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Government Schools

When the annual census of students was conducted on Friday, 7 August 1998, there were 2,222 government schools operating in New South Wales, a net increase of one school from midyear 1997. Since the previous census, 1 primary school and 3 schools for specific purposes closed, and 2 primary schools, 1 high school and 2 schools for specific purposes opened.

The majority of government schools in New South Wales were primary schools (74.2 percent), including 18 separate infants schools. Overall, there were 4.2 primary schools for every high school.

Schools by District

The Department of Education and Training is administered through a two-tiered system of state office and schools. Forty district offices support schools in areas such as curriculum, training and development, and staff welfare.

There was wide variation in the number of schools in each district, ranging from 24 schools in Broken Hill to 67 in Lake Macquarie. Schools in the sixteen Sydney metropolitan districts accounted for 40.2 percent of all government schools in the state, including 37.8 percent of primary schools, 50.6 percent of high schools, 63.9 percent of schools for specific purposes, and 45.0 percent of field studies centres. There was one central/community school in Sydney.

Details of schools by classification and by district are contained in Tables 1 to 3.

Selective and Specialist Secondary Schools

Of the 456 high and central schools offering secondary education, 369 schools, or 80.9 percent, were comprehensive schools. The remaining 87 schools provided a range of selective and specialist secondary programs. Technology high schools (28), academically selective high schools (19) and languages high schools (18) constituted the majority of these schools. Others included performing arts, sports, senior colleges and selective agricultural high schools.

Single-sex education was provided in 46 high schools: 22 boys' and 24 girls' high schools.

Details on the specialist and coeducational status of government secondary schools are provided in Table 4.

Equity Program Schools

The Department identifies schools to participate in the Commonwealth Government's national equity program for schools. The Disadvantaged Schools Program (DSP), for schools with high concentrations of families from low socioeconomic status backgrounds, included 479 schools; the Country Areas Program (CAP), for students disadvantaged by geographic isolation, included 213 schools. Details of DSP and CAP schools by district are contained in Table 5.

Figure 1. Number of Schools by Level, 1982-1998

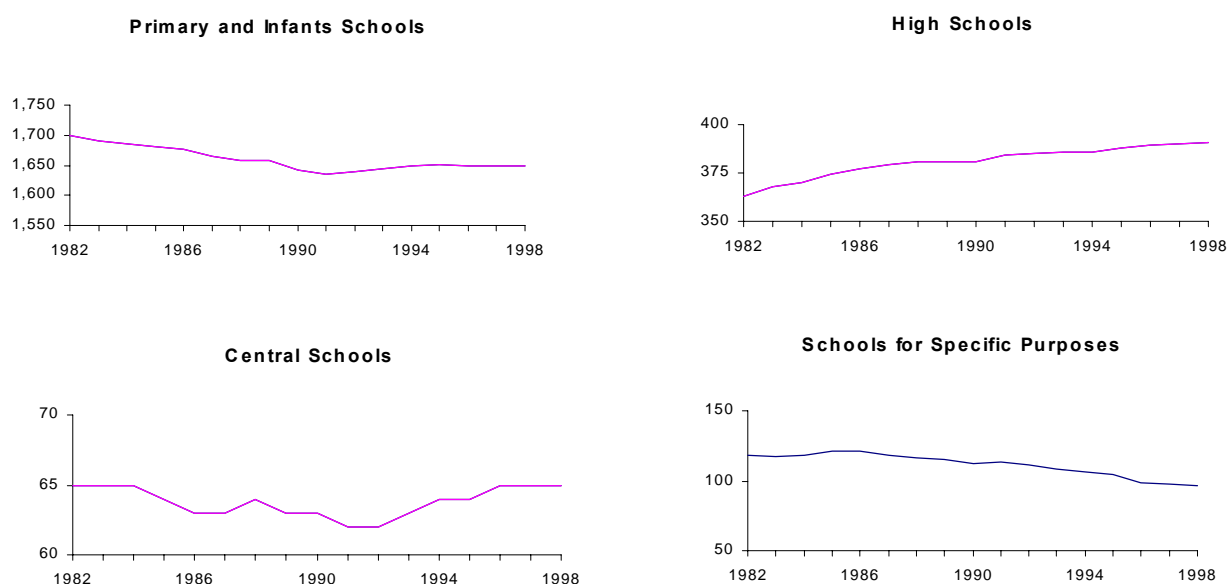


Table 1
NSW Government Schools by Size and Classification, Midyear 1998

	Size	Under	21-	36-	101-	201-	301-	401-	501-	601-	701-	801-	901-	1,001-	1,101-	1,201-	1,301-	1,401-	1,501-	Other	Total
Classification		21	35	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1,000	1,100	1,200	1,300	1,400	1,500	1,600		Schools
<i>Primary Schools</i>																					
Class 1		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	39	18	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Class 2		-	-	-	-	-	9	112	109	58	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	294
Class 3		-	-	-	1	31	224	72	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	330
Class 4		-	-	1	112	220	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	352
Class 5		11	106	259	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	461
Class 6		94	27	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	122
Separate Infants		-	1	15	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Total Primary Schools		105	134	276	200	251	252	184	111	68	45	18	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,649
<i>Central Schools</i>																					
Class 1		-	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Class 2		-	-	-	-	4	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Class 3		-	-	-	10	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Class 4		-	1	6	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Class 8		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	3
Class 9		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Total Central Schools		0	1	6	21	15	14	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	65
<i>High Schools</i>																					
Class 8		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	10	16	39	33	22	10	4	3	1	-	143
Class 9		1	-	-	6	21	20	26	28	43	40	37	19	4	1	1	-	1	-	-	248
Total High Schools		1	0	0	6	21	20	26	28	48	50	53	58	37	23	11	4	4	1	0	391
Schools for Specific Purposes		21	20	36	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	97
Field Studies Centres		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	20
Total Schools		127	155	318	233	287	286	213	140	117	95	71	62	38	24	12	5	4	1	34	2,222

Notes: Does not include Norfolk Island Central School, John Brothie Nursery, or preschools attached to primary and infants schools.

Central schools have permanently organised primary and secondary classes.

Lucas Heights Community School, Hunter School of the Performing Arts and Southern Cross School are included with central schools (Class 8).

Schools of 'other' size have no permanent enrolment and include the Open High School, some SSPs and all FSCs.

Table 2
NSW Government Schools by Classification, 1982-1998

Classification	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
<i>Primary Schools</i>																	
Class 1	407	402	390	375	359	345	347	346	345	60	69	71	77	74	71	70	72
Class 2	511	528	542	554	576	594	595	604	608	290	289	282	271	280	280	288	294
Class 3	435	446	455	469	468	461	462	457	451	305	313	320	329	328	327	321	330
Class 4	319	288	272	256	247	240	230	225	217	315	321	321	325	331	349	355	352
Class 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	493	490	493	489	486	471	468	461
Class 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	154	139	138	139	134	132	128	122
Separate Infants	27	27	27	27	26	26	25	25	20	19	19	19	18	18	18	18	18
Total Primary Schools	1,699	1,691	1,686	1,681	1,676	1,666	1,659	1,657	1,641	1,636	1,640	1,644	1,648	1,651	1,648	1,648	1,649
<i>Central Schools</i>																	
Class 1	12	10	10	10	10	11	11	10	9	8	8	7	6	5	7	6	7
Class 2	41	43	41	41	39	38	37	38	39	13	16	18	19	19	15	17	16
Class 3	12	12	14	13	14	14	16	15	15	29	28	23	23	24	25	22	21
Class 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	10	13	13	13	15	17	18
Class 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	2	3	3
Class 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	0	0
Total Central Schools	65	65	65	64	63	63	64	63	63	62	62	63	64	64	65	65	65
<i>High Schools</i>																	
Class 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	144	145	143	142	143	142	145	143
Class 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	240	240	243	244	245	247	245	248
Total High Schools	363	368	370	374	377	379	381	381	381	384	385	386	386	388	389	390	391
Schools for Specific Purposes	118	117	118	121	121	118	116	115	112	113	111	108	106	104	99	98	97
Field Studies Centres	10	10	10	10	10	11	11	13	14	18	18	18	18	19	19	20	20
Total Schools	2,255	2,251	2,249	2,250	2,247	2,237	2,231	2,229	2,211	2,213	2,216	2,219	2,222	2,226	2,220	2,221	2,222

Notes: Does not include Norfolk Island Central School, John Brothie Nursery, or preschools attached to primary and infants schools.

In 1991 a new system of classification for schools was introduced.

Central schools have permanently organised primary and secondary classes.

Lucas Heights Community School, The Broadmeadow School and Southern Cross School are included with central schools (Class 8 or 9).

Table 3
NSW Government Schools by Level and District, Midyear 1998

District	Primary	Central	High	SSP	FSC	Total
<i>Sydney Metropolitan Districts</i>						
Bankstown	35	0	12	2	0	49
Blacktown	49	0	10	1	2	62
Bondi	36	0	13	4	1	54
Campbelltown	47	0	12	5	1	65
Fairfield	33	0	13	2	0	48
Granville	31	0	11	7	0	49
Hornsby	40	0	12	3	1	56
Liverpool	37	0	15	7	0	59
Mount Druitt	36	0	13	3	0	52
Northern Beaches	39	0	14	6	0	59
Parramatta	38	0	14	4	0	56
Penrith	45	0	11	2	1	59
Port Jackson	43	0	11	4	0	58
Ryde	39	0	13	4	1	57
St George	33	0	12	5	0	50
Sutherland	43	1	12	3	2	61
<i>Sub-total Sydney Metropolitan</i>	624	1	198	62	9	894
<i>Other Districts</i>						
Albury	46	1	8	3	0	58
Armidale	36	6	6	1	1	50
Batemans Bay	35	1	8	1	1	46
Bathurst	48	1	8	1	1	59
Broken Hill	17	3	4	0	0	24
Central Coast	48	0	13	2	1	64
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	51	0	10	0	1	62
Deniliquin	24	4	4	0	0	32
Dubbo	34	14	9	0	2	59
Griffith	34	8	6	2	0	50
Lake Macquarie	54	0	11	2	0	67
Lismore	54	3	6	1	1	65
Maitland	52	0	8	1	0	61
Moree	27	7	7	0	0	41
Newcastle	47	1	10	7	1	66
Orange	38	2	8	2	0	50
Port Macquarie	39	3	7	0	0	49
Queanbeyan	49	1	7	1	0	58
Shellharbour	47	0	10	4	1	62
Tamworth	50	3	8	3	0	64
Taree	55	1	8	0	0	64
Tweed Heads/Ballina	46	2	7	0	0	55
Wagga Wagga	46	3	8	2	1	60
Wollongong	48	0	12	2	0	62
<i>Sub-total Other Districts</i>	1025	64	193	35	11	1328
State Total	1,649	65	391	97	20	2,222

Note: Lucas Heights Community School, Broadmeadow School and Southern Cross School are included with central schools.

Table 4
Secondary Schools by Selective, Specialist and Coeducational Status, Midyear 1998

Specialist Status	Coeducational	Single Sex Schools		Total
		Boys	Girls	
Comprehensive	341	13	15	369
Academic Selective	11	4	4	19
Agriculture	3	1	0	4
Creative Arts	1	0	0	1
Languages	17	0	1	18
Marine Technology	1	0	0	1
Performing Arts	5	0	0	5
Rural Technology	1	0	0	1
Senior Colleges	5	0	0	5
Sports	5	0	0	5
Technology	20	4	4	28
All Secondary Schools	410	22	24	456

Notes: Includes high schools and central schools.
The Conservatorium High School is included with performing arts schools.

