



# SHORE

## 2017 HSC results

### Solid HSC performance

Shore achieved pleasing results in a broad range of subjects in the 2017 HSC examinations. We had the honour of having 16 boys from the Class of 2017 being listed in the SMH as All Round Achievers. 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 A J Brammall, J E Cope, O D Fielke, T J Hoggett, W J Jefferies, B H Jefferson, A B Ma, N R J McGarry, L W Muir, E C H Noh, R G Richardson, S B Robinson, M D Sinclair, C Wang, J Wang and H H R Waugh.

Based on the measure of excellence reported in the Press (the number of students gaining a Band 6 result in any subject) **Shore ranked 34th top school overall in NSW** (we ranked 26th in 2016, 34th in 2015, 27th in 2014 and 26th in 2013). Shore also ranked **third top non-selective boys' school in NSW** (Shore ranked top non-selective boys' school in 1999, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2009, and 2011-2016).

**Based on the statistical measure of median ATAR the Class of 2017 achieved the fourth best HSC performance ever. It is the first time that the top ten HSC achievers have each gained an ATAR greater than 99.50.**

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We congratulate the Class of 2017, 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:

- 10 boys achieved ATARs over 99 placing them in the top 1% of the state. We extend our congratulations to C Wang, L W Muir, B H Jefferson, T J Hoggett, J Wang, A B Ma, S C S Luk, E C H Noh, N R J McGarry and J E Cope. This compares with 12 boys in 2016, 11 boys in 2015, 12 boys in 2014 and 13 boys in 2013.
- 20 boys gained ATARs of 98 or more (top 2% in the state). This compares with 20 boys in 2016, 21 boys in 2015, 28 boys in 2014 and 26 boys in 2013.
- C Wang and L W Muir achieved the highest School ATAR of 99.95.
- C C Newlinds gained Most Improved at the HSC examinations (61 places in the Order of Academic Merit).
- 49% of Shore candidates received an ATAR of 90.00+ (compared with 51% in 2016, 45% in 2015, 48% in 2014 and 53% in 2013)
- 50% of our Boarders achieved an ATAR of 88.00+ (compared with 51% in 2016, 57% in 2015, 60% in 2014 and 69% in 2013).

- In addition to our top ten boys (who scored 99.00+), R W B Mitchell, E D Townsend-Medlock, B T Muston, N H J Kerr, A J Brammall, H H R Waugh, C A Lee, W J Jefferies, T J K Parish, H M Blair, S B Robinson, M D Sinclair, L Li, B K C Ma, B L Tao, J M Collins, S D J Mazay, A D Priestley, J C Tong, Z E Drysdale, L C Cropper, C E Umbers, T W M Chapman, H K Wong, T S Wiggs, M R Hall, S Lee, J R Newbrun, D J T Lovell, S T W Erby, R G Richardson, C J Little, L M Y Cheung, H U Watson, M A H Collins and J E Muston achieved ATARs of 95.00 or more.
- C Wang placed equal 1st in the state in English (Advanced) and 2nd in the state in Latin Extension.
- S C S Luk placed 1st in the state in Mathematics Extension 2.
- A B Ma placed 5th in the state in Latin Extension.
- L W Muir placed 6th in the state in Latin Continuers and 14th in the state in English (Advanced)
- N R J McGarry placed 15th in the state in English (Advanced).
- J Wang placed 3rd in the state in Mathematics Extension 1.
- T J Hoggett placed 16th in the state in Business Studies.
- J D Ashtari had his costume design **selected** for OnSTAGE at the Seymour Centre.
- A J Beard had his individual performance, *Howard the Rookie*, **selected** for OnSTAGE at the Seymour Centre.
- T R Simeon had his individual performance, *Greek*, **nominated** for OnSTAGE.
- W Y Ng had his music performance **nominated** for ENCORE.
- W B Gerstle and J M Powell had their Industrial Technology major project **nominated** for InTech at the Sydney Showgrounds, Homebush.
- O V Dixon had his Design & Technology major project **selected** for Shape at the Powerhouse Museum.
- S M Adam-Smith and J E Cope had their Design & Technology major project **nominated** for Shape.
- A M Humphris had his Visual Arts major body of work, *Once*, **selected** for ARTEXPRESS.
- A J Brammall had his Visual Arts major body of work, *This ebony bird...*, **nominated** for ARTEXPRESS.
- We achieved a total of 343 Band 6 results compared with 403 in 2016, 332 in 2015, 382 in 2014 and 357 in 2013.
- There were 529 Band 5 results (marks in the range 80-89), compared with 541 in 2016, 529 in 2015, 520 in 2014 and 509 in 2013.
- We obtained 50 Band 6 results in **English** (compared with 82 in 2016, 64 in 2015, 70 in 2014 and 53 in 2013), most notably in Advanced English. In Advanced English our examination mean of 87.70 was well above the state mean of 80.96 and in Standard English the mean of 78.89 was also above the state mean of 69.19. In the league tables in the Press, **we ranked equal 16th in the state for our combined English Advanced and Extension results and we were ranked 2nd non-selective boys' school.**
- In **Mathematics**, we gained 99 Band 6 results (compared with 99 in 2016, 91 in 2015, 101 in 2014 and 110 in 2013). In the league tables in the Press, **we ranked equal 29th in the state in General Mathematics 2, and equal 32nd in the state for our combined calculus based courses.** This latter ranking is not reliable as a number of schools sit their Year 11 Extension 2 candidates for the 2 Unit Mathematics paper. We do not.

