

REPORT ON 2008 HSC RESULTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS LISTED ON THE HONOUR ROLL IN NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

In 2008, 67,931 Year 12 students sat the NSW Higher School Certificate exams. Six hundred and eleven international full fee paying students attending government schools sat for the HSC which represents 0.9% of the total HSC candidature.

Of the 611, **166 International students** (27.1%) appeared on the HSC Honour Roll for scoring over 90 in a subject. This is an increase on last year when 25.8% of international students were listed on the Honour Roll. The Board of Studies reports that 23% of HSC candidates scored above 90 in at least one subject this year.

Six international students achieved “**Top All-Rounder**” status for scoring 90 or above in 10 or more units, the same number of Top All-rounders in 2007. These 6 students are from Vietnam (3 students), China (1 student), Korea (1 student) and Hong Kong (1 student). Two of the students attended Willoughby Girls High School and the other students attended Marsden High School, Carlingford High School, Cabramatta High School and Ashfield Boys High School.

Ten international students were placed in the top 10 students in the state, including **one** top score or **first place** in **Indonesian Background Speakers**. International students also achieved 2 of the top 10 places in Chinese Background Speakers, 2nd place in Vietnamese Continuers, Japanese Beginners, and German Extension, 3rd place in Japanese Background Speakers, 4th place in Korean Background Speakers, 6th place in English as a Second Language and 7th place in English (Standard).

International Students were listed on the Honour Roll for a total of **32 subjects**. They continued to dominate the traditional subjects such as Maths (Extension courses 1 and 2, and 2 unit), languages and science subjects.

One hundred and eight students were listed for **Maths Extension 1** (17.7% of the international students on the Honour Roll), 47 students were listed for **Maths Extension 2** (7.7%), 33 students were listed for **Chinese for Background Speakers** (5.4%), 23 students were listed for **Maths 2 Unit** (3.8%), 18 students for **Chemistry** (2.9%), 16 students for **English as a Second Language** (2.6%), 14 students for **Japanese Beginners** (2.28%), 8 students for **Physics** (1.3%) and 5 Students for **Biology** (0.8%), 5 students for **Music 2 Unit** (0.8%), 3 students for **Economics** (2%) and 3 students for **Visual Arts 2 Unit** (0.5%).

Other subjects listed included Accounting, Business Studies, English Extension 1, Legal Studies, Music Extension 1, Engineering Studies, English Advanced, English Standard, French Beginners, German Continuers, German Extension, Hindi Continuers, Hungarian Continuers, Indonesian Background Speakers, Italian Continuers, Japanese Background Speakers, Japanese Continuers, Japanese Extension and Vietnamese Continuers.

These students attended **56 government schools** including 1 regional high school. In 2007 the Honour Roll students were from 50 schools. Individual schools had significantly more international students listed on the Honour Roll this year with a number of schools having more than 10 students listed whereas last year the highest number of listings for a school was 8 students.

Turrumurra High School has the largest representation of HSC students on the Honour Roll with **16 students** listed, closely followed by **Willoughby Girls High School** with 13 students listed and **Killarney Heights High School** with 10 students listed. **Blakehurst, Concord, Randwick Girls High Schools and Georges River College Oatley Senior Campus** all have 7 students listed, **Canley Vale High School** has 6 students listed, **Carlingford and Castle Hill High Schools** have 5 students listed, **Burwood Girls, Cumberland and Mosman High Schools and Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay Campus** all have 4 students listed. **Beverly Hills Girls, Cherrybrook Technology, St Ives, Strathfield South and Tempe High Schools** all have 3 students listed.

Schools with 2 students listed were **Arthur Phillip, Birrong Girls, Bonnyrigg, Cabramatta, Chatswood, Davidson, Homebush Boys, Kingsgrove, Moorefield Girls, Riverside Girls and Strathfield Girls High Schools** as well as **Ryde Secondary College**.

Other schools with an international student listed on the 2008 Honour Roll included Ashfield Boys High School, Bankstown Girls High School, Canterbury Boys High School, Dulwich High School, East Hills Girls High School, Epping Boys High School, Fairfield High School, James Cook Boys High School, Kingsgrove North High School, Kogarah High School, Macarthur Girls High School, Macquarie Fields High School, Marsden High School, Northern Beaches Secondary College Balgowlah Boys and Freshwater Senior Campuses, Pennant Hills High School, Port Hacking High School, Randwick Boys High School, Rose Bay Secondary College, Sir Joseph Banks High School, St Johns Park High School, St Marys Senior High School, Warners Bay High School, Winmalee High School and Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts.

This is a fantastic result. Congratulations to all staff and students.

