

## **2009 HSC: Report:**

The Class of 2009 have received an exceptional set of results in the HSC. One of the easiest points of comparison in performance is the number of students in the Merit. 236 mentions is an excellent result maintaining upon the strong results of recent years. This is an outstanding result by a group of hard working students who have participated fully in the cultural, sporting, religious and service life of the school.

While league tables are very much the vogue at the moment; perhaps the best comparison can be made to past performance at SAC.

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total students	144	134	145	145	142
Distinguished Achievers	131	165	198	258	236

However, one of the problems with published league tables is that it only focuses on student who achieve above 90. On its own such data is limited and can often give a very limited insight into actual performance of the entire school candidature.

A close reading of **all the results** indicates that the results across the board were strong. This trend has been a pleasing feature of results in recent years. Too often results can be measured by only looking at the top students. There has been a pleasing improvement in the performance of students of all abilities reflecting in stronger means and the continued lack of a “tail” in our results.

The following tables reflects strong results across the top bands which fewer students outside the top 2 bands. In 2009 we had the highest proportion of students in the top 2 bands for both 2 unit (73%) and extension subjects (95%).

### ***Band Results for all 2 unit courses\****

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Band 6	119 (19.2%)	162 (21.2%)	209 (28%)	194 (26.6%)
Band 5	265 (42.9%)	343 (45%)	308 (41%)	337 (46.2%)
Band 4	204 (33%)	217 (28.5%)	193 (26%)	160 (22%)
Band 3	28 (4.55)	34 (4.46%)	31 (4%)	38 (5%)
Band 2	1	6 (0.79%)	8 (1%)	1
Band 1	0			

(2009: Total of 730 individual student results in 2 Unit courses, including 1 unit Studies of Religion)

### ***Band Results for all Extension courses\****

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Band 4	42 (33%)	36 (40%)	49 (47%)	42 (43.3%)
Band 3	66 (51.9%)	49 (54%)	48 (46%)	53 (51.5%)
Band 2	19 (14.9%)	5 (5.5%)	7 (6%)	1
Band 1	0	0	1	1

(2009: Total of 97 individual students in Extension courses)

### ***All-Rounders:***

There were 12 **students** named in the Premiers All-Rounders list. These students scored 90 or better in 10 units. They were: **M. Bainton, R. Barakat, R. Barbera, B. Carrozzi, C. Chan, A. Cubis, and B. Holmes. T. Kingston, R. Makepeace, M. Puglisi, J. Slaven and J. Stephenson.**

### ***Top Achievers:***

This is an area of continued improvement. There were 55 scores of 95 or better. Of particular note were:

### **Mathematics:**

Two Year 11 students from our Accelerant class achieved outstanding results. **Daniel Farinha** scored 100 placing him 6<sup>th</sup> in the state while **James Ross** achieved a mark of 99 and was placed 18<sup>th</sup>

### **Extension History:**

**Matthew Rubic and Frederick (Alex) Jolley** both score 50/50 Matthew was placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the state and Alex 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Drama:**

**Alex Cubis** scored 99 placing him outright second in the state.

### **Standard English:**

**Joseph Gaudioso**, though dent of hard work, achieved a score of 93 and was placed 11<sup>th</sup> in the state.

### **Accounting:**

**Mitchell Bainton** scored 100 in this course and was placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. (studied externally)

### ***ATAR calculations:***

The College does not have access to students ATAR's. However, we will use the scaling information provided by the Universities Admission centre to estimate ATAR scores.

It does seem that we had as many as 10 students achieve a ATAR above 99.

Further details on ATAR performance will be available after more analysis.

### **Creative Arts:**

We have had an unprecedented number of our students selected to displays/ perform in the varying showcases for HSC creative arts courses. This reflects very well on the healthy state of Creative Arts at St. Aloysius and the commitment to holistic education.

