

A Report on the 2008 Higher School Certificate Result:

The Class of 2008 has received an exceptional set of results in the 2008 HSC. One of the easiest points of comparison in performance is the number of students in the Merit List. To be eligible for that List a student must score 90 or more in a Two-Unit Course or 45 or more in a One Unit Course. While this is a limited comparison, as it only looks at the top performing students, it is the one used by the media.



Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total students	126	119	124	109	144	134	145	145
Distinguished Achievers	82	117	134	83	131	165	198	258

The College received 258 credits which is an excellent result, improving upon the strong results of recent years. This is an outstanding result by a group of hard working students who has participated fully in the cultural, sporting, religious and service life of the College.

Another pleasing aspect was the performance of the cohort as a whole. The number of students in Band 6 and E4 has nearly doubled since 2006, while the number of students in the lower bands has continued to decrease.

Thus the results across the board are strong. This trend has been a pleasing feature of results in recent years. This trend of ongoing improvement is due to a number of factors:

- The culture of valuing academic achievement for all students;
- The practice of students doing draft responses and gaining quality feedback from staff;
- The hard work and professionalism of staff;
- The more accurate targeting of courses and levels of subjects for individual students.

Band Results for all 2 unit courses*

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Band 6	91 (13%)	119 (19.2%)	162 (21.2%)	209 (28%)
Band 5	318 (45%)	265 (42.9%)	343 (45%)	308 (41%)
Band 4	220 (31%)	204 (33%)	217 (28.5%)	193 (26%)
Band 3	70 (10%)	28 (4.55)	34 (4.46%)	31 (4%)
Band 2	7 (1%)	1	6 (0.79%)	8 (1%)
Band 1	2 (<1%)	0	0	0

- **2008:** (Total of 749 individual student results in 2 Unit courses, including 1 unit Studies of Religion)

Band Results for all Extension courses*

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Band 4	40 (25%)	42 (33%)	36 (40%)	49 (47%)
Band 3	92 (56%)	66 (51.9%)	49 (54%)	48 (46%)
Band 2	29 (18%)	19 (14.9%)	5 (5.5%)	7 (6%)
Band 1	2 (1%)	0	0	1



- **2008:** (Total of 105 individual students in Extension courses)

All-Rounders:

There were **fourteen students** named in the *Premier's All-Rounders List*. These students scored 90 or better in ten units. The College congratulates the following boys: Benedict Armitage, Henry Cornwell, Steven D'Souza, Michael Favaloro, James Flint, Tom Hall, Robin Jordan, Sebastian Lush, Adam Pasfield, Alexander Patten, Gianluca Salmi, Tom Smith, Edward Talas and Daniel Vickovich

Top Achievers:

Two Units Studies of Religion: Oscar Doughty 9th in the State.

One Unit Studies of Religion: Angus Dawson 12th and Edward Talas 17th in the State.

UAI calculations:

The College does not have access to the students UAIs; however, the scaling information provided by the Universities Admission Centre has been used to estimate UAI scores. It does seem that we had eleven students who have achieved a UAI above 99. About seventy students have scored a UAI of 90 or more. This is approximately 50% of the Year 12 candidature. Further details on UAI performances will be available after further analysis.

Faculty Highlights:

English: The continuing success of the English Department has been one of the key factors in the improved performance of our students. Student success in this subject has shattered the myth that boys are 'no good at English'. One of the most pleasing aspects has been the work ethic that has been brought to the study of English; the students now expect to be worked hard and to submit numerous drafts for correction. Of course this has meant an increased marking load for our teachers. They have shouldered this burden and their commitment to the students is exemplary.

Studies of Religion: To have three students in Top Achievers List is testimony to the strength of this faculty at the College. In both the 1 and 2 Unit Courses students have achieved very pleasing results over a number of years.



Modern History: This subject, along with Visual Arts, has improved significantly in 2008. To have 44% of the candidature achieve a Band 6 is simply outstanding. The History Department has had exceptionally strong results in the School Certificate for a number of years. It is hoped that the Class of 2008 has set a new benchmark for achievement in HSC History. This is testimony to the strength of History at the College.

Visual Arts: In recent years there has been a steady improvement in the Visual Arts Department. Seventy-five percent of the candidature achieved a Band 6 and five students had their major works included in *Art Express*.