Table 5
NSW Government Schools by Program and District, Midyear 1998

District	Disadvantaged Schools Program					Country Areas Program			
	Primary	Central	High	SSP	Total	Primary	Central	High	Total
Sydney Metropolitan									
Bankstown	11	0	7	0	18	0	0	0	0
Blacktown	6	0	3	1	10	0	0	0	0
Bondi	3	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0
Campbelltown	11	0	4	2	17	0	0	0	0
Fairfield	17	0	7	1	25	0	0	0	0
Granville	14	0	7	1	22	0	0	0	0
Hornsby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liverpool	16	0	7	2	25	0	0	0	0
Mount Druitt	19	0	7	2	28	0	0	0	0
Northern Beaches	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parramatta	5	0	1	1	7	0	0	0	0
Penrith	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Port Jackson	9	0	5	0	14	0	0	0	0
Ryde	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St George	3	0	4	1	8	0	0	0	0
Sutherland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Sub-total Sydney Metropolitan</i>	117	0	54	11	182	0	0	0	0
Other Districts									
Albury	4	0	0	1	5	7	1	1	9
Armidale	5	2	0	1	8	12	2	0	14
Batemans Bay	5	0	0	0	5	23	0	4	27
Bathurst	15	1	0	0	16	5	0	1	6
Broken Hill	2	3	0	0	5	11	3	2	16
Central Coast	7	0	1	0	8	0	0	0	0
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	21	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0
Deniliquin	3	0	0	0	3	21	4	3	28
Dubbo	12	3	1	0	16	16	8	3	27
Griffith	4	0	0	0	4	9	4	1	14
Lake Macquarie	20	0	2	0	22	0	0	0	0
Lismore	20	2	2	1	25	0	0	0	0
Maitland	19	0	3	0	22	0	0	0	0
Moree	6	3	2	0	11	19	7	3	29
Newcastle	9	0	1	2	12	0	0	0	0
Orange	8	0	1	1	10	8	1	2	11
Port Macquarie	16	1	3	0	20	0	1	0	1
Queanbeyan	6	0	0	0	6	9	1	0	10
Shellharbour	6	0	2	0	8	0	0	0	0
Tamworth	9	0	0	0	9	7	0	0	7
Taree	19	0	1	0	20	0	0	0	0
Tweed Heads/Ballina	16	1	0	0	17	0	0	0	0
Wagga Wagga	8	0	0	0	8	13	0	1	14
Wollongong	12	0	4	0	16	0	0	0	0
<i>Sub-total Other Districts</i>	252	16	23	6	297	160	32	21	213
State Total	369	16	77	17	479	160	32	21	213

Note: Programs are not mutually exclusive. It is possible for schools to be involved in more than one program.
Primary includes infants schools.

Students

Total full-time equivalent (FTE) enrolment in NSW government schools was 765,374.7 at the time of the school census on 7 August 1998. The total comprised 452,565.0 primary enrolments (59.1 percent of all enrolments), 309,136.7 secondary enrolments (40.4 percent), and 3,673.0 SSP enrolments (0.5 percent). Secondary enrolments included 3,029 part-time students, representing a full-time equivalent enrolment of 1,975.7.

Enrolments by District

Enrolments in districts ranged from 5,446.9 in Deniliquin district and 5,847.2 in Broken Hill district, to over 31,000 in Campbelltown, Central Coast and Fairfield districts. Central Coast district enrolled the most students, with 31,943.5 FTE enrolments. Campbelltown district had the largest primary enrolment (19,564.0); Fairfield district had the largest secondary enrolment (14,623.7). Liverpool district had 430.0 SSP enrolments.

Total enrolment in the sixteen Sydney metropolitan districts increased by 0.17 percent; in other districts, by 0.15 percent. The fastest growing districts in Sydney were Liverpool (3.9

percent), and Hornsby (1.9 percent). Outside Sydney, the fastest growing districts were Central Coast (2.4 percent) and Newcastle (2.3 percent).

The districts that showed the greatest decreases in total enrolment were Port Jackson (-1.2 percent) and Granville (-1.2 percent) in Sydney, and Broken Hill (-3.1 percent), Moree (-3.1 percent) and Griffith (-2.7 percent) outside Sydney.

Tables 6A and 6B provide details of enrolments by district.

Enrolment Trends

Total enrolment in government schools rose by 1,202.0 from 1997 to 1998, an increase of 0.2 percent. Since the mid-1980s total enrolment has been relatively stable.

The increase in total enrolment comprised:

- an increase of 1,005.0 in primary enrolments (0.2 percent);
- an increase of 214.0 in secondary enrolments (0.1 percent); and
- a decrease of 17.0 in SSP enrolments (-0.5 percent).

Table 7 provides details of primary, secondary and SSP enrolments since 1952.

Figure 2. NSW Government School Enrolments by Level of Education, 1952-1998

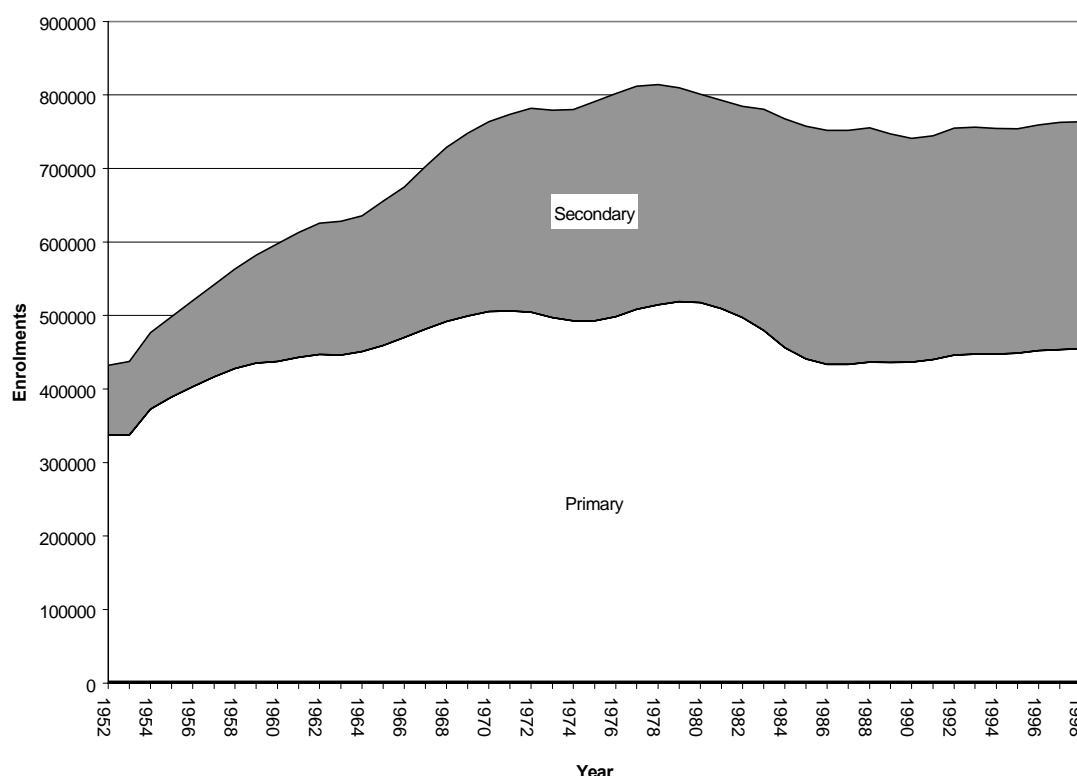


Table 6A
Enrolments (FTE) in NSW Government Schools, Midyear 1998
Primary and SSP Students by District and Year of Schooling

District	Primary								SSP	
	Kinder	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Support	Total	Total
Sydney Metropolitan Districts										
Bankstown	1,790	1,783	1,728	1,710	1,686	1,691	1,625	177	12,190	60
Blacktown	2,013	1,997	2,069	1,904	1,802	1,862	1,737	245	13,629	35
Bondi	1,517	1,531	1,424	1,428	1,362	1,257	1,269	111	9,899	54
Campbelltown	2,866	2,815	2,840	2,695	2,672	2,655	2,694	327	19,564	203
Fairfield	2,476	2,433	2,284	2,326	2,346	2,274	2,213	263	16,615	202
Granville	2,178	2,013	1,975	1,891	1,972	1,891	1,867	232	14,019	227
Hornsby	2,197	2,228	2,297	2,305	2,254	2,334	2,237	59	15,911	180
Liverpool	2,673	2,526	2,575	2,306	2,293	2,243	2,203	282	17,101	430
Mount Druitt	2,737	2,633	2,625	2,458	2,333	2,268	2,351	326	17,731	174
Northern Beaches	2,426	2,459	2,545	2,278	2,152	2,032	2,040	92	16,024	103
Parramatta	2,064	1,943	2,135	1,961	1,896	1,893	1,865	191	13,948	256
Penrith	2,137	2,186	2,211	2,068	2,044	2,103	2,110	225	15,084	104
Port Jackson	1,778	1,671	1,585	1,542	1,512	1,371	1,446	102	11,007	61
Ryde	2,240	2,367	2,302	2,268	2,235	1,819	1,974	111	15,316	119
St George	1,818	1,743	1,753	1,614	1,625	1,623	1,585	163	11,924	197
Sutherland	2,033	2,189	2,097	2,158	2,118	2,082	2,011	111	14,799	131
Sub-total Sydney Metro	34,943	34,517	34,445	32,912	32,302	31,398	31,227	3,017	234,761	2,536
Other Districts										
Albury	995	887	1,009	908	909	907	926	41	6,582	77
Armidale	802	805	842	779	819	847	817	68	5,779	12
Batemans Bay	1,239	1,284	1,305	1,232	1,269	1,243	1,279	58	8,909	7
Bathurst	960	937	968	970	907	984	959	106	6,791	47
Broken Hill	492	473	485	473	526	486	485	43	3,463	0
Central Coast	2,769	2,825	2,834	2,788	2,548	2,528	2,637	236	19,165	162
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	1,458	1,505	1,474	1,580	1,581	1,494	1,555	79	10,726	0
Deniliquin	463	507	446	499	421	468	417	15	3,236	0
Dubbo	1,071	1,049	1,003	1,043	1,029	975	1,010	231	7,411	0
Griffith	667	690	723	642	660	622	628	64	4,696	44
Lake Macquarie	2,563	2,585	2,424	2,401	2,297	2,359	2,327	178	17,134	50
Lismore	972	1,021	963	989	1,045	1,015	1,012	84	7,101	32
Maitland	1,658	1,582	1,560	1,610	1,466	1,536	1,580	123	11,115	38
Moree	652	657	646	641	579	586	572	85	4,418	0
Newcastle	1,853	1,755	1,850	1,800	1,770	1,653	1,771	120	12,572	150
Orange	1,095	1,052	1,079	1,099	1,016	980	1,052	101	7,474	60
Port Macquarie	1,182	1,210	1,203	1,219	1,266	1,234	1,247	114	8,675	0
Queanbeyan	1,170	1,080	1,077	1,159	1,018	1,021	965	107	7,597	36
Shellharbour	2,127	2,238	2,174	2,070	2,032	1,956	1,961	165	14,723	123
Tamworth	1,245	1,242	1,250	1,243	1,135	1,225	1,225	148	8,713	51
Taree	1,580	1,617	1,657	1,590	1,536	1,575	1,597	104	11,256	0
Tweed Heads/Ballina	1,315	1,364	1,311	1,386	1,309	1,346	1,437	90	9,558	0
Wagga Wagga	1,188	1,095	1,042	1,102	1,037	1,032	1,059	83	7,638	96
Wollongong	1,948	1,970	1,878	1,895	1,774	1,792	1,680	135	13,072	152
Sub-total Other Districts	31,464	31,430	31,203	31,118	29,949	29,864	30,198	2,578	217,804	1,137
State Total	66,407	65,947	65,648	64,030	62,251	61,262	61,425	5,595	452,565	3,673

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Notes: All enrolments are reported in full-time equivalent units (FTEs) and include full-time and part-time students. See Table 12 for data on part-time students.
Students in distance education and opportunity C classes are included with their appropriate year levels.
Students enrolled at the Distance Education Support Unit are included with secondary support classes in Port Jackson district.
Students enrolled in intensive English centres (1657.0 FTE) are included with secondary support classes.

