



## 2015 HSC RESULTS

Shore achieved pleasing results in a broad range of subjects in the 2015 HSC examinations. We had the honour of having eleven boys from the Class of 2015 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 C R Baikie, H S Basil-Jones, J Dong, J W French, J K Z C Gray, N J Healy, Y J Iijima, V A Kancharla, A J W Kenny, C Y F Li and M W Myles.

Based on the measure of excellence reported in the Press (the number of students gaining a Band 6 result in any subject) Shore ranked 34<sup>th</sup> top school overall in NSW (we ranked 27<sup>th</sup> in 2014, 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 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2009, 2007, 2005, 2002 and 1999).

We congratulate the Class of 2015, 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:**

- Eleven boys achieved ATARs over 99 placing them in the top 1% of the state. We extend our congratulations to Y J Iijima, M W Myles, J Dong, K G Y Huang, H S L Horsley, S M Lambert, A J W Kenny, C Y F Li, N J Healy, V A Kancharla and T H Box. This compares with 12 boys in 2014, 13 boys in 2013, 13 boys in 2012 and 8 boys in 2011.
- 21 boys gained ATARs of 98 or more (top 2% in the state). This compares with 28 boys in 2014, 26 boys in 2013, 24 boys in 2012 and 16 boys in 2011.
- Y J Iijima and M W Myles achieved the highest School ATAR of 99.85.
- J Dong placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the state in Continuers Latin.

- K G Y Huang placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state in Chemistry.
- J A I Armstrong, E G Foster and L J Royle had their Visual Arts Major Bodies of Work **nominated** for ARTEXPRESS. J A I Armstrong had his work *Hope and Sea* **selected** for ARTEXPRESS at the Art Gallery of NSW.
- R B Basil-Jones, M G Brooke, M J Clifford and G W Wheatley had their Drama group performance *Storm In A Teacup* **selected** for OnSTAGE at the Seymour Centre.
- M J Clifford, T Z Hicks and B K Joyce had their Drama individual projects **selected** for the Foyer Exhibition at OnSTAGE at the Seymour Centre.
- P C Wood (Music 1, Guitar) and S M Lambert (Music 2, Oboe) had their music performances **nominated** for ENCORE at the Sydney Opera House.
- A J K Paton gained Most Improved at the HSC examinations (76 places in the Order of Academic Merit).
- 45% of Shore candidates received an ATAR of 90.00+ (compared with 48% in 2014, 53% in 2013, 59% in 2012 and 42% in 2011).
- 57% of our Boarders achieved an ATAR of 88.00+ (compared with 60% in 2014, 69% in 2013 and 64% in 2012).
- In addition to our top twelve boys (who scored 99.00+), B R Hawkins, J W Sinclair, A J Robertson, I P H Pockney, T T M Van Loon, J K Z C Gray, N H Andrews, C S J Collis, J L Jackson, J W French, L M Humbel, W R A Hodge, H D H Ball, A B G Mazay, M I Young, H J Azzopardi, Q G Chen, R Stanton, C R Wheatley, L N Hughes, S N Allan, C R Baikie, H J Tuit, A L Clarke, S B Phillips, R L Goldingay, M A Bakker, J C Bamford, L J Royle, H S Basil-Jones, D M C Santone, M A G Oliver, J W Berkman, W A Watson, N H Milton-Hine, M R Taft, R W Forster, L W Robison, A L Pulver, J B Frankland, M J Clifford and R J Pitrans achieved ATARs of 95.00 or more.
- We achieved a total of 332 Band 6 results compared with 382 in 2014, 357 in 2013, 420 in 2012 and 315 in 2011.
- There were 529 Band 5 results (marks in the range 80-89), compared with 520 in 2014, 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 64 Band 6 results in **English** (compared with 70 in 2014, 53 in 2103 and 72 in 2012), most notably in Advanced English. We gained 1 Band 6 result in Standard English. In Standard English our examination mean of 78.20 was well above the state mean of 67.10 and in Advanced English the mean of 89.05 was also above the state mean of 80.43. In the league tables in the Press, **we ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the state in Advanced English.**

- In **Mathematics**, we gained 91 Band 6 results (compared with 101 in 2014, 110 in 2013 and 103 in 2012).
- Merit Listings were achieved by over 50% of our candidates in English (Advanced), English Extension 1, English Extension 2, Industrial Technology, Mathematics, Music 2, Music Extension, French Continuers, 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 **75% 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.
- Six subjects were more than one standard deviation above the state mean: Ancient History (1.15), Design and Technology (1.17), English (Advanced) (1.02), English (Standard) (1.12), Industrial Technology (1.44), Mathematics General 2 (1.06).
- Our strongest performing large-candidature subjects based on the percentage of Band 6 results included English Extension 1 (78.6%), English (Advanced) (54.8%), Mathematics (50.6%), Ancient History (41.7%), Visual Arts (41.7%), Drama (39.1%), Modern History (37.0%), Business Studies (35.9%) Mathematics Extension 1 (29.9%), Economics (28.9%) and Chemistry (25.0%).

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

- 27% of our boys (*53 boys*) were in the top 5% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 95 or more (compared with 29% in 2014, 30% in 2013, 31% in 2012 and 24% in 2011).
- 45% of our boys (*88 boys*) were in the top 10% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 90 or more (compared with 48% in 2014, 53% in 2013, 59% in 2012 and 42% in 2011).
- 63% of our boys (*124 boys*) were in the top 15% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 85 or more (compared with 66% in 2014, 69% in 2013, 75% in 2012 and 57% in 2011).
- 76% of our boys (*148 boys*) were in the top 20% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 80 or more (compared with 77% in 2014, 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	2015	
			School %	State %
Ancient History	12	2	83.3	32.6
Biology	55	2	63.6	28.0
Business Studies	103	2	83.5	35.9
Chemistry	44	2	63.6	41.1
Drama	23	2	91.3	42.4
Economics	45	2	88.9	45.9
English (Standard)	101	2	43.6	8.3
English (Advanced)	93	2	97.8	57.9
English Extension 1	14	1	100.0	94.1
Geography	71	2	87.3	41.3
Mathematics General 2	97	2	78.3	25.6
Mathematics	77	2	93.5	52.3
Mathematics Extension 1	67	1	100.0	84.1
Mathematics Extension 2	14	2	100.0	86.1
Modern History	46	2	71.7	43.7
PDHPE	54	2	70.4	29.6
Physics	41	2	48.8	28.8
Studies of Religion I	11	2	91.0	50.9
Visual Arts	24	2	91.7	53.4

**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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