



# CRANBROOK SCHOOL

## 2008 Higher School Certificate

As can be seen from the statistics below there has been an increase in the number of Band 6 (90% and above) results from 139 in 2007 to 161 this year. Furthermore, there is a continuing increase in upper band (Bands 5 and 6 combined) results, with a clear rise in the numbers of students scoring in the upper bands in fifteen of the 34 courses studied. In other words, there is emphatic affirmation of the trend in recent years that a higher than usual number of boys are gaining 80 or above in a larger than usual number of subjects each year.

## Dux of Year 12, 2008

Benjamin Clifton, with an exceptional UAI score of 99.95, is the Dux of Year 12 in 2008. Ben also gained places in three subjects in the published lists of Best in Subject: fourth in the State in Chemistry (in a candidature of 10,200 students), second in Latin Continuers and fifth in Latin Extension. On top of that he scored 90 or above in all of his thirteen units of study. Since 90 or above in ten units qualifies a student for the Premier's All-Rounders Award, Ben has convincingly secured a place in that company, and will receive his award in February 2009.

Ben is joined on the Premier's Award list by Mark Knespal, who scored above 90 in 12 of his 14 units.

## Places in the State

### Business Studies

Bogart Phillips	First	Candidature: 16,245
Charles Kingston	Seventeenth	

### Chemistry

Ben Clifton	Fourth
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### Chinese Beginners

Gaspar Tse	Second
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### Latin

Ben Clifton	Second
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### Latin Extension

Ben Clifton	Fifth
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## Year 11 accelerants

These students performed remarkably well in 2008. The following boys received Band 6 (the highest band awarded for a course, indicating a mark above 90) or Extension Band E4 (45/50 or above) in all courses they completed for the HSC this year – in Mathematics, Physics and German:

Nathan Adler	5 units	Ludwig Braun	3 units
Rupert Coy	3 units	Benjamin Dickson	5 units
Sebastian Gruber	3 units	James Hughes	5 units
Mark Khunnithi	5 units	Peter Kazacos	3 units
Steven Kazacos	3 units	Ryu Lippmann	3 units
Thomas Lozanov	5 units	William Norton	3 units
Peter Panigiris	3 units		

## Merit Lists

A credit earns a student a place on the published Merit lists. There was an increase in the numbers of credits (scores of 90 or above in a subject). Cranbrook boys gained 161 credits in total (22 more than in 2007). A highlight was the 60 credits in Mathematics; 35% of the boys' marks in all Mathematics courses they attempted were 90 or above ... the best result of all CAS schools.

Other subjects contributing strongly to the Merit lists this year were Economics, English, Languages (French Extension, German, Japanese and Latin), Music and Visual Arts, demonstrating strength across a range of subjects.

## Individual Subjects and Courses

In 2008, Cranbrook boys studied 34 courses in 22 different subjects at school.

There were increases this year in the percentages of boys gaining Bands 5 or 6 in the following fifteen courses:

- Business Studies
- Economics
- English ESL
- English Extension 1
- English Extension 2
- Information Processes and Technology
- Legal Studies
- Mathematics
- Mathematics Extension 2
- History Extension
- German
- Japanese
- Philosophy (Distinction)
- Latin
- Latin Extension

Highlights are the big gains made in:

- Business Studies (67% in Bands 5 and 6 compared to 43% in 2007)
- English Extension 1 (97%, up from 76%)
- Information Processes and Technology (60%, compared to 31% in 2007)
- History Extension (83%, up from 52%)
- German (90%, a lift from 57%).

## Comparison with State-wide Scores

In the table below please note that Band 6 is the highest band awarded for a course and indicates a mark above 90. Band 5 is the next highest band awarded and indicates a mark above 80. For Extension Subjects, the highest two bands awarded are E4 (45/50 or above) and E3 (40-44/50). In the table they are treated as Bands 6 and 5 respectively.

Course	Cranbrook candidature	% in Bands 5 and 6 at Cranbrook	% in Bands 5 and 6 in New South Wales
Ancient History	27	33	37
Biology	27	41	32
Business Studies	54	67	32
Chemistry	32	22	38
Design and Technology	13	15	35
Drama	29	55	48
Economics	47	66	47
English Standard	11	0	6
English Advanced	121	53	49
English ESL	10	60	28
English Extension 1	31	97	84
English Extension 2	7	86	82
Geography	19	53	48
Information Processes and Technology	15	60	31

<b>Course</b>	<b>Cranbrook candidature</b>	<b>% in Bands 5 and 6 at Cranbrook</b>	<b>% in Bands 5 and 6 in New South Wales</b>
Legal Studies	20	90	42
Mathematics General	41	54	26
Mathematics 2U	72	68	45
Mathematics Ext. 1	45	87	82
Mathematics Ext. 2	15	100	90
Modern History	45	53	42
History Extension	18	83	73
Music 1	20	85	54
PDHPE	17	12	32
Physics	53	45	33
Visual Arts	30	83	61
French Continuers	13	54	61
French Extension	3	100	92
German Continuers	10	90	51
German Extension	8	100	97
Japanese Continuers	6	100	55
Japanese Extension	4	100	74
Latin Continuers	4	100	91
Latin Extension	4	100	98
Philosophy Distinction	4	75 (HD and D)	

In fourteen of the courses above, 25% or more of the candidature ranked in the top band (Band 6 or E4). This represents three more courses than in 2007.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Cranbrook percentage with mark of 90% or above</b>	<b>State percentage with mark of 90% or above</b>
Economics	26	16
English Ext 2	29	30
Mathematics 2U	42	17
Mathematics Ext 1	44	33
Mathematics Ext 2	40	37
Music 1	40	15
French Ext	33	51
German Cont	40	25
German Ext	50	48
Japanese Cont	50	21
Japanese Ext	25	17
Latin Continuers	100	66
Latin Ext	100	89
Philosophy	50 (HD)	na
Visual Arts	27	14