

Comprehensive State-Wide Senior Exams

Week 7: What Happens in Other States?

Every other state of Australia ... has **comprehensive state-wide final exams** for each subject. These are held in October or November.

Every other state of Australia ... calculates **ATAR scores** by statistical procedures, which account for subject difficulty, and are based on exam results and school assessment.

Every other state of Australia ... publishes their **merit list** of students who achieved the top scores for their senior state exams.

Every other state of Australia ... has an established procedure for calculating an estimated score **for students who had an illness** or misadventure on the day of the exam. No states use supplementary exams.



Queensland ...

held comprehensive state-wide subject exams, for 90 years before 1972. The option of 100% exams has always been available in Queensland (e.g. Hubbards School).

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE				
Record of Achievement				
 BOARD OF STUDIES NEW SOUTH WALES				
<i>This is to certify that has satisfactorily completed the courses listed below:</i>				
2010 Board Developed Courses	Examination Mark	Assessment Mark	HSC Mark	Performance Band
2 unit Biology	95/100	95/100	95	6
2 unit Chemistry	91/100	94/100	93	6
2 unit Economics	94/100	94/100	94	6
2 unit English (Advanced)	97/100	92/100	95	6
2 unit Mathematics	96/100	98/100	97	6
1 unit Mathematics Extension 1	46/50	47/50	47	E4

***** NSW *****

- Well-established procedures: 50% state exams in every subject (incl. PE and Drama)
- No social moderation, so schools have more freedom for the 50% school assessment
- Full transparency of procedures. Both exam results and school results on HSC certificate.

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- Written state exams usually 50%, from 20% (*Music Performance*) to 66% (*Mathematics*)
- no social moderation. Students also sit a short 'general thinking' *GAT* test in June. This is used along with state subject exams for scaling school results.
- Students can apply for a *derived Examination score* for various reasons including teacher absence, illness, misreading the timetable, even social or sporting events.