



St Catherine's School

Waverley, Sydney

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

Academic Results - 2008

St Catherine's 2008 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. Eighty four 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 2008

- Seven 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 99.80.
- Four students achieved a UAI of 99 or higher.
- 20% of students achieved UAIs over 95, 43% of students gained a UAI of 90 or higher.
- An average UAI of 83%.
- Over 50% gained marks in the top Band (Band 6) in one or more HSC subjects and were listed as distinguished achievers.
- One student achieved second in New South Wales in the Music Extension, another was tenth in Design and Technology while a third student achieved eighth in Visual Arts.

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

| Subject | St Catherine's | State |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------|
| Aboriginal Studies | 75% | 30% |
| Ancient History | 59% | 37% |
| Biology | 33% | 32% |
| Business Studies | 58% | 32% |
| Chemistry | 55% | 38% |
| Design and Technology | 88% | 35% |
| Drama | 53% | 48% |
| Economics | 62% | 47% |
| English Advanced | 90% | 49% |
| English Standard | 42% | 6% |
| ESL | 80% | 28% |
| English Extension 1 | 100% | 84% |
| English Extension 2 | 100% | 82% |
| Geography | 86% | 48% |
| General Mathematics | 20% | 26% |
| Mathematics | 44% | 45% |
| Mathematics Extension 1 | 74% | 82% |
| Mathematics Extension 2 | 86% | 90% |
| Modern History | 79% | 42% |
| History Extension | 100% | 73% |
| Music 1 | 67% | 54% |
| Music 2 | *100% | 79% |
| Music Extension | *100% | 93% |
| Physics | 56% | 33% |
| Visual Arts | 100% | 61% |
| French Continuers | 71% | 61% |
| French Extension | *100% | 92% |
| Indonesian Continuers | *100% | 52% |
| Indonesian Extension | 100% | 88% |
| Japanese Beginners | 62% | 38% |

* All Students in Band 6 or E4

The Success of Diversity

St Catherine's students studied over 28 different HSC courses in 2008 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. Ancient History, Design and Technology, Aboriginal Studies, English Standard, English as a Second Language (ESL) Music 2 and Indonesian Continuers were all at least 9 above the State mean and 11 subjects were between 5 and 10 above the State mean. This is an amazing achievement for staff and students.

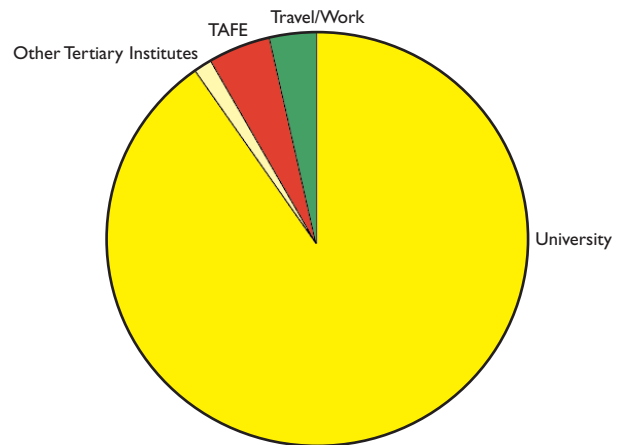
The Creative Arts

The works of four Visual Arts students were nominated for exhibition in *ArtExpress*. In the past six years we have had a total of thirty-nine nominations and ten works displayed. The major works of seven Design and Technology students were nominated for DesignTECH. In seven years, the School has now had twelve nominations. A long tradition in Music excellence was continued with one nomination for *Encore* following six nominations since 2001. One student was nominated for the HSC Drama Performance *OnStage*.

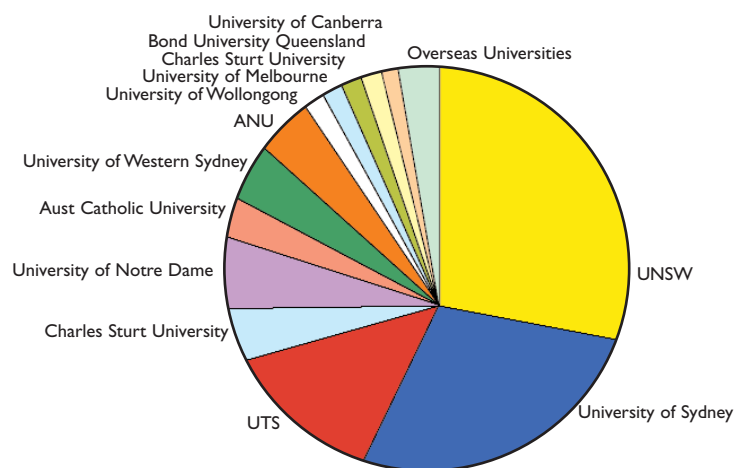
School Certificate Results

- In the English Literacy test, 69.59% of our students gained marks in the top two Bands compared to 38.57% in the State.
- In the School Certificate Mathematics, 39.21% of our students gained marks in the top two Bands compared to 25.39% in the State.
- In Science, 54.89% of our students gained marks in the top two bands compared to 31.92% in the State.
- In the History component of Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship, 64.07% of our students gained marks in the top two bands compared to 22.98% in the State.
- In Australian Geography 49.50 % of our students gained marks in the top two Bands compared to 28.17% in the State.
- In the Computing Skills test, our students have gained a high level of competency. Over 75.59% of our students were judged Highly Competent and the rest were competent.

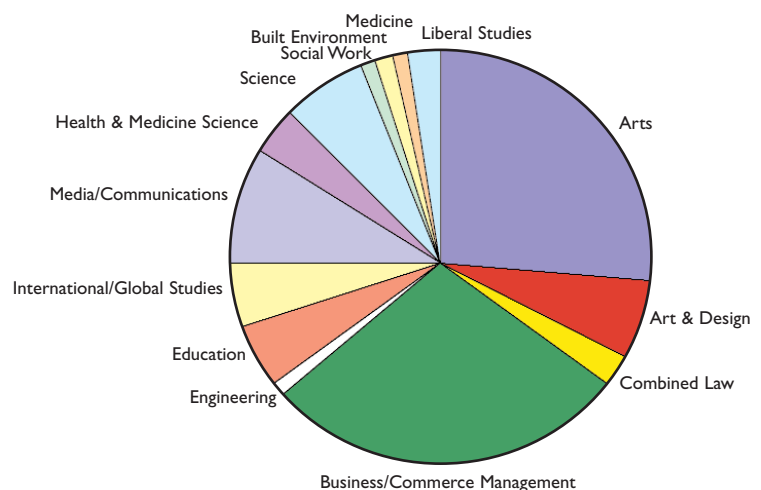
Year 12 2008 Destinations



Year 12 2008 University Destinations



Year 12 2008 University Faculty & Area of Study Destinations



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 students on their outstanding achievements.