

Table A4 Distributions of HSC marks by course: 2016 and 2017

- 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	2017	575	86.8	73.4	53.6	27.7	9.6
	2016	496	90.9	75.8	54.8	25.8	8.5
Agriculture	2017	1,422	95.0	73.2	41.7	18.4	4.1
	2016	1,395	92.7	68.7	40.4	16.8	4.2
Ancient History	2017	8,834	91.1	63.5	38.1	18.4	6.7
	2016	9,909	91.7	69.0	41.4	17.4	5.0
Biology	2017	18,152	88.0	60.4	31.3	11.9	3.6
	2016	17,735	91.2	64.7	35.0	9.7	2.2
Business Studies	2017	17,469	91.7	63.3	34.4	12.7	4.5
	2016	17,130	91.1	65.2	35.8	12.9	2.6
Chemistry	2017	10,974	90.5	57.1	28.6	9.2	1.3
	2016	10,554	90.3	58.9	26.4	5.7	2.0
Community & Family Studies	2017	8,362	95.7	69.8	32.0	11.5	3.5
	2016	7,944	94.8	69.0	34.6	14.2	4.2
Dance	2017	925	87.2	46.3	18.3	3.0	1.4
	2016	878	90.5	51.8	22.2	4.3	1.6
Design & Technology	2017	3,158	88.7	56.6	22.6	5.1	0.8
	2016	3,200	87.5	59.0	23.2	4.5	0.6
Drama	2017	4,690	87.1	57.8	16.0	2.1	0.2
	2016	4,723	85.6	57.3	16.7	1.9	0.1
Earth & Environmental Science	2017	1,725	93.4	63.8	25.7	8.3	2.6
	2016	1,592	93.5	65.3	31.0	10.8	3.8
Economics	2017	5,261	85.5	50.8	25.9	7.6	2.9
	2016	5,196	86.1	54.6	25.8	5.6	1.8
Engineering Studies	2017	1,972	89.1	63.7	33.6	10.5	1.4
	2016	2,006	89.1	61.7	28.2	5.2	1.3
English Standard	2017	30,913	99.1	84.0	44.9	13.7	4.2
	2016	31,290	99.1	86.5	50.5	12.7	2.8
English Advanced	2017	26,779	84.8	36.3	8.2	1.4	0.4
	2016	26,080	84.6	38.0	9.5	1.1	0.2
English Extension 1	2017	4,333	70.0	26.3	6.5	1.6	0.7
	2016	4,354	64.6	21.7	4.8	1.0	0.2
English Extension 2	2017	1,672	79.4	51.9	22.4	3.9	0.4
	2016	1,619	81.8	51.4	20.4	5.1	0.6
ESL	2017	2,336	94.7	74.5	44.0	17.5	6.9
	2016	2,327	95.3	72.7	40.7	15.7	6.2
Food Technology	2017	3,305	91.5	69.7	40.1	18.2	3.8
	2016	3,535	93.1	70.1	40.5	17.7	2.7
Geography	2017	4,589	92.3	57.7	26.3	10.8	3.4
	2016	4,283	91.6	58.7	29.1	10.0	2.4

