



2008 HSC results

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Top 200 schools*

| School | Exams sat | DA | % | School | Exams sat | DA | % | School | Exams sat | DA | % |
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| 1. James Ruse Agricultural High School | 1110 | 834 | 75.14 | 81. St Patrick's College, Strathfield | 1039 | 173 | 16.65 | 123. Lumen Christi Catholic College | 404 | 48 | 11.88 |
| 2. Baulkham Hills High School | 1220 | 651 | 53.36 | 82. Sule College, Prestons | 362 | 60 | 16.57 | 124. Cerdon College | 910 | 108 | 11.87 |
| 3. North Sydney Girls High School | 1039 | 550 | 52.94 | 83. Marist Sisters' College Woolwich | 711 | 117 | 16.46 | 125. Epping Boys High School | 852 | 101 | 11.85 |
| 4. Sydney Girls High School | 1011 | 499 | 49.36 | 84. St Joseph's College | 1114 | 181 | 16.25 | 126. De La Salle College, Cronulla | 971 | 114 | 11.74 |
| 5. Hornsby Girls High School | 718 | 336 | 46.8 | 85. St Mary and St Mina's Coptic Orthodox College | 87 | 14 | 16.09 | 127. Mount St Patrick College | 421 | 49 | 11.64 |
| 6. North Sydney Boys High School | 974 | 443 | 45.48 | 86. Brigidine College Randwick | 780 | 124 | 15.9 | 128. Dubbo Christian School | 232 | 27 | 11.64 |
| 7. Sydney Boys High School | 1287 | 576 | 44.76 | 87. Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta | 918 | 143 | 15.58 | 129. SCECGS Redlands | 662 | 76 | 11.48 |
| 8. Sydney Grammar School | 1229 | 543 | 44.18 | 88. The Scots School Albury | 540 | 84 | 15.56 | 130. St Spyridon College Senior School | 366 | 42 | 11.48 |
| 9. SCEGGS Darlinghurst | 628 | 277 | 44.11 | 89. Christadelphian Heritage College | 13 | 2 | 15.38 | 131. Trinity Catholic College (Auburn) | 910 | 104 | 11.43 |
| 10. St George Girls High School Kogarah | 942 | 410 | 43.52 | 90. Blue Mountains Grammar School | 436 | 65 | 14.91 | 132. St Marys Senior High School | 2250 | 250 | 11.11 |
| 11. Malek Fahd Islamic School | 311 | 134 | 43.09 | 91. IPEKA International Christian School | 364 | 54 | 14.84 | 133. Oakhill College Castle Hill | 1936 | 215 | 11.11 |
| 12. Moriah College | 853 | 352 | 41.27 | 92. New England Girls' School | 204 | 30 | 14.71 | 134. St Patrick's Marist College | 801 | 88 | 10.99 |
| 13. Masada College | 333 | 136 | 40.84 | 93. Xavier Catholic College | 552 | 81 | 14.67 | 135. Macquarie College | 228 | 25 | 10.96 |
| 14. Kambala | 539 | 219 | 40.63 | 94. St Pius X College | 731 | 107 | 14.64 | 136. MacKillop College | 542 | 59 | 10.89 |
| 15. Northern Beaches Secondary College, Manly Selective Campus | 685 | 258 | 37.66 | 95. Northholm Grammar School | 345 | 50 | 14.49 | 137. PLC Armidale | 212 | 23 | 10.85 |
| 16. Abbotsleigh | 1010 | 354 | 35.05 | 96. Carlingford High School | 1045 | 151 | 14.45 | 138. Mount St Benedict College | 619 | 67 | 10.82 |
| 17. Roseville College | 404 | 141 | 34.9 | 97. Pal College | 162 | 23 | 14.2 | 139. St John Bosco College | 614 | 66 | 10.75 |
| 18. Ravenswood School for Girls | 710 | 242 | 34.08 | 98. Macarthur Anglican School | 352 | 49 | 13.92 | 140. Trinity Catholic College Lismore | 1036 | 111 | 10.71 |
| 19. Ascham School | 518 | 176 | 33.98 | 99. St Vincent's College | 602 | 83 | 13.79 | 141. St Patrick's College Sutherland | 862 | 92 | 10.67 |
| 20. Caringbah High School | 889 | 302 | 33.97 | 100. Burwood Girls High School | 951 | 129 | 13.56 | 142. Australian International School Hong Kong | 253 | 27 | 10.67 |
| 21. Frensham School | 296 | 99 | 33.45 | 101. Marcellin College | 740 | 100 | 13.51 | 143. Chevalier College Bowral | 778 | 82 | 10.54 |
| 22. Girraween High School | 833 | 274 | 32.89 | | | | | 144. Catherine McAuley Westmead | 944 | 99 | 10.49 |
