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P&C MEETING UPDATE – NOVEMBER 2022

Dear parents and carers,

We had an excellent HSC Parent Information Session this month via Zoom. Thank you to Mr Howard for his presentation. We also thank those parents and carers who attended online.

We covered several topics, including:

- The HSC & ATAR
- Category A & B Courses
- Early Entry into University
- Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

We also had a brief P&C Meeting, which was led by Mr Alfred Grasso (President).

Next meeting: Our next Parent Information Session will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, 05 December 2022. These meetings are for us to share information with you, and we benefit from these meetings just as much as you do.

Your presence and ideas are what we need!

Thanks to everyone who logged into our meeting. I look forward to continuing to work with our parents and community members. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Michael Lane
Relieving Principal

P&C MEETING: HSC INFORMATION SESSION



07 NOVEMBER 2022

AGENDA

- ❖ Acknowledgement of Country
- ❖ Tell Them From Me Parent Survey
- ❖ Principal's Address - Mr. Lane
- ❖ HSC Parent Information – Mr. Howard
- ❖ Question time



CECIL HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Acknowledgement of Country

I acknowledge the
custodians of this land,
the Darug People.

I pay respects to the Elders,
past and present and to those of the future,
and to the traditions,
and to the people of Aboriginal Australia.



TELL THEM FROM ME PARENT SURVEY

- ❖ The 2022 Tell Them From Me Parent Survey is now open
- ❖ Available in 22 languages
- ❖ The survey is available through the following link:
<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/4bjyy>



ENGAGE WITH CECIL SCHOOL LIFE!



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SCHOOL WEBSITE - [HTTPS://CECILHILLS-H.SCHOOLS.NSW.GOV.AU/](https://cecilhills-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/)



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PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

MR MICHAEL LANE

PRINCIPAL



HSC INFORMATION SESSION

MR JOEL HOWARD

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

CLASS OF 2023



THE HSC & ATAR

- Higher School Certificate (HSC) is a credential that is achieved through the successful completion of the courses selected in Year 11 and 12. The HSC will show your scores for each subject based on your performance in these courses.
- The Australian tertiary admission rank (ATAR) is a rank provided by UAC (University Admissions Centre) that compares your performance to others.
- **You can complete and receive an HSC without choosing to receive an ATAR.**



COURSES - EXTENSION COURSES 1 OR 2 UNIT

- Extension study is available in a number of subjects. Extension courses build on the content of the 2 unit course and carry an additional value of 1 unit. Requiring students to work beyond the standard of the 2 unit course, extension courses are available in English, Mathematics, History, Music, some languages and Science.
- **English** and **Mathematics** Extension Courses are available at Preliminary and HSC levels. Students must study the Preliminary extension course in these subjects before proceeding to the two HSC extension courses (Extension 1 and Extension 2). The Extension 2 course requires students to work beyond the standard of the Extension 1 course.
- HSC extension courses in subjects other than English and Mathematics are offered and examined in Year 12 only. **Eg. History, Music, some languages and Science.**



COURSES - CATEGORY A AND B COURSES

HSC courses are classified as either Category A or Category B.

Category A courses are included in the calculation of an ATAR and students must sit a compulsory HSC examination.

Category B courses can be included in a student's ATAR calculation if they are enrolled with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) for the course and they sit the optional HSC examination. They include **English Studies**, **Mathematics Standard 1** and **VET Courses**, which include compulsory work placement.

No more than two units of Category B courses can be used in the ATAR calculation.



COURSES - ELIGIBILITY FOR THE HSC OR ATAR

Students must:

- complete 12 units (usually 6 subjects) in year 11 and a minimum of 10 units (usually 5 subjects) in year 12.
- They must meet the **HSC minimum standard of literacy and numeracy** within five years of starting your HSC course.
- **satisfactorily complete courses** that meet the pattern of study required by NESAs for the award of the Higher School Certificate. This includes the completion of the:
 - practical component of the course
 - oral or project works required for specific courses
 - the assessment requirements for each course, and
 - a serious attempt at the Higher School Certificate examinations for the courses.



CALCULATING HSC OR ATAR RESULTS

There are 4 different marks depicted in the table below; school assessment, moderated assessment, examination mark and HSC mark.

Student No.	Name	S.A.	M.A.	E.M.	H.M.	Band/Grade
999 10161	[REDACTED]	94	93	93	93	6
999 10193	[REDACTED]	93	91	82	87	5
999 10200	[REDACTED]	92	90	81	86	5
999 10300	[REDACTED]	90	86	80	83	5
999 10719	[REDACTED]	88	82	78	80	5
999 10727	[REDACTED]	86	78	76	77	4



CALCULATING HSC OR ATAR RESULTS - SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

50% of a student's HSC mark comes from their **school assessment (S.A.)**. This mark is usually comprised of the culmination of 4 tasks. One of the most important factors that predict a student's achievement is their school assessment results.

