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2016 HSC results – an education good news story

Chief Executive of the Association of Independent Schools of NSW, Dr Geoff Newcombe, today congratulated all students who completed their 2016 Higher School Certificate.

“Every student who has completed this year’s HSC is to be commended on their achievement following many years of study and effort. This is an education good news story that deserves to be celebrated, and each HSC graduate has earned the right to celebrate with their families and fellow students”, Dr Newcombe said.

This year more than 16,000 students from independent schools were awarded their HSC. Overall their performance was outstanding, making up 40 per cent of all students on this year’s HSC Merit Lists although they accounted for just 24 per cent of the total HSC candidature.

“This year’s results also demonstrated that independent schools have a significant and positive impact on the educational outcomes of students from low socioeconomic backgrounds. These achievements of course would not be possible without the support students receive from their families and teachers.

“The quality of teaching is one of the biggest influences on a student’s education and this year’s results confirm that independent schools continue to deliver excellent results across the board. This was also apparent in the recently released PISA results which, despite the focus on Australia’s overall results slipping further, actually showed independent school students’ performance to be comparable to the highest achieving students around the world.

“Parents can be confident that an independent school is likely to provide their child with the high quality of education they are seeking”, Dr Newcombe said.

Students from independent schools:

- made up 24% of all candidates for the 2016 Higher School Certificate
- accounted for 40% of those on the All Round Achievers list - students who received a top band result across 10 or more units of study
- represented 27% of all students who placed First in Course, and
- accounted for 37% of those on the Distinguished Achievers list.

2016 HSC students receive their results today. More information on HSC results and merit lists is available at the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) NSW at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au

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