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Industrial Technology	2017	5,726	94.3	77.5	52.6	25.1	8.2
	2016	5,575	92.7	74.0	46.5	22.1	7.6
Information Processes & Technology	2017	2,684	92.5	69.7	34.2	18.3	5.4
	2016	2,778	93.0	71.8	36.2	17.3	5.6
Legal Studies	2017	10,797	86.9	55.8	24.9	8.3	3.3
	2016	10,293	87.8	57.2	28.6	11.0	3.8
Mathematics General 2	2017	31,543	93.1	74.2	49.3	25.4	8.4
	2016	31,758	94.6	74.1	47.9	24.3	8.3
Mathematics	2017	17,060	76.4	46.3	24.8	9.1	2.9
	2016	16,139	76.8	47.3	23.4	7.8	3.5
Mathematics Extension 1	2017	8,770	61.8	36.3	18.1	8.2	2.6
	2016	8,671	66.9	40.7	20.4	8.3	2.8
Mathematics Extension 2	2017	3,223	66.4	36.1	15.9	6.2	2.4
	2016	3,251	67.9	35.9	14.5	5.7	2.0
Modern History	2017	11,139	90.7	60.8	28.7	13.5	5.7
	2016	10,785	90.6	58.9	26.8	13.0	4.2
History Extension	2017	2,004	78.3	48.0	20.2	6.0	2.0
	2016	1,862	78.4	46.9	19.2	5.9	1.4
Music 1	2017	4,757	79.5	34.3	10.3	1.3	0.4
	2016	4,677	81.5	37.0	10.8	1.7	0.4
Music 2	2017	748	63.1	10.8	0.1	0.0	
	2016	717	65.6	10.5	0.1	0.0	
Music Extension	2017	409	36.7	18.8	5.1	1.5	0.0
	2016	453	48.1	21.0	6.4	1.3	0.4
PDH&PE	2017	15,679	91.1	69.1	40.2	18.7	6.5
	2016	15,498	88.8	65.2	37.2	16.5	6.3
Physics	2017	9,573	89.3	66.0	32.5	11.5	4.1
	2016	9,156	91.6	69.9	34.0	11.6	3.9
Senior Science	2017	7,061	93.8	75.4	39.8	13.1	5.5
	2016	6,656	93.6	71.0	31.3	8.5	2.4
Society & Culture	2017	4,537	87.1	52.4	20.5	6.6	1.8
	2016	4,630	86.2	51.7	20.8	5.4	1.2
Software Design & Development	2017	1,801	88.0	64.1	34.2	11.3	3.3
	2016	1,842	89.1	66.3	31.7	7.2	0.8
Studies of Religion I	2017	9,011	84.5	50.0	17.8	4.3	0.5
	2016	8,926	86.5	49.9	23.9	5.1	0.8
Studies of Religion II	2017	5,954	93.0	53.3	22.3	7.2	1.7
	2016	6,280	90.7	51.8	28.8	9.4	2.5
Textiles & Design	2017	1,471	86.2	49.4	22.6	6.7	1.6
	2016	1,515	84.6	53.2	22.2	6.1	1.1
Visual Arts	2017	9,071	87.3	45.3	9.7	1.1	0.1
	2016	8,913	85.9	45.4	12.3	1.9	0.2
Arabic Continuers	2017	265	90.2	41.9	9.1	2.6	0.4
	2016	213	88.7	46.9	15.5	3.8	1.4
Arabic Extension	2017	109	79.8	54.1	23.9	2.8	0.0
	2016	66	80.3	45.5	22.7	1.5	0.0

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Chinese Continuers	2017	128	54.7	20.3	10.9	0.8	0.0
	2016	98	55.1	17.3	5.1	3.1	2.0
Chinese & Literature	2017	721	84.5	32.9	4.2	0.6	0.1
	2016	672	85.7	33.5	3.4	0.7	0.6
Chinese in Context	2017	98	60.2	12.2	0.0		
	2016	84	57.1	13.1	2.4	0.0	
French Beginners	2017	538	77.7	55.6	27.5	13.6	4.3
	2016	616	78.2	53.4	28.1	14.4	4.7
French Continuers	2017	698	74.5	34.2	9.9	2.9	0.7
	2016	779	70.2	34.7	10.8	3.2	0.4
French Extension	2017	164	59.8	30.5	6.7	1.2	0.0
	2016	187	61.0	28.9	11.2	3.7	0.0
German Beginners	2017	112	57.1	25.9	11.6	0.9	0.0
	2016	113	66.4	38.9	21.2	4.4	2.7
German Continuers	2017	226	74.3	41.2	12.4	2.2	0.0
	2016	249	77.1	45.8	21.7	4.8	0.4
German Extension	2017	58	58.6	17.2	0.0		
	2016	49	61.2	20.4	4.1	0.0	
Indonesian Continuers	2017	74	73.0	36.5	10.8	2.7	1.4
	2016	80	80.0	52.5	15.0	2.5	0.0
Indonesian & Literature	2017	73	95.9	35.6	1.4	0.0	
	2016	62	96.8	90.3	6.5	0.0	
Italian Beginners	2017	339	83.8	64.6	34.8	15.0	5.3
	2016	445	85.4	64.7	42.7	21.3	8.3
Italian Continuers	2017	282	77.7	43.3	13.5	5.0	0.0
	2016	273	78.8	41.8	16.9	5.5	2.2
Italian Extension	2017	53	50.9	15.1	1.9	0.0	
	2016	57	59.6	17.5	1.8	0.0	
Japanese Beginners	2017	712	83.4	59.6	34.3	16.4	5.5
	2016	665	82.4	56.5	35.0	19.4	5.1
Japanese Continuers	2017	679	71.9	38.9	17.8	5.7	1.5
	2016	640	76.7	43.4	20.0	5.9	1.3
Japanese Extension	2017	162	63.0	30.2	9.9	1.2	0.6
	2016	179	64.2	31.3	10.1	3.9	1.7
Korean in Context	2017	64	51.6	20.3	6.3	1.6	0.0
	2016	54	35.2	3.7	0.0		
Latin Continuers	2017	159	47.8	18.2	5.0	1.3	0.6
	2016	164	51.2	19.5	4.9	1.2	0.0
Latin Extension	2017	90	28.9	13.3	3.3	0.0	
	2016	114	29.8	7.9	1.8	1.8	0.0
Modern Greek Beginners	2017	84	52.4	22.6	10.7	4.8	0.0
	2016	69	53.6	34.8	20.3	10.1	1.4

