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1 Important Dates

11 October	HSC Advice Line opens on 13 11 12.
16 October	Higher School Certificate written examinations begin.
6 November	HSC Advice Line closes at 10 pm.
10–14 November	School Certificate tests.
13 November	Higher School Certificate written examinations finish.
11 December	School Certificate award documents arrive in schools.
16 December	First-in-course awards ceremony.
17 December	HSC results available to students by internet/SMS message/telephone. Media conference releasing HSC results. HSC Merit list published on Board website after midday. HSC Examination Inquiry Centre opens on 13 11 12.
18 December	Universities Admissions Centre releases UAI rankings online for students (for information, see www.uac.edu.au). Newspapers print embargoed HSC Merit lists.
19 December	HSC Student Results Summary delivered by mail. Students receive written advice of UAI rankings.
20 December	DesignTECH – a selection of outstanding HSC major works from 2008 Design and Technology students – launched at Powerhouse Museum, Sydney.
13 January	Formal HSC student credentials delivered by mail.

2 2008 HSC Facts at a Glance

The Big Picture

- This year there are **67 931** HSC students, the largest group ever to complete Year 12 in NSW.
- Most students will sit six exam papers each in about 750 exam centres including schools in Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore. There are 110 different examinations for courses ranging from English to Latin, Physics to Drama, and Software Design and Development to Primary Industries.
- Students will read from 13 million printed pages of questions and submit answers in 1.75 million writing booklets.
- A team of more than 30 people took nearly six weeks to pack all written examination papers for each exam centre, creating more than 50 000 parcels for distribution.
- The Board employs more than 5000 exam supervisors and more than 7000 markers.
- As part of the Board's ongoing plan to increase the use of computers and technology in exams, some markers this year will use 'on-screen marking', where they receive student responses and record the mark via the internet, for parts of the General Mathematics examination and parts of some Languages examinations.
- Marking takes place at venues across NSW, including Sydney, Bathurst, Coffs Harbour, Gosford, Newcastle, Tamworth, Wagga Wagga and Wollongong.
- Schools have submitted their locally assessed marks for each student; this means 50 per cent of students' total HSC marks are already held on the Board's secure system.

- Several million individual marks are processed to produce students' examination marks in each course. The HSC mark is the average of the examination mark and the school assessment mark.
- Each student's performance is measured against consistent academic standards to create a fair and easily understood result.
- To obtain their HSC, students must complete courses that total 22 units over Years 11 and 12 – at least 12 units in Year 11 and at least 10 units in Year 12.
- Since the 1990s, students have been able to choose to complete the HSC in as little as one year or as much as five years under the 'Pathways' option. Of the students who are eligible for the HSC in 2008, there are 2957 who have completed the requirements for an HSC over more than two years.

Top 15 subjects by enrolment 2008

Subject	Total
1. English	*64 509
2. Mathematics	52 262
3. Business Studies	16 401
4. Biology	15 468
5. Personal Development, Health and PE	13 781
6. Studies of Religion	13 631
7. Ancient History	11 326
8. Chemistry	10 308
9. Visual Arts	9777
10. Modern History	9773
11. Physics	9198
12. Legal Studies	8484
13. Hospitality	7625
14. Music	5706
15. Economics	5491

* The figure for English enrolments is less than the total number of candidates because some students accelerate while others can take up to five years to complete the HSC.

Enrolment trends

The candidature for the 2008 HSC is the highest on record with 67 931 students enrolled in one or more courses.

The female to male ratio remains stable at 52 per cent female students compared with 48 per cent male students – unchanged since 2002.

With around 740 more students this year than in 2007, there have been slight increases in student numbers for some courses. However, overall there have been no substantial changes in 12 months.

Given fluctuations in course enrolments from year to year, comparisons are provided using 2004 figures (comprising five HSCs) to illustrate any trends.

Some subject areas that may be of interest in 2008 are:

English

- English is the only mandatory subject in the HSC.
- The number of students taking the most demanding 2-unit course – English (Advanced) – stands at 27 635 students, representing 43 per cent of all English enrolments and an increase of 2 per cent on 2004.
- With the continuing growth in overall candidates for the HSC, English (Standard) enrolments have increased by 4 per cent since 2004.

