



St Aloysius' College

Analysis of HSC results:

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There were a number of highlights:

- Three students achieved the **maximum ATAR rank of 99.95: Daniel Farinha, Sam Murray and James Diaz**. This is the equivalent to 100 in old scale. This is a phenomenal result for these students.
- 53% of students achieved an ATAR rank of 90 or better with the median being 91.
- We had 10 students in Top Achievers list including **Daniel Farinha** who was placed first in state in two subjects. This is significantly more than any previous year that these results have been published. Further **Giancarlo Puglisi** was placed first in the state in Italian Continuers, which he undertook through The Saturday School of Community Languages.
- 13 Students in All-Rounders Achievers List.
- A record number of nominations and placements in HSC Showcases and Exhibitions.

Perhaps the best comparison can be made to past performance at SAC.

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total students	134	145	145	142	151
Distinguished Achievers	165	198	258	236	275

A close reading of **all the results** indicates that the results across the board were strong. This trend has been a pleasing feature of results in recent years. Too often results can be measured by only looking at the top students. There has been a pleasing improvement in the performance of students of all abilities reflecting in stronger means and the continued lack of a “tail” in our results.

The following tables reflects strong results across the top bands which fewer students outside the top 2 bands. In 2010 we had the highest proportion of students in the top 2 bands for both 2 unit (78.7%) and extension subjects (99%).

Band Results for all 2 unit courses*

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Band 6	162 (21.2%)	209 (28%)	194 (26.6%)	223 (28.7%)
Band 5	343 (45%)	308 (41%)	337 (46.2%)	388 (50%)
Band 4	217 (28.5%)	193 (26%)	160 (22%)	141 (18.1%)
Band 3	34 (4.46%)	31 (4%)	38 (5%)	25 (3.2%)
Band 2	6 (0.79%)	8 (1%)	1	0
Band 1				

(2010: Total of 777 individual student results in 2 Unit courses, including 1 unit Studies of Religion)

Band Results for all Extension courses*

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Band 4	36 (40%)	49 (47%)	42 (43.3%)	52 (50%)
Band 3	49 (54%)	48 (46%)	53 (51.5%)	51 (49%)
Band 2	5 (5.5%)	7 (6%)	1	1
Band 1	0	1	1	

(2010: Total of 104 individual student results in Extension courses)

All-Rounders:

There were 13 **students** named in the Premier's All-rounders list. These students scored 90 or better in 10 units. They were:

N. Cordi, M. De Gail, W. De Waal, J. Diaz, D. Farinha, C. Joannides, J. Juwana, D. Malouf, S. Murray, G. Puglisi, J. Siow, L. Viney, P. Walsh.

Top Achievers:

This is an area of continued improvement. Of particular note were:

Latin:

- **Daniel Farinha** was placed first in the state in both Latin Continuers (100%) and Latin Extension (50/50) courses.
- **Sam Murray** also achieved excellent results obtaining 98% in Latin Continuers and 50/50 in Extension Latin being placed second in the state in this course.

Music:

Two students received full marks in this course. **Alex Sahagian and Jeremy Siow** both scored 50/50 in this demanding course. Alex was placed 5th in the state.

Ancient History:

Sam Murray was placed 7th in the state.

Extension History:

Sam Murray scored full marks in this course and was placed 9th in the state.

English Standard:

The pleasing results in this course achieved in 2009 were repeated in 2010. **Nicholas Aboud** was placed 13th in the state and **Nathaniel Pemberton** was ranked 19th.

Extension2 English.

Peter Walsh achieved full marks being ranked second in the state.

Italian Continuers:

Giancarlo Puglisi was placed first in the state in Italian Continuers. Giancarlo studied this course through the Saturday School of Community languages.

Japanese Continuers:

James Diaz was placed 5th in the state.

ATAR calculations:

- Three students achieved maximum ATAR rank of 99.95
- 8 students achieved ATAR above 99. A few others missed by the smallest of margins, with 43 students scoring between 95 and 99.
- 80 boys appear to have ATAR's over 90 – 53% of the cohort in the top 17% in the state.
- The median ATAR was 91. Our highest in recent history. The state median was 69.8.

Creative Arts:

Like 2009 the class of 2010 has had a significant number of students selected to display/ perform in the varying showcases for HSC creative arts courses. This reinforces the healthy state of Creative Arts at St Aloysius and the important place it plays in both the cultural and academic life of the College.

