

**Table A4 Distributions of HSC marks by course: 2016 and 2015**

- Notes: (i) The **Number** column shows the number of students who completed the course in the given year.  
(ii) Columns 45, 40, 35, 30 and 25 show the percentage of the course candidature with an HSC mark less than the specified mark.  
(iii) The table excludes courses with less than 40 students in either year.

Course	Year	Number	Percentage of students with HSC mark less than:				
			45	40	35	30	25
Aboriginal Studies	2016	496	90.9	75.8	54.8	25.8	8.5
	2015	400	93.8	75.8	54.8	33.5	10.0
Agriculture	2016	1,395	92.7	68.7	40.4	16.8	4.2
	2015	1,344	92.7	71.1	39.4	15.4	2.8
Ancient History	2016	9,909	91.7	69.0	41.4	17.4	5.0
	2015	10,748	92.0	67.1	38.9	16.7	6.8
Biology	2016	17,735	91.2	64.7	35.0	9.7	2.2
	2015	17,269	94.2	71.9	40.0	15.7	4.5
Business Studies	2016	17,130	91.1	65.2	35.8	12.9	2.6
	2015	16,561	91.5	63.7	33.3	11.5	2.9
Chemistry	2016	10,554	90.3	58.9	26.4	5.7	2.0
	2015	10,905	89.2	58.8	26.4	6.5	1.7
Community & Family Studies	2016	7,944	94.8	69.0	34.6	14.2	4.2
	2015	7,957	94.2	67.6	34.3	13.4	3.1
Dance	2016	878	90.5	51.8	22.2	4.3	1.6
	2015	901	88.1	54.7	22.1	3.4	1.4
Design & Technology	2016	3,200	87.5	59.0	23.2	4.5	0.6
	2015	3,148	88.4	63.8	21.1	4.9	0.4
Drama	2016	4,723	85.6	57.3	16.7	1.9	0.1
	2015	4,593	85.6	57.5	17.7	1.9	0.1
Earth & Environmental Science	2016	1,592	93.5	65.3	31.0	10.8	3.8
	2015	1,468	92.3	57.2	27.8	8.9	2.2
Economics	2016	5,196	86.1	54.6	25.8	5.6	1.8
	2015	5,089	88.6	53.9	25.1	7.6	2.4
Engineering Studies	2016	2,006	89.1	61.7	28.2	5.2	1.3
	2015	2,054	90.5	63.0	28.6	5.8	1.3
English Standard	2016	31,290	99.1	86.5	50.5	12.7	2.8
	2015	31,501	99.6	91.6	57.6	15.3	3.3
English Advanced	2016	26,080	84.6	38.0	9.5	1.1	0.2
	2015	26,002	84.6	42.1	8.8	0.9	0.2
English Extension 1	2016	4,354	64.6	21.7	4.8	1.0	0.2
	2015	4,512	65.4	22.5	5.7	0.9	0.2
English Extension 2	2016	1,619	81.8	51.4	20.4	5.1	0.6
	2015	1,631	73.8	42.8	17.5	4.0	0.3
ESL	2016	2,327	95.3	72.7	40.7	15.7	6.2
	2015	2,368	96.0	73.7	38.8	16.5	4.1
Food Technology	2016	3,535	93.1	70.1	40.5	17.7	2.7
	2015	3,361	91.7	71.0	43.4	20.9	4.5
Geography	2016	4,283	91.6	58.7	29.1	10.0	2.4
	2015	4,275	91.4	58.4	33.2	12.6	4.1