Table 6B
Enrolments (FTE) in NSW Government Schools, Midyear 1998
Secondary Students by District and Year of Schooling

District	Secondary							District	
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Support	Total	
Sydney Metropolitan Districts									
Bankstown	1,347.0	1,523.0	1,503.0	1,712.0	1,316.0	1,136.9	338.0	8,875.9	21,125.9
Blacktown	1,417.0	1,524.0	1,523.0	1,370.0	987.8	802.1	113.0	7,736.9	21,400.9
Bondi	1,100.0	1,268.0	1,285.0	1,419.0	1,282.3	1,156.5	82.0	7,592.9	17,545.9
Campbelltown	2,246.0	2,316.0	2,223.0	2,060.0	1,375.8	1,209.7	220.0	11,650.5	31,417.5
Fairfield	2,256.0	2,340.0	2,563.0	2,629.0	2,235.9	1,917.8	682.0	14,623.7	31,440.7
Granville	1,262.0	1,396.0	1,441.0	1,411.0	1,221.1	1,092.6	144.0	7,967.8	22,213.8
Hornsby	2,010.0	2,061.0	2,126.0	2,069.0	1,872.3	1,623.3	0.0	11,761.7	27,852.7
Liverpool	2,170.0	2,064.0	2,105.0	1,836.0	1,507.1	1,186.0	344.0	11,212.1	28,743.1
Mount Druitt	1,836.0	1,821.0	1,854.0	1,755.0	1,463.7	1,239.7	402.0	10,371.4	28,276.4
Northern Beaches	1,456.0	1,521.0	1,602.0	1,668.0	1,558.6	1,313.3	90.0	9,208.9	25,335.9
Parramatta	1,912.0	1,919.0	1,854.0	1,885.0	1,622.7	1,588.4	181.0	10,962.0	25,166.0
Penrith	1,907.0	1,917.0	1,899.0	1,807.0	1,222.2	1,028.7	164.0	9,944.8	25,132.8
Port Jackson	939.0	1,005.0	1,055.0	1,046.0	1,025.8	826.2	464.0	6,361.0	17,429.0
Ryde	1,306.0	1,447.0	1,474.0	1,606.0	1,800.9	1,516.2	318.0	9,468.1	24,903.1
St George	1,553.0	1,615.0	1,647.0	1,625.0	1,557.0	1,439.4	200.0	9,636.4	21,757.4
Sutherland	2,066.0	2,003.0	1,932.0	1,962.0	1,631.7	1,413.3	84.0	11,092.0	26,022.0
Sub-total Sydney Metro	26,783.0	27,740.0	28,086.0	27,860.0	23,680.9	20,490.1	3,826.0	158,466.1	395,763.1
Other Districts									
Albury	934.0	983.0	956.0	838.0	701.4	519.8	41.0	4,973.2	11,632.2
Armidale	825.0	846.0	754.0	774.0	642.8	563.9	63.0	4,468.8	10,259.8
Batemans Bay	1,197.0	1,194.0	1,189.0	1,054.0	871.8	671.9	55.0	6,232.7	15,148.7
Bathurst	941.0	921.0	920.0	830.0	649.9	508.0	80.0	4,849.9	11,687.9
Broken Hill	515.0	466.0	479.0	399.0	273.9	202.3	49.0	2,384.2	5,847.2
Central Coast	2,448.0	2,413.0	2,377.0	2,240.0	1,613.3	1,281.2	244.0	12,616.5	31,943.5
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	1,487.0	1,506.0	1,508.0	1,404.0	1,165.6	889.5	85.0	8,045.1	18,771.1
Deniliquin	406.0	450.0	406.0	373.0	316.7	258.3	1.0	2,210.9	5,446.9
Dubbo	1,023.0	956.0	969.0	967.0	652.8	505.1	131.0	5,203.9	12,614.9
Griffith	696.0	675.0	674.0	598.0	426.7	326.0	22.0	3,417.7	8,157.7
Lake Macquarie	2,054.0	2,117.0	2,072.0	1,927.0	1,342.7	934.3	143.0	10,590.1	27,774.1
Lismore	958.0	1,011.0	970.0	932.0	771.2	597.5	76.0	5,315.7	12,448.7
Maitland	1,363.0	1,412.0	1,396.0	1,361.0	818.6	607.8	112.0	7,070.4	18,223.4
Moree	543.0	579.0	508.0	435.0	274.2	252.5	91.0	2,682.7	7,100.7
Newcastle	1,868.0	1,822.0	1,862.0	1,848.0	1,420.1	1,186.0	96.0	10,102.1	22,824.1
Orange	937.0	989.0	966.0	903.0	638.0	562.1	89.0	5,084.1	12,618.1
Port Macquarie	1,168.0	1,219.0	1,237.0	1,121.0	757.3	623.1	123.0	6,248.3	14,923.3
Queanbeyan	888.0	883.0	836.0	867.0	569.7	519.1	89.0	4,651.8	12,284.8
Shellharbour	1,963.0	2,014.0	1,821.0	1,746.0	1,163.1	863.8	130.0	9,700.9	24,546.9
Tamworth	1,140.0	1,183.0	1,129.0	1,109.0	805.7	628.3	139.0	6,134.0	14,898.0
Taree	1,386.0	1,507.0	1,350.0	1,290.0	923.5	720.3	127.0	7,303.9	18,559.9
Tweed Heads/Ballina	1,324.0	1,399.0	1,319.0	1,261.0	1,006.6	720.8	49.0	7,079.3	16,637.3
Wagga Wagga	951.0	985.0	933.0	926.0	752.1	564.3	84.0	5,195.4	12,929.4
Wollongong	1,634.0	1,642.0	1,686.0	1,598.0	1,280.4	1,085.8	183.0	9,109.1	22,333.1
Sub-total Other Districts	28,649.0	29,172.0	28,317.0	26,801.0	19,838.1	15,591.7	2,302.0	150,670.7	369,611.7
State Total	55,432.0	56,912.0	56,403.0	54,661.0	43,518.8	36,081.9	6,128.0	309,136.7	765,374.7

Notes:

All enrolments are reported in full-time equivalent units (FTEs) and include full-time and part-time students. See Table 12 for data on part-time students.

Students in distance education and opportunity C classes are included with their appropriate year levels.

Students enrolled at the Distance Education Support Unit are included with secondary support classes in Port Jackson district.

Students enrolled in intensive English centres (1657.0 FTE) are included with secondary support classes.

Table 7
Enrolments in NSW Government Schools, 1952-1998

Year	Primary	Secondary	SSP	Total
1952	335,902	94,611		430,513
1953	335,220	100,098		455,318
1954	370,727	103,873		474,600
1955	387,516	109,034		496,550
1956	401,163	117,211		518,374
1957	414,692	125,289		539,981
1958	425,932	135,514		561,446
1959	433,375	146,653		580,028
1960	435,686	159,969		595,655
1961	441,366	169,517		610,883
1962	445,154	178,204		623,358
1963	444,252	181,999		626,251
1964	449,342	184,075		633,417
1965	457,158	196,273		653,431
1966	468,382	204,103		672,485
1967	479,605	221,184		700,789
1968	489,718	236,901		726,619
1969	497,373	248,442		745,815
1970	503,547	257,874		761,421
1971	504,110	267,603		771,713
1972	502,398	277,751		780,149
1973	495,112	281,988		777,100
1974	490,929	286,931		777,860
1975	490,769	298,357		789,126
1976	496,314	303,409		799,723
1977	506,661	303,049		809,710
1978	512,791	299,149		811,940
1979	516,807	290,795		807,602
1980	515,769	283,352		799,121
1981	507,094	283,481		790,575
1982	495,207	287,077		782,284
1983	477,811	300,793		778,604
1984	454,073	311,491	5,360	770,924
1985	438,953	316,650	5,414	761,017
1986	431,503	318,353	5,401	755,257
1987	431,403	318,657	5,024	755,084
1988	434,811	318,484	4,626	757,921
1989	434,098	310,765	4,400	749,263
1990	434,814	304,006	4,366	743,186
1991	438,218	304,087	4,112	746,417
1992	444,059	308,752	4,041	756,852
1993	445,238.0	308,909.2	3,901.0	758,048.2
1994	445,599.0	306,716.6	3,798.0	756,113.6
1995	446,722.0	305,395.6	3,789.0	755,906.6
1996	450,465.0	306,823.3	3,749.0	761,037.3
1997	451,560.0	308,922.7	3,690.0	764,172.7
1998	452,565.0	309,136.7	3,673.0	765,374.7

Notes: Since 1993 some students have enrolled part-time. All enrolments are reported in full-time equivalent units (FTE), and include full-time and part-time students.
From 1951 to 1962 the table includes pupils in ACT government schools.
From 1951 to 1983 students enrolled in schools for specific purposes (SSPs) are included in primary and secondary enrolment data, although until 1962 some of these students are not included at all.

Enrolments by Year of Schooling and Gender

Kindergarten was the largest year of schooling, with 66,407.0 enrolments, followed by Year 1 (65,947.0) and Year 2 (65,648.0). Highest secondary enrolments were in Year 8 (56,912.0).

From 1997 to 1998, primary enrolments increased in Kindergarten and Years 2, 3, 4 and 6; secondary enrolments increased in Years 10, 11 and 12. Enrolments in primary support classes were lower than in 1997; enrolments in secondary support classes were higher than in 1997.

In each year of schooling from Kindergarten to Year 10, the number of boys exceeded the number of girls. Only in Years 11 and 12 were there more girls than boys, reflecting the higher participation rate of girls in the post-compulsory years of schooling.

Enrolments by Age and Gender

In 1998 there were 65,333.0 seven-year-olds, the largest age group in government schools. In 1997 six-year-olds were the largest age group. There were 869.9 FTE enrolments of students aged 21 and over, an increase of 7.2 percent since 1997.

At all ages from 5 to 15 there were more boys than girls enrolled, reflecting the composition of the general population. Only at ages 4, 16, 17 and 21 and above did girls outnumber boys. Overall there were 1,039 boys for every 1,000 girls.

Overall there were more boys than girls in support classes and in SSPs. In primary support classes, 65.3 percent of students were male; in secondary support classes, 58.9 percent were male; and in SSPs, 67.4 percent were male.

Within each year of schooling, the average age for boys was higher than the average age for girls.

For details on enrolments by year of schooling, age and gender, see Tables 8A through 8G.

Preschool Enrolments

Preschool classes were provided in 76 New South Wales government schools: 75 primary, infants and central schools, and 1 separate nursery school. In August 1998 there were 3,954 preschool students representing 2,234.2 full-time equivalent enrolments.

