



Shore achieved outstanding results in a broad range of subjects in the 2013 HSC examinations. We had the honour of having twenty boys from the Class of 2013 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 T H Burns, Z Y Chang, J D Clarkson, J A Dillon, H A Hodge, A M Jackman, A C Ledgerwood, W Leung, W J Lindsay, L J Mackay, R E P R McDougall, A D G Pater, N G Schnitzler, A S Skardoon, R G Snelling, C H Stobo, H F M Sutherland, W Tan, C H Taylor and A W Vandeppeer. **This is the highest number of Premier's Awards the School has received, and just above 10% of our candidature.**

In 2013, we also gained the second highest count of both 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 26th top school overall in NSW (we ranked 19th in 2012 and 35th in 2011). Shore also ranked **top non-selective boys' school in NSW** (Shore ranked top non-selective boys' school in 2012, 2011, 2009, 2007, 2005, 2002 and 1999).

Based on the average ATAR, the performance of the Class of 2013 represents the second strongest on record.

2013 HSC RESULTS

We congratulate the Class of 2013, 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 dedication, enthusiasm and care.

Exceptional performances:

- Based on average ATARs, 2013 represents our **second strongest performance on record**.
- Thirteen boys achieved ATARs over 99 placing them in the top 1% of the state. We extend our congratulations to T H Burns, A M Jackman, J D Clarkson, Z Y Chang, J A Dillon, W Tan, R G Snelling, N G Schnitzler, W Leung, N G Kaplan, W J Lindsay, A G Whitman and O H Friedmann. This compares with 13 boys in 2012, 8 boys in 2011, 6 boys in 2010 and 9 boys in 2009.
- 26 boys gained ATARs of 98 or more (top 2% in the state). This compares with 24 boys in 2012, 16 boys in 2011, 9 boys in 2010 and 22 boys in 2009.
- T H Burns and A M Jackman achieved the **top ATAR of 99.95** (the highest possible ATAR). This is the first time that two such rankings have been achieved. In the state there was a total of only 48 of these rankings.
- 2013 represents the 8th time in the past 10 years that a boy has achieved the maximum ATAR.
- A M Jackman placed 2nd in the state in English (Advanced), 2nd in the state in French Continuers and 12th in the state in Modern History.
- J D Clarkson placed 1st in the state in Geography and 15th in the state in Business Studies.
- T H Burns placed 4th in the state in Latin Extension.
- J A Dillon placed 5th in the state in History Extension.
- M E Riley placed 9th in the state in General Mathematics.
- W E Heath placed 19th in the state in General Mathematics.
- T S Griffith had his Visual Arts Major Body of Work, *Vita*, **nominated** for ARTEXPRESS. H Bloore and A W Vandeeper had their Major Bodies of Work, *Red Hill Revelry* and *Homage to the Midnight Snack* respectively, **selected** for ARTEXPRESS.
- M E Riley had his Industrial Technology Major Design Project **nominated** for inclusion in InTech. M J Burke had his Industrial Technology Major Design Project **selected** for InTech.
- J G R Perryman had his Drama individual performance *Storm* **nominated** for OnSTAGE.

- A C Ledgerwood, W Leung and M E Riley had their music performances **nominated** for ENCORE.
- J P Macken had his D&T Major Design Project, an *Arthritis Aid*, **nominated** for inclusion in the DesignTECH exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum.
- J M Clancy gained Most Improved at the HSC examinations (38 places in the Order of Academic Merit).
- 53% of Shore candidates received an ATAR of 90.00+ (compared with 59% in 2012 and 42% in 2011).
- 69% of our Boarders achieved an ATAR of 88.00+ (compared with 64% in 2012).
- The benchmark of 80% of our candidature with an ATAR of 68 or more was well achieved with 93.2% achieving this standard, compared with 96.6% in 2012, 91.5% in 2011, 88.9% in 2010 and 85.2% in 2009.
- We achieved a total of 357 Band 6 results compared with 420 in 2012, 315 in 2011, 266 in 2010 and 312 in 2009. **This is the second largest number of Band 6 results that the School has received.**
- There were 509 Band 5 results (marks in the range 80-89), compared with 562 in 2012, 491 in 2011, 423 in 2010 and 466 in 2009. **This is the second largest number of Band 5 results that the School has received.**
- We obtained 53 Band 6 results in **English**, our second highest number yet, (compared with 72 in 2012, 46 in 2011, 25 in 2010 and 33 in 2009), most notably in Advanced English. We gained 3 Band 6 results in Standard English. In Standard English our examination mean of 78.88 was well above the state mean of 65.48 and in Advanced English the mean of 85.57 was also above the state mean of 79.06. In the league tables in the Press, we ranked 33rd in the state and **top non-selective boys' school in English.**
- In **Mathematics**, we gained 110 Band 6 results (compared with 103 in 2012, 112 in 2011, 89 in 2010 and 86 in 2009). **This is our best total in the last thirteen years.** In the Press we were ranked 22nd in the state and 2nd top non-selective boys' school.
- Merit Listings were achieved by over 50% of our candidates in Design and Technology, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, Mathematics, Mathematics Extension 2, Music 1, Music Extension, French Extension 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 **81% 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 three had candidature means well above those of the state.
- Seven subjects were more than one standard deviation above the state mean: Business Studies (1.01), Design and Technology (1.36), ESL (1.19), English Standard (1.30), Industrial Technology (1.12), General Mathematics (1.20) and Music 1 (1.53).
- Our strongest performing large-candidature subjects based on the percentage of Band 6 results included English Extension 1 (80.0%), Mathematics Ext 2 (76.9%), Mathematics (54.2%), Modern History (43.5%), General Mathematics (41.2%), Drama (41.2%), Economics (40.9%), Business Studies (36.0%) and English (Advanced) (35.1%).

ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) Analysis

- 30% of our boys (*56 boys*) were in the top 5% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 95 or more (compared with 31% in 2012, 24% in 2011 and 19% in 2010).
- 53% of our boys (*101 boys*) were in the top 10% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 90 or more (compared with 59% in 2012, 42% in 2011 and 38% in 2010).
- 69% of our boys (*131 boys*) were in the top 15% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 85 or more (compared with 75% in 2012, 57% in 2011 and 56% in 2010).
- 80% of our boys (*151 boys*) were in the top 20% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 80 or more (compared with 87% in 2012, 68% in 2011 and 71% in 2010).

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

Course	No. of boys in course	Units	2013	
			School %	State %
Ancient History	19	2	78.9	34.4
Biology	43	2	72.1	32.9
Business Studies	100	2	77.0	34.9
Chemistry	44	2	84.1	41.6
Drama	17	2	88.2	43.5
Economics	44	2	81.8	43.1
English (Standard)	93	2	50.5	6.8
English (Advanced)	94	2	98.9	53.0
English Extension 1	15	1	100.0	88.3
French Continuers	12	2	66.7	66.9
Geography	65	2	92.3	39.8
General Mathematics	97	2	72.2	20.8
History Extension	14	1	100.0	73.9
Industrial Technology	10	2	80.0	29.8
Information Processes & Technology	14	2	50.0	36.6
Mathematics	72	2	90.3	49.2
Mathematics Extension 1	61	1	96.7	83.5
Mathematics Extension 2	13	1	100.0	87.2
Modern History	62	2	88.7	47.2
PDHPE	34	2	52.9	28.4
Physics	45	2	66.7	33.4
Senior Science	13	2	76.9	38.7
Studies of Religion (Year 11)	14	1	100.0	48.5
Visual Arts	23	2	95.6	51.4

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.

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