

HSC class of 2009

Take a close look at

Top 100 schools

The Daily Telegraph list ranks schools by their percentage of Distinguished Achievements

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School	Exams sat	DA	%	School	Exams sat	DA	%
1. James Ruse Agricultural High School	1113	801	71.97	51. Kinccoppal - Rose Bay School of the Sacred Heart	532	122	22.93
2. Baulkham Hills High School	1188	747	62.88	52. Tangara School for Girls	214	49	22.97
3. Hornsby Girls High School	761	404	53.09	53. Cranbrook School	889	202	22.72
4. Sydney Girls High School	970	486	50.17	54. Santa Sabina College	761	169	22.21
5. Ascham School	495	247	49.97	55. Killara High School	1203	258	21.45
6. North Sydney Girls High School	1025	472	46.05	56. Newington College	985	208	21.12
7. Reddam House (Bondi Campus)	355	154	43.38	57. St Catherine's School	485	102	21.03
9. Kambala	574	249	43.38	58. St Luke's Grammar School	378	78	20.63
9. Sydney Boys High School	1235	532	43.08	59. Loreto Normanhurst	864	174	20.14
10. Sydney Grammar School	1273	544	42.73	60. Cherrybrook Technology High School	1509	302	20.01
11. Malek Fahd Islamic School	393	167	42.49	61. Oxley College	305	61	20
12. St George Girls High School Kogarah	959	402	41.92	62. Ryde Secondary College	707	136	19.24
13. Moriah College	843	352	41.76	63. St Mary and St Mina's Coptic Orthodox College	84	16	19.05
14. North Sydney Boys High School	965	401	41.55	64. Meadowbank Education Trust School	401	76	18.95
15. Northern Beaches Sec Col, Manly Selective Campus	722	297	41.14	65. Bridgeline College Randwick	634	120	18.93
16. SCEGGS Darlinghurst	652	266	40.87	66. St Ignatius' College	1485	281	18.92
17. Hurlstone Agricultural High School Glenfield	1067	414	38.87	67. Tara Anglican School for Girls	445	84	18.88
18. Conservatorium High School	196	74	37.76	68. Sefton High School	928	175	18.86
19. Ravenswood School for Girls	623	228	36.67	69. Cheltenham Girls' High School	1082	203	18.76
20. Pymble Ladies' College	1442	523	36.27	70. Illawarra Christian School	155	29	18.71
21. Normanhurst Boys High School	707	247	34.94	71. The Illawarra Grammar School	610	113	18.52
22. Masada College	344	119	34.59	72. Blue Mountains Grammar School	406	74	18.23
23. Merewether High School	1027	355	34.57	73. Danebank - Anglican School For Girls	520	93	17.88
24. Girraween High School	815	276	33.87	74. Parramatta Marist High School	845	151	17.87
25. St Andrew's Christian School	3	1	33.33	75. St Ursula's College	767	137	17.86
26. Gosford High School	959	316	32.95	76. Sule College, Prestons	344	60	17.44
27. Fort Street High School Petersham	920	301	32.72	77. SCEGGS Redlands	680	118	17.35
28. Abbotsleigh	893	288	32.25	78. St Patrick's Marist College	694	119	17.15
29. Wenona School	570	181	31.75	79. Kinross Wolaroi School	726	124	17.08
30. SHORE - Sydney Church of England Grammar School	1007	312	30.98	80. Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School	82	14	17.07
31. Caringbah High School	871	269	30.88	81. The Scots College	950	156	16.42
32. Roseville College	527	158	29.98	82. St Vincent's College	740	121	16.35
33. Emanuel School	339	99	29.27	83. Turramurra High School	740	120	16.22
34. Queenwood School for Girls	461	132	28.63	84. Newtown High School of the Performing Arts	865	139	16.07
35. St Aloysius College	825	236	28.61	85. Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta	1018	162	15.91
36. Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College	832	236	28.37	86. Summerland Christian College	51	8	15.69
37. Penrith High School	877	248	28.28	87. Scone Grammar School	173	27	15.61
38. Presbyterian Ladies College Sydney	875	243	27.77	88. Barellan Central School	26	4	15.38
39. Knox Grammar School	1187	320	26.96	89. Oxford Falls Grammar School	172	26	15.12
40. Frensham School	269	72	26.77	90. St Joseph's College	1092	165	15.11
41. Smith's Hill High School	774	205	26.49	91. Carlingford High School	884	132	14.93
42. MLC Burwood	658	167	25.38	92. St Mary's Cathedral College	650	97	14.92
43. International Grammar School	478	121	25.31	93. Mercy Catholic College	345	51	14.78
44. Loreto Kimbilly	784	196	25	94. Macquarie Fields High School	1006	147	14.61
44. Redfield College	176	44	25	95. Canberra Grammar School	825	118	14.37
46. Newcastle Grammar School	510	126	24.71	96. Nowra Anglican College	239	34	14.23
47. The King's School	977	240	24.56	97. Trinity Grammar School	1126	159	14.12
48. Sydney Technical High School Bexley	921	226	24.54	98. St Philip's Christian College - Port Stephens	185	26	14.05
49. Barker College	1912	445	23.27	99. Freeman Catholic College	1086	152	14
50. Meriden School	509	117	22.99	100. Marcellin College	797	110	13.87

THIS is the last year the higher school certificate distinguished achievers lists will be the state's only publicly comparable school performance measure.

The Federal Government's My School website will give us rich data for the first time, including new HSC statistics, next year.

All of the lists published in today's paper are limited to the students who scored 90 or over in a HSC course. They tell us nothing about the rest of the school's HSC results.

Every other student may have scored 89 — or less than 10. We do not know — that is not released to us.

Also the percentage of students getting 90 or over can vary widely for different courses. For example, 87.5 per cent of the 2009 classical Greek extension course students scored 90 and over, for mathematics it was 15.76 per cent, physics 7.9 per cent and 2 unit metal and engineering examination 1.79 per cent. Of course each course had a different number of students enrolled — eight in classical Greek extension, 17,271 in mathematics.

It is obvious that 90 in one subject cannot be compared to 90 in another.

Other vital information not released by the NSW Government is easily comparable data about the socio-economic or non-English speaking backgrounds of NSW school students.

We have to wait for the Federal Government to give us that next year.

So while we used all the information available it tells us only a small part of how NSW schools performed.

The Daily Telegraph has given the lists context by calculating the percentage of distinguished achievers to the number of exams sat from each school, rather than just using raw numbers.

There are also lists for some courses so you can see how rankings change.

Yes, having a large number of mentions in the distinguished achievers list is an excellent indication a school is performing well academically.

James Ruse High with 71.97 per cent is a stunning result. Baulkham Hills High, next best with 62.88, Hornsby Girls with 53.09 and Sydney Girls with 50.1, are public selective high schools where performance is expected.

All students mentioned today, no matter which school they attended, have worked hard, as have all their teachers. Congratulations to them all.

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