Figure 3. Enrolments by Year of Schooling and Gender, Midyear 1998

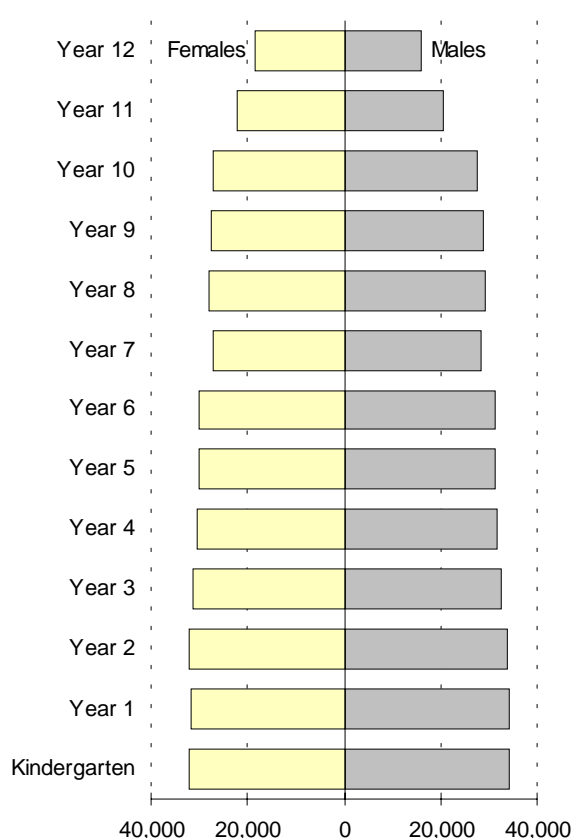


Figure 4. Enrolments by Age and Gender, Midyear 1998

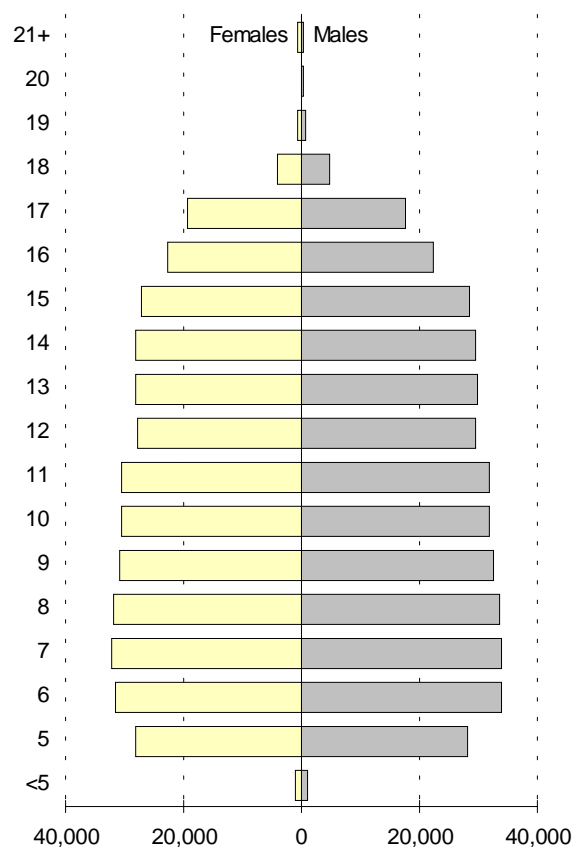


Table 8A
Age-Grade Distribution of Students in NSW Government Schools, Midyear 1998
Primary Students by Age and Year of Schooling

Age <i>(Yrs:Mths)</i>	Kindergarten		Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6		Total	
	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
Under 5	838	995	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	838	995
5:00-5:11	27,309	27,108	691	903	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,000	28,011
6:00-6:11	5,980	4,126	26,869	26,504	644	860	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,493	31,490
7:00-7:11	25	25	6,497	4,410	26,359	26,531	621	863	2	-	-	-	-	-	33,504	31,829
8:00-8:11	1	-	46	27	6,666	4,522	25,704	25,989	621	918	3	7	1	-	33,042	31,463
9:00-9:11	-	-	-	-	40	25	6,336	4,419	24,737	25,212	675	827	2	3	31,790	30,486
10:00-10:11	-	-	-	-	1	0	62	35	6,282	4,374	24,151	24,726	637	846	31,133	29,981
11:00-11:11	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	71	32	6,254	4,514	24,164	24,664	30,490	29,210
12:00-12:11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	61	43	6,554	4,448	6,616	4,491
13:00-13:11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	66	38	66	39
14:00-14:11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	0	2
15:00-15:11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
16 and Over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	1
Subtotal	34,153	32,254	34,103	31,844	33,710	31,938	32,724	31,306	31,714	30,537	31,144	30,118	31,424	30,001	228,972	217,998
Total	66,407		65,947		65,648		64,030		62,251		61,262		61,425		446,970	
<i>Average Age</i>	<i>5y 8m</i>		<i>6y 8m</i>		<i>7y 8m</i>		<i>8y 8m</i>		<i>9y 8m</i>		<i>10y 8m</i>		<i>11y 8m</i>			

Note: Students in distance education and Opportunity C classes are included with their appropriate grade levels. Students in other support classes are not included.

Table 8B
Age-Grade Distribution of Students in NSW Government Schools, Midyear 1998
Primary Students in Support Classes in Ordinary Schools by Age and Category

Age (Yrs:Mths)	IM		IO		IS		P		H		V		ED		BD		L		Total	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Under 5	1	0	9	3	12	4	9	11	18	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	31
5:00-5:11	9	3	63	36	19	8	18	13	15	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	33	13	158	83
6:00-6:11	17	7	112	76	24	13	10	8	19	14	0	0	3	2	2	0	72	19	259	139
7:00-7:11	27	15	155	80	29	13	16	10	20	16	0	0	4	1	5	0	61	13	317	148
8:00-8:11	252	167	160	92	36	12	16	6	17	13	0	0	7	1	7	2	30	7	525	300
9:00-9:11	403	189	148	71	27	11	15	13	15	18	0	0	8	2	7	0	15	8	638	312
10:00-10:11	452	237	169	71	23	20	19	5	18	11	1	0	11	2	12	0	10	6	715	352
11:00-11:11	467	222	131	103	25	19	10	12	16	7	0	0	10	0	7	0	6	3	672	366
12:00-12:11	200	116	58	44	9	13	4	4	8	7	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	1	285	185
13:00-13:11	12	3	3	1	4	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	22	15
14:00-14:11	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	4	3
15:00-15:11	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	2	4
16 and Over	0	0	0	1	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	3
Subtotal	1,841	959	1,008	578	218	119	117	82	146	112	1	0	46	8	49	13	228	70	3,654	1,941
Total	2,800		1,586		337		199		258		1		54		62		298		5,595	

Key	IM	Mild intellectual disability	P	Physical disability	ED	Emotional disturbance
	IO	Moderate intellectual disability	H	Hearing disability	BD	Behaviour disorder
	IS	Severe intellectual disability	V	Visual disability	L	Language disorder

Table 8C
Age-Grade Distribution of Students in NSW Government Schools, Midyear 1998
Full-time Secondary Students by Age and Year of Schooling

Age <i>(Yrs:Mths)</i>	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11		Year 12		Total	
	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
Under 11	8	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	6
11:00-11:11	569	705	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	572	707
12:00-12:11	21,273	22,046	532	734	9	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	21,814	22,787
13:00-13:11	6,266	4,329	21,886	22,425	593	754	7	1	0	1	0	0	28,752	27,510
14:00-14:11	115	89	6,503	4,562	21,414	22,106	591	704	7	6	2	0	28,632	27,467
15:00-15:11	12	10	162	85	6,517	4,592	20,312	21,482	473	564	1	0	27,477	26,733
16:00-16:11	1	1	11	7	211	154	6,111	4,457	14,929	17,018	371	456	21,634	22,093
17:00-17:11	0	1	0	0	14	22	323	249	4,603	3,995	11,799	14,354	16,739	18,621
18:00-18:11	1	0	-	-	4	3	77	52	477	347	3,475	3,271	4,034	3,673
19:00-19:11	-	-	-	-	2	0	19	16	95	102	320	324	436	442
20:00-20:11	-	-	-	-	0	0	14	8	45	34	87	83	146	125
21 and Over	-	-	-	-	1	1	88	149	77	133	70	106	236	389
Subtotal	28,245	27,187	29,097	27,815	28,765	27,638	27,542	27,119	20,706	22,200	16,125	18,594	150,480	150,553
Total	55,432		56,912		56,403		54,661		42,906		34,719		301,033	
<i>Average Age</i>	<i>12y 8m</i>		<i>13y 8m</i>		<i>14y 8m</i>		<i>15y 9m</i>		<i>16y 9m</i>		<i>17y 9m</i>			

Notes: Students in distance education classes are included with their appropriate grade levels. Students in other support classes are not included.

Calculations of average age exclude students aged 21 years and over

Table 8D
Age-Grade Distribution of Students in NSW Government Schools, Midyear 1998
Part-time Secondary Students by Age and Year of Schooling

Age (Yrs:Mths)	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11		Year 12		Total	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Under 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
11:00-11:11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
12:00-12:11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
13:00-13:11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	0	1	0
14:00-14:11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	0	1	0
15:00-15:11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	2	4	7	17	9
16:00-16:11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	103	131	19	12	122	143
17:00-17:11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	174	166	216	292	390	458
18:00-18:11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	60	445	484	487	544
19:00-19:11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	17	155	123	171	140
20:00-20:11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	7	23	32	28	39
21 and Over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85	267	37	90	122	357
Subtotal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	440	650	899	1,040	1,339	1,690
Total	0		0		0		0		1,090		1,939		3,029	
Full-time equivalent:														
Subtotal	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	261.6	351.2	632.0	730.9	893.6	1082.1
Total	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		612.8		1362.9		1975.7	

Note: Students in distance education classes are included with their appropriate grade levels.

FTE totals may vary due to rounding effects.

Table 8E
Age-Grade Distribution of Students in NSW Government Schools, Midyear 1998
Secondary Students in Support Classes in Ordinary Schools by Age and Category

Age (Yrs:Mths)	IM		IO		IS		P		H		V		ED		BD		IE		Total	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Under 11	3	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1
11:00-11:11	9	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	57	45	72	49
12:00-12:11	205	121	58	52	9	3	8	2	6	1	0	0	5	3	4	0	142	126	437	308
13:00-13:11	433	231	125	117	14	7	14	11	17	14	1	0	14	0	14	0	164	107	796	487
14:00-14:11	426	272	129	101	19	10	17	12	25	10	0	0	18	5	24	2	121	113	779	525
15:00-15:11	329	189	118	96	10	3	11	9	19	13	0	0	7	3	12	4	116	84	622	401
16:00-16:11	187	134	94	77	11	14	9	3	15	9	1	0	1	1	13	6	108	85	439	329
17:00-17:11	60	67	60	57	10	16	11	7	13	12	1	1	0	1	4	0	81	58	240	219
18:00-18:11	25	16	34	36	11	7	7	0	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	42	133	106
19:00-19:11	1	1	1	6	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	30	37	40
20:00-20:11	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	16	16
21 and Over	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	40	27	40
Subtotal	1,678	1,034	631	544	85	63	79	45	101	64	3	1	47	13	71	12	912	745	3,607	2,521
Total	2,712		1,175		148		124		165		4		60		83		1,657		6,128	

Key	IM	Mild intellectual disability	P	Physical disability	ED	Emotional disturbance
	IO	Moderate intellectual disability	H	Hearing disability	BD	Behaviour disorder
	IS	Severe intellectual disability	V	Visual disability	IE	Intensive English

Note Includes only those students enrolled full-time in support classes. Students attending support classes on a part-time basis are counted according to their year of schooling in Table 8C.