Mathematics

- More than 52 000 Year 12 students have chosen to take Mathematics, which is by far the most popular HSC elective subject.
- This means 77 per cent of all Year 12 students are currently taking Mathematics.
- Of the total number of students eligible for an HSC in 2008, almost 56 000 students, or 87 per cent, are sitting a Mathematics exam or have completed a Year 11 or Year 12 course in Mathematics in previous years.
- New Stage 6 Mathematics syllabuses, to be introduced for Year 11 in 2010 and Year 12 in 2011, are currently being finalised after consultation on the drafts this year.

Science

- Almost half (45 per cent) of all HSC students are studying at least one science course.
- NSW continues to see strong growth in most HSC science courses.
- Biology has continued its growth to 15 468 candidates – 848 more than in 2007 – and remains the fourth largest HSC subject. Since 2004, the number of students taking Biology has increased by 18 per cent.
- Chemistry continues to be the eighth largest subject with 10 308 students and Physics the 11th largest with 9198.
- Senior Science enrolments have risen 15 per cent from 4044 students in 2004 to 4656 students this year while enrolments for Earth and Environmental Science have increased by 12 per cent from 1131 to 1272 in the same period.

History

- More than one quarter (28 per cent) of HSC candidates are enrolled in at least one history course.
- Ancient History has the seventh largest enrolment of HSC subjects with 11 326 students – an increase of 17 per cent on 2004 – and Modern History is in 10th position with 9773.
- There are 2051 students studying both Ancient and Modern History this year.

Business Studies

- Business Studies is the third most popular subject with 16 401 students in 2008. The course has continued to attract around one quarter of all HSC candidates since 2004.

Technology courses

- Almost one third (31 per cent) of HSC candidates are enrolled in at least one technology course.
- Textiles and Design enrolments (2217) have risen by 28 per cent since 2004, while student numbers for Engineering Studies (1778) have grown by 25 per cent and Food Technology (3503) numbers have increased by 10 per cent in the same period.

Vocational Education and Training (VET)

- There are almost 18 000 students in Year 12 doing one or more VET Framework courses, with a further 2500 enrolled in other non-framework VET courses. This represents 30 per cent of the candidature who will gain nationally recognised employment qualifications along with their HSC this year.
- A high percentage of VET students have opted to take examinations as part of their assessment, making their course eligible for a UAI ranking. For example, 87 per cent of Hospitality students and 85 per cent of Entertainment Industry students have chosen to sit the written HSC exam.
- One of the fastest growing VET courses this year is Entertainment (1052), which has increased by 135% since it was offered for the first time in 2004. Construction enrolments (2276) have increased by 24% and Metal and Engineering numbers (884) have risen by 22% in the same period.

Creative Arts

- Visual Arts is the ninth most popular subject with 9777 students. This represents a 14% increase in students since 2004, when there were 8571 in Visual Arts.
- Enrolments in Music courses have increased by about 25% since 2004.

Languages

- About 10 per cent of HSC candidates are enrolled in one or more Language courses.
- This year's three most popular languages are Japanese (1574 students), French (1493 students) and Chinese (1243). Japanese has switched places with French as the most popular language in 2008.
- Some language courses have shown significant increases in student enrolments since 2004. These include Latin Extension (48%), Japanese Beginners (33%) and French Beginners (25%).
- The 10 most popular language subjects include five European languages (French, Italian, German, Spanish and Modern Greek) and three Asian languages (Japanese, Chinese and Indonesian), while one is Middle-Eastern (Arabic) and one is classical (Latin).

Top 10 languages by enrolment:

Subject	Total	Subject	Total
1. Japanese	1574	6. Spanish	326
2. French	1493	7. Arabic	251
3. Chinese	1243	8. Latin	218
4. Italian	675	9. Indonesian	162
5. German	517	10. Modern Greek	159

3 2008 HSC and SC Enrolment Statistics by Region

The following data are based on the Board of Studies regions. See the maps in Section 9 of this guide. Students doing the HSC outside of NSW and those studying by self-tuition are included in 'Other Categories'.