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Industrial Technology	2016	5,575	92.7	74.0	46.5	22.1	7.6
	2015	5,512	91.7	73.3	44.8	20.8	5.8
Information Processes & Technology	2016	2,778	93.0	71.8	36.2	17.3	5.6
	2015	2,814	93.0	67.4	33.5	14.7	4.9
Legal Studies	2016	10,293	87.8	57.2	28.6	11.0	3.8
	2015	10,297	89.2	59.4	31.3	10.1	2.6
Mathematics General 2	2016	31,758	94.6	74.1	47.9	24.3	8.3
	2015	31,511	94.3	74.1	49.5	25.1	7.5
Mathematics	2016	16,139	76.8	47.3	23.4	7.8	3.5
	2015	16,450	80.3	47.5	19.1	9.2	3.1
Mathematics Extension 1	2016	8,671	66.9	40.7	20.4	8.3	2.8
	2015	8,954	65.6	35.8	15.7	6.0	1.7
Mathematics Extension 2	2016	3,251	67.9	35.9	14.5	5.7	2.0
	2015	3,333	63.9	31.7	13.7	5.0	1.5
Modern History	2016	10,785	90.6	58.9	26.8	13.0	4.2
	2015	11,053	88.4	55.9	27.4	9.8	3.5
History Extension	2016	1,862	78.4	46.9	19.2	5.9	1.4
	2015	1,878	78.0	49.8	21.7	6.5	2.3
Music 1	2016	4,677	81.5	37.0	10.8	1.7	0.4
	2015	4,710	83.2	37.8	11.0	2.0	0.2
Music 2	2016	717	65.6	10.5	0.1	0.0	
	2015	694	63.4	12.0	0.3	0.1	0.0
Music Extension	2016	453	48.1	21.0	6.4	1.3	0.4
	2015	424	43.6	18.4	6.8	1.2	0.0
PDH&PE	2016	15,498	88.8	65.2	37.2	16.5	6.3
	2015	15,082	91.3	70.2	37.4	9.0	1.6
Physics	2016	9,156	91.6	69.9	34.0	11.6	3.9
	2015	9,510	91.6	71.1	33.6	10.2	4.3
Senior Science	2016	6,656	93.6	71.0	31.3	8.5	2.4
	2015	6,320	92.4	71.5	38.9	15.1	5.3
Society & Culture	2016	4,630	86.2	51.7	20.8	5.4	1.2
	2015	4,566	88.2	52.9	19.3	5.2	1.8
Software Design & Development	2016	1,842	89.1	66.3	31.7	7.2	0.8
	2015	1,783	91.5	69.3	32.5	10.5	1.6
Studies of Religion I	2016	8,926	86.5	49.9	23.9	5.1	0.8
	2015	8,951	87.3	49.0	22.0	4.4	0.7
Studies of Religion II	2016	6,280	90.7	51.8	28.8	9.4	2.5
	2015	5,902	93.6	59.7	28.9	10.0	3.4
Textiles & Design	2016	1,515	84.6	53.2	22.2	6.1	1.1
	2015	1,635	84.6	52.4	20.3	5.3	1.0
Visual Arts	2016	8,913	85.9	45.4	12.3	1.9	0.2
	2015	9,003	87.3	46.4	12.0	1.7	0.3
Arabic Continuers	2016	213	88.7	46.9	15.5	3.8	1.4
	2015	182	89.6	42.3	14.8	4.9	1.6
Arabic Extension	2016	66	80.3	45.5	22.7	1.5	0.0
	2015	53	77.4	50.9	24.5	3.8	0.0

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Chinese Continuers	2016	98	55.1	17.3	5.1	3.1	2.0
	2015	102	46.1	31.4	10.8	2.9	0.0
Chinese Background Speakers	2016	672	85.7	33.5	3.4	0.7	0.6
	2015	660	87.0	31.2	4.1	1.2	0.3
Heritage Chinese (Mandarin)	2016	84	57.1	13.1	2.4	0.0	
	2015	127	73.2	18.1	2.4	0.0	
French Beginners	2016	616	78.2	53.4	28.1	14.4	4.7
	2015	647	78.4	55.6	28.9	12.7	4.8
French Continuers	2016	779	70.2	34.7	10.8	3.2	0.4
	2015	727	69.3	33.7	13.2	2.5	0.6
French Extension	2016	187	61.0	28.9	11.2	3.7	0.0
	2015	166	63.9	29.5	9.0	3.6	0.0
German Beginners	2016	113	66.4	38.9	21.2	4.4	2.7
	2015	111	69.4	45.9	18.0	5.4	2.7
German Continuers	2016	249	77.1	45.8	21.7	4.8	0.4
	2015	238	77.3	43.3	16.0	4.6	0.8
German Extension	2016	49	61.2	20.4	4.1	0.0	
	2015	68	66.2	25.0	2.9	1.5	1.5
Indonesian Continuers	2016	80	80.0	52.5	15.0	2.5	0.0
	2015	63	71.4	44.4	22.2	6.3	0.0
Indonesian Background Speakers	2016	62	96.8	90.3	6.5	0.0	
	2015	72	100.0	83.3	11.1	0.0	
Italian Beginners	2016	445	85.4	64.7	42.7	21.3	8.3
	2015	361	83.1	59.6	39.1	16.9	6.1
Italian Continuers	2016	273	78.8	41.8	16.9	5.5	2.2
	2015	272	79.4	46.7	23.2	3.7	1.1
Italian Extension	2016	57	59.6	17.5	1.8	0.0	
	2015	57	59.6	21.1	15.8	3.5	0.0
Japanese Beginners	2016	665	82.4	56.5	35.0	19.4	5.1
	2015	642	86.9	61.7	39.1	18.2	7.3
Japanese Continuers	2016	640	76.7	43.4	20.0	5.9	1.3
	2015	659	81.0	45.4	22.6	3.8	1.1
Japanese Extension	2016	179	64.2	31.3	10.1	3.9	1.7
	2015	208	66.8	35.1	12.0	1.9	1.0
Korean Background Speakers	2016	55	87.3	47.3	27.3	10.9	1.8
	2015	54	81.5	37.0	7.4	3.7	0.0
Heritage Korean	2016	54	35.2	3.7.0	0.0		
	2015	64	37.5	10.9	1.6	0.0	
Latin Continuers	2016	164	51.2	19.5	4.9	1.2	0.0
	2015	194	47.9	17.5	5.2	2.1	0.0
Latin Extension	2016	114	29.8	7.9	1.8	1.8	0.0
	2015	129	22.5	8.5	2.3	0.0	

