



2016 HSC results

Sound HSC performance

Shore achieved pleasing results in a broad range of subjects in the 2016 HSC examinations. We had the honour of having 26 boys from the Class of 2016 being listed in the SMH as gaining Premier's Awards, the highest number to date. 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 M Abel, M R Allan, D J D Badgery, H D Baikie, A C Barry, M Chang, M M Dragan, T M Fullerton, T J Harding, T A Holt, K A Liman, E C McLennan, L J Mezrani, W F Mezrani, B R Nielson, M J O'Donnell, J C Panos, J W Peck, J A Rein, N R W Richards, J G E Sargeant, M A Sloan, A J Smith, H J Whiston, N G Wilson and C F Yuncken.

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 34th in 2015, 27th in 2014, 26th in 2013 and 19th in 2012). Shore also ranked **top non-selective boys' school in NSW** (Shore ranked top non-selective boys' school in 1999, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2011-2015).

Based on the statistical measures of median ATAR and the Grand School Average (the average of all scaled marks for all subjects undertaken by our cohort) the Class of 2016 achieved the second best HSC performance ever. Based on the average ATAR, this performance represents the 4th best ever.

We congratulate the Class of 2016, 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 enthusiasm.

Exceptional performances:

- 12 boys achieved ATARs over 99 placing them in the top 1% of the state. We extend our congratulations to K A Liman, J M Abel, B R Nielson, M Chang, M R Allan, N R W Richards, J A Rein, L J Mezrani, W F Mezrani, J P Stinson, J G E Sargeant and S Hayashi. This compares with 11 boys in 2015, 12 boys in 2014, 13 boys in 2013 and 13 boys in 2012.
- 20 boys gained ATARs of 98 or more (top 2% in the state). This compares with 21 boys in 2015, 28 boys in 2014, 26 boys in 2013 and 24 boys in 2012.
- K A Liman achieved the highest School ATAR of 99.95.
- H J Whiston gained Most Improved at the HSC examinations (85 places in the Order of Academic Merit).
- 51% of Shore candidates received an ATAR of 90.00+ (compared with 45% in 2015, 48% in 2014, 53% in 2013 and 59% in 2012)

- 51% of our Boarders achieved an ATAR of 88.00+ (compared with 57% in 2015, 60% in 2014, 69% in 2013 and 64% in 2012).
- In addition to our top twelve boys (who scored 99.00+), H C Zicat, E C McLennan, J C Panos, H G L Yeung, T M Fullerton, A W Keddie, E J Raftesath, L J Hile, C H Joyce, S J Woods, T A Holt, H I Fullerton, C G Bogatez, R J M Tapp, H D Baikie, S C Parker, A J Smith, C F Yuncken, J W Peck, M J O'Donnell, T J Harding, J T Osborne, M R Kalaf, M M Dragan M J R Denniss, D J D Badgery, H R Mactier, N G Wilson, N K T Leung, E A Baldry, M E Duthie, T D A Warden, E T Trippas, H J Whiston, P Xenos, O L Hall, A J Fitch, R J B Allen, R W Fraser, MD Guo, N L Scott, H N Gibson, H R M Quirk, A G Clark, A C Barry, W Gu, A K Neale, R D Francis and D R Latham achieved ATARs of 95.00 or more.
- S Hayashi placed 1st in the state in Music 2 and 1st in the state in Music Extension.
- A C Barry placed 3rd in the state in Senior Science.
- K A Liman placed 4th in the state in French Continuers and 4th in the state in French Extension.
- J C Elliff placed 4th in the state in General Mathematics 2.
- H C Zicat placed 6th in the state in Drama.
- D J Badgery placed 7th in the state in English (Standard).
- J M Abel placed 10th in the state in Engineering Studies.
- D R G Gillespie placed 11th in the state in English (Standard).
- C R Culey had his Industrial Technology major project **nominated** for InTech at the Sydney Showground, Homebush. M G Y Smith had his Industrial Technology major project **selected** for InTech.
- S Hayashi (Music 2, cello) had his music performance **selected** for ENCORE at the Sydney Opera House.
- J F Harvey (Music 1, guitar) had his music performance **nominated** for ENCORE.
- W J York had his director's folio **selected** for the Foyer Exhibition at OnSTAGE at the Seymour Centre.
- M Ohman, D R G Gillespie, N L Scott and T A Holt had their Drama individual performances **nominated** for OnSTAGE at the Seymour Centre.
- D R G Gillespie, A K Neale, R F O'Dea, C F Yuncken and H C Zicat ("Slow News Day") and A C Cerroti, J C Gram, T A Holt, M Ohman and T A B Stublely ("The Book Store") had their Drama group performances **nominated** for OnSTAGE at the Seymour Centre.
- N A Logan, H J Whiston and T E Morrison had their Visual Arts major bodies of work **nominated** for ARTEXPRESS at the Sydney Art Gallery.
- We achieved a total of 403 Band 6 results compared with 332 in 2011, 382 in 2014, 357 in 2013 and 420 in 2012. **This is the second largest number of Band 6 results the School has received.**
- There were 541 Band 5 results (marks in the range 80-89), compared with 529 in 2015, 520 in 2014, 509 in 2013 and 562 in 2012. **This is the second largest number of Band 5 results that the School has received.**
- We obtained 82 Band 6 results in **English** (compared with 64 in 2015, 70 in 2014, 53 in 2013 and 72 in 2012), most notably in Advanced English. We gained an awesome 17 Band 6 results in Standard English. In Advanced English our examination mean of 89.36 was well above the state mean of 80.32 and in Standard English the mean of 81.21 was also above the state mean of 68.70. In the league tables in the Press, **we ranked 6th in the state for our combined English Advanced and Extension results and 4th in the state in English Standard.**