**Visual Arts:** 4 students Jayson Fong, Luke Fussell, Michael Marinello and Williams Marshall have had their major artworks selected for **ARTEXPRESS 2010**.

**Music:** Two students Liam Chandler and Timothy Geldens have been nominated to perform in **ENCORE**, a selection of exemplary performances from HSC students.

**Drama:** The following students Alexander Cubis, Adrian Forrest, Charles Newton and Ciaran Tobin have been selected for **OnSTAGE** to present their group performance entitled *To A De (greed)*.

Also Joseph Mackenzie will have his play performed by professional actors in **Writers OnSTAGE**, while Mitchell Bainton's short film will be part of **OnSCREEN**.

This reflects the excellent performance skills of our Drama students in the Class of 2009.

### **Faculty Highlights:**

**Drama:** As well as the nominations for OnStage the academic results this year are outstanding. Two thirds of the candidature achieved a band 6. The mean was 11.7 above the state; the best performance relative to the state since the course was introduced at the college.

**English:** The English results were once again outstanding. The policy of directing boys to the appropriate courses, along with the work ethic of staff and students, has led to this pleasing outcome. The Standard English results were the best ever with 2 students achieving Band 6 and the school mean being 12.6 above the state mean. The Advanced course improved on last year with 43% of students achieving a band 6. Similar results were achieved in both Extension courses.

**Mathematics:** At times the consistently strong results of this faculty, across all courses, can be taken for granted. 36% of courses attempted in Maths achieved in the top band which compares favourably with other schools across the state. The excellent results of our Accelerant class (including 6<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> in state) are proof of the success of this programme.

**History:** The results in Ancient History were the best in recent times with a mean 14.72 above the state. 41% of students achieved a band 6. The Extension History results were also exceptional, with two students in the top 10 of the state and 58% of candidature in the top band.

**Studies of Religion:** There were 90% of 2Unit candidates in Bands 5 and 6 (up from 80% last year) with a mean of 86%. In the 1 Unit course 84% of students were in Bands 5 and 6 (up from 61% last year) the mean for the 1 Unit course was 85. This represents continued strong results from this faculty.

**Economics/ Business Studies:** A strong set of results were again achieved in these subjects. We have had consistently good results in Economics so the improvement in the Business Studies results was particularly welcome.

### ***General Comments:***

One of the most outstanding characteristics of the Class of 2009 has been their ability to assist each other and work together. The effectiveness of study groups, the generous sharing of notes and the willingness to assist those struggling have been readily apparent across the year. Mindful of ethical student behaviour they have approached their studies in a communal manner. This was evidenced in their use of library; their commitment to study in “StuVacs” and the willingness to create and maintain a culture that encouraged all to achieve to their potential.

In many respects this class have already achieved much, without taking into account these strong results.

### ***Analysis by Course:***

#### **Ancient History:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	87.62	41%	41%	18%	0	0	0
NSW	72.90	12%	25%	25%	23%	9%	5%

#### **Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:**

**J. Argent, R. Barakat, R. Barbera, C. Bell, W. Marshall, M. Puglisi, J. Stephenson, D. Wilson, W. Ziazaris.**

#### **Biology:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	79.40	8%	44%	32%	4%	0	0
NSW	73.20	7%	25%	32%	26%	8%	2%

#### **Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:**

M. Hoon, J. McLean.

#### **Business Studies:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	81.67	26%	35%	30%	9%	0	0
NSW	74.08	8%	30%	30%	21%	8%	2%

#### **Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:**

**B. Carrozzi, J. Gaudioso, M. Hoon, S. Kucharski, J. McLean, T. Priddis.**

#### **Chemistry:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	80.44	15%	49%	26%	8%	3%	0
NSW	74.71	11%	28%	32%	19%	6%	4%

**Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:****C. Chan, T. Kingston, R. Makepeace, T. Riisfeldt, J. Slaven, C. Sudarmana.****Drama:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	89.65	67%	33%	0	0	0	0
NSW	78.00	12%	35%	35%	15%	3%	

**Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:****M. Bainton, A. Cubis, J. Fitzgerald, A. Forrest, J. McKenzie, C. Newton, B. Rice, C. Tobin.****Economics:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	85.67	31%	55%	10%	5%	0	0
NSW	75.21	14%	33%	25%	15%	7%	5%

**Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:****J. Argent, R. Barbera, B. Carrozzi, J. Chick, A. Cubis, J. Gaudio, T. Johnston, F. Jolley, H. Power, M. Puglisi, J. Rattue, M. Sindone, J. Stephenson.****English (Advanced):**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	87.38	43%	53%	4%	0	0	0
NSW	79.17	11%	41%	37%	10%	1%	

**Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:****J. Argent, M. Bainton, R. Barakat, R. Barbera, D. Boyd, B. Carrozzi, M. Cerbara, C. Chan, J. Chick, A. Cordi, A. Cubis, D. Facchin, J. Fitzgerald, A. Forrest, P. Francis, J. Hindmarsh, C. Hipkin, B. Holmes, T. Johnston, F. Jolley, H. Keane, T. Kingston, A. Matthews, J. McKenzie, L. O'Hare, T. Owens, L. Paxton, H. Power, T. Riisfeldt, T. Rowland, M. Rubic, K. San Pedro, M. Sindone, J. Slaven, J. Stephenson, S. Stewart, C. Sudarmana, D. Wilson, W. Ziariaris.****English (Standard):**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	77.50	4%	35%	59%	2%	0	0
NSW	64.91	0.2%	5%	30%	41%	15%	7%

**Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:****L. Fussell, J. Gaudio.**

### English Extension 1:

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	44.08	46%	54%	0	0
NSW	39.47	23%	62%	15%	1%

#### Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:

**J. Argent, M. Bainton, R. Barakat, A. Cubis, T. Johnston, M. Rubic.**

### English Extension 2:

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	42.15	50%	50%	0	0
NSW	39.13	28%	51%	18%	2%

#### Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:

**M. Bainton.**

### Geography:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	80.74	6%	53%	35%	6%	0	0
NSW	74.58	11%	28%	28%	22%	8%	3%

#### Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

**J. McLean**

### Legal Studies:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	77.48	8%	38%	31%	23%	0	0
NSW	74.20	12%	31%	25%	19%	8%	5%

#### Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

**A. Roberts**

### General Mathematics:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	82.15	26%	40%	26%	95	0	0
NSW	69.80	6%	19%	29%	27%	12%	7%

#### Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

**C. Bell, L. Fussell, J. Godley, T. Kirkby, B. Klarich, J. McLean, C. Newton, K. Simek, L. Thomas.**

### Mathematics:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	84.41	38%	34%	23%	6%	0	0
NSW	74.97	16%	27%	28%	18%	5%	5%

#### Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

**D. Boyd, N. Chowdry, M. Dennett, J. Diaz, D. Farinha, R. Gavan, M. Hoon, A. Huang, T. Johnston, J. Juwana, A. Klaric, K. Lam, R. Lyons, N. Masters, S. Munoz, S. Murray, L. Paxton, B. Pfister, H. Power, J. Rattue, E. Rosandi Ho, J. Ross, L. Ryan, K. San Pedro, M. Sindone, J. Slaven, T. White, P. Yee Joy, M. Young, N. Young.**

### **Mathematics Extension 1:**

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	86.87	47%	53%	0	0
NSW	80.07	34%	47%	15%	3%

#### **Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:**

**J. Argent, M. Bedson, D. Boyd, C. Chan, D. Facchin, R. Gavan, W. Hart, T. Johnston, T. Kingston, K. Kishore, R. Lyons, R. Makepeace, L. O'Hare, H. Power, T. Riisfeldt, S. Ronzani, J. Stephenson, C. Sudarmana.**

### **Mathematics Extension 2:**

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	84.08	25%	75%	0	0
NSW	83.06	40%	49%	9%	2%

