

## Eligibility requirements for the Higher School Certificate

ACE 8004

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To be eligible for the award of the Higher School Certificate, students must:

- a. have gained the Record of School Achievement or such other qualifications as the Board of Studies considers satisfactory;
- b. have attended a government school, an accredited non-government school, a school outside New South Wales recognised by the Board of Studies NSW or a college of TAFE;
- c. have completed *HSC: All My Own Work* (or its equivalent);
- d. have satisfactorily completed courses that comprise the pattern of study required by the Board for the award of the Higher School Certificate; and
- e. sit for and make a serious attempt at the requisite Higher School Certificate examinations.

Note: Students undertaking only Stage 6 Life Skills courses are not required to complete the *HSC: All My Own Work* program or its equivalent.

## **Students re-entering the NSW school system without a Record of School Achievement**

**ACE 8053**

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Students re-entering the NSW school system who do not hold a Record of School Achievement may still be eligible to enter for the Higher School Certificate. If the principal deems that the student has achieved other qualifications that the Board considers satisfactory, the principal may allow the student to begin the Preliminary course. The student's prior learning and experience, including study in other systems, participation in Board Endorsed Alternative Education Programs and life/work experience, may be included in the principal's considerations.

## **Students re-entering the NSW school system with TAFE Certificate II in General and Vocational Education or Certificate II Foundations for Vocational and Further Study**

**ACE 8054**

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Students who have these credentials issued by TAFE NSW are eligible to proceed to study for the award of the Higher School Certificate.

## Higher School Certificate students not eligible for a Record of School Achievement

ACE 8055

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**The principal** may allow provisional entry to Preliminary courses to students who had their Record of School Achievement withheld by the Board or who did not satisfactorily complete all requirements for the award of the Record of School Achievement. In such cases, at the time of Higher School Certificate entry, the principal must be satisfied that the student has achieved the equivalent of the Record of School Achievement. This judgement may be based on the student's satisfactory study of Preliminary courses.

## Higher School Certificate students entering the NSW system from interstate or overseas

### ACE 8056

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A student who enters the NSW system from interstate or overseas for the first time and wishes to enter for HSC courses in that year must demonstrate to **the principal's satisfaction** that they:

- have the equivalent of a Record of School Achievement
- have achieved the outcomes of the requisite Preliminary courses
- are able to enter in sufficient time:

- for the student to meet all the requirements of the HSC courses
- for the school to provide assessment mark(s).

They will normally enter by 30 June.

Alternatively, students may enter (by 30 June) to study HSC courses by self-tuition.

Students entered to study by self-tuition are eligible to receive a Result Notice only.

Note: students arriving after 30 September of the HSC course year may not sit for the examination.