Visual Arts:

8 students have had their major artworks nominated for **ARTEXPRESS 2011**.

They were:

Dominic Byrne ,Mitchell Hockey ,Matthew Jones ,James Lauder ,Joel Martorana ,Harrison McLean ,Gerard Size ,William Stephenson

Of these 5 were finally selected for inclusion”

- **Dominic Byrne** *Illusions of Grandeur: A Retrospect into the Golden Age of Portraiture* (The Armory Sydney Olympic Park)
- **Mitchell Hockey** *Lost Toys: Imaginative Ideas Waiting to be Collected* (The Rocks- Sydney, Shoalhaven City Arts Centre)

- **James Lauder** *Totems: Longing for closeness to nature* (The Armory Sydney Olympic Park)
- **Joel Martorana** *Masked* (Art Gallery of New South Wales, New England Regional Art Museum)
- **Gerard Size** *Fabricate Relics* (The Rocks- Sydney, Shoalhaven City Arts Centre, Western Plains Cultural Centre Dubbo Regional Gallery)

The overall results in Visual Arts reflect the quality of work the boys produced. All students were placed in the top 2 bands with 51% achieving a band 6.

Music:

Two students, Jeremy Siow and Alex Sahagian were nominated to perform in **ENCORE**, a selection of exemplary performances from HSC students

Drama:

The following students **Adam Ibrahim, Sean O'Grady, Nathaniel Pemberton** and Vincent Power have been selected for **OnSTAGE** to present their group performance entitled *Welcome to Australia*.

Also **Nathaniel Pemberton** was nominated for his Individual performance, "*Seeking Wild.*"

Over half the students (55%) achieved a band 6 result.

Faculty Highlights:

English:

The results in all courses were particularly pleasing. Standard English has a mean 13 above the state and two boys in the Top Achievers List. 45% of Advanced English students achieved a Band 6. In Extension English 73% of students were placed in the top band. Peter Walsh was placed 2nd in the state in Extension 2 English. These results continue on the outstanding work of the English faculty.

Economics:

The continued strength of Economics was again evident with 36% of students achieving a band 6 result.

Mathematics:

Like English strong results were achieved in all courses. General Mathematics had a mean 13.39 above the state with 81% of students in top 2 bands. In the (2 Unit) Mathematics course 45% achieved a band 6. The results in both Extension 1 (43% in top band) and Extension 2 (54%) in top band were outstanding.

History:

Pleasing results were obtained in both Modern & Ancient history. The results in Extension History were outstanding with 50% of candidature achieving a top band and all students being placed in top 2 bands. The mean was nearly 14% above the state average.

PDHPE:

Over half the students (53%) in this course achieved a band 6. The consistently strong results reflect the hard work of teachers and students.

Studies of Religion:

Pleasing results were obtained in both the 1 Unit & 2 Unit courses. In 2 unit SOR 96% of students were placed in the top 2 bands.

LOTE:

Excellent results were achieved; especially in Latin & Japanese. Daniel Farinha & Sam Murray excelled in Latin and James Diaz was placed 5th in the state in Japanese.

General Comments:

There has been continued improvement in HSC results, from a strong base in recent years. By a number of measures these results are as good as or better than any in recent history. One pleasing aspect is that results have improved for all students, not just one group (e.g. top, middle etc).

At the same time the College is building upon success in extracurricular activities as well as engaging students in service programmes and cultural activities. Academic achievement is highly valued at the College, but is not pursued to the exclusion of the broader ethos and mission of the College. We are proud of these young men and believe they will contribute significantly to our community in years to come.

Analysis by Course:**Ancient History:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	83.80	17%	59%	24%	0	0	0
NSW	73.11	11%	27%	26%	20%	9%	5%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

W. Comino, W. De Waal, H. Fitzgerald, S. Murray, C. Simmonds.

Biology:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	82.18	16%	55%	29%	3%	0	0
NSW	73.41	7%	26%	31%	25%	8%	2%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

C. Grundy, C. Joannides, R. Kelly, D. Malouf, J. Riordan.

Business Studies:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	83.33	16%	55%	26%	3%	0	0
NSW	74.35	10%	27%	31%	23%	7%	2%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

