and S S Wolff-Gillings had their Visual Arts Major Bodies of Work selected for exhibition in ARTEXPRESS. Z W Bell, R A D Burridge, W J French, R H Geddes, M T Londish and H R D Otton received nominations.
- E G Bone and P J G Benson had their Design and Technology Major Design Project nominated for DESIGNTECH. In Music 2, S D Hogan was nominated for ENCORE.
- 25 boys gained UAIs of 98 or more (top 2% in the State). This compares with 9 boys in 2004, 14 boys in 2003, 11 boys in 2002 and 9 boys in 2001.
- 36% of those in the class of 2005 who attended Shore Prep obtained a UAI of 80 or more.
- The benchmark of 80% of our candidature with a UAI of 65 or more was achieved with 90.0% achieving this standard, compared to 85.6% in 2004, 82.5% in 2003, 87% in 2002, 78% in 2001, 82.4% in 2000 and 78.6% in 1999. **This is the strongest benchmark result for the past 11 years.**
- **The overall HSC performance captured by the mean UAI was for 2005 the strongest performance since 1994.**
- 93 boys received Band 6 results (a mark of 90 or more). We achieved a total of 237 Band 6 results (compared with 215 in 2004, 188 in 2003, 200 in 2002, 127 in 2001 and 57 in 2000). When adjusted for slight differences in the numbers of candidates year by year this represents a 7.5% increase on 2004. State-wide the increase was 0.3% according to Professor Stanley from the Board of Studies as quoted in the Sydney Morning Herald on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2005.
- There were 483 Band 5 results (marks in the range 80-89), compared with 431 in 2004, 398 in 2003 and 363 in 2002. **This result was instrumental to Shore's strength of student performance.**
- We obtained 19 Band 6 results in **English** (compared with 20 in 2004, 15 in 2003 and 12 in 2002), most notably in Advanced English (15 in 2005 compared with 8 in 2004). In Standard English our examination mean was more than a standard deviation above that of the State and in Advanced English the mean of 85.26 was also well above the State mean of 78.46.

- In **Mathematics**, we gained 75 Band 6 results (compared to 72 in 2004 and 59 in 2003). Our total Band 6 results was the highest over the past few years. **In Mathematics, Shore was ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> top non-selective boys' school in NSW.**
- In all courses except two (both very small candidature subjects) our means were above those of the State. Some highlights include the following.
  - every boy in Music 2 and Latin was placed in the top band.
  - 7 boys were awarded Band 6 results in Visual Arts.
  - three quarters of boys in French and German were recipients of Band 6 results (both subjects had means over 90).
  - once again more than 5% of the state-wide Geography Band 6 results were Shore boys.
  - almost half the candidates in Ancient History earned Band 6.
  - 14 boys out of 18 in Extension 2 Mathematics were in the top Band.
  - the three major Sciences, Economics and Modern History all had more than 20% of their candidates in the top band and had very strong means.
  - **the History Teachers' Association Essay Prize yielded first (T J Smith) and second (R K Sawyer) places to form VI Shore boys.**
- Our strongest performing large-candidature subjects based on the number of Band 6 results included Economics, English (Advanced), Geography, Mathematics Extension 2, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics, History Extension, Ancient History, Modern History, Biology, Chemistry and Information Processes and Technology (IPT).

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

- 20% of our boys were in the top 5% of the State, gaining a UAI of 95 or more (compared with 18% in 2004 and 17% in 2003).
- 33% of our boys were in the top 10% of the State, gaining a UAI of 90 or more (compared with 36% in 2004 and 36% in 2003).
- 55% of our boys were in the top 15% of the State, gaining a UAI of 85 or more (compared with 50% in 2004 and 50% 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.**
- 62% of our boys were in the top 20% of the State, gaining a UAI of 80 or more (compared with 63% in 2004 and 60% in 2003).

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

Course	No. of boys in course	Units	2005	
			School %	State %
Ancient History	26	2	88.5	41.8
Biology	35	2	68.6	35.9
Business Studies	94	2	51.1	23.9
Chemistry	38	2	68.4	31.9
Design & Technology	17	2	29.4	20.7
Drama	16	2	25.0	35.5
Economics	56	2	80.4	49.0
English (Standard)	113	2	15.0	2.4
English (Advanced)	78	2	94.9	45.8
English Extension 1	15	1	100.0	85.3
Geography	93	2	74.2	39.1
General Mathematics	64	2	73.4	23.3
Mathematics	95	2	60.0	38.8
Mathematics Extension 1	49	2	98.0	73.6
Mathematics Extension 2	18	1	100.00	86.0
Modern History	77	2	70.1	42.0
History Extension	25	1	96.0	53.3
PDHPE	23	2	65.2	34.3
Physics	37	2	75.7	36.1
Senior Science	18	2	55.6	34.2
Visual Arts	21	2	90.5	51.3

**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.

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