



2012 HSC

Shore achieved exceptional results in a broad range of subjects in the 2012 HSC examinations. We had the honour of having eighteen boys from the Class of 2012 being listed in the SMH as gaining 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 J O Arnott, C R Coleman, C J Gray, J J Holman, M R Jamieson, F F Jiang, N W Johnston, A V Kancharla, B T Leckie, A J Lee, M D McKeith, W J Millard, T J O'Connor, P C Oatley, A Rohani, F J G Skulley, N S Williams and K Yan. **This is the highest number of Premier's Awards the School has received.**

In 2012, we also gained more Band 6 and Band 5 results than in previous years. Based on the measure of excellence reported in the Press (the number of students gaining a Band 6 result in any subject) Shore ranked 19th top school overall in NSW (we ranked 35th in 2011). Shore also ranked **top non-selective boys' school in NSW** (Shore ranked top non-selective school in 2011, 2009, 2007, 2005, 2002 and 1999).

Based on the average ATAR, the performance of the Class of 2012 represents the strongest on record.

2012 HSC RESULTS

We congratulate the Class of 2012, 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 characteristic commitment, enthusiasm and care.

Outstanding performances:

- Based on average ATARs, 2012 represents our **strongest performance on record.**
- Thirteen boys achieved ATARs over 99 placing them in the top 1% of the state. We extend our congratulations to F F Jiang, A J Lee, A V Kancharla, M R Jamieson, A K Hughes, K Yan, B T Leckie, J S Landini, A J Turner, E W Buzby, C J Gray, F J G Skulley and C R Coleman. This compares with 8 boys in 2011, 6 boys in 2010, 9 boys in 2009 and 9 boys in 2008.

- 24 boys gained ATARs of 98 or more (top 2% in the state). This compares with 16 boys in 2011, 9 boys in 2010, 22 boys in 2009 and 16 boys in 2008.
- F F Jiang achieved the **top ATAR of 99.95** (the highest possible ATAR). He placed **4th in the state in Modern History**.
- 2012 represents the 7th time in the past 9 years that a boy has achieved the maximum ATAR.
- A K Hughes placed 2nd in the state in English Extension 1.
- F F Jiang placed 4th in the state in Modern History.
- J S Landini placed 14th in the state in Modern History.
- F J G Skulley placed 16th in the state in Business Studies.
- J A Beard, J C Brammall, R C H Stevens and M A Burgess had their Visual Arts Major Bodies of Work *nominated* for ARTEXPRESS. J A Beard and R C H Stevens had their Major Bodies of Work, “*Puer Auternus; Eternal Child*” and “*Twenty Dollars Off Luxe Vanitas*” respectively, *selected* for ARTEXPRESS.
- G S Browne and C E White had their Industrial Technology Major Design Projects *nominated* for inclusion in InTECH.
- D Van Camp and W J R Tapp had their Major Design Projects *nominated* for inclusion in DesignTECH. W J R Tapp had his project, “*Postal Diary*” *selected* for inclusion in the DesignTECH exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum.
- E W Buzby (Music 2), J R Fitzpatrick and C E White (Music 1) had their music performances *nominated* for ENCORE.
- The following groups of boys had their Drama group performance *nominated* for OnSTAGE:
 - M G Blacklaw, D W Carter, S T Lancaster, W J Millard and B Rollins “*The Wizard of Art*”
 - S M J Croker, A F Lucas, H C B Morrison and R C H Stevens “*What If*”
- W J Millard had his Drama individual performance “*Food for Thought*” *nominated* for OnSTAGE.
- T J C Wallis studied HSC Dance at Bradfield College and received *nominations* for each of his Core Performance and his Major Study Performance at CALLBACK.
- J O Basil-Jones gained Most Improved at the HSC examinations (45 places in the Order of Academic Merit).

