



## 2008 HSC

### STRONGEST PERFORMANCE AT THE HSC IN THE PAST 15 YEARS

Shore achieved outstanding results in a wide range of subjects in the 2008 HSC examinations. We had the honour of having thirteen boys from the Class of 2008 gain Premier's Awards. 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 A M R Berriman, G L Flick, B F Hughes, S M Jackson, W R Kingston, J K C Leith, J R McLean, J W B Papworth, H A L Rourke, A W Thompson, J K H Tong, H Wardell-Burrus and A K C Wong.

Based on the measure of excellence reported in the Press (the number of students gaining a Band 6 result in any subject) Shore ranked 41<sup>st</sup> top school overall in NSW. Shore ranked second top non-selective boys' school in NSW (Shore ranked top non-selective school in 2007, 2005, 2002 and 1999). **Based on average UAI's, the performance of the Class of 2008 represents the strongest in the past 15 years.**

### 2008 HSC RESULTS

We congratulate the Class of 2008, 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 Study 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 with commitment, encouragement and care.

### **Outstanding performances:**

- Based on average UAIs, 2008 represents our **strongest performance since 1994.**
- Nine boys achieved UAIs over 99 placing them in the top 1% of the state. We extend our congratulations to A W Thompson, H A L Rourke, A K C Wong, B F Hughes, J R McLean, H Wardell-Burrus, G L Flick, S M Jackson and J K H Tong.
- 16 boys gained UAIs of 98 or more (top 2% in the state). This compares with 26 boys in 2007, 16 boys in 2006, 25 boys in 2005 and 9 boys in 2004.
- A W Thompson achieved the top UAI of 99.95. He placed 3<sup>rd</sup> **in the state in Continuers Classical Greek** in the 2007 HSC and in the 2008 HSC placed 5<sup>th</sup> **in the state in Classical Greek Extension, 5<sup>th</sup> in the state in Latin Extension and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state in Latin Continuers.**
- A K C Wong placed 3<sup>rd</sup> **in the state in Biology.**
- S A Der Sarkissian placed 14<sup>th</sup> **in the state in Biology.**
- J K C Leith placed 9<sup>th</sup> **in the state in Drama** and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> **in the History Teachers' Association Extension History Essay Competition.**
- L C Smidmore placed 4<sup>th</sup> **in the state in Geography.**
- H Wardell-Burrus placed 6<sup>th</sup> **in the state in Geography.**
- J R McLean placed 8<sup>th</sup> **in the state in Geography.**
- I R Morrison (Year 11) placed 20<sup>th</sup> **in the state in Studies of Religion 1.**
- J K C Leith, G S Lindsay and T H Scott had their group performance '*Follow the Leader*' selected for On STAGE at the Seymour Centre.
- S S Gardner and J C K Stewart had their D&T Major Design Projects nominated for inclusion in DesignTECH at the Powerhouse Museum.
- A R Sakker had his Visual Arts Major Body of Work nominated for ArtEXPRESS.
- M A Appleby gained Most Improved at the HSC examination.
- 28% of our boarders gained UAIs above 90.00.

- The benchmark of 80% of our candidature with a UAI of 65 or more was achieved with 89.5% achieving this standard, compared with 85.0% in 2007, 86.0% in 2006, 90% in 2005 and 85.6% in 2004.
- We achieved a total of 274 Band 6 results (compared with 244 in 2007, 232 in 2006, 237 in 2005 and 215 in 2004).
- There were 504 Band 5 results (marks in the range 80-89), compared with 488 in 2007, 522 in 2006, 483 in 2005 and 431 in 2004.
- We obtained 35 Band 6 results in **English** (compared with 30 in 2007, 21 in 2006, 19 in 2005 and 20 in 2004), most notably in Advanced English. In Standard English our examination mean of 75.44 was well above the state mean of 65.55 and in Advanced English the mean of 85.42 was also above the state mean of 79.03.
- In **Mathematics**, we gained 59 Band 6 results (compared with 66 in 2007, 65 in 2006, 75 in 2005 and 72 in 2004).
- In all courses with ten or more candidates our means were well above those of the state. Some of the highest were History Extension 45.48/50, Drama 89.24, Visual Arts 87.99, Mathematics Extension 2 87.36, Modern History 86.44, Geography 86.20, Economics 86.07, Ancient History 84.91, Chemistry 84.50, Studies of Religion I (Year 11) 42.16/50, Mathematics 83.72.
- Means in Drama and History Extension were more than one standard deviation above state means.
- Our strongest performing large-candidature subjects based on the number of Band 6 results included Visual Arts, Economics, Modern History, Geography, Chemistry, Mathematics Extension 1, Business Studies and Mathematics.

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

- 22% of our boys (*41 boys*) were in the top 5% of the state, gaining a UAI of 95 or more (compared with 19% in 2007 and 22% in 2006).
- 41% of our boys (*78 boys*) were in the top 10% of the state, gaining a UAI of 90 or more (compared with 33% in 2007 and 42% in 2006).
- 56% of our boys (*107 boys*) were in the top 15% of the state, gaining a UAI of 85 or more (compared with 47% in 2007 and 56% in 2006).
- 64% of our boys (*122 boys*) were in the top 20% of the state, gaining a UAI of 80 or more (compared with 60% in 2007 and 66% in 2006).

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

Course	No. of boys in course	Units	2007	
			School %	State %
Ancient History	18	2	83.3	37.3
Biology	41	2	47.8	31.5
Business Studies	97	2	65.0	31.7
Chemistry	43	2	76.7	38.3
Design & Technology	13	2	76.9	35.2
Drama	11	2	100.0	48.4
Economics	47	2	83.0	47.2
English (Standard)	92	2	20.7	6.0
English (Advanced)	100	2	92.0	49.4
English Extension 1	21	1	85.7	83.9
Geography	82	2	84.1	47.9
General Mathematics	88	2	62.5	25.7
Mathematics	79	2	68.4	44.8
Mathematics Extension 1	54	1	87.0	81.6
Mathematics Extension 2	16	1	100.0	90.7
Modern History	39	2	84.6	41.6
History Extension	13	1	100.0	73.2
PDHPE	50	2	48.0	32.2
Physics	57	2	49.1	32.8
Senior Science	12	2	66.7	38.9
Studies of Religion I (Year 11)	22	1	86.4	43.6
Visual Arts	32	2	100.0	61.0

**Notes:**

- 1) Subjects with small candidatures (less than 10) have been omitted. It can be 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.