Mathematics: This year included the first group of Accelerant Students to complete their HSC. Our analysis indicates that there have been several benefits. For many students this has allowed them to achieve high results in mathematics, while maintaining strong results in their other subjects. Most of the students who achieved a UAI over 99 were part of the Accelerant Programme. For other students mathematics remains one of the strong performers at all levels. The Mathematics Department works hard to prepare students and to ensure that they present for the most appropriate level at the HSC.

Personal Development, Health & Physical Education: The continuing success of students undertaking this subject has been stunning. In 2008 62% of our candidature achieved a Band 6 result. Over recent years the teachers have established an admirable culture of hard work and high expectation.

General Comments:

The Class of 2008 has achieved the best results since the inception of the new HSC in 2001. They have set a high benchmark for future years. One hundred and two of the 145 students have achieved a Band 6 in a wide range of courses. The students have done this while being a Year Group marked by their school spirit and active participation in a wide range of College activities.

They have participated fully in the life of the College and have been most supportive of each other, as well as of the rest of the student body. This group has attended CAS fixture in droves supporting their mates and the College. Yet they have not let this generous involvement detract from their commitment to their academic goals.

I do believe that the Class of 2008 should be proud of their achievements. They have grown in competence, conscience and compassion during their time at the College. It is the quality of the man who leaves this College that we are most proud of. These fine academic results are just one part of the picture.



Analysis by Course:

Ancient History:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	81.21	16.66%	33.33%	50%	0	0	0
NSW	72.49	11.27%	26.05%	24.27%	19.34%	13.32%	5.21%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

William Argent, Nicholas Bentley, Benjamin Churchill and David Munday

Biology:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	80.64	12.5%	40.62%	40.62%	6.25%	0	0
NSW	73.22	7.49%	24.03%	33.49%	24.05%	8.295	2.24%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

Benedict Armitage, Nicholas Cooper, Gianluca Salmi and Benjamin Shorter

Business Studies:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	81.87	12.9%	41.93%	45.16%	0	0	0
NSW	72.21	6.13%	25.59%	28.99%	25.03%	10.57%	3.26%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

Alexander Jullienne, David Pirozzi, Benjamin Sweeney and Maurice van Stolk

Chemistry:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	82.09	27.77%	30.55%	38.885	2.77%	0	0
NSW	74.72	12.79%	25.5%	31.75%	18.59%	8.37%	2.59%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

Nicholas Cooper, Michael Favaloro, James Flint, Sebastian Lush, Daniel Lynch, Adam Pasfield, Alexander Patten, Gianluca Salmi, Samuel Stevens and Edward Talas

Drama:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	83.04	22.72%	40.9%	36.36%	0	0	0
NSW	78.27	11.12%	37.3%	35.27%	14.04%	2.09%	0.1%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

Michael Curtin, Liam Gibson, Christopher Morrow, Jack Oakley and Daniel Vickovich



Economics:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	84.03	30.55%	41.66%	13.88%	11.11%	2.77%	0
NSW	75.45	16.32%	30.9%	24.44%	15.31%	7.52%	5.06%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

Angus Dawson, Tom Hall, Alexander Jullienne, Mason Lee, Adam Pasfield, Alexander Patten, David Pirozzi, Peter Robinson, Tom Smith, Benjamin Sweeney and James Yee Joy

English (Advanced):

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	87.72	39.32%	53.93%	6.74%	0	0	0
NSW	79.03	10.83%	38.56%	39.76%	9.82%	0.81%	0.12%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

Benedict Armitage, Mitchell Axam, Benedict Carter, Henry Cornwell, Steven D'Souza, Angus Dawson, Oscar Doughty, Michael Favalaro, James Flint, Liam Gibson, Allister Haire, Justin Hall, Tom Hall, Thomas Harris, Toby Jones, Robin Jordan, Sebastian Lush, Alexander McLean, Christopher Morrow, Samuel Nolan, Jack Oakley, Daniel Park, Adam Pasfield, Alexander Patten, David Pirozzi, Joaquin Reyes, Gianluca Salmi, Benjamin Shorter, Thomas Smith, Samuel Stevens, Edward Talas, Thomas Trevaskis, Maurice van Stolk, Daniel Vickovich and Stephen Williams.