Table 8F
Age-Grade Distribution of Students in NSW Government Schools, Midyear 1998
Students in Schools for Specific Purposes by Age and Category

Age (Yrs:Mths)	IM		IO		IS		P		H		V		ED		BD		CC		Total	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
3:00-3:11	0	0	2	0	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	5
4:00-4:11	0	0	15	12	49	22	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	38
5:00-5:11	0	0	34	20	81	37	4	1	1	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	127	58
6:00-6:11	0	0	46	9	66	42	2	4	0	0	4	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	125	55
7:00-7:11	0	0	29	17	59	44	9	8	1	1	1	0	20	5	0	0	0	0	119	75
8:00-8:11	4	1	29	14	67	47	7	7	0	2	2	0	17	5	0	0	0	0	126	76
9:00-9:11	3	4	32	16	69	44	7	4	5	0	2	0	30	2	1	0	0	0	149	70
10:00-10:11	11	1	33	18	54	41	12	5	2	3	1	1	28	9	6	0	1	0	148	78
11:00-11:11	8	2	32	11	58	40	7	3	4	4	0	2	34	4	4	0	0	0	147	66
12:00-12:11	14	4	42	25	58	37	9	6	2	2	0	0	58	3	7	0	0	0	190	77
13:00-13:11	18	6	39	28	69	41	8	6	0	0	1	2	50	13	14	4	8	1	207	101
14:00-14:11	18	10	44	20	52	36	5	4	0	0	0	3	79	18	22	3	21	6	241	100
15:00-15:11	25	7	43	30	75	49	3	2	0	0	3	3	50	22	8	0	36	1	243	114
16:00-16:11	19	10	43	32	65	40	10	7	0	0	2	0	24	9	0	0	55	5	218	103
17:00-17:11	14	11	34	25	65	42	6	9	0	0	2	0	16	9	0	0	71	4	208	100
18:00-18:11	6	5	18	16	24	29	6	9	0	0	5	1	10	2	0	0	45	1	114	63
19:00-19:11	3	2	4	3	9	8	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	10	1	27	17
20:00-20:11	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	9	3
21 and Over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Subtotal	144	64	519	297	924	603	99	78	16	12	27	16	428	103	62	7	255	19	2,474	1,199
Total	208		816		1,527		177		28		43		531		69		274		3,673	

Key	IM	Mild intellectual disability	P	Physical disability	ED	Emotional disturbance
	IO	Moderate intellectual disability	H	Hearing disability	BD	Behaviour disorder
	IS	Severe intellectual disability	V	Visual disability	CC	Community care

Note: Students in SSPs, except those in community care schools, are reported by the category of their primary disability, not by the type of SSP.

Table 8G
Age-Grade Distribution of Students in NSW Government Schools, Midyear 1998
Enrolment (FTE) of All Students by Age and Level of School

Age (Yrs:Mths)	Primary		Secondary		SSPs		Total		Grand
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
3:00-3:11	-	-	-	-	6.0	5.0	6.0	5.0	11.0
4:00-4:11	887.0	1,026.0	-	-	68.0	38.0	955.0	1,064.0	2,019.0
5:00-5:11	28,158.0	28,094.0	-	-	127.0	58.0	28,285.0	28,152.0	56,437.0
6:00-6:11	33,752.0	31,629.0	-	-	125.0	55.0	33,877.0	31,684.0	65,561.0
7:00-7:11	33,821.0	31,977.0	-	-	119.0	75.0	33,940.0	32,052.0	65,992.0
8:00-8:11	33,567.0	31,763.0	-	-	126.0	76.0	33,693.0	31,839.0	65,532.0
9:00-9:11	32,428.0	30,798.0	-	-	149.0	70.0	32,577.0	30,868.0	63,445.0
10:00-10:11	31,848.0	30,333.0	17.0	7.0	148.0	78.0	32,013.0	30,418.0	62,431.0
11:00-11:11	31,162.0	29,576.0	644.0	756.0	147.0	66.0	31,953.0	30,398.0	62,351.0
12:00-12:11	6,901.0	4,676.0	22,251.0	23,095.0	190.0	77.0	29,342.0	27,848.0	57,190.0
13:00-13:11	88.0	54.0	29,548.9	27,997.0	207.0	101.0	29,843.9	28,152.0	57,995.9
14:00-14:11	4.0	5.0	29,411.3	27,992.0	241.0	100.0	29,656.3	28,097.0	57,753.3
15:00-15:11	2.0	4.0	28,105.5	27,139.9	243.0	114.0	28,350.5	27,257.9	55,608.4
16:00-16:11	8.0	4.0	22,145.6	22,521.9	218.0	103.0	22,371.6	22,628.9	45,000.5
17:00-17:11	-	-	17,259.8	19,180.3	208.0	100.0	17,467.8	19,280.3	36,748.1
18:00-18:11	-	-	4,517.9	4,170.9	114.0	63.0	4,631.9	4,233.9	8,865.8
19:00-19:11	-	-	587.7	574.1	27.0	17.0	614.7	591.1	1,205.8
20:00-20:11	-	-	180.7	165.3	9.0	3.0	189.7	168.3	358.0
21 and Over	-	-	311.3	556.6	2.0	0.0	313.3	556.6	869.9
Subtotal	232,626.0	219,939.0	154,980.6	154,156.1	2,474.0	1,199.0	390,080.6	375,294.1	765,374.7
Total	452,565.0		309,136.7		3,673.0		765,374.7		

Note: All enrolments are reported in full-time equivalent units (FTEs), and include full-time and part-time students.

Table 9
Age Distribution of Students in NSW Government Preschool Classes, Midyear 1998

Number of Students

Age <i>(Yrs:Mths)</i>	Part-time Attendance			Full-time Attendance			All Students		
	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
3:00-3:11	91	88	179	13	14	27	104	102	206
4:00-4:11	1,468	1,377	2,845	215	233	448	1,683	1,610	3,293
5:00-5:11	216	168	384	41	30	71	257	198	455
Total	1,775	1,633	3,408	269	277	546	2,044	1,910	3,954

Full-time Equivalent Enrolments

Age <i>(Yrs:Mths)</i>	Part-time Attendance			Full-time Attendance			All Students		
	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
3:00-3:11	44.7	44.2	88.9	13.0	14.0	27.0	57.7	58.2	115.9
4:00-4:11	726.1	682.7	1,408.8	215.0	233.0	448.0	941.1	915.7	1,856.8
5:00-5:11	106.2	84.3	190.5	41.0	30.0	71.0	147.2	114.3	261.5
Total	877.0	811.2	1,688.2	269.0	277.0	546.0	1,146.0	1,088.2	2,234.2

Note: NSW government preschool classes provide full-time or part-time schooling at pre-primary level

Details of preschool enrolments by age and gender are contained in Table 9.

Enrolments in Support Classes and in SSPs

Support classes in regular schools and in schools for specific purposes (SSPs) enrolled 15,396 students, an increase of 0.6 percent since 1997. SSP classes accounted for 3,673 students, or 23.9 percent of support class enrolments.

The largest group in support classes comprised students with intellectual disabilities. There were 11,309 students with mild, moderate and severe intellectual disabilities, representing 73.5 percent of students with specific needs. The majority of students with mild and moderate intellectual disabilities (89.0 percent) were enrolled in support classes in ordinary schools; the majority of students with severe intellectual disabilities (75.9 percent) were enrolled in SSPs.

Enrolments in secondary intensive English classes were stable with 1,657 in 1998 compared with 1,676 in 1997.

Details of support classes and enrolments are contained in Table 10.

Enrolments in Distance Education

In August 1998 there were 2123.3 FTE enrolments at distance education centres, of which 755.0 (35.6 percent) were in primary and 1,368.3 (64.4 percent) were in secondary years of schooling. Enrolments at distance education centres increased by 9.4 percent since 1997. Year 10 had the most students of any grade, with 390.0 FTE enrolments.

In addition, there were 2,862 students enrolled for individual subjects as at Term 1. Female students represented 67.6 percent of all single-subject students.

Details on distance education enrolments by gender and year of schooling are contained in Tables 11 and 11A.

Part-time Students

Since 1993, students in New South Wales have been able to enrol part-time for secondary studies. In the first year of part-time study there were 167 students, equivalent to 73.2 FTE enrolments. In August 1998, there were 3,029 part-time students, equivalent to 1,975.7 FTE enrolments. From 1997 the number of part-time students increased by 37.4 percent and the FTE enrolments of part-time students increased by 57.3 percent.

Table 8D contains details on the year of schooling, age and gender of part-time students; Table 12 contains details on the number and full-time equivalence of part-time students in each district.

Enrolments in Equity Program Schools

Disadvantaged Schools Program (DSP). In August 1998 there were 150,395.2 FTE enrolments in DSP schools. Schools in the sixteen Sydney metropolitan districts enrolled 56.4 percent of DSP students. Fairfield district had 16,819.4 enrolments in DSP schools, representing 53.5 percent of all enrolments in the district.

DSP enrolments represented 21.4 percent of total enrolments in Sydney, 17.8 percent of total enrolments outside Sydney, and 19.6 percent of total enrolments in the state.

Country Areas Program (CAP). There were 26,605.2 FTE enrolments in CAP schools in August 1998. Batemans Bay district had 6,288.8 CAP enrolments, representing 41.5 percent of enrolments in the district. In Deniliquin district, 72.2 percent of enrolments were in CAP schools. Enrolments in CAP schools represented 3.5 percent of total enrolments.

Table 13 contains information on enrolments in DSP and CAP schools in each district.

Figure 5. Enrolments in Support Classes and SSPs by Category, Midyear 1998

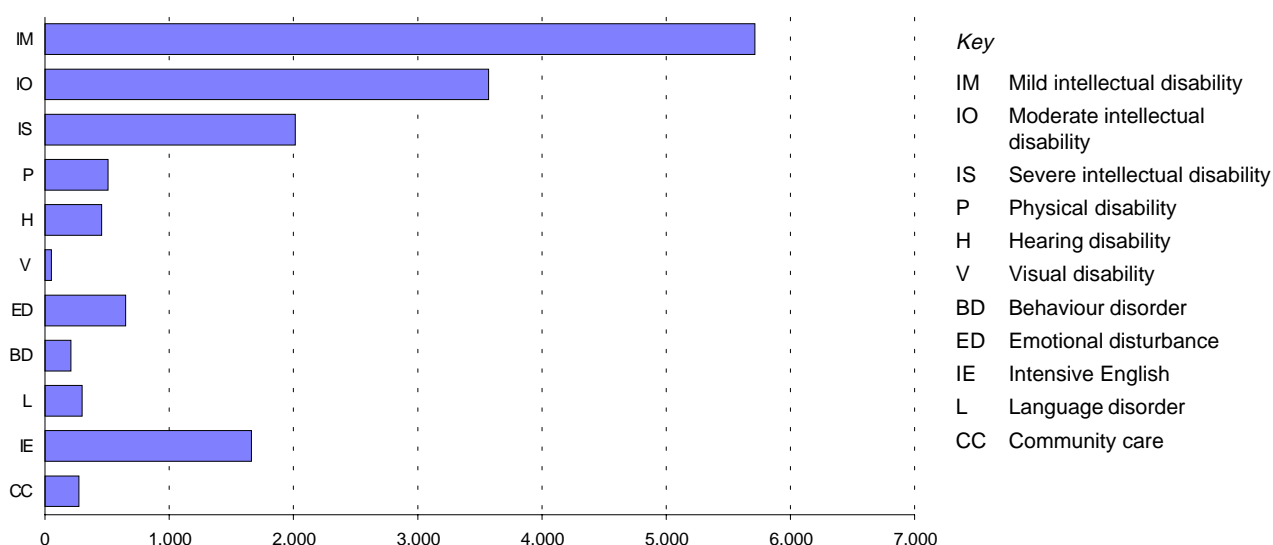


Table 10
Enrolments in Support Classes and Schools for Specific Purposes by Category, 1998

Category	Number of Classes				Number of Students			
	Primary Schools	Secondary Schools	Schools for Specific Purposes	All Schools	Primary Schools	Secondary Schools	Schools for Specific Purposes	All Schools
IM	223	196	28	447	2,800	2,712	208	5,720
IO	229	172	109	510	1,586	1,175	816	3,577
IS	59	27	244	330	337	148	1,527	2,012
P	30	21	30	81	199	124	177	500
H	50	33	9	92	258	165	28	451
V	-	-	10	10	1	4	43	48
ED	14	17	81	112	54	60	531	645
BD	9	9	7	25	62	83	69	214
L	40	-	-	40	298	-	-	298
IE	-	130	-	130	-	1,657	-	1,657
CC	-	-	54	54	-	-	274	274
Total	654	605	572	1,831	5,595	6,128	3,673	15,396

Key	IM	Mild intellectual disability	ED	Emotional disturbance
	IO	Moderate intellectual disability	BD	Behaviour disorders
	IS	Severe intellectual disability	L	Language disorders
	P	Physical disability	IE	Intensive English
	H	Hearing disability	CC	Community care
	V	Visual disability		

Notes: Classes that cater for students of mixed ability have been assigned the predominant category.
Students in secondary support classes include students enrolled at the Distance Education Support Unit, however, no classes are recorded for these students.
Information on number of classes collected in Term 1; enrolments from midyear census.

