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The Hon Verity Firth MP
Minister for Education and Training

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HSC RESULTS FOR CLASS OF 2009

The Minister for Education and Training, Verity Firth has congratulated the Class of 2009 for its performance in this year's Higher School Certificate with the Board of Studies reporting a solid performance for the year.

More than 330,000 individual course results will be made available to 68,406 students across NSW today.

All of our students, their families and their teachers should be very proud to see these final results and well done to everyone for making it through," Ms Firth said.

"This year, 15,781 students will be named on the Board's Distinguished Achievers List for achieving at least one of the top band course results.

"More than 1200 students on the All-Rounders List will also receive a Premier's Medal for Excellence in the HSC by post in January."

Ms Firth said 63,518 students would be eligible for their full HSC and a further 4,888 students would receive an HSC result in at least one course.

"Since the mid-1990s it has been possible to take up to five years to finish the HSC and many students stretch out their studies to suit their circumstances," Ms Firth said.

"Many bright students also sit their first HSC exams while still in Year 11 or even earlier, so they gain results before they are eligible for a full HSC.

"It's just one example of the flexibility of the NSW HSC.

"This year more than 23,000 students will gain both an HSC and vocational qualification – 70 percent are from government schools making a real difference to the State's skills level."

More than 80 per cent of this year's students are eligible for an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank.

Students with questions about their HSC results can call the Board's HSC Inquiry line on 13 11 12 for more information.

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