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Five northern district students top state in HSC courses

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L-R Dana Song, Suzannah Dewhurst, Sing Young-Chen all topped the state in one of their courses for the 2013 HSC. *Source: News Limited*

FIVE students who completed their Higher School Certificate in the northern district have achieved first place in NSW in one of their chosen subjects.

Three students from James Ruse Agricultural High School in Carlingford, one from Sydney Secondary College and one from Loreto Normanhurst were first in course achievers.

James Ruse's Dana Song topped agriculture, Radman Le Zhang topped mathematics and Sing-Young Chen topped biology.

Rose Chen from Ryde Secondary College came first in the state for Indonesian continuers, while Suzannah Dewhurst from Loreto Normanhurst placed first in Music 1.

Again in this year's HSC first in course, the girls outperformed the boys, education minister Adrian Piccoli said at a ceremony held at Redfern Technology Park. "I urge all the boys doing the HSC next year to work harder," he said.

Of 121 students who topped the state in 112 HSC subjects, 83 were girls and 38 were boys. There were three students who came first in more than one course.



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Board of Studies president Tom Alegounaras said students could receive exam results online from Wednesday, December 18, via text message or even through their PlayStation.

However, some students would wait for their results to arrive by letter.

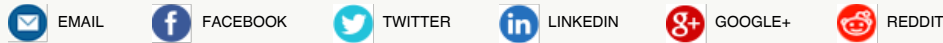
Mr Alegounaras said the HSC was a "tough course."

"There is no better passport to international studies. We have students going to Stamford."

There was an equal balance between government and non-government schools for first on course places, he said.

A total of 70,000 students will access their HSC results this week.

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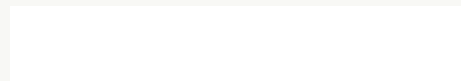
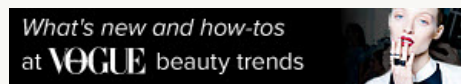
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