Table 11
Enrolments (FTE) in Distance Education Centres
by Year of Schooling, Midyear 1998

Year of Schooling	Boys	Girls	Total
Kindergarten	60.0	68.0	128.0
Year 1	69.0	44.0	113.0
Year 2	65.0	48.0	113.0
Year 3	50.0	48.0	98.0
Year 4	46.0	48.0	94.0
Year 5	47.0	47.0	94.0
Year 6	61.0	54.0	115.0
Support Classes	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Primary	398.0	357.0	755.0
Year 7	62.0	55.0	117.0
Year 8	102.0	83.0	185.0
Year 9	125.0	133.0	258.0
Year 10	182.0	208.0	390.0
Year 11	69.3	129.2	198.4
Year 12	75.9	131.0	206.8
Support Classes	9.0	4.0	13.0
Total Secondary	625.2	743.1	1368.3
Total	1023.2	1100.1	2123.3
Preschool Full-time Equivalents	30.0	36.0	66.0

Notes: All enrolments are reported in full-time equivalent units (FTE), and include full-time and part-time students whose main school is the distance education centre. Students enrolled at the Distance Education Support Unit are included with secondary support classes.

Table 11A
Students Enrolled for Single Subjects at Distance Education Centres
by Year of Schooling, Term 1 1998

Year of Schooling	Boys	Girls	Total
Year 7	1	1	2
Year 8	0	0	0
Year 9	90	167	257
Year 10	102	223	325
Year 11	342	831	1,173
Year 12	391	714	1,105
Total Students	926	1,936	2,862

Notes: This table shows the number of students enrolled for individual subjects at distance education centres.

Students may be enrolled for more than one subject. The table only includes students whose main school is a government school (see page 57 for students whose main school is a non-government school).

Source: Distance and Rural Education Directorate.

Table 12
Head Count and Full-time Equivalence of Part-time Students
in NSW Government Schools by District, Midyear 1998

District	Students	FTE
<i>Sydney Metropolitan Districts</i>		
Bankstown	106	47.9
Blacktown	22	18.9
Bondi	130	80.9
Campbelltown	49	37.5
Fairfield	136	98.7
Granville	72	48.8
Hornsby	70	50.7
Liverpool	56	44.1
Mount Druitt	32	21.4
Northern Beaches	72	46.9
Parramatta	48	38.0
Penrith	81	58.8
Port Jackson	68	47.0
Ryde	284	144.1
St George	16	11.4
Sutherland	86	68.0
<i>Sub-total Sydney Metropolitan</i>	<i>1328</i>	<i>863.0</i>
<i>Other Districts</i>		
Albury	16	11.2
Armidale	23	16.8
Batemans Bay	25	13.7
Bathurst	37	21.9
Broken Hill	14	10.2
Central Coast	75	54.5
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	131	95.1
Deniliquin	13	9.9
Dubbo	122	57.9
Griffith	121	56.7
Lake Macquarie	231	177.1
Lismore	86	48.7
Maitland	60	44.4
Moree	30	17.7
Newcastle	61	45.1
Orange	33	24.1
Port Macquarie	66	45.3
Queanbeyan	42	28.8
Shellharbour	65	43.9
Tamworth	41	30.0
Taree	106	80.9
Tweed Heads/Ballina	81	56.4
Wagga Wagga	47	20.4
Wollongong	175	102.1
<i>Sub-total Other Districts</i>	<i>1701</i>	<i>1112.7</i>
Total	3,029	1975.7

Note: Refer to table 8D for information on part-time students by gender and year of schooling.

Table 13
Enrolments (FTE) in NSW Government Schools
by Program and District, Midyear 1998

District	Disadvantaged Schools Program	Country Areas Program
<i>Sydney Metropolitan Districts</i>		
Bankstown	8,171.5	-
Blacktown	3,029.7	-
Bondi	1,404.2	-
Campbelltown	7,452.9	-
Fairfield	16,819.4	-
Granville	11,723.3	-
Hornsby	-	-
Liverpool	11,961.4	-
Mount Druitt	13,245.0	-
Northern Beaches	-	-
Parramatta	2,036.7	-
Penrith	1,079.0	-
Port Jackson	3,928.7	-
Ryde	-	-
St George	3,912.1	-
Sutherland	-	-
<i>Sub-total Sydney Metropolitan</i>	84,763.9	-
<i>Other Districts</i>		
Albury	528.0	932.0
Armidale	485.0	585.0
Batemans Bay	1,739.0	6,288.8
Bathurst	890.0	827.8
Broken Hill	1,058.0	2,274.8
Central Coast	3,863.0	-
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	3,328.0	-
Deniliquin	304.0	3,935.0
Dubbo	2,272.3	3,327.8
Griffith	974.0	1,628.3
Lake Macquarie	7,599.3	-
Lismore	4,368.7	-
Maitland	6,741.6	-
Moree	2,746.5	3,420.5
Newcastle	2,573.0	-
Orange	2,225.0	1,482.9
Port Macquarie	4,384.3	43.0
Queanbeyan	1,005.0	901.6
Shellharbour	4,375.2	-
Tamworth	1,405.0	231.0
Taree	3,699.9	-
Tweed Heads/Ballina	2,540.7	-
Wagga Wagga	1,142.0	726.7
Wollongong	5,383.8	-
<i>Sub-total Other Districts</i>	65,631.3	26,605.2
State Total	150,395.2	26,605.2

Notes: Programs are not mutually exclusive. It is possible for schools to participate in more than one program.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

In August 1998 there were 26,699.6 FTE enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in New South Wales government schools, representing 3.5 percent of total enrolments. The percentage of students identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander has increased from 2.0 percent in 1988.

Dubbo district had the highest enrolment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, with 2,528.0 FTE enrolments, representing 20.0 percent of its total enrolment. Moree district had the highest proportion, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students representing 27.5 percent of its total enrolment. The districts with the fewest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students were Ryde (42.0 FTE enrolments, 0.2 percent), Hornsby (52.0 FTE enrolments, 0.2 percent) and Northern Beaches (81.0 FTE enrolments, 0.3 percent).

Although Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students constituted 3.5 percent of total government school enrolments, they represented 10.0 percent of all enrolments in support classes in primary schools, 6.4 percent of enrolments in secondary support classes, and 6.9 percent of enrolments in SSPs. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students represented 1.7 percent of Year 11 enrolments and 1.4 percent of Year 12 enrolments.

Details of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enrolments by district and year of schooling are shown in Tables 14A and 14B.

Enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students, 1988-1998

Year	A&TSI Enrolment	% of Total Enrolment
1988	14,932.0	2.0%
1989	15,121.0	2.0%
1990	15,613.0	2.1%
1991	17,188.0	2.3%
1992	18,678.0	2.5%
1993	19,926.6	2.6%
1994	21,398.0	2.8%
1995	22,522.4	3.0%
1996	23,926.5	3.1%
1997	25,127.3	3.3%
1998	26,699.6	3.5%

Figure 6. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Enrolments as a Proportion of Total Enrolments by District, Midyear 1998

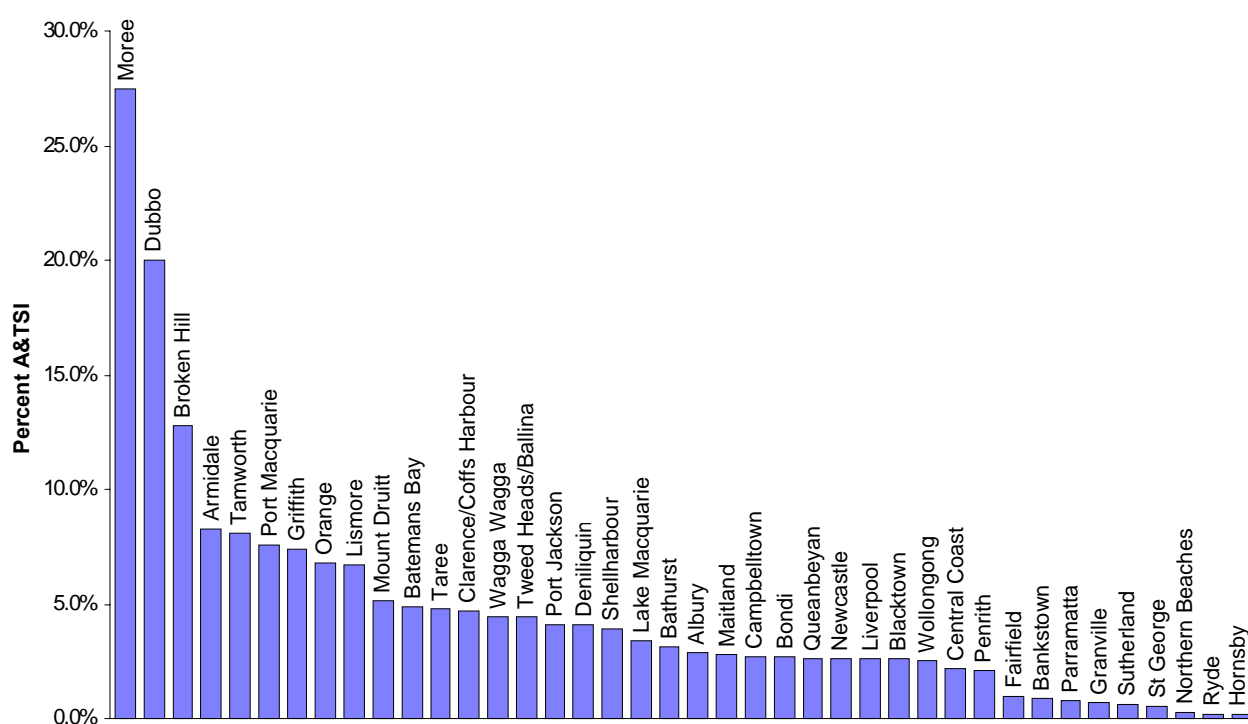


Table 14A
Enrolments (FTE) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students in NSW Government Schools, Midyear 1998
Primary and SSP Students by District and Year of Schooling

