



2009 HSC

OUTSTANDING HSC RESULTS:

STRONGEST PERFORMANCE AT THE HSC IN THE PAST 16 YEARS

Shore achieved outstanding results in a broad range of subjects in the 2009 HSC examinations. We had the honour of having thirteen boys from the Class of 2009 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 EAD Bannon, SP Carr, AC Gibson, SM Granger, JR Langlands, WA Macdonald, RD Marples, IR Morrison, TH Ronald, JW Schmidt, ERN Stephens, CJ Ulloa-Jonsson and JD Wright.

Based on the measure of excellence reported in the Press (the number of students gaining a Band 6 result in any subject) Shore ranked 29th top school overall in NSW (41st in 2008). Shore ranked **top non-selective boys' school in NSW** (Shore ranked top non-selective school in 2007, 2005, 2002 and 1999). ***Based on a number of measures (number of Band 6 results and average ATAR), the performance of the Class of 2009 represents the strongest in the past 16 years.***

2009 HSC RESULTS

We congratulate the Class of 2009, 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 ATARs, 2009 represents our **strongest performance since 1994.**
- Nine boys achieved ATARs over 99 placing them in the top 1% of the state. We extend our congratulations to IR Morrison, ERN Stephens, TH Ronald, AC Gibson, SP Carr, JD Wright, C Ulloa-Jonsson, SM Granger and DN Soenario. This

compares with 9 boys in 2008, 14 boys in 2007, 11 boys in 2006 and 18 boys in 2005.

- 22 boys gained ATARs of 98 or more (top 2% in the state). This compares with 16 boys in 2008, 22 boys in 2007, 19 boys in 2006 and 27 boys in 2005.
- IR Morrison achieved the top ATAR of 99.95. This is the highest available rank (equivalent to 100.0 for the former UAI). He placed **9th in the state in English Extension 2, 3rd in the state in Geography and 3rd in the state in Modern History**.
- CM Allworth placed **12th in the state in General Mathematics**.
- TH Ronald placed **2nd in the state in Geography**.
- AC Gibson placed **8th in the state in Geography**.
- NJR Thomas had his D&T Major Design Project, *EasyTurn*, selected for inclusion in DesignTECH at the Powerhouse Museum.
- TH Ronald had his Drama Individual Project, Costume Design for Patrick White's play *The Ham Funeral*, selected for exhibition at OnSTAGE at the Seymour Centre.
- JA Griffin, DH Kanakis, TR Minifie and TJL Oldfield had their D&T Major Design Projects nominated for inclusion in DesignTECH.
- JD Ridley gained Most Improved at the HSC examinations.
- 33% of our boarders gained ATARs above 90.00 (compared with 28% in 2008).
- 49% of Shore candidates received an ATAR of 90+.
- The benchmark of 80% of our candidature with an ATAR of 68 or more was achieved with 85.2% achieving this standard, compared with 89.5% in 2008, 85.0% in 2007, 86.0% in 2006 and 90% in 2005.
- We achieved a total of 312 Band 6 results compared with 274 in 2008, 244 in 2007, 232 in 2006 and 237 in 2005.
- There were 466 Band 5 results (marks in the range 80-89), compared with 504 in 2008, 488 in 2007, 522 in 2006 and 483 in 2005.
- We obtained 33 Band 6 results in **English** (compared with 35 in 2008, 30 in 2007, 21 in 2006 and 19 in 2005), most notably in Advanced English. In Standard English our examination mean of 76.27 was well above the state mean of 64.91 and in Advanced English the mean of 86.63 was also above the state mean of 79.17.
- In **Mathematics**, we gained 86 Band 6 results (compared with 59 in 2008, 66 in 2007, 65 in 2006 and 75 in 2005). This is our best total in the last ten years.
- In the 2009 parent surveys, some parents asked about whether our "average" boys achieved as well as they might. There was great depth in our HSC results with **77% of our results being either Band 6 or Band 5**. This confirmed that the School's objectives were largely met for boys across the range of academic ability.

- In all courses with ten or more candidates our means were well about those of the state. Some of the highest were:

Mathematics Extension 2 90.17, Modern History 87.88, Economics 87.73, Ancient History 87.41, French Continuers 87.18, Design & Technology 87.11, Mathematics 86.87, English Advanced 86.63, English Extension 1 43.29/50, Geography 86.56 and Business Studies 85.80.

- A number of subjects were more than one standard deviation above the state mean: Design & Technology, English (Standard), Modern History, Music 1 and German Continuers.
- Our strongest performing large-candidature subjects based on the percentage of Band 6 results included Economics (51.4%), Modern History (48.6%), Geography (44.8%), Business Studies (40.0%), Mathematics (38.2%), Mathematics Extension 1 (37.3%) and Ancient History (35.3%).

ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) Analysis

- 30% of our boys (*55 boys*) were in the top 5% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 95 or more (compared with 22% in 2008 and 20% in 2007).
- 49% of our boys (*90 boys*) were in the top 10% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 90 or more (compared with 42% in 2008 and 37% in 2007).
- 62% of our boys (*114 boys*) were in the top 15% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 85 or more (compared with 60% in 2008 and 52% in 2007).
- 72% of our boys (*131 boys*) were in the top 20% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 80 or more (compared with 68% in 2008 and 64% in 2007).

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

| Course | No. of boys in course | Units | 2009 | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|----------|---------|
| | | | School % | State % |
| Ancient History | 17 | 2 | 100.0 | 36.9 |
| Biology | 43 | 2 | 60.5 | 31.7 |
| Business Studies | 85 | 2 | 76.4 | 37.7 |
| Chemistry | 34 | 2 | 82.4 | 38.6 |
| Design & Technology | 11 | 2 | 81.8 | 34.4 |
| Economics | 37 | 2 | 91.9 | 47.0 |
| English (Standard) | 92 | 2 | 27.2 | 5.2 |
| English (Advanced) | 88 | 2 | 96.6 | 51.9 |
| English Extension 1 | 18 | 1 | 100.0 | 84.2 |
| English Extension 2 | 8 | 1 | 75.0 | 79.7 |
| Geography | 67 | 2 | 82.1 | 39.7 |
| General Mathematics | 67 | 2 | 61.2 | 24.7 |
| Mathematics | 89 | 2 | 91.0 | 42.5 |
| Mathematics Extension 1 | 59 | 1 | 94.9 | 81.6 |
| Mathematics Extension 2 | 15 | 1 | 100.0 | 89.3 |
| Modern History | 37 | 2 | 94.6 | 40.9 |
| PDHPE | 45 | 2 | 62.2 | 31.6 |
| Physics | 49 | 2 | 71.4 | 41.6 |
| Senior Science | 14 | 2 | 50.0 | 36.2 |
| Studies of Religion I (Year 11) | 12 | 1 | 75.0 | 48.7 |
| Visual Arts | 42 | 2 | 85.7 | 54.0 |

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.