- Merit Listings were achieved by 50% or more of our candidates in English Extension 1, Industrial Technology, Mathematics Extension 2, History Extension, Music 1, Music 2, Music Extension, French Continuers, German 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 **80% 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: Business Studies (1.03), Music 1 (1.05), Engineering Studies (1.11) and Industrial Technology (1.56).
- Our strongest performing large-candidature subjects based on the percentage of Band 6 results included Mathematics Extension 2 (91.7%), English Extension 1 (66.7%), Mathematics (49.4%), Business Studies (44.3%), Economics (44.0%), Studies of Religion I (41.7%), Visual Arts (40.0%), English (Advanced) (39.2%), Design & Technology (38.5%), Ancient History (35.3%) and Mathematics Extension 1 (32.8%).

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

- 23% of our boys (*46 boys*) were in the top 5% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 95 or more (compared with 29% in 2016, 27% in 2015, 29% in 2014 and 30% in 2013).
- 49% of our boys (*96 boys*) were in the top 10% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 90 or more (compared with 51% in 2016, 45% in 2015, 48% in 2014 and 53% in 2013).
- 65% of our boys (*128 boys*) were in the top 15% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 85 or more (compared with 65% in 2016, 63% in 2015, 66% in 2014 and 69% in 2013).
- 72% of our boys (*142 boys*) were in the top 20% of the state, gaining an ATAR of 80 or more (compared with 76% in 2016, 76% in 2015, 77% in 2014 and 80% in 2013).

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

Course	No. of boys in course	Units	2017	
			School %	State %
Ancient History	17	2	76.5	36.0
Biology	40	2	82.5	39.3
Business Studies	97	2	84.5	36.1
Chemistry	36	2	75.0	42.7
Design and Technology	13	2	100.0	43.2
Drama	26	2	84.6	42.1
Economics	50	2	92.0	49.0
English (Standard)	93	2	54.8	15.9
English (Advanced)	102	2	95.1	63.4
English Extension 1	15	1	100.0	93.3
Geography	81	2	80.2	41.9
Mathematics General 2	96	2	67.7	25.5
Mathematics	85	2	77.6	53.5
Mathematics Extension 1	67	1	94.0	81.6
Mathematics Extension 2	12	2	100.0	84.0
Modern History	52	2	71.2	38.8
PDHPE	64	2	70.3	30.6
Physics	47	2	63.8	33.8
Senior Science	15	2	40.0	24.1
Studies of Religion I	12	1	100.0	49.9
Visual Arts	15	2	100.0	54.6

### 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.

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