District	Primary									SSP
	Kinder	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Support	Total	Total
Sydney Metropolitan Districts										
Bankstown	16	18	11	20	15	16	21	1	118	0
Blacktown	46	63	64	53	47	57	49	12	391	3
Bondi	58	42	37	45	30	29	42	4	287	9
Campbelltown	91	79	84	72	61	58	67	25	537	27
Fairfield	21	27	23	26	22	17	21	4	161	16
Granville	19	13	17	11	12	12	16	4	104	13
Hornsby	4	2	8	7	6	5	3	0	35	0
Liverpool	69	77	71	45	77	53	74	17	483	38
Mount Druitt	166	157	151	134	126	124	111	43	1,012	15
Northern Beaches	7	8	10	7	7	10	3	1	53	1
Parramatta	28	25	20	20	19	16	22	4	154	5
Penrith	55	60	53	55	44	52	34	12	365	8
Port Jackson	71	69	75	60	58	65	55	1	454	14
Ryde	4	4	3	2	4	3	2	0	22	0
St George	8	11	11	8	6	8	4	1	57	9
Sutherland	8	13	11	12	15	12	12	4	87	2
<i>Sub-total Sydney Metro</i>	<i>671</i>	<i>668</i>	<i>649</i>	<i>577</i>	<i>549</i>	<i>537</i>	<i>536</i>	<i>133</i>	<i>4,320</i>	<i>160</i>
Other Districts										
Albury	42	30	34	34	26	33	33	4	236	8
Armidale	86	80	78	68	71	81	67	22	553	2
Batemans Bay	73	74	71	61	61	65	65	8	478	1
Bathurst	35	44	23	48	31	30	34	4	249	2
Broken Hill	91	80	67	78	81	65	73	16	551	0
Central Coast	70	56	75	63	57	61	63	10	455	20
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	98	85	83	83	72	65	83	11	580	0
Deniliquin	21	19	14	28	15	19	19	2	137	0
Dubbo	237	247	218	222	222	206	197	113	1,662	0
Griffith	67	50	74	50	47	47	41	17	393	5
Lake Macquarie	100	92	91	82	99	71	73	14	622	0
Lismore	82	93	80	80	70	86	64	12	567	2
Maitland	62	50	37	49	52	47	33	3	333	2
Moree	220	219	207	166	171	164	150	52	1,349	0
Newcastle	44	42	48	50	57	53	35	7	336	14
Orange	80	75	81	83	75	67	66	17	544	4
Port Macquarie	120	116	90	87	108	105	91	25	742	0
Queanbeyan	37	27	34	27	26	28	22	5	206	0
Shellharbour	99	108	99	75	77	76	75	22	631	3
Tamworth	126	120	97	109	94	102	104	23	775	10
Taree	93	83	83	83	77	77	88	12	596	0
Tweed Heads/Ballina	87	77	65	84	61	53	51	10	488	0
Wagga Wagga	58	52	43	50	59	39	49	7	357	16
Wollongong	57	57	55	49	46	39	33	9	345	6
<i>Sub-total Other Districts</i>	<i>2,085</i>	<i>1,976</i>	<i>1,847</i>	<i>1,809</i>	<i>1,755</i>	<i>1,679</i>	<i>1,609</i>	<i>425</i>	<i>13,185</i>	<i>95</i>
State Total	2,756	2,644	2,496	2,386	2,304	2,216	2,145	558	17,505	255
<i>As percent of total</i>	<i>4.2%</i>	<i>4.0%</i>	<i>3.8%</i>	<i>3.7%</i>	<i>3.7%</i>	<i>3.6%</i>	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>10.0%</i>	<i>3.9%</i>	<i>6.9%</i>

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Notes: All enrolments are reported in full-time equivalent units (FTEs) and include full-time and part-time students. See Table 12 for data on part-time students.
Students in distance education and opportunity C classes are included with their appropriate year levels.
Students enrolled at the Distance Education Support Unit are included with secondary support classes in Port Jackson district.
Students enrolled in intensive English centres are included with secondary support classes.

Table 14B
Enrolments (FTE) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students in NSW Government Schools, Midyear 1998
Secondary Students by District and Year of Schooling

District	Secondary								District	As % of
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Support	Total	Total	Total
Sydney Metropolitan Districts										
Bankstown	16.0	15.0	17.0	9.0	4.0	5.0	2.0	68.0	186.0	0.9%
Blacktown	39.0	45.0	31.0	19.0	12.0	11.0	6.0	163.0	557.0	2.6%
Bondi	35.0	26.0	36.0	47.0	17.0	17.7	4.0	182.7	478.7	2.7%
Campbelltown	51.0	57.0	61.0	35.0	37.0	22.0	24.0	287.0	851.0	2.7%
Fairfield	27.0	24.0	25.0	26.0	10.0	11.9	2.0	125.9	302.9	1.0%
Granville	6.0	8.0	12.0	6.0	6.0	4.0	1.0	43.0	160.0	0.7%
Hornsby	1.0	4.0	3.0	5.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	17.0	52.0	0.2%
Liverpool	47.0	57.0	46.0	36.0	28.0	11.6	12.0	237.6	758.6	2.6%
Mount Druitt	89.0	89.0	98.0	60.0	36.8	29.0	27.0	428.8	1,455.8	5.1%
Northern Beaches	3.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	0.0	27.0	81.0	0.3%
Parramatta	11.0	12.0	10.0	3.0	7.0	1.9	3.0	47.9	206.9	0.8%
Penrith	42.0	35.0	35.0	30.0	6.0	10.9	5.0	163.9	536.9	2.1%
Port Jackson	51.0	46.0	49.0	44.0	21.7	19.6	14.0	245.3	713.3	4.1%
Ryde	4.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	5.0	1.0	20.0	42.0	0.2%
St George	8.0	9.0	9.0	11.0	9.0	4.0	1.0	51.0	117.0	0.5%
Sutherland	18.0	3.0	16.0	9.0	6.0	5.6	1.0	58.6	147.6	0.6%
<i>Sub-total Sydney Metro</i>	<i>448.0</i>	<i>440.0</i>	<i>456.0</i>	<i>345.0</i>	<i>210.5</i>	<i>164.2</i>	<i>103.0</i>	<i>2,166.7</i>	<i>6,646.7</i>	<i>1.7%</i>
Other Districts										
Albury	20.0	29.0	17.0	9.0	7.0	4.0	4.0	90.0	334.0	2.9%
Armidale	65.0	67.0	58.0	47.0	28.0	16.7	12.0	293.7	848.7	8.3%
Batemans Bay	62.0	65.0	57.0	46.0	19.0	13.0	8.0	270.0	749.0	4.9%
Bathurst	21.0	31.0	18.0	19.0	13.0	5.0	5.0	112.0	363.0	3.1%
Broken Hill	52.0	54.0	46.0	26.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	199.0	750.0	12.8%
Central Coast	47.0	49.0	46.0	43.0	24.0	19.8	6.0	234.8	709.8	2.2%
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	77.0	85.0	55.0	52.0	16.0	18.0	7.0	310.0	890.0	4.7%
Deniliquin	15.0	24.0	12.0	16.0	12.0	7.9	0.0	86.9	223.9	4.1%
Dubbo	221.0	163.0	174.0	137.0	71.2	38.8	61.0	866.0	2,528.0	20.0%
Griffith	40.0	43.0	48.0	43.0	16.8	11.0	3.0	204.8	602.8	7.4%
Lake Macquarie	71.0	78.0	60.0	59.0	32.3	15.7	8.0	324.0	946.0	3.4%
Lismore	63.0	60.0	57.0	46.0	17.5	9.0	7.0	259.5	828.5	6.7%
Maitland	42.0	35.0	48.0	27.0	13.0	9.0	2.0	176.0	511.0	2.8%
Moree	140.0	150.0	128.0	74.0	38.0	27.6	45.0	602.6	1,951.6	27.5%
Newcastle	51.0	41.0	55.0	54.0	24.9	19.7	3.0	248.6	598.6	2.6%
Orange	74.0	71.0	72.0	40.0	27.4	13.0	9.0	306.4	854.4	6.8%
Port Macquarie	86.0	93.0	86.0	64.0	18.8	19.5	22.0	389.3	1,131.3	7.6%
Queanbeyan	28.0	24.0	20.0	22.0	5.0	2.9	7.0	108.9	314.9	2.6%
Shellharbour	66.0	73.0	73.0	52.0	21.0	20.9	16.0	321.9	955.9	3.9%
Tamworth	96.0	112.0	73.0	66.0	36.7	17.0	23.0	423.7	1,208.7	8.1%
Taree	73.0	78.0	50.0	44.0	23.9	12.0	12.0	292.9	888.9	4.8%
Tweed Heads/Ballina	52.0	75.0	49.0	39.0	17.9	10.6	7.0	250.5	738.5	4.4%
Wagga Wagga	35.0	45.0	46.0	38.0	21.0	8.5	8.0	201.5	574.5	4.4%
Wollongong	52.0	48.0	34.0	31.0	18.0	11.0	6.0	200.0	551.0	2.5%
<i>Sub-total Other Districts</i>	<i>1,549.0</i>	<i>1,593.0</i>	<i>1,382.0</i>	<i>1,094.0</i>	<i>529.4</i>	<i>337.6</i>	<i>288.0</i>	<i>6,773.0</i>	<i>20,053.0</i>	<i>5.4%</i>
State Total	1,997.0	2,033.0	1,838.0	1,439.0	739.8	501.8	391.0	8,939.6	26,699.6	3.5%
<i>As percent of total</i>	<i>3.6%</i>	<i>3.6%</i>	<i>3.3%</i>	<i>2.6%</i>	<i>1.7%</i>	<i>1.4%</i>	<i>6.4%</i>	<i>2.9%</i>	<i>3.5%</i>	

Notes: All enrolments are reported in full-time equivalent units (FTEs) and include full-time and part-time students. See Table 12 for data on part-time students.
Students in distance education and opportunity C classes are included with their appropriate year levels.
Students enrolled at the Distance Education Support Unit are included with secondary support classes in Port Jackson district.
Students enrolled in intensive English centres are included with secondary support classes.

Students of Non-English Speaking Background

Information on students of non-English speaking background (NESB) was collected from schools during Term 1 in 1998. Prior to 1996, this collection was part of the midyear census.

In 1998 there were 171,068 students of non-English speaking background enrolled in New South Wales government schools, representing 22.1 percent of all students, an increase from 21.3 percent in 1997.

Chinese, with 27,021 students, was the most common language background of NESB students in 1998. Arabic (24,151 students) was the most common language background from 1988 to 1996. 15.8 percent of NESB students were of Chinese language background; 14.1 percent of NESB students were of Arabic language background.

NESB enrolments represented 21.3 percent of all primary enrolments and 23.2 percent of all secondary enrolments in government schools. Year 12 (27.0 percent) and Year 11 (24.3 percent) had the greatest proportion of NESB students.

There were large district differences in NESB student enrolments. Schools in the sixteen Sydney metropolitan districts enrolled 90.1 percent of NESB students. Overall, these districts have 51.7 percent of all government school enrolments.

In Granville district more than three out of every four students (77.8 percent) had a language background other than English. Fairfield district had the greatest number of NESB enrolments (23,031 students, 72.2 percent). Districts with the lowest proportion of NESB students were Broken Hill (1.0 percent) and Tamworth (1.2 percent).

Chinese language background students were enrolled in schools in every district, but more commonly in Bankstown, Bondi, Fairfield, Granville, Hornsby, Parramatta, Port Jackson, Ryde and St George districts. Arabic was the most common language background in Bankstown, Granville, Liverpool and St George districts. Vietnamese was the most common language background in Fairfield.

Details of NESB student enrolments are contained in Tables 15A, 15B and 16.

Enrolments of Students of Non-English Speaking Background, 1988-1998

Year	NESB Enrolment	% of State Enrolment
1988	130,505.0	17.2%
1989	133,888.0	17.9%
1990	136,195.0	18.3%
1991	137,286.0	18.4%
1992	141,548.0	18.7%
1993	141,506.5	18.7%
1994	141,122.5	18.7%
1995	148,148.0	19.6%
1996	152,268.0	19.8%
1997	164,147.0	21.3%
1998	171,068.0	22.1%

Note: From 1988 to 1995, NESB data collected at midyear; from 1996, NESB data collected in Term 1.