2008 HSC candidates by geographical location

Location	Female	Male	Total	Percentage
Metropolitan				
Metropolitan East	5461	5334	10795	15.9%
Metropolitan North	5297	5305	10602	15.6%
Metropolitan North West	4471	4162	8633	12.7%
Metropolitan South West	5205	4746	9951	14.6%
Total	20 434	19 547	39 981	58.8%
Country				
Hunter	3899	3433	7332	10.8%
North Coast	2718	2359	5077	7.5%
North West	1167	905	2072	3.1%
Riverina	1705	1226	2931	4.3%
South Coast	3554	3208	6762	10.0%
Western	1762	1512	3274	4.8%
Total	14 805	12 643	27 448	40.5%
Other Categories	175	327	502	0.7%
Total of all Categories	35 414	32 517	67 931	100.0%

Candidates by institution type

School students	66 469	97.8%
TAFE students	1447	2.1%
Self-tuition students	15	< 0.1%
Total	67 931	100.0%

2008 School Certificate candidates by geographical location

Location	Female	Male	Total	Percentage
Metropolitan				
Metropolitan East	5220	5558	10778	12.3%
Metropolitan North	5723	5719	11442	13.0%
Metropolitan North West	5719	5819	11538	13.1%
Metropolitan South West	6539	6859	13398	15.2%
Total	23 201	23 955	47 156	53.6%
Country				
Hunter	5400	5599	10999	12.5%
North Coast	3787	3908	7695	8.7%
North West	1620	1548	3168	3.6%
Riverina	2369	2476	4845	5.5%
South Coast	4419	4894	9313	10.6%
Western	2176	2408	4584	5.2%
Total	19 771	20 833	40 604	46.1%
Other Categories	126	131	257	0.3%
Total of all Categories	43 098	44 919	88 017	100.0%

4 2008 HSC Enrolment Statistics by Course

2008 HSC Student enrolments by subject, course and gender

Course Name	Units	Female	Male	Total
<i>HSC Courses</i>				
Aboriginal Studies	2	193	92	285
Agriculture	2	596	699	1295
Ancient History	2	6560	4766	11326
Biology	2	9546	5922	15468
Business Studies	2	8232	8169	16401
Chemistry	2	4626	5682	10308
Community and Family Studies	2	4820	301	5121
Dance	2	646	35	681
Design and Technology	2	1654	2134	3788
Distinction Course – Comparative Literature	2	8	4	12
Distinction Course – Cosmology	2	6	25	31
Distinction Course – Philosophy	2	18	32	50
Drama	2	3486	1500	4986
Earth and Environmental Science	2	575	697	1272
Economics	2	2051	3440	5491
Engineering Studies	2	68	1710	1778
English (Standard)	2	15 546	16 955	32 501
English (Advanced)	2	16 113	11 522	27 635
English as a Second Language	2	1520	1424	2944
English Extension 1	1	3750	2046	5796
English Extension 2	1	1490	766	2256
Food Technology	2	2635	868	3503
Geography	2	2016	2327	4343
Industrial Technology	2	338	3356	3694
Information Processes and Technology	2	1472	3777	5249
Legal Studies	2	5084	3400	8484
General Mathematics	2	15 563	14 771	30 334
Mathematics	2	8106	9522	17 628
Mathematics Extension 1	2	3668	5132	8800
Mathematics Extension 2	2	1158	1993	3151
Modern History	2	5365	4408	9773
History Extension	1	1364	907	2271
Music 1	2	2124	2823	4947
Music 2	2	397	353	750
Music Extension	1	240	208	448
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	2	6905	6090	12 995
Physics	2	2188	7010	9198
Senior Science	2	2089	2567	4656
Society and Culture	2	3442	763	4205
Software Design and Development	2	175	1658	1833
Studies of Religion I	1	5424	4631	10055
Studies of Religion II	2	2427	1149	3576
Textiles and Design	2	2184	33	2217
Visual Arts	2	6939	2838	9777