| 23. Pymble Ladies' College | 1431 | 464 | 32.42 | | | | | 145. St Joseph's Catholic College | 599 | 62 | 10.35 |
| 24. Hurlstone Agricultural High School | 1053 | 339 | 32.19 | | | | | 146. Hunter School of Performing Arts | 773 | 79 | 10.22 |
| 25. Merewether High School | 1080 | 339 | 31.39 | | | | | 147. St Mary Star of the Sea College | 983 | 100 | 10.17 |
| 26. Queenwood School for Girls | 389 | 119 | 30.59 | | | | | 148. Castle Hill High School | 857 | 87 | 10.15 |
| 27. Tangara School for Girls | 170 | 52 | 30.59 | | | | | 149. Avondale School | 376 | 38 | 10.11 |
| 28. Fort Street High School Petersham | 932 | 284 | 30.47 | | | | | 150. Oxley College | 456 | 46 | 10.09 |
| 29. St Aloysius College | 853 | 258 | 30.25 | | | | | 151. Concord High School | 641 | 64 | 9.98 |
| 30. Presbyterian Ladies College Sydney | 880 | 263 | 29.89 | | | | | 152. St Scholastica's College Glebe Point | 687 | 68 | 9.9 |
| 31. Wenona School | 568 | 167 | 29.4 | | | | | 153. Meadowbank Education Trust School | 325 | 32 | 9.85 |
| 32. Gosford High School | 1018 | 299 | 29.37 | | | | | 154. Chatswood High School | 663 | 65 | 9.8 |
| 33. Sydney Technical High School Bexley | 879 | 252 | 28.67 | | | | | 155. Kiama High School | 900 | 88 | 9.78 |
| 34. Normanhurst Boys High School | 749 | 212 | 28.3 | | | | | 156. Taylors College | 757 | 74 | 9.78 |
| 35. Loreto Kirribilli | 825 | 226 | 27.39 | | | | | 157. Menai High School | 681 | 66 | 9.69 |
| 36. Conservatorium High School | 188 | 51 | 27.13 | | | | | 158. Inaburra School | 489 | 47 | 9.61 |
| 37. The King's School | 999 | 267 | 26.73 | | | | | 159. Northern Beaches Secondary College, Mackellar Girls Campus | 542 | 52 | 9.59 |
| 38. Newcastle Grammar School | 426 | 107 | 25.12 | | | | | 160. William Branwhite Clarke College | 959 | 92 | 9.59 |
| 39. MLC Burwood | 869 | 217 | 24.97 | | | | | 161. Penrith Anglican College | 344 | 33 | 9.59 |
| 40. Kincoppal - Rose Bay | 613 | 152 | 24.8 | | | | | 162. Stella Maris College | 1013 | 97 | 9.58 |
| 41. SHORE Sydney CoE Grammar School | 1120 | 274 | 24.46 | | | | | 163. Canley Vale High School | 669 | 64 | 9.57 |
| 42. Brigidine College St Ives | 622 | 152 | 24.44 | | | | | 164. Redeemer Baptist School | 168 | 16 | 9.52 |
| 43. Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College | 896 | 218 | 24.33 | | | | | 165. Barellan Central School | 21 | 2 | 9.52 |
| 44. St Catherine's School | 473 | 115 | 24.31 | | | | | 166. Ryde Secondary College | 624 | 59 | 9.46 |
| 45. Penrith High School | 918 | 218 | 23.75 | | | | | 167. Port Macquarie High School | 625 | 59 | 9.44 |
| 46. Sefton High School | 895 | 211 | 23.58 | | | | | 168. All Saints' College Bathurst | 362 | 34 | 9.39 |
| 47. Self-Tuition Students | 30 | 7 | 23.33 | | | | | 169. Al-Faisal College | 128 | 12 | 9.38 |
| 48. St Ignatius' College | 1447 | 332 | 22.94 | | | | | 170. Eden Marine High School | 343 | 32 | 9.33 |
| 49. Meriden School | 310 | 71 | 22.9 | | | | | 171. Alstonville High School | 601 | 56 | 9.32 |
| 50. Loreto Normanhurst | 868 | 196 | 22.58 | | | | | 172. Oxley High School | 652 | 60 | 9.2 |
| 51. Barker College | 1796 | 399 | 22.22 | | | | | 173. St Ives High School | 753 | 69 | 9.16 |
| 52. International Grammar School | 380 | 82 | 21.58 | | | | | 174. Southern Highlands Christian School | 121 | 11 | 9.09 |
| 53. Mercy Catholic College | 343 | 74 | 21.57 | | | | | 175. Caroline Chisholm College | 774 | 70 | 9.04 |
| 54. Reddam House (Bondi Campus) | 275 | 59 | 21.45 | | | | | 176. Coffs Harbour Senior College | 800 | 72 | 9 |
| 55. Canberra Grammar School | 941 | 201 | 21.36 | | | | | 177. St John's College | 570 | 51 | 8.95 |