N. Fuentes, C. Joannides, T. Pastega, G. Pezikian, J. Siow. B. Tully.

Chemistry:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	78.42	0	56%	40%	0	0	0
NSW	74.49	10%	29%	32%	18%	6%	4%

Drama:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	88.56	56%	22%	22%	0	0	0
NSW	76.52	11%	29%	39%	18%	3%	0

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

J. Edwards, A. Ibrahim, S. O'Grady, N. Pemberton, B. Sheldon.

Economics:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	83.89	36%	43%	11%	11%	0	0
NSW	73.46	13%	28%	26%	17%	8%	7%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

L. Andrew, N. Cordi, M, de Gail, W. De Waal, T. Duncan, C. Hammerton, J. Juwana, A. Klaric, N. Mahoney, D. Malouf, N. Pemberton, B. Pfister, G. Puglisi. N. Rowbotham, L. Viney, P. Yee Joy, N. Young.

English (Advanced):

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	88.22	45%	50%	5%	0	0	0
NSW	80.57	14%	44%	35%	6%	1%	0

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

S. Burrett, D. Byrne, M. Carbone, S. Casey, K. Chowdry, D. Choy, N. Cordi, M.de Gail, W. De Waal, J. Diaz, T. Duncan, D. Farinha, N. Fuentes, P. Griffiths, C. Grundy, C. Hammerton, A. Huang, T. Hundleby, A. Ibrahim, C. Joannides, J. Juwana, P. Kelly, R. Kelly, M. Little, D. Malouf, J. Martorana, F. Mastroianni, S. Murray, S. O'Grady, G. Puglisi, A. Quirk, J. Ross, N. Rowbotham, T. Ruehl, L. Ryan, A. Sahagian, B. Sheldon, C. Simmonds, J. Siow, W. Stephenson, L. Viney, P. Walsh, S. Wood, N. Young.

English (Standard):

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	76.92	4%	22%	70%	4%	0	0
NSW	63.83	0.18%	4%	31%	37%	20%	8%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

N. Aboud, N. Pemberton.

English Extension 1:

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	45.03	73%	27%	0	0
NSW	39.93	24%	61%	14%	1%

Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:

D. Choy, D. Farinha, P. Griffiths, F. Mastroianni, J. Ross, N. Rowbotham, L. Ryan, A. Sahagian, J. Siow, P. Walsh, N. Young.

English Extension 2:

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	50.00	100%	0	0	0
NSW	39.44	28%	53%	17%	2%

Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:

P. Walsh

Geography:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	78.77	0	57%	29%	14%	0	0
NSW	75.21	9%	30%	35%	19%	^%	1%

Legal Studies:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	78.33	13%	50%	25%	12%	0	0
NSW	72.88	12%	26%	26%	19%	11%	5%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:**N. Bradley****General Mathematics:**

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	84.72	31%	50%	16%	3%	0	0
NSW	71.33	7%	20%	31%	29%	11%	3%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

L. Andrew, F. Buncle, J. Comerford, A. Ellis, S. Emanuel, N. Fuentes, P. Griffiths, C. Hammerton, S. Haworth, C. Joannides, M. Little, W. Monckton, W. Nelson, A. Ostowari, B. Patterson, N. Pemberton, J. Sweeney, L. Viney.

Mathematics:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	85.38	46%	32%	15%	7%	0	0
NSW	76.10	19%	29%	27%	14%	6%	5%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

T. Blundell, C. Caccamo, A. Carrozzi, J. Chan, P. Cheng, H. Collins, N. Cordi, W. Craft, C. D'Netto, M. de Gail, W. de Waal, C. Grundy, A. Hart, J. Hortle, B. Humphreys, J. Kafes, R. Kelly, L. Keniry, W. Lam, N. Mahoney, D. Malouf, L. McAlpin, A. Mowbray, X. Murray, A. Nettleton, S. Ojong, D. Palomo, T. Pastega, W. Pei, J. Peter, G. Puglisi, J. Riisfeldt, N. Rowbotham, A. Sahagian, N. Sauerman, J. Siow, M. Tripodi, S. Wood, P. Yee Joy.

Mathematics Extension 1:

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	87.08	43%	57%	0	0
NSW	80.65	37%	46%	14%	3%

Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:

N. Cordi, J. Diaz, D. Farinha, J. Hortle, A. Huang, J. Juwana, A. Klaric, K. Lam, J. Martorana, S. Munoz, S. Murray, S. Ojong, J. Patterson, B. Pfister, G. Puglisi, E. Rosandi Ho, J. Ross, I. Ryan, M. Young, N. Young.

