



## 2014 HSC RESULTS

Shore achieved outstanding results in a broad range of subjects in the 2014 HSC examinations. We had the honour of having twenty three boys from the Class of 2014 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 H P D Badgerey, L T Birt, Z I G Burns, R L Deppeler, Z K Dragan, B F Hollebon, T R Holman, K M Kondo, K R Kresevic, C J Lancaster, A W Leslie, S P O Litchfield, R A Myers, M C H Park, A W Petrie, M J Purbrick, J T Reid, L B Ryan, T S St John, C R Taylor, C P Westhoff, H J Wrench and D Zhong. **This is the highest number of Premier's Awards the School has received, and just above 11% of our candidature.**

**In 2014, 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 27<sup>th</sup> top school overall in NSW (we ranked 26<sup>th</sup> in 2013, 19<sup>th</sup> in 2012 and 35<sup>th</sup> in 2011). Shore also ranked **top non-selective boys' school in NSW** (Shore ranked top non-selective boys' school in 2013, 2012, 2011, 2009, 2007, 2005, 2002 and 1999).

*Based on the average ATAR, the performance of the Class of 2014 represents the third strongest on record.*

We congratulate the Class of 2014, 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 and care.

### Exceptional performances:

- Based on average ATARs, 2014 represents our **third strongest performance on record**.
- Twelve boys achieved ATARs over 99 placing them in the top 1% of the state. We extend our congratulations to A W Petrie, D Zhong, M C H Park, K R Kresevic, A W Leslie, B F Hollebon, C R Taylor, B He, H W Kierath, K M Kondo, M J Purbrick and C P Westhoff. This compares with 13 boys in 2013, 13 boys in 2012 and 8 boys in 2011.
- 28 boys gained ATARs of 98 or more (top 2% in the state). This compares with 26 boys in 2013, 24 boys in 2012 and 16 boys in 2011.
- A W Petrie achieved the highest School ATAR of 99.85.
- D Zhong placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state in Mathematics Extension 1 and 8<sup>th</sup> in the state in Mathematics Extension 2.
- C R Taylor placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the state in Ancient History.
- A W Petrie placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the state in Economics.
- T R Holman placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the state in General Mathematics 2.
- A W Leslie placed 14<sup>th</sup> in the state in Modern History.
- W A W Suttor had his Industrial Technology Major Design Project **nominated** for inclusion in InTech at the Sydney Showground, Homebush.
- S L M Hardy had his Drama individual project, a design portfolio for *The Tempest*, **selected** for the Foyer Exhibition at OnSTAGE at the Seymour Centre.
- N A Savage and C P Westhoff had their music performances **nominated** for ENCORE at the Sydney opera House.
- D J Bantli, O R Brighton, M P Francis, S S Parsons and J R Perry had their D&T Major Design Projects **nominated** for inclusion in the DesignTECH exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum. M P Francis and J R Perry had their Major Design Projects, *URTHpod* and *ErgoFin* respectively, **selected** for exhibition.
- Z K Dragan gained Most Improved at the HSC examinations (112 places in the Order of Academic Merit).
- 48% of Shore candidates received an ATAR of 90.00+ (compared with 53% in 2013, 59% in 2012 and 42% in 2011).

- 60% of our Boarders achieved an ATAR of 88.00+ (compared with 69% in 2013 and 64% in 2012).
- We achieved a total of 382 Band 6 results compared with 357 in 2013, 420 in 2012 and 315 in 2011. **This is the second largest number of Band 6 results that the School has received.**
- There were 520 Band 5 results (marks in the range 80-89), compared with 509 in 2013, 562 in 2012 and 491 in 2011. **This is the second largest number of Band 5 results that the School has received.**
- We obtained 70 Band 6 results in **English**, our second highest number yet, (compared with 53 in 2103, 72 in 2012 and 46 in 2011), most notably in Advanced English. We gained 2 Band 6 results in Standard English. In Standard English our examination mean of 78.45 was well above the state mean of 67.46 and in Advanced English the mean of 89.54 was also above the state mean of 80.53. In the league tables in the Press, we ranked 28<sup>th</sup> in the state and **top non-selective boys' school in English.**
- In **Mathematics**, we gained 101 Band 6 results (compared with 110 in 2013, 103 in 2012 and 112 in 2011).
- Merit Listings were achieved by over 50% of our candidates in Design and Technology, English (Advanced), English Extension 1, Industrial Technology, Mathematics, Music 1, Music Extension, Studies of Religion I (Year 11), French 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 **82% 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.
- Most subjects had candidature means well above those of the state.
- Eight subjects were more than one standard deviation above the state mean: Ancient History (1.11), Design and Technology (1.3), English Standard (1.14), English Extension 1 (1.11), Industrial Technology (1.48), Mathematics General 2 (1.16), Music 1 (1.36) and Studies of Religion I (1.12).
- Our strongest performing large-candidature subjects based on the percentage of Band 6 results included English Extension 1 (94.1%), English (Advanced) (59.8%), Mathematics (50.7%), Ancient History (45.0%), Business Studies (40.5%), Mathematics General 2 (37.0%), Geography (36.8%), Economics (36.8%), Modern History (37.3%) and Chemistry (32.5%).

## **ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) Analysis**

- 29% of our boys (*59 boys*) were in the top 5% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 95 or more (compared with 30% in 2013, 31% in 2012 and 24% in 2011).
- 48% of our boys (*96 boys*) were in the top 10% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 90 or more (compared with 53% in 2013, 59% in 2012 and 42% in 2011).
- 66% of our boys (*132 boys*) were in the top 15% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 85 or more (compared with 69% in 2013, 75% in 2012 and 57% in 2011).
- 77% of our boys (*154 boys*) were in the top 20% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 80 or more (compared with 80% in 2013, 87% in 2012 and 68% in 2011).

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

Course	No. of boys in course	Units	2014	
			School %	State %
Ancient History	20	2	85.0	32.8
Biology	46	2	60.9	28.2
Business Studies	121	2	81.0	37.0
Chemistry	40	2	82.5	46.0
Drama	22	2	86.4	42.1
Economics	38	2	84.2	44.5
English (Standard)	113	2	47.8	8.2
English (Advanced)	87	2	98.9	59.3
English Extension 1	17	1	100.0	93.0
French Continuers	19	2	100.0	65.7
Geography	57	2	96.5	43.6
Mathematics General 2	108	2	77.8	25.0
Mathematics	75	2	92.0	53.4
Mathematics Extension 1	65	1	98.5	84.4
Modern History	59	2	83.1	42.3
PDHPE	52	2	71.1	30.5
Physics	47	2	70.2	31.1
Senior Science	12	2	66.7	36.5
Visual Arts	18	2	94.4	48.6

**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.