| 56. Willoughby Girls High School | 795 | 167 | 21.01 | | | | | 178. St Philip's Christian College Waratah | 436 | 39 | 8.94 |
| 57. Redfield College | 178 | 37 | 20.79 | | | | | 179. Sydney Secondary College, Blackwattle Bay Campus | 1289 | 115 | 8.92 |
| 58. Smith's Hill High School | 699 | 145 | 20.74 | 102. Domremy College | 519 | 70 | 13.49 | 180. Tempe High School | 472 | 42 | 8.9 |
| 59. Cheltenham Girls' High School | 1209 | 246 | 20.35 | 103. St Andrew's Cathedral School | 1167 | 155 | 13.28 | 181. St Francis Xavier's College | 2651 | 234 | 8.83 |
| 60. Newington College | 1076 | 217 | 20.17 | 104. Newtown High School of Performing Arts | 738 | 98 | 13.28 | 182. Central Coast Grammar School | 522 | 46 | 8.81 |
| 61. Knox Grammar School | 1152 | 224 | 19.44 | 105. The Hills Grammar School | 710 | 94 | 13.24 | 183. Mount Carmel Catholic High School | 706 | 62 | 8.78 |
| 62. Cherrybrook Technology High School | 1683 | 326 | 19.37 | 106. Danebank Anglican School For Girls | 552 | 73 | 13.22 | 184. Kirrawee High School | 995 | 87 | 8.74 |
| 63. St Luke's Grammar School | 427 | 82 | 19.2 | 107. Freeman Catholic College | 1022 | 133 | 13.01 | 185. Riverside Girls High School | 735 | 64 | 8.71 |
| 64. Cranbrook School | 871 | 161 | 18.48 | 108. Australian International School Singapore | 318 | 41 | 12.89 | 186. St George Christian School | 276 | 24 | 8.7 |
| 65. Hunter Valley Grammar School | 517 | 93 | 17.99 | 109. Nowra Anglican College | 357 | 46 | 12.89 | 187. Pacific Hills Christian School | 534 | 46 | 8.61 |
| 66. Killara High School | 1168 | 210 | 17.98 | 110. Covenant Christian School | 305 | 39 | 12.79 | 188. INTI International College Penang | 676 | 58 | 8.58 |
| 67. The Illawarra Grammar School | 551 | 99 | 17.97 | 111. The McDonald College | 305 | 39 | 12.79 | 189. Asquith Girls High School | 748 | 64 | 8.56 |
| 68. St Mark's Coptic Orthodox College | 346 | 62 | 17.92 | 112. Macquarie Fields High School | 896 | 114 | 12.72 | 190. Colo High School | 538 | 46 | 8.55 |
| 69. Tara Anglican School for Girls | 626 | 112 | 17.89 | 113. Turrumurra High School | 736 | 93 | 12.64 | 191. Marist College Eastwood | 469 | 40 | 8.53 |
| 70. Trinity Grammar School | 1071 | 189 | 17.65 | 114. MacKillop Senior College | 1167 | 147 | 12.6 | 192. St Euphemia College | 364 | 31 | 8.52 |
| 71. The Scots College | 941 | 165 | 17.53 | 115. Arden Anglican School | 207 | 26 | 12.56 | 193. Maitland Christian School | 47 | 4 | 8.51 |
| 72. Santa Sabina College | 880 | 154 | 17.5 | 116. Byron Bay High School | 367 | 46 | 12.53 | 194. Barrenjoey High School | 471 | 40 | 8.49 |
| 73. Homebush Boys High School | 1077 | 186 | 17.27 | 117. Red Bend Catholic College | 416 | 51 | 12.26 | 195. Marian Catholic College | 630 | 53 | 8.41 |
| 74. Pittwater House Girls College | 99 | 17 | 17.17 | 118. Macarthur Girls High School | 1007 | 123 | 12.21 | 196. Crestwood High School | 671 | 56 | 8.35 |
| 75. Emanuel School | 303 | 52 | 17.16 | 119. Oxford Falls Grammar School | 174 | 21 | 12.07 | 197. Engadine High School | 565 | 47 | 8.32 |
| 76. Strathfield Girls High School | 901 | 153 | 16.98 | 120. St Charbel's College | 324 | 39 | 12.04 | 198. Northern Beaches Christian School | 461 | 38 | 8.24 |
| 77. Parramatta Marist High School | 860 | 146 | 16.98 | 121. Mosman High School | 659 | 79 | 11.99 | 199. Mount St Joseph Milperra | 898 | 74 | 8.24 |
| 78. St Ursula's College | 922 | 156 | 16.92 | 122. St Mary's Cathedral College | 786 | 94 | 11.96 | 200. Nowra High School | 619 | 51 | 8.24 |
| 79. Kinross Wolara School | 749 | 125 | 16.69 | | | | | | | | |
| 80. Killarney Heights High School | 606 | 101 | 16.67 | | | | | | | | |