Course Name	Units	Female	Male	Total
Languages				
Arabic Beginners	2	0	1	1
Arabic Continuers	2	157	93	250
Arabic Extension	1	50	28	78
Armenian Continuers	2	19	10	29
Chinese Background Speakers	2	608	517	1125
Chinese Beginners	2	14	18	32
Chinese Continuers	2	42	44	86
Chinese Extension	1	16	16	32
Classical Greek Continuers	2	2	12	14
Classical Greek Extension	1	2	9	11
Classical Hebrew Continuers	2	11	16	27
Classical Hebrew Extension	1	8	11	19
Croatian Continuers	2	4	4	8
Dutch Continuers	2	4	2	6
Filipino Continuers	2	16	7	23
French Beginners	2	512	118	630
French Continuers	2	628	223	851
French Extension	1	142	70	212
German Beginners	2	83	54	137
German Continuers	2	233	143	376
German Extension	1	61	47	108
Hindi Continuers	2	13	14	27
Hungarian Continuers	2	4	3	7
Indonesian Background Speakers	2	35	34	69
Indonesian Beginners	2	14	14	28
Indonesian Continuers	2	52	13	65
Indonesian Extension	1	15	3	18
Italian Beginners	2	253	71	324
Italian Continuers	2	238	107	345
Italian Extension	1	35	21	56
Japanese Background Speakers	2	37	22	59
Japanese Beginners	2	519	282	801
Japanese Continuers	2	461	248	709
Japanese Extension	1	175	97	272
Khmer Continuers	2	7	9	16
Korean Background Speakers	2	47	58	105
Korean Continuers	2	5	1	6
Latin Continuers	2	82	136	218
Latin Extension	1	46	77	123
Macedonian Continuers	2	20	9	29
Malay Background Speakers	2	1	0	1
Maltese Continuers	2	3	2	5
Modern Greek Beginners	2	19	15	34
Modern Greek Continuers	2	86	39	125
Modern Greek Extension	1	36	12	48
Modern Hebrew Continuers	2	20	18	38
Persian Background Speakers	2	27	24	51
Polish Continuers	2	14	15	29
Portuguese Continuers	2	10	5	15

Course Name	Units	Female	Male	Total
Russian Background Speakers	2	15	7	22
Serbian Continuers	2	22	14	36
Spanish Beginners	2	117	46	163
Spanish Continuers	2	102	60	162
Spanish Extension	1	40	17	57
Swedish Continuers	2	4	4	8
Tamil Continuers	2	7	3	10
Turkish Continuers	2	38	10	48
Ukrainian Continuers	2	4	1	5
Vietnamese Continuers	2	92	57	149
<i>Vocational Education and Training</i>				
Accounting	2	246	274	520
Business Services		1889	562	2451
Business Services Extension		23	2	25
Business Services Examination	2	1491	377	1868
Construction		46	2230	2276
Construction Specialisation Studies		0	29	29
Construction Examination	2	27	1775	1802
Entertainment Industry		565	487	1047
Entertainment Industry Examination	2	497	415	912
Hospitality		5247	2379	7626
Hospitality Extension		139	62	201
Hospitality Examination	2	4627	1985	6612
Information Technology		668	1886	2554
Information Technology Specialisation Studies		11	57	68
Information Technology Examination	2	501	1619	2120
Metal and Engineering		17	867	884
Metal and Engineering Extension – Specialist Studies		2	81	83
Metal and Engineering Examination	2	14	689	703
Primary Industries		261	493	754
Primary Industries Extension/Specialisation Studies		4	3	7
Primary Industries Examination	2	208	365	573
Retail Operations		1490	646	2136
Retail Operations Examination	2	1199	472	1671
Tourism		480	63	543
Tourism Extension		12	1	13
Tourism Examination	2	326	43	369
<i>Life Skills</i>				
Citizenship and Society Life Skills	2	263	350	613
Creative Arts Life Skills	2	305	341	646
English Life Skills	2	578	809	1387
Mathematics Life Skills	2	448	638	1086
Personal Development, Health & PE Life Skills	2	319	467	786
Science Life Skills	2	176	243	419
Technology & Applied Studies Life Skills	2	311	417	728
Work and the Community Life Skills	2	365	466	831

Note: There are multiple courses available within each VET industry framework, allowing for flexible delivery throughout Stage 6. The courses have been combined to show entries in the base course, entries in any extension or specialisation courses and the entries in the optional examination. Due to the consolidation, no course number or unit value can be shown for these courses.

5 HSC Support

The screenshot shows the NSW Students Online website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: Home, News, Past Papers, Practice Tests, Syllabuses, My Details, and Help/FAQ. The main content is organized into several columns and sections:

- Latest News:** A section with a headline "No mobile phones or other devices in HSC exams" and a sub-headline "There is no proposal to allow students to use mobile phones, iPods, or the internet...". It also includes "In other news:" with links to "Dance to kick off 2008 HSC exams", "HSC 2007 English (Standard) Supplementary Standards material", "HSC 2007 English (Advanced) Supplementary Standards material", "Approved Scientific Calculators for the 2008 Higher School Certificate Examinations", and "News Archive".
- Calendar:** A calendar for September 2008. To the right, "Upcoming dates:" lists:
 - Completion and handing in of Visual Arts Body of Work (9.00 am)
 - Completion and handing in of Design & Technology Major Design Projects (9.00 am)
 - HSC Design & Technology itinerant marking commences
 - HSC Music performance exams commence
 - Completion and handing in of Music Compositions and Musicology essays (9.00 am)
- Study Tips:** A section with links to:
 - HSC - All My Own Work
 - NSW HSC Online study assistance
 - NSW HSC Online exam preparation assistance
 - Assessment Resource Centre: HSC assessment assistance
- Past Papers:** A section titled "Looking for Standards Packages or past HSC exam papers to help you with your study?". It includes text: "Remember to check the Notes from the Marking Centre that include the Marking Guidelines. The Notes for each examination contain comments on candidate responses, indicating the quality of the responses and highlighting their relative strengths and weaknesses." Below this, it lists "The 2007 HSC exam papers and Notes from the Marking Centre" with links for Subjects A-D, E-H, I-L, M-P, and R-V.
- Login:** A section with the heading "NSW HSC students, welcome to Students Online. We suggest that you make this your browser home page to give you instant access to all the news about your HSC." It includes fields for "Student ID:", "Access", and "PIN:", and a "login" button.
- Board Links:** A section with links to:
 - HSC key dates
 - School term dates around Australia
 - Your Higher School Certificate and record of achievement
 - HSC practical submissions dates
 - Honesty in HSC Assessment - the Standard

Students Online

Students Online, the Board of Studies web site for HSC students, brings all the Board's HSC resources together in the one place and is available 24 hours a day, every day.

Students log in to studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au using their four-digit personal identification number (PIN) and student number, which gives them access to their own exam timetable and past exam papers in their courses. They can also access HSC syllabuses, practice tests, notes from markers and other support materials and customise the site to suit their study needs.

The new web site also includes:

- access to a variety of pods, such as News, Past Papers and Practice Tests, and the ability to keep the pods they want and hide the ones they don't to create their own home page
- an interactive 'To Do' pod where they can make notes and set their study and assignment priorities
- an interactive essential links pod where students can add links to their favourite sites
- answers to more than 100 frequently asked questions about the HSC
- access to Assessment Rank Order Notices.

The HSC Advice Line – 13 11 12

The Advice Line is a telephone information service for students preparing for the HSC examinations. It provides advice on 26 major courses as part of an after-hours and weekend service leading up to and during the examination period.

The 2008 HSC Advice Line opens at 10 am on Saturday 11 October. It will close at 10 pm on Thursday 6 November.

The service is open:

Monday to Friday	4 pm to 10 pm
Saturday	10 am to 6 pm
Sunday	10 am to 10 pm

To speak to an adviser, students call **13 11 12**. An operator will confirm the student's details, record the nature of their question and arrange for an adviser to speak with them. All advisers are very experienced teachers of HSC courses.

The cost is only 25 cents, no matter where a student is calling from in NSW or how long the call lasts. Calls to the Advice Line cannot be made from mobile phones.

6 Release of HSC Results to Students

The HSC results are available to students via the internet, SMS text message and automated telephone services from 6 am on Wednesday 17 December. Students will receive HSC results summaries in the mail on Friday 19 December and their full credentials on Tuesday 13 January 2009.

The pre-Christmas release of HSC results gives students more time to take advantage of career counselling and other support services before making decisions about university, TAFE and employment offers or other plans.

The Internet Results Service

- Students can access their HSC results on three Board of Studies websites from 6 am on Wednesday 17 December by typing in their student number and PIN at:
www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au
or
www.hscresults.nsw.edu.au
or
www.hsc-results.nsw.edu.au
- There is no cost to students who use a website other than the charges applied by their internet service provider and/or the cost of the call.

Release of results by SMS text message – 0427 659 900

- Students who want to automatically receive their HSC results by SMS can **pre-register** for the SMS service by text-messaging their student number and PIN to **0427 659 900** from 3 November 2008.
- A return text message to the student confirms that they have registered for the service and the results will be sent to their mobile phone at approximately 6 am on 17 December.

- Students who do not pre-register can still get their results by SMS by messaging their student number and PIN to the service **after** 6 am on 17 December.
- Students should check that their phone is in credit and that there is room for messages in their phone's inbox.
- The SMS service will be charged at the standard price of a text message.