English (Standard):

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	76.29	0	35.08	54.38	7.01	3.5	0
NSW	65.55	0.23%	5.72%	31.94%	41.14%	14.76%	5.74%

English Extension 1:

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	44.03	56.25%	43.75%	0	0
NSW	39.77	25.75%	58.165	15.28&	0.7%

Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:

Henry Cornwell, James Flint, Tom Hall, Robin Jordan, Christopher Morrow, Jack Oakley, Thomas Smith, Edward Talas and Thomas Trevaskis,

English Extension 2:

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	48.63	100%	0	0	0
NSW	39.78	30.39%	51.58%	16.57%	1.3%

Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:

Henry Cornwell, James Flint, Thomas Smith and Edward Talas.



Geography:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	86.23	25%	62.5%	12.5%	0	0	0
NSW	76.35	14.97%	32.91%	26%	16.78%	6.16%	2.8%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

Tom Hall and Mason Lee

Legal Studies:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	82.95	25%	37.5%	37.5%	0	0	0
NSW	75.43	10.09%	31.8%	30.01%	19.05%	6.68%	1.71%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

Jake Dimarco and Tobias Douglas

General Mathematics:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	82.57	20.4%	48.97%	28.57%	2.04%	0	0
NSW	70.13	4.81%	20.86%	03.27%	26.26%	11.02%	6.09%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

Benedict Armitage, Benedict Carter, Henry Cornwell, Michael Curtin, Oscar Doughty, Liam Gibson, Thomas Gregg, Stephen Kelly, Benjamin Shorter and Jacob Tapp

Mathematics:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	83.03	31.7%	34.14%	23.17%	8.53%	2.43%	0
NSW	75.69	16.77%	28.04%	27.12%	15.69%	8.84%	3.16%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

William Argent, Peter Bardos, Mark Bedson (Year 11), Christopher Chan (Year 11), Alexander Cubis (Year 11), Angus Dawson, Edward Farrelly, William Hart (Year 11), Alexander Jullienne, Thomas Kingston (Year 11), Kieran Kishore (Year 11), Mason Lee, Robert Makepeace (Year 11), Erik Martin, Samuel Nolan, Liam O'Hare (Year 11), Adam Pasfield, Alexander Patten, Thomas Riisfeldt (Year 11), Matthew Rubic (Year 11), James Stephenson (Year 11), Christopher Sudarmana (Year 11), William Sunderland, Benjamin Sweeney, Joshua Taylor-Perkins and James Yee Joy



Mathematics Extension 1:

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	82.27	44.68%	44.68%	8.51%	2.12%
NSW	79.59	33.325	48.29%	14.18%	3.93%

Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:

John Carroll, Joseph Craft, Steven D'Souza, Michael Favaloro, James Flint, Allister Haire, Jonathan Hartigan, Robin Jordan, Mason Lee, Sebastian Lush, Daniel Lynch, Daniel Park, Adam Pasfield, Thomas Porcaro, Joaquin Reyes, Rory San Miguel, Thomas Smith, Edward Talas, Stephen Williams, Andrew Yap and Matthew Youssef.

Mathematics Extension 2:

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	86.51	40%	60%	0	0
NSW	83.16	37.05%	53.34%	7.88%	1.61%

Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:

Michael Favaloro, James Flint, Allister Haire, Jonathan Hartigan, Robin Jordan and Sebastian Lush.

Modern History:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	86.17	44.44%	41.26%	12.69%	0	1.58%	0
NSW	75.77	9.61%	31.995	35.41%	15%	4.93%	2.53%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

Benedict Armitage, Mitchell Axam, Harrison Cavanagh, Steven D'Souza, Oscar Doughty, Daniel Favaloro, Michael Favaloro, Liam Gibson, Tom Hall, Toby Jones, Sebastian Lush, Edward Mackenzie, Bartholomew Masson, Christopher Morrow, Patrick Noonan, Eamon O'Loughlin, Jack Oakley, Joaquin Reyes, Peter Robinson, Thomas Smith, Edward Talas, Joshua Taylor-Perkins, Jack Tumminello, Maurice van Stolk, Daniel Vickovich, Stephen Williams, Dennis Woerde, James Yee Joy.

History Extension:

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	39.54	30.76%	46.15%	23.07%	0
NSW	37.65	19.96%	53.23%	22.18%	4.43%

Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:

Liam Gibson, Toby Jones, Jack Oakley and Edward Talas.



