

## Public school students shine in HSC

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Federation congratulates schools, teachers and students in the state's public schools for their outstanding performance in this year's HSC results.

Public education students dominate the "First in Course" list in the NSW HSC, with 73 of the 129 courses topped by students attending public schools.

Federation President Maurie Mulheron said the excellent results proved the immense potential within the public system and vindicated Federation's campaign to ensure public schools are equipped for the future.

"Continued success is also dependent on adequate resourcing of schools," Mr Mulheron said. "We know there is a direct relationship between successful student outcomes and increased resourcing.

"That's why our schools funding campaign must continue to close the gap between the advantage and disadvantaged, including supporting our regional and remote schools."

Secretary of the NSW Department of Education Mark Scott praised the first-place winners, but added that every student who had completed their HSC deserved recognition.

"This is a very proud day for the students who achieved a First in Course result, as well as for their families, teachers and school communities," Mr Scott said.

"But all students who have completed the HSC have succeeded in a world-class education system and now have the experience and skills to follow their dreams."

Mr Scott said it was pleasing that students from outside the metropolitan areas topped the state in a number of courses.

"We have First in Course students in regional areas from Griffith to Mullumbimby and Nowra," he said. "This shows the Education Department is delivering on its commitment to quality education and learning opportunities regardless of where our students live."

Sydney Boys High School was the most successful public school securing eight First in Course positions, followed by Fort Street High School with six.

Three public school students topped two courses: Ziyuan Li, North Sydney Boys High (Music 2 and Music Extension); Julian Van Gerwen, Fort Street High School (Mathematics and Mathematics Extension 1); and Angela Zha, Fort Street High School (German Continuers and German Extension).



Language schools excelled, with 25 language first places to students who studied through the NSW School of Languages or the Saturday School of Community Languages, which operates in a number of public schools.

The full list of the HSC first in course recipients is on the [NSW Education Standards Authority website](#).

HSC students received their results today.