- In **Mathematics**, we gained 99 Band 6 results (compared with 91 in 2015, 101 in 2014, 110 in 2013 and 103 in 2012). In the league tables in the Press, **we ranked 14th in the state in General Mathematics 2, and 30th in the state for our combined calculus based courses.**
- Merit Listings were achieved by 50% or more of our candidates in Ancient History, Drama, English (Advanced), English Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Modern History, History Extension, Music 1, Music 2, Music Extension and French Continuers.
- 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 with 5 or more candidates had candidature means well above those of the state.
- Eight subjects with 5 or more candidates were more than one standard deviation above the state mean: Ancient History (1.28), Biology (1.08), Business Studies (1.02), Drama (1.19), English Standard (1.22), Industrial Technology (1.21), Mathematics General 2 (1.07) and Music 1 (1.1).
- Our strongest performing large-candidature subjects based on the percentage of Band 6 results included French Continuers (85.7%), English Extension 1 (64.3%), Drama (63.6%), English (Advanced) (59.6%), Mathematics Extension 2 (58.3%), Modern History (51.9%), Ancient History (50.0%), Economics (48.0%), Industrial Technology (44.4%), Mathematics (40.5%), Business Studies (36.4%), Mathematics General 2 (33.6%), Biology (33.3%) and Visual Arts (33.3%).

ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) Analysis

- 29% of our boys (*61 boys*) were in the top 5% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 95 or more (compared with 27% in 2015, 29% in 2014, 30% in 2013 and 31% in 2012).
- 51% of our boys (*107 boys*) were in the top 10% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 90 or more (compared with 45% in 2015, 48% in 2014, 53% in 2013 and 59% in 2012).
- 65% of our boys (*135 boys*) were in the top 15% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 85 or more (compared with 63% in 2015, 66% in 2014, 69% in 2013 and 75% in 2012).
- 76% of our boys (*159 boys*) were in the top 20% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 80 or more (compared with 76% in 2015, 77% in 2014, 80% in 2013 and 87% in 2012).

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

Course	No. of boys in course	Units	2016	
			School %	State %
Ancient History	12	2	100.0	30.7
Biology	36	2	91.7	35.1
Business Studies	118	2	83.1	34.3
Chemistry	42	2	76.2	40.9
Design and Technology	10	2	60.0	40.8
Drama	22	2	81.8	42.6
Economics	41	2	97.6	45.2
English (Standard)	111	2	66.7	13.4
English (Advanced)	94	2	98.9	61.9
English Extension 1	14	1	100.0	94.9
French Continuers	14	2	100.0	65.3
French Extension	10	1	100.0	88.8
Geography	88	2	81.8	40.9
Mathematics General 2	110	2	77.3	25.6
Mathematics	79	2	92.4	52.5
Mathematics Extension 1	59	1	98.3	79.4
Mathematics Extension 2	12	2	100.0	85.3
Modern History	52	2	75.0	40.8
PDHPE	59	2	72.9	34.4
Physics	40	2	50.0	29.9
Studies of Religion I	19	2	89.5	49.9
Visual Arts	24	2	95.8	54.4

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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