The Telephone Results Service – 1300 669 248

- Students can access their HSC results from 6 am on Wednesday 17 December by using the automated telephone service.
- Students call **1300 669 248** and follow the voice prompts. They will be asked to enter their student number and PIN.
- Calls will be charged at standard local call rates. Mobile and payphone calls are extra.

7 HSC Examination Inquiry Centre – 13 11 12

The HSC Examination Inquiry Centre will operate from 8 am on Wednesday 17 December 2008 until 5 pm on Friday 2 January 2009. Students can talk to experienced Board of Studies and school staff about their Higher School Certificate results.

Inquiries relating to the UAI, university admissions, post-secondary education and work should be directed to the Universities Admissions Centre or the annual Careers Advisory Service for School Leavers.

8 Careers Advisory Service – www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au

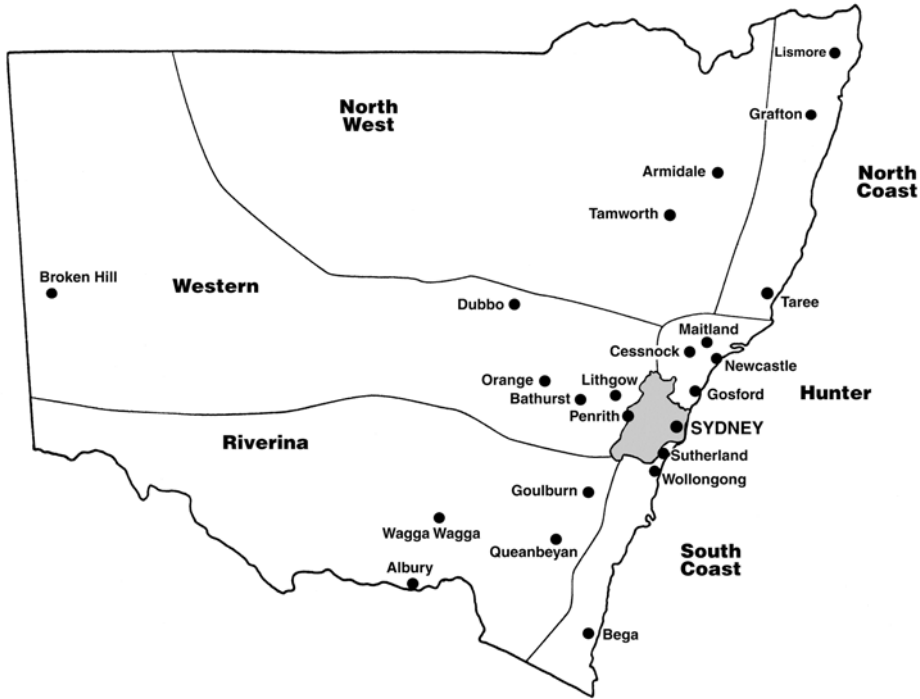
Each year, following the release of the Higher School Certificate results, the NSW Department of Education and Training offers a free Careers Advisory Service which provides students and their families or caregivers with up-to-date and relevant information about the range of available career and study options.

The Careers Advisory Service will be open from Wednesday 17 December 2008 to Friday 9 January 2009. Students can contact the service by calling 1300 300 687, or email careers@det.nsw.edu.au.

More information and contact details are available at www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au.

9 Maps of Board of Studies Regions

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Sydney Metropolitan



10 Media Inquiries and Guidelines for Contacting Students

Media Inquiries

Please direct all your HSC media inquiries to:

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Guidelines for Contacting Students and Schools

It's important that students are free to concentrate solely on their exams. For this reason media outlets should not attend schools before or during exams.

- **Mock-up shots after** the exam can be arranged to provide images of students concentrating on their exam papers. Call the Board of Studies to make arrangements.
- Journalists seeking access to a government school or telephone interviews with teachers should contact a Department of Education and Training media liaison officer on (02) 9561 8501, preferably 24 hours in advance.
- Journalists seeking access to a non-government school should contact the school principal directly.
- Be aware that in some cases parental permission must be obtained for students to be photographed or filmed or otherwise identified or interviewed. Check this with the principal.
- Always notify the school principal on your arrival at the school.

Please call the above media inquiries number at **any time** with questions or special requests.

Additional media information and copies of this Media Guide can be found on the Board of Studies website:

www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au