



St Catherine's School

Waverley, Sydney

*An Anglican Day and Boarding School for Girls,
Kindergarten to Year 12. Founded in 1856.*

Academic Results - Year 12 2007

St Catherine's 2007 HSC results were excellent and we are absolutely delighted with the performance of our wonderful St Cath's girls and proud of all their achievements. Ninety one students sat the HSC examination including one student who was a whole year accelerant and two who accelerated in individual subjects.

What are the HSC and the UAI?

The Higher School Certificate (HSC) is a rigorous programme in which a student must demonstrate her knowledge and skills over a range of assessment tasks throughout the HSC Course and in the HSC examination. Student achievement is measured against standards which are divided into six 'Bands' with the highest being Band 6 (marks of 90 and above). The Universities Admissions Index (UAI) is a rank that provides a measure of a student's overall performance in the HSC in relation to that of other students. It is reported as a number between 0.00 and 100 (in increments of 0.05) and is calculated solely for use by universities as part of their selection criteria to rank students for university entry.

St Catherine's Outstanding Academic Achievements - HSC 2007

- Four students received Premier's Awards for All Round Achievers. These students gained marks over 90 in at least 10 units of study.
- Our top student achieved a UAI of 99.75.
- Two students achieved a UAI of 99 or higher.
- 23% of students achieved UAIs over 95, 40% of students gained a UAI of 90 or higher and 77% gained a UAI of 80 or higher.
- 51% gained marks in the top Band (Band 6) in one or more HSC subjects and received an honourable mention on the HSC Honour Roll.
- One student achieved fourth in New South Wales in the Cosmology Distinction Course and another was seventh in English as a Second Language.

Percentage of St Catherine's Students in the Top Two Bands

Subject	St Catherine's	State
Aboriginal Studies	37%	29%
Ancient History	71%	36%
Biology	52%	33%
Business Studies	57%	25%
Chemistry	45%	39%
Design and Technology	56%	24%
Drama	58%	41%
Economics	64%	47%
English Advanced	85%	47%
English Standard	26%	3%
ESL	42%	27%
English Extension 1	*100%	80%
English Extension 2	*100%	79%
Geography	*100%	49%
General Mathematics	48%	23%
Mathematics	50%	39%
Mathematics Extension 1	92%	75%
Mathematics Extension 2	75%	83%
Modern History	75%	44%
History Extension	86%	73%
Music 2	*100%	76%
PDHPE	40%	36%
Physics	50%	34%
Visual Arts	88%	52%
French Continuers	67%	57%
French Extension	*100%	90%
Indonesian Continuers	*100%	53%
Japanese Beginners	78%	40%

* All Students in Band 6 or E4

The Success of Diversity

St Catherine's students studied over 29 different HSC courses in 2007 and many students also studied courses at TAFE, Saturday Schools for Languages and the Open High School. Of the subjects actually studied at St Cath's, all were above the State mean for the HSC Examination. Geography and Indonesian Continuers were all at least 10 above the State mean and 19 subjects were between 5 and 10 above the State mean. This is an amazing achievement for staff and students.

The Creative Arts

The works of six Visual Arts students were nominated for exhibition in ArtExpress and one was selected for the final display at the NSW Art Gallery. In the past six years we have had a total of forty-one nominations and ten works displayed. The major works of two Design and Technology students were nominated for DesignTECH. In seven years, the School has now had seven nominations.

Sydney Morning Herald Rankings

On the measures applied by the Sydney Morning Herald, we were ranked 36th in NSW on the basis of the examinations sat by our students. This indicates the strength of St Catherine's performance over a wide range of subjects this year; as we were ahead of many prominent Independent Schools in New South Wales.

2007 HSC Results - Great News

We have an organisation that conducts an independent analysis of our HSC results each year so that we can look beyond the HSC data to see our results in relation to the ability of our girls. As a non-selective school with quite a variable intake, this gives us valuable information to set directions.

In our report for the 2007 HSC the analyst made the following observations:

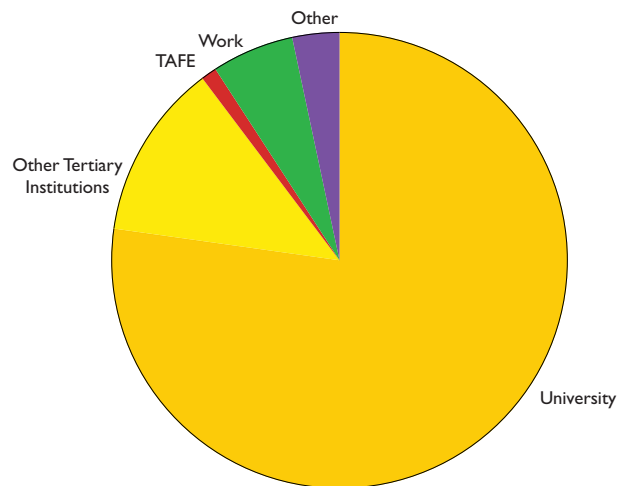
- Our HSC results have improved each year for the last four years.
- Academic standards are rising steadily at St Cath's.
- 94% of the 2007 Year 12 had HSC results equal to or better than predicted from their Year 10 results.
- In individual subjects the value added was also very significant with subjects showing better than expected results for between 80 and 100% girls.

The analyst commented that while our girls do well overall, we achieve wonderful results with our middle ability students.

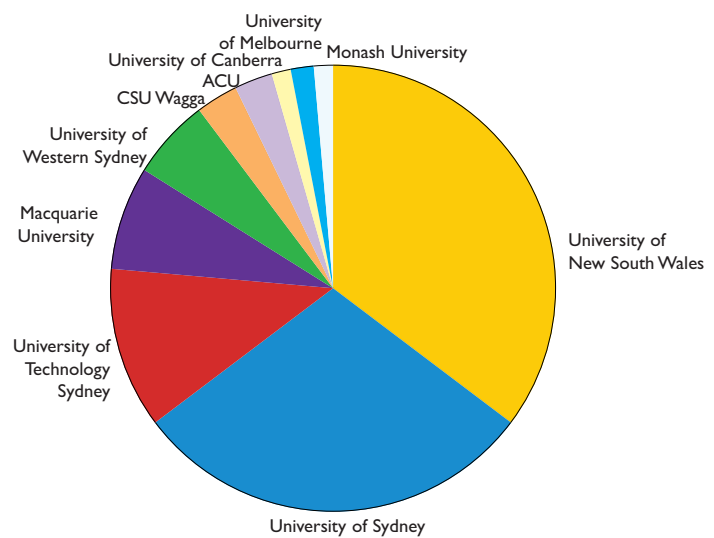
St Catherine's is a school that embraces diversity and values individual difference. Through their academic and co-curricular successes our students consistently demonstrate the benefit of a well-rounded education and it is very clear that many St Catherine's students achieve HSC results far beyond those that might have been predicted from their ACER standardised test results in Year 7.

We congratulate all our HSC students on their outstanding achievements.

Year 12 2007 Destinations



Year 12 2007 University Destinations



Year 12 2007 University Faculty & Area of Study Destinations

