

# MEDIA RELEASE



16<sup>th</sup> December, 2010

## **Hunter – Central Coast public school students congratulated on HSC results**

The Department of Education and Training's Hunter Central Coast Relieving Regional Director, Maree Roberts, today congratulated local government school-leavers on their Higher School Certificate (HSC) results.

Ms Roberts said students got their HSC results yesterday and there are some great results for the area, with three Hunter – Central Coast public school students coming first in a subject.

"I'm sure many young adults in the Hunter and Central Coast are relieved it's all over and I hope they get a well deserved holiday before starting university, an apprenticeship or work," Ms Roberts added.

"Students in the area should be very proud of their achievements.

"The Hunter Central Coast produced 33 All Rounders - scoring above 90 in at least 10 units of study, an increase of ten students on last year.

"We also had another 19 Top Achievers this year, bringing the total to 52 – these are students placing in the top group for a course, the group size depending on the number of students enrolled in the course.

"We had a total of 690 students on the Distinguished Achievers List (scoring over 90 in a subject).

"It's not just the academically selective schools producing fantastic results, but our other high schools also have a lot to be proud of this year.

"A number of them significantly increased the number of students they had on the Distinguished Achievers List compared with last year, including Swansea High School, Rutherford Technology High School, Cardiff High School and Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College, The Entrance Campus.

"Northlakes, Wyong, Francis Greenway, Morisset and Kurri Kurri High Schools each had students on the Distinguished Achievers List after not appearing last year.

"Our academically selective schools, Merewether High and Gosford High, continue to produce excellent results with very high numbers of Distinguished Achievers, and multiple entries on the other lists."

Highlights of the Hunter – Central Coast public school performance in the 2010 HSC include:

### **NSW Department of Education & Training**

#### **Media Unit**

Level 2, 35 Bridge Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

PO Box 35 SYDNEY NSW 2001

T 02 9561 8501 F 02 9561 8510

E [mediaunit@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mediaunit@det.nsw.edu.au)

- From 2009 to 2010, Cardiff High School increased the number of students on the Distinguished Achievers List by 400% to 10.
- Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College, The Entrance Campus has an 89% increase on the number of students on the 2010 Distinguished Achievers List, compared to 2009, with 17 students.
- Dungog High School has 13 students on the 2010 Distinguished Achievers List, an increase of 44% on 2009.
- From 2009 to 2010, Swansea High School tripled the number of students on the Distinguished Achievers List to nine.
- Rutherford Technology High School also tripled the number of students on the Distinguished Achievers List, from two in 2009 to six in 2010.
- Gosford High School produced 137 Distinguished Achievers in 2010, 10 All Rounders and 8 Top Achievers in 2010.
- Merewether High School produced one First in Course in 2010, as well as 111 Distinguished Achievers, 17 All Rounders and three Top Achievers.

Ms Roberts said if students are unsure about what to do now that they have their results, they can contact the Department's Careers Advisory Service on **1300 300 687** between 9am and 5pm weekdays or via the website [www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au).

"This service opened this morning and will be running until 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 providing information about careers, study, employment and gap year options," she said.

**Media contact: Sven Wright, DET Media Unit, 02 4924 9982**

**NSW Department of Education & Training**

**Media Unit**

Level 2, 35 Bridge Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

PO Box 35 SYDNEY NSW 2001

T 02 9561 8501 F 02 9561 8510

E [mediaunit@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mediaunit@det.nsw.edu.au)