Mathematics Extension 2:

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	89.83	54%	46%	0	0
NSW	83.38	38%	53%	9%	1%

Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:

J. Diaz, D. Farinha, K. Lam, S. Munoz, E. Rosandi Ho, J. Ross, M. Young.

Modern History:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	85.16	17%	74%	9%	0	0	0
NSW	75.45	8%	34%	36%	14%	5%	3%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

C. Caccamo, P. Cooper, N. Cordi, W. Craft, M. de Gail, D. Farinha, J. Juwana, J. Martorana, L. Ryan, P. Walsh

History Extension:

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	44.78	50%	50%	0	0
NSW	37.81	23%	48%	26%	3%

Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:

T. Blundell, C. Caccamo, S. Casey, P. Cooper, H. Fitzgerald, T. Hundleby, S. Murray, P. Walsh.

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Music 1:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	85.48	20%	80%	0	0	0	0
NSW	80.24	16%	44%	27%	10%	1%	1%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

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Music 2:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	91.13	50%	50%	0	0	0	0
NSW	85.48	32%	50%	17%	1%	0	0

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

J. May, A. Sahagian, J. Siow.

Music Extension:

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	48.77	100%	0	0	0
NSW	44.49	59%	40%	1%	

Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:

P. Carroll, A. Sahagian, J. Siow.

Personal Development, Health & Physical Education:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	88.78	53%	40%	7%	0	0	0
NSW	75.07	9%	29%	32%	23%	5%	1%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

L. Andrew, T. Blundell, T. Doolan, T. Duncan, J. Grant, C. Hammerton, S. Haworth, T. Hundleby, C. Joannides, P. Kelly, C. Knight, W. Monckton, T. Pastega, B. Tully, L. Viney, S. Wood.

Physics:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	81.24	9%	59%	28%	3%	0	0
NSW	74.87	8%	31%	32%	21%	5%	2%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

J. Diaz, J. Hortle, J. Ross.

Senior Science:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	84.5	0	90%	10%	0	0	0
NSW	76.68	85	32%	35%	18%	5%	1%

Studies of Religion 1:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	41.88	20%	65%	10%	4%	0	0
NSW	38.47	14%	37%	28%	16%	4%	1%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

N. Cordi, S. Harte, S. Haworth, C. Joannides, J. Juwana, C. Knight, S. Murray, N. Rowbotham, A. Sahagian, J. Siow.

Studies of Religion 2:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	86.89	27%	69%	4%	0	0	0
NSW	76.64	9%	40%	27%	15%	6%	2%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

D. Byrne, M.de Gail, W. De Waal, N. Fuentes, P. Griffiths, A. Ibrahim, D. Malouf, J. Martorana, F. Mastroianni, W. Stephenson, L. Viney, P. Walsh.

Visual Arts:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	89.16	52%	48%	0	0	0	0
NSW	78.87	12%	39%	37%	11%	1%	

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

F. Buncle, D. Byrne, M. Carbone, S. Casey, M. Hockey, M. Jones, J. Lauder, J. Martorana, M. Parker, S. Payne, G. Size, W. Stephenson, D. Wakefield, P. Walsh.

French Continuers:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	79.54	15%	38%	31%	15%	0	0
NSW	80.90	27%	33%	26%	10%	3%	1%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

S. Munoz, G. Puglisi.

French Extension:

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	37.34	0	80%	20%	0
NSW	41.98	46%	44%	10%	

Japanese Continuers:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	86.23	50%	17%	33%	0	0	0
NSW	77.73	21%	27%	29%	17%	5%	1%

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

J. Diaz, J. Hortle, E. Rosandi Ho.

Japanese Extension:

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	43%	0	100%	0	0
NSW	39.58	26%	56%	17%	1%

Latin Continuers:

	Mean	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
SAC	98.8	100%	0	0	0	0	0
NSW	87.37	54%	27%	15%	5%	0	0

Band 6 Distinguished Achievers:

D. Farinha, S. Murray.

Latin Extension:

	Mean	Band E4	Band E3	Band E2	Band E1
SAC	50	100%	0	0	0
NSW	46.11	77%	23%	0	0

Extension Band E4 Distinguished Achievers:

D. Farinha, S. Murray

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