

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES



HSC EXAMINATION RESULTS FOR 2013 – FIRST IMPRESSIONS

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A couple of days off after the end of term never afford a great deal of relaxation for a Director of Studies; the day of the HSC results looms ever larger, with the trepidation it brings no less for staff than for the candidates themselves. Year after year, however, trepidation has proven unfounded, and this year was no exception. The young men of the HSC Class of 2013 can stand proud that their hard work and preparation have paid off with a very solid set of results.

Those students who undertook the International Baccalaureate Diploma will need to await Saturday, 4 January for the release of their results.

Once both sets of results are in, our excellent statistician will go to work, and provide us with a comprehensive picture of the entire class of 2013 (HSC and IB). It will thus be around 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.

First, hearty congratulations to our seven All-Rounders,

Mark Azer (Ke)
William Goh (Ar)
Daniel Ibrahim (La)
David Magro (St)
Anthony Makragelidis (Hi)
Daniel Nour (He)
Dimitry Palmer (Mu)

To be named an All-Rounder, a student must achieve in the highest Band (Band 6 for 2-unit subjects, and Band E4 for Extension subjects) for at least ten units. These boys' achievement is thus a very great one.

Most people are not aware that schools do not receive the university entry scores which follow the HSC results the following day. I am thus unable to confirm figures, but fairly reliable estimations suggest that about five of our HSC candidates will achieve an ATAR of 99 or higher, again, a signal achievement.

Looking at the broader picture, the results are very solid. For two unit subjects, 49% of our boys' results were in the top two performance bands, and for Extension subjects, a whopping 87% were in the top two bands. Twenty-seven (70%) of the forty subjects offered at Trinity in 2013 achieved results above the State mean. Most pleasing among these were:

- > Information Processes and Technology 11.14 above State mean
- > Design & Technology 10.34
- > Biology 7.86
- > Software Design & Development 7.38
- > Business Studies 6.56
- > Ancient History 6.5
- > Chemistry 6.47
- > General Mathematics 6.05.

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 (87%) took the demanding Advanced English course, because we know that doing so will assist their ATAR. Statewide, only 46% of candidates took this course. Even including the many boys who, in another school, would be doing the Standard English course, our candidates earned a mean mark only very slightly below the state mean (1.18 marks). Well done, teachers and boys!

MATHEMATICS

Once again, our Mathematics results were very strong. The 76 candidates who undertook the 2 unit Mathematics course beat the State mean by 5.79, while the 57 who did the General Mathematics course beat that mean by 6.05.



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SCIENCES

Sciences are very popular at Trinity, and the results earned by the boys were excellent. The chemists exceeded the State mean by 6.47, the biologists by 7.86, and the physicists by 3.25. Our three Senior Science students complemented these successes by exceeding the State by 5.73.

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 4.27 marks while their ancient counterparts earned a 6.50 positive differential. In Business Studies, Trinity boys exceeded the State average by 6.56. Economics by 3.89, and Legal Studies by 2.84.

CREATIVE ARTS

In Drama, Trinity boys beat the State mean by 2.38; in Visual Arts by 4.33; in Music 2 by 3.07, and Music Extension by 1.90. Remarkably, in Music Extension, all five candidates were in the top band, Band E4!

TECHNOLOGY SUBJECTS

Once again, our computing students exceeded State means by good margins – 11.14 in Information Processes, and 7.38 in Software Design. In Design and Technology, the difference was 10.34 and in Industrial Technology 3.06.

The HSC Class of 2013 should now be able to rest easy on a job well done. Many families will be pleased with what their sons have achieved, and will look forward to the many opportunities which will open up during the coming weeks, rewards for hard work and sound achievement. Well done, gentlemen!