



2010 HSC

SOLID HSC RESULTS:

SECOND STRONGEST OVERALL PERFORMANCE AT THE HSC IN THE PAST 17 YEARS

Shore achieved solid results in a broad range of subjects in the 2010 HSC examinations. We had the honour of having nine boys from the Class of 2010 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 AB Bunting, CI Chambers, EP Gibson, AH Goswell, AR Johnston, AC Mott, SC Murphy, MCH Read and JCH Tong.

Based on the measure of excellence reported in the Press (the number of students gaining a Band 6 result in any subject) Shore ranked 43rd top school overall in NSW (29th in 2009). Shore ranked **third top non-selective boys' school in NSW** (Shore ranked top non-selective school in 2009, 2007, 2005, 2002 and 1999). *Based on the average ATAR, the performance of the Class of 2010 represents the second strongest in the past 17 years (strongest in 2009).*

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We congratulate the Class of 2010, 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, 2010 represents our **second strongest performance since 1994 (strongest was in 2009)**.
- Six boys achieved ATARs over 99 placing them in the top 1% of the state. We extend our congratulations to AB Bunting, JCH Tong, CI Chambers, AR Johnston, AC Mott and MCH Read. This compares with 9 boys in 2009, 9 boys in 2008, 14 boys in 2007 and 11 boys in 2006.
- 9 boys gained ATARs of 98 or more (top 2% in the state). This compares with 22 boys in 2009, 16 boys in 2008, 22 boys in 2007 and 19 boys in 2006.
- AB Bunting achieved the top ATAR of 99.90 (the highest possible being 99.95). He placed **17th in the state in Chemistry** and **6th in the state in Mathematics Extension 1**.
- AJ Lee placed **20th in the state in Business Studies**.
- CI Chambers placed **9th in the state in Geography**.
- AR Johnston placed **2nd in the state in Latin Continuers** and **4th in the state in Latin Extension**.
- JA Chapman, AC Mott and HZ Hawkins had their Visual Arts major works **selected** for exhibition in ARTEXPRESS. RJ Draper received a nomination.
- H Kernot, J Rollins and JN Smith had their Drama group performance 'Piracy' **nominated** for inclusion in OnStage.
- HH Dobb gained Most Improved at the HSC examinations.
- 38% 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 88.9% achieving this standard, compared with 85.2% in 2009, 89.5% in 2008, 85.0% in 2007 and 86.0% in 2006.
- We achieved a total of 266 Band 6 results compared with 312 in 2009, 274 in 2008, 244 in 2007 and 232 in 2006.
- There were 423 Band 5 results (marks in the range 80-89), compared with 466 in 2009, 504 in 2008, 488 in 2007 and 522 in 2006.
- We obtained 25 Band 6 results in **English** (compared with 33 in 2009, 35 in 2008, 30 in 2007 and 21 in 2006), most notably in Advanced English. In

Standard English our examination mean of 76.59 was well above the state mean of 63.83 and in Advanced English the mean of 85.00 was also above the state mean of 80.57.

- In **Mathematics**, we gained 89 Band 6 results (compared with 86 in 2009, 59 in 2008, 66 in 2007 and 65 in 2006). This is our best total in the last eleven 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 **66% 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 above those of the state. Some of the highest were:

Mathematics Extension 2 90.82, English Extension 1 44.22/50, Business Studies 86.83, Geography 86.24, Modern History 85.56, Mathematics 85.51, English Advanced 85.00, Ancient History 84.89, Mathematics Extension 1 84.76, General Mathematics 84.56, Economics 84.41 and Chemistry 84.24.

- A number of subjects were more than one standard deviation above the state mean: Business Studies, Drama, English Standard, Geography, General Mathematics, Latin Continuers, Latin Extension.
- Our strongest performing large-candidature subjects based on the percentage of Band 6 results included Business Studies (47.2%), Mathematics (40.5%), General Mathematics (36.6%), IPT (35.0%), Geography (28.6%) and Chemistry (28.1%).

ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) Analysis

- 19% of our boys (*35 boys*) were in the top 5% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 95 or more (compared with 30% in 2009 and 22% in 2008).
- 38% of our boys (*71 boys*) were in the top 10% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 90 or more (compared with 49% in 2009 and 42% in 2008).
- 56% of our boys (*106 boys*) were in the top 15% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 85 or more (compared with 62% in 2009 and 60% in 2008).
- 71% of our boys (*134 boys*) were in the top 20% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 80 or more (compared with 72% in 2009 and 68% in 2008).

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

Course	No. of boys in course	Units	2010	
			School %	State %
Ancient History	30	2	86.7	38.3
Biology	33	2	66.7	33.3
Business Studies	91	2	89.0	37.0
Chemistry	32	2	68.7	39.4
Design & Technology	18	2	61.6	34.1
Economics	38	2	89.5	41.1
English (Standard)	92	2	21.7	4.3
English (Advanced)	93	2	90.3	57.9
English Extension 1	13	1	100.0	85.6
Geography	70	2	88.6	38.3
General Mathematics	82	2	81.7	26.1
Information Processes & Technology	20	2	80.0	34.1
Mathematics	74	2	78.3	48.0
Mathematics Extension 1	51	1	98.0	82.6
Mathematics Extension 2	12	1	100.0	90.0
Modern History	54	2	85.2	41.7
History Extension	17	1	82.4	71.0
PDHPE	54	2	68.5	38.4
Physics	46	2	71.7	39.1
Visual Arts	44	2	63.6	50.6
French Continuers	13	2	61.5	59.7

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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