Student No.	Name	S.A.	M.A.	E.M.	H.M.	Band/Grade
040161	[REDACTED]	94	93	93	93	6
040103	[REDACTED]	93	91	82	87	5
040200	[REDACTED]	92	90	81	86	5
040300	[REDACTED]	90	86	80	83	5
040700	[REDACTED]	88	82	78	80	5
040700	[REDACTED]	86	78	76	77	4



CALCULATING HSC OR ATAR RESULTS - MODERATION

The HSC mark is made up of 50% of a student's school assessment mark and 50% of their HSC examination mark. **A student's mark in each subject is moderated against their school's overall HSC marks for a subject to ensure consistency across schools.**

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CALCULATING HSC OR ATAR RESULTS - EXAM MARK

The **Exam Mark (E.M)** refers to the actual mark that a student earns when they sit their HSC examination.

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040161	[REDACTED]	94	93	93	93	6
040103	[REDACTED]	93	91	82	87	5
040200	[REDACTED]	92	90	81	86	5
040000	[REDACTED]	90	86	80	83	5
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CALCULATING HSC OR ATAR RESULTS - HSC MARK

The **HSC mark (H.M)** you receive for each course is simply the average of the **exam mark (E.M)** and the **moderated assessment (M.A)** mark. Half-marks are rounded up to the nearest whole number.

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CALCULATING HSC OR ATAR RESULTS - SCALING

How do you compare one student who scored a 90 in Mathematics Extension 2 to another student who scored 90 in Mathematics Advanced? It is impossible to do such a comparison without applying scaling to the marks as the difficulty of the subjects is different!

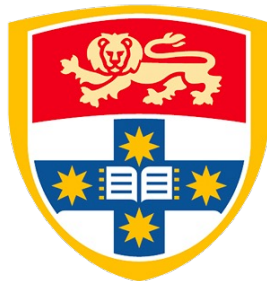
As an example a 90 in Extension 2 Mathematics may earn a student a mark of 90, whereas a mark of 90 in Mathematics Standard 2 may earn a student an 85-88.

However, the greatest influence over an ATAR is not scaling. A student's ability and suitability to a subject has a far greater impact on their result.



EARLY ENTRY INTO UNIVERSITY

What is an offer?



Early entry = Acceptance into university
before completing your HSC.



EARLY ENTRY INTO UNIVERSITY

- **You need to check the criteria with the university that you would like to attend.**
- **Some things that will help your application for early entry include:**
 - ❑ Excellent grades - Year 11 is extremely important
 - ❑ Extra-Curricular activities - Sport, arts etc.
 - ❑ Community service.
 - ❑ School Leadership - SRC, Captain/Prefect, House Leaders.
- **Universities are looking for well rounded students.**



WSU - WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



They have the **True Rewards program** where students can be accepted based on their year 11 and/or 12 result.

For more information: [Subject Bands | Western Sydney University](#)



MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY



Macquarie leaders and achievers early entry scheme.
Students can be offered places based on year 11 results.
Applications close on 31st of August.

- **Leadership** –active participation in either the school or local community in a role such as school captain, prefect, committee member of a social justice or other student-led group, leadership role in cadets, attendance at a leadership conference or camp, or participation in the *FIRST* Robotics competition.
- **Social justice** – participation in the Model United Nations program
- **Place of worship** – youth leader at your local place of worship
- **Sporting or performing arts** – coordination of a sports gala day or a cultural performance for a community group or a leadership role within a sporting committee or performance group
- **Paid or voluntary work** – employed in a position with opportunities to show responsibility or leadership
- **Family carer responsibilities**
- **Duke of Edinburgh's Award program**
- **New South Wales Institute of Sport membership**

For more information: [Macquarie Leaders and Achievers](#)



MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY (CONT...)

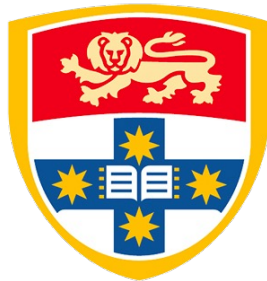


School's recommendation scheme (SRS). This is based on your year 11 academic achievements and your school's rating of your aptitude.

For more information:
[Macquarie University - Schools Recommendation Scheme](#)



THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY



There are a range of programs based around the following criteria:

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students
- Educational disadvantage and disruption
- Elite athlete and performers
- High academic achievers
- Portfolio and audition pathways
- School captain and dux students.

For more information: [Admission pathways - The University of Sydney](#)



UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG



Early Admission:

They will consider your grades and you will be required to answer 4 questions as part of your application:

- 1) What are your study strategies when preparing for an important assessment task?
- 2) What has influenced your decision to pursue your course or courses of interest?
- 3) Describe a time when you worked with others to achieve a goal.
- 4) Tell us about a time when you set yourself a goal and worked really hard to achieve a good result.



HARD AND SMART WORK PAYS OFF

- Students should set up a study plan and start studying now, not a week prior to the HSC.
- Hard work beats natural ability or brains.
- Students do well when they are motivated. This could be by future job prospects or further study.



QUESTION TIME

This presentation will be available via email and the school website.

