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Congratulations to all HSC First in Course recipients

The Association of Independent Schools of NSW (AISNSW) today congratulated all recipients of the 2017 HSC First in Course Awards who were acknowledged today by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) at a ceremony in Eveleigh.

“Every student completing their HSC deserves congratulations for their efforts and their families, friends and teachers are right to be proud of their achievement. In particular, today we acknowledge and celebrate with those students who placed first in the state in a subject”, said Dr Geoff Newcombe, Chief Executive of AISNSW.

“The performance of students from independent schools was outstanding and is testament to the quality of teaching and learning being delivered in the independent sector.”

Of the 129 First in Course awards, 39 were awarded to students from Independent schools, continuing a pattern of the sector providing a higher proportion of First in Course recipients (30 per cent) than its proportion of HSC candidates (24 per cent).

	Government	Catholic System	Independent
First in Course awards	75	11	39
% of First in Course	58%	9%	30%
% of Candidature	57%	19%	24%

Students from twenty-nine independent schools were represented in the 2017 First in Course awards, including a number from country areas and several from schools serving low socioeconomic communities. One school featured with three awards, eight schools had students who topped the state in two subjects, while another twenty schools had one student each who topped the state in a subject.

Of particular note was the achievement of Hebe Larkin, a student at Pymble Ladies’ College, who topped the state in three subjects – Classical Greek Continuers, Classical Greek Extension and Latin Continuers.

Dr Newcombe said: “Today’s awards remind us there many shining lights in our schools and there’s a lot that we get right in our education system. It is always a pleasure to be able to celebrate the hard-earned success of every student recognised here today.”

“These results give parents confidence that by choosing an independent school for their child they are giving them a great opportunity to achieve their potential.”

More information about HSC results is available from the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) website at www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au

Attached: list of Independent school 2017 HSC First in Course awards

**2017 Higher School Certificate First in Course Awards
Independent Schools**

School	No. of First In Course awards
Abbotsleigh	2
All Saints Grammar School	1
Amity College, Prestons	1
Ascham School	1
Barker College	2
Cranbrook School	2
Danebank – An Anglican School for Girls	1
Hills Adventist College	1
Kesser Torah College	1
Loreto Kirribilli	1
Loreto Normanhurst	2
Macarthur Anglican School	2
Moama Anglican Grammar School	1
Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College	2
Moriah College	2
Newcastle Grammar School	1
Our Lady of Mercy College	1
Presbyterian Ladies' College Sydney	1
Pymble Ladies' College	3
Queenwood School	1
Ravenswood School for Girls	1
Redlands	1
Saint Ignatius' College	1
SHORE	2
St Spyridon College	1
St Stanislaus' College	1
Sydney Grammar School	1
Wagga Wagga Christian College	1
Wollemi College	1