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Modern Greek Continuers	2017	78	62.8	26.9	12.8	5.1	1.3
	2016	97	70.1	32.0	2.1	0.0	
Modern Hebrew	2017	43	34.9	0.0			
	2016	46	34.8	2.2	0.0		
Spanish Beginners	2017	255	86.7	52.2	20.4	9.0	0.8
	2016	147	88.4	56.5	23.8	5.4	0.7
Spanish Continuers	2017	171	94.2	56.1	19.9	3.5	0.0
	2016	147	93.2	51.7	21.1	4.8	0.7
Spanish Extension	2017	53	81.1	47.2	22.6	3.8	1.9
	2016	42	88.1	42.9	11.9	2.4	2.4
Vietnamese	2017	145	88.3	33.8	6.2	1.4	0.0
	2016	125	96.8	47.2	13.6	3.2	0.8
Automotive Exam	2017	287	95.5	87.1	46.0	14.6	1.4
	2016	333	97.0	84.7	43.5	11.4	0.9
Business Services Exam	2017	1,102	93.5	61.3	23.9	9.9	2.2
	2016	1,021	96.0	69.6	40.0	11.4	2.3
Construction Exam	2017	1,616	97.8	81.3	36.9	9.0	0.5
	2016	1,491	98.7	80.9	31.7	5.0	0.3
Electrotechnology Exam	2017	223	99.1	86.5	49.3	7.6	1.3
	2016	264	98.9	88.6	41.3	8.7	0.0
Entertainment Industry Exam	2017	941	90.2	61.1	24.3	8.3	1.3
	2016	846	93.5	61.5	19.9	9.5	0.2
Financial Services Exam	2017	81	95.1	67.9	42.0	13.6	1.2
	2016	111	95.5	71.2	32.4	9.0	0.9
Hospitality Exam	2017	5,084	96.4	69.9	32.4	12.0	1.7
	2016	4,916	96.3	68.4	35.5	11.3	4.0
Human Services Exam	2017	674	97.9	79.2	32.3	6.1	0.1
	2016	654	98.6	80.4	39.8	7.8	0.3
Information & Digital Technology Exam	2017	716	97.5	76.1	29.5	7.7	1.3
	2016	806	98.6	81.0	28.8	6.1	0.9
Metal & Engineering Exam	2017	413	99.8	91.8	62.7	25.9	8.0
	2016	492	100.0	87.2	51.4	14.8	3.3
Primary Industries Exam	2017	662	95.6	69.5	29.5	7.7	0.8
	2016	556	96.8	74.5	30.2	3.6	0.2
Retail Services Exam	2017	860	99.8	90.6	42.7	12.6	1.7
	2016	899	99.6	78.1	31.5	6.5	1.2
Tourism, Travel & Events Exam	2017	274	99.6	77.4	19.0	4.0	0.0
	2016	355	99.2	85.6	45.1	14.9	2.8