#### **Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:**

**M. Bedson, K. Kishore, R. Makepeace.**

### **Modern History:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	82.38	14%	58%	27%	2%	0	0
NSW	76.16	9%	32%	37%	15%	5%	1%

#### **Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:**

**R. Barbera, A. Cubis, J. Hindmarsh, B. Holmes, F. Jolley, T. Kingston, M. Puglisi, M. Rubic, K. San Pedro.**

### **History Extension:**

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	44.14	58%	42%	0	0
NSW	38.12	23%	50%	21%	5%

#### **Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:**

**R. Barakat, D. Boyd, A. Cubis, T. Dent, B. Holmes, F. Jolley, A. Matthews, S. McAlary, A. Roberts, M. Rubic, S. Stewart.**

### **Music 1:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	87.36	44%	56%	0	0	0	0

NSW	79.94	15%	43%	29%	11%	2%	
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**Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:**  
**L. Chandler, T. Geldens, M. Hoon, J. Rattue.**

### **Music 2:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	88.35	75%	25%	0	0	0	0
NSW	84.76	28%	53%	16%	2%		

**Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:**  
**J. Chick, B. Holmes, L. Paxton.**

### **Music Extension:**

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	45.53	67%	335	0	0
NSW	43.23	52%	43%	5%	

**Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:**  
**J. Chick, B. Holmes.**

### **Personal Development, Health & Physical Education:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	83.30	36%	27%	32%	5%	0	0
NSW	72.43	9%	23%	29%	27%	9%	3%

**Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:**  
**R. Barakat, F. Buddee, A. Forrest, T. Kingston, C. Newton, T. Owens, T. Rowland, J. Slaven.**

### **Physics:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	81.81	10%	58%	23%	10%	0	0
NSW	74.66	11%	30%	27%	20%	9%	3%

**Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:**  
**C. Chan, R. Makepeace, T. Riisfeldt, J. Slaven.**

### **Senior Science:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	79.93	0	33%	67%	0	0	0
NSW	74.34	8%	29%	31%	25%	5%	2%



### **Studies of Religion 1:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	42.38	29%	55%	16%	0	0	0
NSW	38.58	11%	37%	34%	14%	3%	1%

#### **Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:**

**F. Buddee, A. Cordi, D. Facchin, T. Johnston, S. Kartun, H. Keane, T. Riisfeldt, K. san Pedro, J. Slaven.**

### **Studies of Religion 2:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	86.26	36%	55%	8%	2%	0	0
NSW	78.43	14%	39%	30%	12%	4%	1%

#### **Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:**

**M. Bainton, R. Barakat, R. Barbera, J. Battaglia, B. Carrozzi, C. Chan, J. Chick, N. Chowdry, P. Francis, J. Hindmarsh, B. Holmes, F. Jolley, T. Kingston, R. Makepeace, L. O'Hare, M. Puglisi, J. Rafferty, M. Sindone, J. Stephenson.**

### **Visual Arts:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	87.86	45%	55%	0	0	0	0
NSW	79.67	12%	42%	36%	8%	1%	

#### **Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:**

**J. Fong, L. Fussell, R. Gavan, B. Greaves, W. Marshall, C. Newton, T. Priddis, N. Spurway, H. Tuckwell.**

### **French Continuers:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	75.07	5%	27%	45%	23%	0	0
NSW	80.25	26%	30%	29%	12%	2%	1%

#### **Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:**

**B. Carrozzi.**

### **French Extension:**

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	38.50	0	67%	33%	0
NSW	43.10	51%	42%	7%	1%

### **Japanese Continuers:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
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SAC	84.20	0	67%	33%	0	0	0
NSW	78.90	22%	33%	21%	16%	6%	1%

### **Japanese Extension:**

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	41.50	0	100%	0	0
NSW	39.26	26%	53%	195	1%

### **Latin Continuers:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	75.56	0	60%	0	40%	0	0
NSW	89.54	65%	24%	9%	2%	0	0

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