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Modern Greek Beginners	2016	69	53.6	34.8	20.3	10.1	1.4
	2015	69	65.2	29.0	13.0	5.8	0.0
Modern Greek Continuers	2016	97	70.1	32.0	2.1	0.0	
	2015	95	73.7	32.6	4.2	0.0	
Modern Greek Extension	2016	51	47.1	19.6	3.9	3.9	2.0
	2015	43	48.8	25.6	0.0		
Spanish Beginners	2016	147	88.4	56.5	23.8	5.4	0.7
	2015	177	89.8	58.2	23.2	4.0	0.0
Spanish Continuers	2016	147	93.2	51.7	21.1	4.8	0.7
	2015	150	93.3	56.7	26.7	4.7	0.7
Spanish Extension	2016	42	88.1	42.9	11.9	2.4	2.4
	2015	46	87.0	37.0	8.7	2.2	0.0
Turkish	2016	63	81.0	36.5	14.3	0.0	
	2015	41	65.9	26.8	7.3	2.4	0.0
Vietnamese	2016	125	96.8	47.2	13.6	3.2	0.8
	2015	145	95.2	57.2	9.7	2.1	0.0
Automotive Exam	2016	333	97.0	84.7	43.5	11.4	0.9
	2015	463	98.7	86.6	59.4	21.2	1.7
Business Services Exam	2016	1,021	96.0	69.6	40.0	11.4	2.3
	2015	1,140	96.4	70.3	38.1	8.5	1.5
Construction Exam	2016	1,491	98.7	80.9	31.7	5.0	0.3
	2015	1,637	99.0	81.2	34.6	11.3	0.8
Electrotechnology Exam	2016	264	98.9	88.6	41.3	8.7	0.0
	2015	283	99.3	89.4	49.8	14.5	3.2
Entertainment Industry Exam	2016	846	93.5	61.5	19.9	9.5	0.2
	2015	918	98.7	76.1	38.0	4.5	0.7
Financial Services Exam	2016	111	95.5	71.2	32.4	9.0	0.9
	2015	152	90.1	69.1	32.9	8.6	2.6
Hospitality Exam	2016	4,916	96.3	68.4	35.5	11.3	4.0
	2015	5,180	95.9	66.8	25.4	3.6	0.5
Human Services Exam	2016	654	98.6	80.4	39.8	7.8	0.3
	2015	585	98.6	82.2	39.7	10.4	0.5
Information & Digital Technology Exam	2016	806	98.6	81.0	28.8	6.1	0.9
	2015	903	98.5	85.5	38.4	5.8	0.8
Metal & Engineering Exam	2016	492	100.0	87.2	51.4	14.8	3.3
	2015	565	99.8	92.9	68.7	19.8	1.8
Primary Industries Exam	2016	556	96.8	74.5	30.2	3.6	0.2
	2015	603	96.5	67.7	27.2	8.1	1.0
Retail Services Exam	2016	899	99.6	78.1	31.5	6.5	1.2
	2015	1,072	99.6	78.7	35.7	10.3	1.1
Tourism Travel & Events Exam	2016	355	99.2	85.6	45.1	14.9	2.8
	2015	338	98.8	74.3	26.3	10.4	0.9