



## 2014

# HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE RESULTS FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Once again, the Trinity community can be delighted with the excellent results earned in the HSC examinations by our outgoing Year 12 students. No doubt many boys will be celebrating with their families as they reap the reward for countless hours of hard work, not just in Year 12, but throughout their years at Trinity.

Those students who undertook the International Baccalaureate Diploma will need to wait until early January for the release of their results. Once both sets of results are in, the School's statistician will provide us with a comprehensive picture of the entire class of 2014. Thus it will be about the end of January before we can provide a complete and detailed picture for our community.

The following are first impressions of the HSC results alone.

Congratulations to the outstanding achievement of our four boys on the All-round Achievers' List:

- → Daniel Balzer (Yo)
- → David Ibrahim (La)
- → William Qu (Du)
- → James Vallis (Sc)

To qualify for the All-rounders' List, a student must achieve the top band in a minimum of ten units.

Three boys were also awarded Top Achievers in a course:

- → Jack Collins (Ho) 5th in Legal Studies
- → David Ibrahim (La) Equal 8th in Chemistry
- → Kevin Wang (St) Equal 12th in Mathematics General 2
- → James Vallis (Sc) 1st in Modern Greek Extension

In addition, 79 boys have been recognised as Distinguished Achievers, which is a wonderful reflection of the broad ranging performances of our high achievers.

We extend our congratulations to all these young men.

Looking at the broader picture, we find the results are also very strong. For two unit subjects, 59% of our boys' results were in the top two performance bands with 101 Band 6 results, and for Extension subjects, an impressive 89% were in the top two bands (35 top band results). Overall, of the 39 subjects offered at Trinity in 2014, 32 (80%) achieved a mean mark above the State mean.

Of the subjects with larger candidatures, the following warrant special mention:

- > Design and Technology 13.69 marks above the State mean
- > General Mathematics 12.23
- > Industrial technology 11.91
- > Modern History 9.52
- > Business Studies 9.18
- > Music 1 9.04
- > Legal Studies 8.72
- > Ancient History 7.76

### SPECIFIC SUBJECT AREAS

#### **ENGLISH**

English is so important to all the boys, because two units of English must be included in the calculation of their ATAR. At Trinity, almost all the boys (96%) took the demanding Advanced English course, as we know that doing so will assist their ATAR. In contrast, across the state only 46% of candidates took this course. Therefore, our overall results within 0.5 of the state mean reflects positively on the boys and their efforts.

#### MATHEMATICS

Once again, our Mathematics results were very strong. The 75 candidates who undertook the 2 unit Mathematics course exceeded the State mean by 3.70 marks, while the 64 who did the General Mathematics course exceeded that mean by 12.23.

#### **SCIENCES**

Sciences are very popular at Trinity, and the results earned by the boys were excellent. The chemists exceeded the State mean by 4.38 marks, the biologists by 3.02, the physicists by 0.94 and the boys in Senior Science by a very creditable 6.82.

#### SOCIAL SCIENCES

Once again, the roundness of the Trinity programme was in evidence in the results earned by students in the Social Science subjects. In Histories, the modern historians exceeded the State mean by 9.52 marks while their ancient counterparts were similar with a 7.76 positive differential. In Business Studies, Trinity boys exceeded the State average by 9.18, 8.72 in Legal Studies, 2.32 in Economics, 4.57 in Geography and 5.73 in PDHPE.

#### **CREATIVE ARTS**

In Visual Arts, Trinity boys exceeded the State mean by 5.34 marks, Music 1 by 9.04, Music 2 by 0.84, Entertainment by 2.82 and by 0.04 in Drama.

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

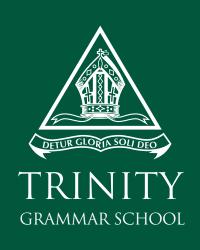
Once again, our technology students exceeded State means by good margins – 13.69 marks in Design and Technology, 11.91 in Industrial Technology, 7.25 in Construction, 5.63 in Software Design and Development, 4.33 in Hospitality and 2.34 in Engineering Studies.

#### LANGUAGES

Candidatures in Languages tend to be small, and it is more meaningful to compare students' performance in the achievement Bands than to look at mean comparisons. In Chinese, our 4 candidates achieved a Band 5. In Classical Greek, one student achieved a Band 6 and the other a Band 5, and in Classical Greek Extension again one student a Band E4 and the other a Band E3. In Latin, our three candidates achieved a Band 6, and our two candidates a Band E3 in Latin Extension.

The HSC Class of 2014 can be well pleased with this impressive set of results. Well done to the boys for their hard work and focus, the staff who guided them, and the boys' families for their support.

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