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Independent school students top of the HSC class

The Executive Director of the Association of Independent Schools of NSW, Dr Geoff Newcombe, today congratulated independent school students for their impressive 2011 HSC results.

“Every student who completed their HSC this year is to be congratulated on their effort. Their families and schools will be justly proud of their achievements”, Dr Newcombe said.

“The results for independent schools were again outstanding in 2011. Particularly noteworthy is that with just 22.5% of the HSC candidature, independent schools provided nearly half (40%) of the students on the All Round Achievers list. This is a fantastic result, particularly when you consider that only a very small number of independent schools are academically selective.”

“In addition, independent school students represented 30% of the First in Course recipients and 36% of this year’s Distinguished Achievers”, Dr Newcombe said.

“These results are testament to the dedication and hard work of the students but also the quality of teaching and the culture of excellence in independent schools.”

“Parents can be confident that by choosing an independent school they are choosing a high quality education environment where their child will be likely to reach his or her potential”, said Dr Newcombe.

The following statistics reflect the outstanding achievements of independent school students:

- Independent school students represented 22.5% of those eligible for a Higher School Certificate.
- they accounted for nearly half (40%) of those on the All Round Achievers list. This list is made up of those students who received a top band result across 10 or more units of study.
- 30% of all students who placed First in Course were from independent schools.
- they accounted for 36% of those who made the Distinguished Achievers list.

2011 HSC students will receive their results today. More information on HSC merit lists is available from the Board of Studies.