



2011 HSC

PLEASING HSC RESULTS

SECOND STRONGEST OVERALL PERFORMANCE AT THE HSC IN THE PAST 18 YEARS

Shore achieved pleasing results in a broad range of subjects in the 2011 HSC examinations. We had the honour of having sixteen boys from the Class of 2011 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 J W Allworth, A T D Austin, W M C Birt, O J Cameron, J R Fogl, C T K Hunter, T N Kwan, N T Lee, J R Lehman, J A F Mariano, A Mathur, H A Montgomery, M Peng, C W Rees, R Z Williams and A O Wood. **This is the highest number of Premier's Awards the School has received.**

In 2011, we also gained more Band 6 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 35th top school overall in NSW (we ranked 43rd in 2010). Due to the fact that there are significant selective elements in the enrolments of all schools ranked above us in this list, we consider that Shore ranked **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 2011 represents the second strongest in the past 18 years (our strongest was in 2009).

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We congratulate the Class of 2011, 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, encouragement and care.

Outstanding performances:

- Based on average ATARs, 2011 represents our **second strongest performance since 1994 (strongest was in 2009)**.
- Eight boys achieved ATARs over 99 placing them in the top 1% of the state. We extend our congratulations to T N Kwan, H A Montgomery, M Peng, N T Lee, J R Fogl, J W Allworth, A T S Cheng and C T K Hunter. This compares with 6 boys in 2010, 9 boys in 2009, 9 boys in 2008 and 14 boys in 2007.
- 16 boys gained ATARs of 98 or more (top 2% in the state). This compares with 9 boys in 2010, 22 boys in 2009, 16 boys in 2008 and 22 boys in 2007.
- T N Kwan achieved the top ATAR of 99.95 (the highest possible ATAR). He placed **10th in the state in Geography**.
- 2011 represents the 6th time in the past 8 years that a boy has achieved the maximum ATAR.
- J Hawkins had his Major body of Work "*I Think. We Thought*" **selected** for inclusion in ARTEXPRESS 2012 at the Armory, Sydney Olympic Park. G J Francis and N J D Stutchbury received nominations for their respective work '*The Heartbeat At My Feet*' and '*Red Dust - Far Western NSW*'.
- A O Wood's individual performance, '*An Eventful Day*', was **selected** for inclusion in OnStage. N R Dunn, E J Kemp, J R Williams, A D Creer and R S Gillmer had their Drama group performance '*It's a Man's World*' **selected** for inclusion in OnStage. **This was the only group performance in the state chosen for OnStage.**
- N D Greentree had his Music performance nominated for ENCORE and O J Cameron had his music compositions nominated for ENCORE.
- S W Wileman gained Most Improved at the HSC examinations.
- 42% 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 91.5% achieving this standard, compared with 88.9% in 2010, 85.2% in 2009, 89.5% in 2008 and 85.0% in 2007.
- We achieved a total of 315 Band 6 results compared with 266 in 2010, 312 in 2009, 274 in 2008 and 244 in 2007. **This is the largest number of Band 6 results that the School has received.**
- There were 491 Band 5 results (marks in the range 80-89), compared with 423 in 2010, 466 in 2009, 504 in 2008 and 488 in 2007.

- We obtained 46 Band 6 results in **English** (compared with 25 in 2010, 33 in 2009, 35 in 2008 and 30 in 2007), most notably in Advanced English. **For the first time, we gained a Band 6 result in Standard English.** In Standard English our examination mean of 77.87 was well above the state mean of 65.02 and in Advanced English the mean of 88.09 was also above the state mean of 79.93.
- In **Mathematics**, we gained 112 Band 6 results (compared with 89 in 2010, 86 in 2009, 59 in 2008 and 66 in 2007). **This is our best total in the last twelve 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 above those of the state. Some of the highest were:

Mathematics Extension 2 92.08, English Extension 1 44.74/50, Mathematics 88.95, English Advanced 88.09, Drama 87.66, Mathematics Extension 1 86.52, General Mathematics 84.49, Ancient History 84.69, and Modern History 84.64, Economics 84.49 and Geography 83.89.

- A number of subjects were more than one standard deviation above the state mean: General Mathematics (1.13), Drama (1.08), English Standard (1.08), Music 2 (1.06), History Extension (1.04).
- Our strongest performing large-candidature subjects based on the percentage of Band 6 results included Mathematics (56.5%), General Mathematics (41.9%), Mathematics Extension 1 (41.5%), English Advanced (36.9%), Chemistry (35.1%), IPT (33.3%), Business Studies (32.6%) and Economics (29.0%).

ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) Analysis

- 24% of our boys (*45 boys*) were in the top 5% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 95 or more (compared with 19% in 2010 and 30% in 2009).
- 42% of our boys (*78 boys*) were in the top 10% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 90 or more (compared with 38% in 2010 and 49% in 2009).
- 57% of our boys (*108 boys*) were in the top 15% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 85 or more (compared with 56% in 2010 and 62% in 2009).
- 68% of our boys (*134 boys*) were in the top 20% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 80 or more (compared with 71% in 2010 and 72% in 2009).

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

Course	No. of boys in course	Units	2011	
			School %	State %
Ancient History	17	2	76.5	37.4
Biology	44	2	63.6	31.0
Business Studies	89	2	75.3	32.0
Chemistry	37	2	67.6	40.0
Design & Technology	14	2	28.6	38.3
Drama	13	2	92.3	43.4
Economics	31	2	83.9	43.5
English (Standard)	103	2	43.7	8.9
English (Advanced)	84	2	96.4	58.2
English Extension 1	15	1	100.0	84.0
Geography	63	2	81.0	37.7
General Mathematics	105	2	73.3	24.3
Industrial Technology	11	2	100.0	31.4
Information Processes & Technology	12	2	66.7	31.6
Mathematics	62	2	96.8	51.2
Mathematics Extension 1	53	1	98.1	84.5
Mathematics Extension 2	13	1	100.0	91.7
Modern History	64	2	85.9	45.3
PDHPE	46	2	76.1	34.2
Physics	52	2	57.7	36.2
Studies of Religion I	15	1	100.0	48.4
Visual Arts	48	2	62.5	47.9

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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