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NSW CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS EXCEL IN 2015 HSC

Catholic school students have again performed exceptionally well in the NSW Higher School Certificate.

HSC Merit lists released by the NSW Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) show students across the full range of NSW Catholic schools – urban and regional – ranked highly in a wide variety of subjects this year.

“Catholic school students are again well represented in the 2015 HSC Merit lists - a tribute to their hard work and dedication, and that of their teachers and families,” Catholic Education Commission NSW (CECNSW) Acting Executive Director, Ian Baker, said today.

“BOSTES noted this year that the growth in the size of the Merit lists has been proportionately greater in Catholic schools than in government schools, which include many high performing selective schools.

“Catholic schools educate students from all socioeconomic and academic levels, making these results all the more exceptional.”

Mr Baker said Catholic school students topped the state in 13 subjects this year, a result which showed they were outstanding scholars.

“I want to pay special tribute to Sophie Tyson of St Francis De Sales Regional College in Leeton, who topped the state in English (Standard). This is the second largest course in the HSC in terms of students who take part - so to be ranked first in the state is a huge achievement for Sophie and her rural Catholic school.”

Mr Baker also praised Louisa Gallagher of St Scholastica’s College, Glebe Point and Adam Hegedus of Waverley College, who topped the state in Studies of Religion I & II respectively.

Key Statistics

- 18,593 Catholic school students took part in the 2015 HSC (24.3%)
- 17,231 Catholic school students were awarded the HSC (25.3%)
- 14,874 Catholic school students are eligible for an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank, or ATAR (26.7%)
- Catholic school students topped the state in 13 HSC courses (*the full list of Catholic school students ranked first in a HSC course in 2015 appears on the following page*)
- 172 students from 54 Catholic schools achieved the highest band in 10 or more units of courses
- 4,213 students from 131 Catholic schools achieved the highest band (Band 6 or Band E4) in at least one course

NSW CATHOLIC STUDENTS – FIRST IN COURSE 2015

Course Name	First name/s	Family name	School Name
Business Services Examination	Jasmine	Kumar	Good Samaritan Catholic College, Hinchinbrook
Chinese Continuers	Xavier Lachlan	Eales	St Ignatius' College, Lane Cove
Community and Family Studies	Nikola Elise	Groves	St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton
Dance	Teresa	Repice	Bethany College, Hurstville
Design and Technology	Olivia	Calandra	Santa Sabina College, Strathfield
English (Standard)	Sophie	Tyson	St Francis De Sales Regional College, Leeton
Geography	Eugenie Ana	Taylor	Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College, North Sydney
Hospitality Examination	Leela Urvashi	Sagar	All Saints College (St Mary's Campus), Maitland
Italian Extension	Natasha	Novo	Santa Sabina College, Strathfield
Retail Services Examination	Crystal-Lee	Smithers	Emmaus Catholic College, Kemps Creek
Society and Culture	Isabelle	Hargraves	Our Lady of The Sacred Heart College, Kensington
Studies of Religion I	Louisa	Gallagher	St Scholastica's College, Glebe Point
Studies of Religion II	Adam	Hegedus	Waverley College