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DESPERATE parents are lying about their residential address and even forging documents in a bid to enrol their children in high-flying public comprehensive high schools.

Principals of some of the most successful public secondary schools have told *The Daily Telegraph* of the pressure they are under from families trying to get their children in the door.

The clamour to enrol in successful public schools follows dramatic advances in academic achievement made by star performers from the government sector such as Willoughby Girls High, Cherrybrook Technology High and Cheltenham Girls High.

HSC data analysed by *The Daily Telegraph* shows they are out-performing many of the state's private schools charging annual fees of up to \$24,000.

Students at Willoughby and Cheltenham in Sydney's north have scored over 90 in more than 20 per cent of HSC exams they have sat, while Cherrybrook's ratio is more than 19 per cent.

The public school charge includes Irrawong High at Raymond Terrace where Hannah Wilson topped the state in senior science, beating competitors from private and public selective schools.

Parramatta High School also produced an equal first-in-state student with Ahmad Sultani taking out the honours in mathematics extension 1.

Principal of Cherrybrook Technology High Gary Johnson said his school — with almost 2000 students the largest in NSW — nurtured a climate of success and placed heavy emphasis on student and teacher improvement.

"We are a fully comprehensive school and we accept any child in our drawing area," he said.

"But some people are telling terrible lies to try to get their kids into the school."

Mr Johnson said some parents had even produced forged electricity bills in a bid to prove they lived in the catchment area.

Selective James Ruse Agricultural High in Sydney's north-west is again the top academic school in the state, while Baulkham Hills High moved up to second.

Sydney Grammar is the highest ranking private school coming eighth on the list, while Ascham dropped from sixth to 19th this year.

From 6am yesterday a record 67,000 HSC students started logging on to the internet or SMS message to receive their results.

Education Minister Verity Firth said the results showed a slight increase in the number of students scoring in the highest two bands for subjects including English, maths, visual arts and hospitality.

"If NSW was a country we would be well above Australia," Ms Firth said.

A record 15,697 students made the Distinguished Achiever List by scoring 90 or more in at least one course. Students making the All Round Excellence List by scoring more than 90 in at least 10 units of study increased to 1196.

More than 7000 students will gain their HSC, a Universities Admissions Index (UAI) and a VET qualification.

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*Schools in The Daily Telegraph's top 200 list have been ranked by the percentage of Exams Sat that are Distinguished Achievers (DA). Exams Sat means the number of exams sat by the students from that school. One student may sit for several exams. DA is the number of mentions on the Distinguished Achievers List.

Have people lied to get into your public school?
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