Music - 1 Unit:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	84.20	20%	66.66%	13.33%	0	0	0
NSW	79.15	14.76%	39.18%	31.16%	11.91%	1.975	0.65%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

Henry Cornwell, Malcolm Gander and Oscar Walmsley.

Music - 2 Units:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	88.67	33.33%	66.66%	0	0	0	0
NSW	84.85	30.34%	48.265	18.58%	2.8%	0	0

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

Allister Haire and Sebastian Lush.

Music Extension:

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	42.95	50%	50%	0	0
NSW	43.05	51.8%	41.62%	6.1%	0.22%

Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:

Michael Curtin, Allister Haire and Sebastian Lush.

Personal Development, Health & Physical Education:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	87.95	61.53%	30.76%	7.695	0	0	0
NSW	72.64	8.225	245	31.4%	22.04%	10.37%	3.52%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

Angus Buncle, John Carroll, Carlo Colosi, Joseph Craft, James Edwards, Thomas Harris, Stephen Kelly, Adam Pasfield, Stefan Prendegast, Benjamin Shorter, Matthew Smith, Samuel Stevens, Benjamin Sweeney, Joshua Taylor-Perkins, Simon Vranas and Stephen Williams.

Physics:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	78.80	5.88%	50%	29.41%	14.7%	0	0
NSW	73.10	7.9%	24.88%	32.98%	22.94%	7.09%	3.48%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

Steven D'Souza and Joaquin Reyes.



Senior Science:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	90.13	8.33%	50%	33.33%	8.335	0	0
NSW	75.19	9.65%	29.21%	31.94%	22.13%	4.61%	1.88%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

Thomas Gregg

Software Design & Development:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	73.74	0	28.57%	28.57%	42.85%	0	0
NSW	75.30	10.05%	29.55%	29.94%	21.88%	7.05%	0.66%

Studies of Religion - 1 Unit:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	40.53	26.31%	34.215	31.57%	2.63%	5.26%	0
NSW	37.78	10.44%	33.14%	33.7%	16.73%	4.28%	1.43%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

Angus Buncle, Benjamin Churchill, Steven D'Souza, Angus Dawson, Alexander Jullienne, Jack Oakley, Stefan Prendegast, Peter Robinson, Edward Talas and Thomas Trevaskis.

Studies of Religion - 2 Unit:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	82.34	39.47%	39.47%	18.42%	2.63%	0	0
NSW	76.78	11.41%	37.25%	31.24%	13.88%	4.79%	1.09%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

William Abraham, Mitchell. Axam, Michael Brennan, Henry Cornwell, Joseph Craft, Oscar Doughty, Tom Hall, Daniel Lynch, Christopher Morrow, David. Munday, Alexander Patten, David Pirozzi, Jack Tumminello, Daniel Vickovich and Dennis Woerde.

Visual Arts:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	89.80	75%	18.75%	6.25%	0	0	0
NSW	80.72	14.45%	46.58%	30.49%	7.25%	0.85%	0.13%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

William Argent, Harrison Cavanagh, Steven D'Souza, James Daly, Thomas Gregg, Gregory Hatten, Max Meagher, Matthew Nicholson, Andrew Smith, Jason Vergara, Daniel Vickovich and Oscar Walmsley.



French Continuers:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	82.31	21.42%	50%	21.42%	7.14%	0	0
NSW	81.51	30.9%	29.96%	27.76%	9.28%	1.76%	0.82%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

Benedict Armitage, Robin Jordan and Gianluca Salmi

French Extension:

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	45.85	100%	0	0	0
NSW	42.20	50.94%	41.03%	7.54%	0.47%

Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:

Robin Jordan and Gianluca Salmi

Japanese Continuers:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	87.07	66.66%	0	33.33%	0	0	0
NSW	78.76	21.18%	33.47%	23.44%	15.39%	5.22%	1.27%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

Daniel Park and Thomas Porcaro

Japanese Extension:

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	40.25	0	100%	0	0
NSW	37.40	17.22%	56.55%	22.09%	4.11%

Latin Continuers:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	83.80	50%	0	505	0	0	0
NSW	89.74	66.35%	24.42%	8.295	0.92%	0	0

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

James Flint

Neville Williams

Director of Curriculum

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