- 59% of Shore candidates received an ATAR of 90.00+ (Compared with 42% in 2011 and 38% in 2010).
- 64% of our Boarders achieved an ATAR of 88.00+.
- The benchmark of 80% of our candidature with an ATAR of 68 or more was well achieved with 96.6% achieving this standard, compared with 91.5% in 2011, 88.9% in 2010, 85.2% in 2009 and 89.5% in 2008.
- We achieved a total of 420 Band 6 results compared with 315 in 2011, 266 in 2010, 312 in 2009 and 274 in 2008. **This is the largest number of Band 6 results that the School has received.**
- There were 562 Band 5 results (marks in the range 80-89), compared with 491 in 2011, 423 in 2010, 466 in 2009 and 504 in 2008. **This is the largest number of Band 5 results that the School has received.**
- We obtained 72 Band 6 results, our highest number yet, in **English** (compared with 46 in 2011, 25 in 2010, 33 in 2009 and 35 in 2008), most notably in Advanced English. **We gained a remarkable 7 Band 6 results in Standard English** (only 166 were awarded state-wide). In Standard English our examination mean of 83.02 was well above the state mean of 68.27 and in Advanced English the mean of 88.88 was also above the state mean of 79.56.
- In **Mathematics**, we gained 103 Band 6 results (compared with 112 in 2011, 89 in 2010, 86 in 2009 and 59 in 2008). **This is our second best total in the last twelve years.**
- Merit Listings were achieved by over 50% of our candidates in Ancient History, Business Studies, Design and Technology, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, Industrial Technology, Mathematics Extension 2, Music 2, Music Extension, Latin Continuers and Latin Extension.
- 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 **86% of our results being either Band 6 or Band 5**. This confirms that the School’s objectives were largely met for boys across the range of academic ability.
- All subjects bar one had candidature means well above those of the state.
- Eleven subjects were more than one standard deviation above the state mean: Ancient History (1.20), Business Studies (1.08), Design and Technology (1.35), English Standard (1.31), English Advanced (1.10), English Extension 1 (1.02), Geography (1.15), Industrial Technology (1.29), General Mathematics (1.36), Music 1 (1.01) and PDHPE (1.03).
- Our strongest performing large-candidature subjects based on the percentage of Band 6 results included English Extension 1 (87.5%), Ancient History (52.4%), Business Studies (51.5%), Modern History (48.4%), English Advanced (47.5%), French

Continuers (47.4%), Drama (47.4%), Geography (46.8%), General Mathematics (42.0%) and Mathematics Extension 1 (39.7%).

ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) Analysis

- 31% of our boys (64 boys) were in the top 5% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 95 or more (compared with 24% in 2011 and 19% in 2010).
- 59% of our boys (121 boys) were in the top 10% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 90 or more (compared with 42% in 2011 and 38% in 2010).
- 75% of our boys (153 boys) were in the top 15% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 85 or more (compared with 57% in 2011 and 56% in 2010).
- 87% of our boys (177 boys) were in the top 20% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 80 or more (compared with 68% in 2011 and 71% in 2010).

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

Course	No. of boys in course	Units	2012	
			School %	State %
Ancient History	21	2	85.7	26.8
Biology	45	2	62.2	26.8
Business Studies	97	2	90.7	38.1
Chemistry	48	2	72.9	42.6
Drama	14	2	85.7	43.9
Economics	54	2	90.7	47.2
English (Standard)	103	2	85.4	15.8
English (Advanced)	99	2	99.0	54.1
English Extension 1	16	1	100.0	87.1
French Continuers	19	2	89.5	64.6
French Extension	11	1	90.9	90.6
Geography	77	2	94.8	40.3
General Mathematics	81	2	85.2	22.1
History Extension	12	1	100.0	66.0
Information Processes & Technology	12	2	66.7	31.2
Mathematics	96	2	85.4	52.5
Mathematics Extension 1	58	1	94.8	85.0
Mathematics Extension 2	11	1	100.0	88.4
Modern History	64	2	95.3	45.9
PDHPE	38	2	81.6	32.9
Physics	47	2	59.6	34.1
Visual Arts	35	2	88.6	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.