

**Table A2 Distributions of 2017 HSC marks by course**

- Notes: (i) The **Number** column shows the number of students who completed the course in 2017.  
(ii) The **Median HSC mark** column shows the median HSC mark per course.  
(iii) The **Median Band** column indicates the Performance Band in which the median HSC mark lies.  
(iv) The **Percentage of Students in Performance Band** columns show the percentage of a course candidature in each of the Performance Bands 6 to 2. Extension courses show only Bands 4 to 2 as they have four Bands only: E1 to E4.  
(v) This table excludes courses with less than 10 students.

Course	Number	Median HSC mark	Median Band	Percentage students in Performance Band				
				6	5	4	3	2
Aboriginal Studies	575	68	3	13	13	20	26	18
Agriculture	1,422	72	4	5	22	32	23	14
Ancient History	8,834	74	4	9	28	25	20	12
Biology	18,152	76	4	12	28	29	19	8
Business Studies	17,469	75	4	8	28	29	22	8
Chemistry	10,974	77	4	10	33	28	19	8
Community & Family Studies	8,362	75	4	4	26	38	20	8
Dance	925	80	5	13	41	28	15	2
Design & Technology	3,158	78	4	11	32	34	18	4
Drama	4,690	78	4	13	29	42	14	2
Earth & Environmental Science	1,725	77	4	7	30	38	17	6
Economics	5,261	79	4	15	35	25	18	5
Engineering Studies	1,972	75	4	11	25	30	23	9
English Standard	30,913	71	4	1	15	39	31	9
English Advanced	26,779	82	5	15	49	28	7	1
English Extension 1	4,333	43	E3			30	64	6
English Extension 2	1,672	39	E3			21	57	22
ESL	2,336	72	4	5	20	31	26	11
Food Technology	3,305	73	4	9	22	30	22	14
Geography	4,589	77	4	8	35	31	15	7
Industrial Technology	5,726	69	3	6	17	25	28	17
Information Processes & Technology	2,684	75	4	8	23	36	16	13
Legal Studies	10,797	78	4	13	31	31	17	5
Mathematics General 2	31,543	70	4	7	19	25	24	17
Mathematics	17,060	81	5	24	30	22	16	6
Mathematics Extension 1	8,770	42	E3			38	44	16
Mathematics Extension 2	3,223	84	E3			34	51	13
Modern History	11,139	77	4	9	30	32	15	8
History Extension	2,004	40	E3			22	58	18
Music 1	4,757	83	5	20	45	24	9	1
Music 2	748	87	5	37	52	11	<1	
Music Extension	409	46	E4			63	32	5
PDH&PE	15,679	73	4	9	22	29	22	12
Physics	9,573	75	4	11	23	34	21	7
Senior Science	7,061	72	4	6	18	36	27	8
Society & Culture	4,537	79	4	13	35	32	14	5

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Software Design & Development	1,801	75	4	12	24	30	23	8
Studies of Religion I	9,011	40	5	16	34	32	13	4
Studies of Religion II	5,954	79	4	7	40	31	15	5
Textiles & Design	1,471	80	5	14	37	27	16	5
Visual Arts	9,071	80	5	13	42	36	9	1
Arabic Continuers	265	82	5	10	48	33	6	2
Arabic Extension	109	39	E3			20	56	24
Armenian	25	86	5	24	48	28		
Chinese Beginners	63	81	5	38	13	17	16	14
Chinese Continuers	128	89	5	45	34	9	10	1
Chinese Extension	29	47	E4			72	28	
Chinese & Literature	721	82	5	16	52	29	4	<1
Chinese in Context	98	89	5	40	48	12		
Classical Greek Continuers	27	91	6	67	19	4	11	
Classical Greek Extension	19	47	E4			89	5	5
Classical Hebrew Continuers	23	92	6	57	17	17	9	
Classical Hebrew Extension	13	47	E4			62	31	8
Filipino	17	87	5	41	24	35		
French Beginners	538	78	4	22	22	28	14	9
French Continuers	698	83	5	26	40	24	7	2
French Extension	164	43	E3			40	53	7
German Beginners	112	89	5	43	31	14	11	1
German Continuers	226	82	5	26	33	29	10	2
German Extension	58	43	E3			41	59	
Hindi	24	87	5	21	54	25		
Indonesian Beginners	32	89	5	44	19	28	3	3
Indonesian Continuers	74	84	5	27	36	26	8	1
Indonesian & Literature	73	81	5	4	60	34	1	
Italian Beginners	339	74	4	16	19	30	20	10
Italian Continuers	282	82	5	22	34	30	9	5
Italian Extension	53	44	E3			49	49	2
Japanese Beginners	712	76	4	17	24	25	18	11
Japanese Continuers	679	83	5	28	33	21	12	4
Japanese Extension	162	43	E3			37	53	9
Japanese & Literature	14	81	5	29	29	36	7	
Japanese in Context	28	84	5	21	64	11	4	
Korean Beginners	95	85	5	29	36	23	8	3
Korean & Literature	34	84	5	24	44	24	6	3
Korean in Context	64	89	5	48	31	14	5	2
Latin Continuers	159	90	6	52	30	13	4	1
Latin Extension	90	47	E4			71	26	3
Macedonian	27	81	5	26	30	33	11	

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Modern Greek Beginners	84	89	5	48	30	12	6	5
Modern Greek Continuers	78	86	5	37	36	14	8	4
Modern Greek Extension	36	46	E4			64	36	
Modern Hebrew	43	92	6	65	35			
Persian	29	87	5	38	41	17	3	
Polish	27	88	5	33	59	4	4	
Portuguese	15	90	6	53	27	20		
Punjabi Continuers	18	82	5	17	44	39		
Russian	21	90	6	62	33	5		
Serbian	22	88	5	27	68	5		
Spanish Beginners	255	79	4	13	35	32	11	8
Spanish Continuers	171	79	4	6	38	36	16	4
Spanish Extension	53	40	E3			19	58	21
Tamil	25	90	6	52	44	4		
Turkish	32	88	5	34	44	13	9	
Vietnamese	145	83	5	12	54	28	5	1
Automotive Exam	287	70	4	5	8	41	31	13
Business Services Exam	1,102	77	4	7	32	37	14	8
Construction Exam	1,616	72	4	2	17	44	28	8
Electrotechnology Exam	223	70	4	1	13	37	42	6
Entertainment Industry Exam	941	77	4	10	29	37	16	7
Financial Services Exam	81	72	4	5	27	26	28	12
Hospitality Exam	5,084	74	4	4	27	38	20	10
Human Services Exam	674	73	4	2	19	47	26	6
Information & Digital Technology Exam	716	75	4	3	21	47	22	6
Metal & Engineering Exam	413	66	3	<1	8	29	37	18
Primary Industries Exam	662	75	4	4	26	40	22	7
Retail Services Exam	860	71	4	<1	9	48	30	11
Tourism, Travel & Events Exam	274	76	4	<1	22	58	15	4