Figure 7. Language Backgrounds of NESB Students, Term 1 1998

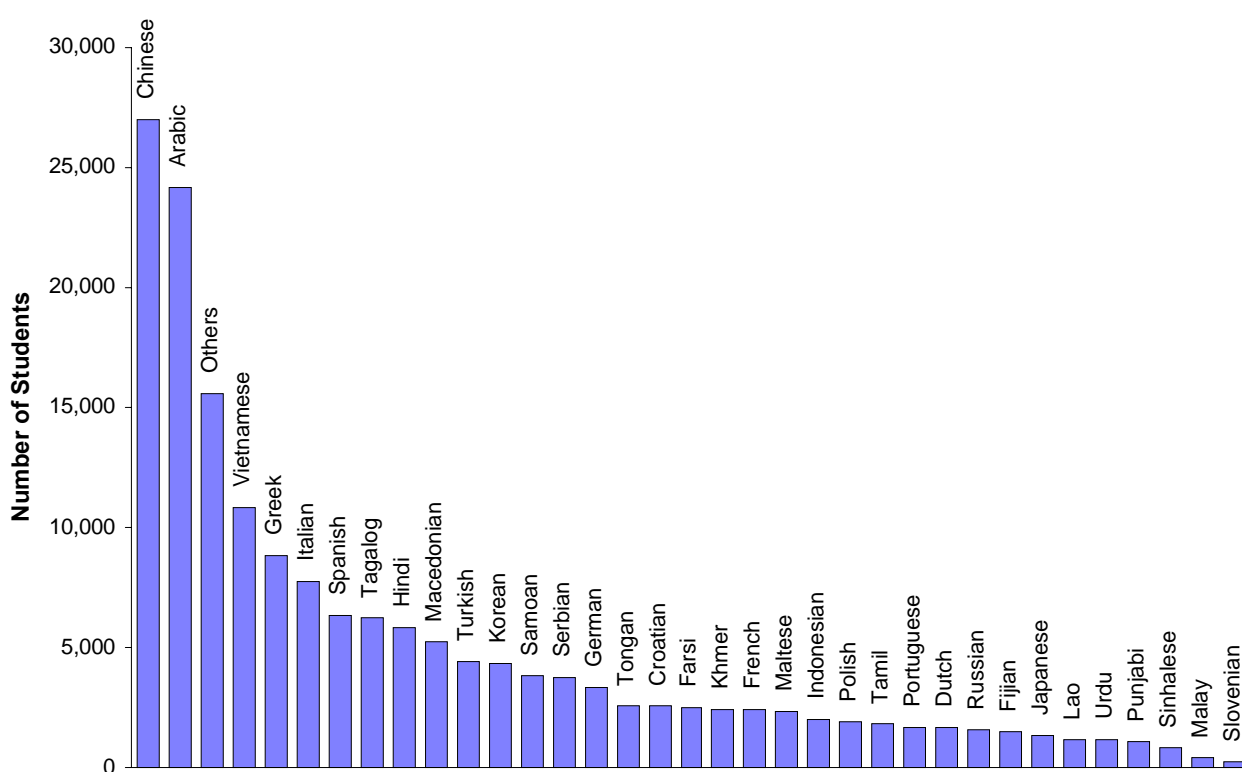


Table 15A
Enrolments (FTE) of Students of Non English Speaking Background in NSW Government Schools, Term 1 1998
Primary and SSP Students by District and Year of Schooling

District	Primary								SSP	
	Kinder	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Support	Total	Total
Sydney Metropolitan Districts										
Bankstown	1,006	969	897	888	924	876	825	119	6,504	44
Blacktown	326	323	303	327	326	300	314	40	2,259	5
Bondi	705	690	602	673	631	612	625	71	4,609	12
Campbelltown	503	529	538	493	483	484	480	50	3,560	40
Fairfield	1,853	1,796	1,646	1,675	1,751	1,659	1,621	111	12,112	101
Granville	1,755	1,564	1,553	1,483	1,535	1,490	1,467	150	10,997	138
Hornsby	569	574	561	545	554	610	588	6	4,007	51
Liverpool	1,220	1,173	1,172	1,108	1,060	1,060	1,021	78	7,892	174
Mount Druitt	790	732	813	774	745	777	752	56	5,439	39
Northern Beaches	485	463	472	390	371	422	392	20	3,015	11
Parramatta	828	807	869	695	735	694	739	69	5,436	65
Penrith	228	186	197	180	172	177	177	20	1,337	31
Port Jackson	853	761	715	686	687	646	700	48	5,096	6
Ryde	737	798	707	716	709	640	671	40	5,018	18
St George	1,206	1,144	1,136	1,065	1,004	1,015	1,043	105	7,718	86
Sutherland	274	329	295	292	291	273	265	20	2,039	19
<i>Sub-total Sydney Metro</i>	<i>13,338</i>	<i>12,838</i>	<i>12,476</i>	<i>11,990</i>	<i>11,978</i>	<i>11,735</i>	<i>11,680</i>	<i>1,003</i>	<i>87,038</i>	<i>840</i>
Other Districts										
Albury	26	21	23	21	21	13	8	1	134	7
Armidale	24	20	24	20	13	23	13	2	139	0
Batemans Bay	32	25	37	32	15	14	18	0	173	1
Bathurst	35	16	21	16	20	11	23	1	143	0
Broken Hill	4	3	7	3	1	6	7	0	31	0
Central Coast	160	171	188	184	174	154	176	11	1,218	24
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	47	40	52	53	55	46	40	2	335	0
Deniliquin	14	8	8	8	7	11	7	0	63	0
Dubbo	16	22	21	18	15	12	18	4	126	0
Griffith	54	57	57	45	37	28	38	7	323	12
Lake Macquarie	72	91	72	87	57	60	56	3	498	1
Lismore	33	17	18	20	14	18	17	0	137	0
Maitland	36	20	32	41	24	15	20	0	188	0
Moree	7	8	7	15	10	9	6	0	62	0
Newcastle	177	138	129	138	110	119	133	6	950	4
Orange	18	22	18	18	13	14	9	0	112	1
Port Macquarie	14	15	21	10	15	15	12	1	103	0
Queanbeyan	99	83	65	74	80	70	62	0	533	0
Shellharbour	164	161	159	152	131	142	133	6	1,048	5
Tamworth	16	14	11	9	15	8	9	0	82	0
Taree	42	44	36	33	22	22	18	2	219	0
Tweed Heads/Ballina	50	34	40	22	40	31	30	2	249	0
Wagga Wagga	23	17	19	20	21	24	20	3	147	0
Wollongong	329	372	333	339	282	340	315	21	2,331	22
<i>Sub-total Other Districts</i>	<i>1,492</i>	<i>1,419</i>	<i>1,398</i>	<i>1,378</i>	<i>1,192</i>	<i>1,205</i>	<i>1,188</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>9,344</i>	<i>77</i>
State Total	14,830	14,257	13,874	13,368	13,170	12,940	12,868	1,075	96,382	917
<i>As percent of total</i>	22.5%	21.7%	21.1%	20.9%	21.2%	21.2%	21.0%	15.2%	21.3%	24.0%

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Notes: Students in distance education and opportunity C classes are included with their appropriate year levels.
Students enrolled at the Distance Education Support Unit are included with secondary support classes in Port Jackson district.
Students enrolled in intensive English centres are included with secondary support classes.

Table 15B
Enrolments (FTE) of Students of Non English Speaking Background in NSW Government Schools, Term 1 1998
Secondary Students by District and Year of Schooling

	Secondary								District	As % of
District	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Support	Total	Total	Total
Sydney Metropolitan Districts										
Bankstown	706	744	783	915	783	657	300	4,888	11,436	53.8%
Blacktown	251	290	293	281	258	188	14	1,575	3,839	17.7%
Bondi	588	705	645	664	647	620	38	3,907	8,528	48.1%
Campbelltown	397	449	470	450	333	272	38	2,409	6,009	18.8%
Fairfield	1,504	1,638	1,852	1,941	1,805	1,502	576	10,818	23,031	72.2%
Granville	987	1,051	1,143	1,111	984	904	112	6,292	17,427	77.8%
Hornsby	597	625	643	683	619	580	0	3,747	7,805	28.0%
Liverpool	949	930	998	857	770	582	190	5,276	13,342	46.2%
Mount Druitt	513	526	563	564	502	421	175	3,264	8,742	30.4%
Northern Beaches	357	400	394	434	402	354	16	2,357	5,383	21.0%
Parramatta	857	882	828	811	673	659	69	4,779	10,280	40.6%
Penrith	184	167	193	141	112	96	12	905	2,273	8.9%
Port Jackson	518	559	597	645	672	546	390	3,927	9,029	51.1%
Ryde	475	582	554	601	643	535	279	3,669	8,705	35.3%
St George	1,021	1,140	1,206	1,186	1,104	1,030	137	6,824	14,628	66.8%
Sutherland	253	296	293	274	222	240	8	1,586	3,644	13.9%
Sub-total Sydney Metro	10,157	10,984	11,455	11,558	10,529	9,186	2,354	66,223	154,101	38.9%
Other Districts										
Albury	11	20	19	27	23	16	0	116	257	2.2%
Armidale	33	22	25	24	21	18	0	143	282	2.7%
Batemans Bay	37	29	43	18	20	13	2	162	336	2.2%
Bathurst	22	28	22	14	19	19	1	125	268	2.3%
Broken Hill	5	8	4	4	4	3	3	31	62	1.0%
Central Coast	198	189	228	235	165	142	26	1,183	2,425	7.5%
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	44	30	48	36	37	38	1	234	569	3.0%
Deniliquin	7	14	9	9	5	4	0	48	111	2.0%
Dubbo	17	17	10	8	6	9	0	67	193	1.5%
Griffith	51	55	59	45	30	18	1	259	594	7.1%
Lake Macquarie	71	57	63	61	38	32	4	326	825	2.9%
Lismore	24	26	34	20	23	14	0	141	278	2.2%
Maitland	27	37	30	24	19	23	1	161	349	1.9%
Moree	9	8	9	9	2	12	0	49	111	1.5%
Newcastle	129	129	141	178	126	106	3	812	1,766	7.6%
Orange	19	13	25	13	20	22	1	113	226	1.8%
Port Macquarie	18	14	15	16	8	12	4	87	190	1.3%
Queanbeyan	60	48	57	50	29	36	1	281	814	6.6%
Shellharbour	116	132	139	118	85	73	5	668	1,721	6.9%
Tamworth	20	11	28	13	17	11	1	101	183	1.2%
Taree	18	19	22	11	20	12	4	106	325	1.7%
Tweed Heads/Ballina	40	23	35	26	42	16	0	182	431	2.6%
Wagga Wagga	17	23	13	20	20	23	1	117	264	2.0%
Wollongong	307	273	361	378	323	305	87	2,034	4,387	19.3%
Sub-total Other Districts	1,300	1,225	1,439	1,357	1,102	977	146	7,546	16,967	4.6%
State Total	11,457	12,209	12,894	12,915	11,631	10,163	2,500	73,769	171,068	22.1%
As percent of total	20.6%	21.5%	22.7%	23.0%	24.3%	27.0%	34.1%	23.2%	22.1%	

Notes: Students in distance education and opportunity C classes are included with their appropriate year levels.
Students enrolled at the Distance Education Support Unit are included with secondary support classes in Port Jackson district.
Students enrolled in intensive English centres are included with secondary support classes.

Table 16
Enrolments of Students of Non English Speaking Background
by District and Language Background, Term 1 1998

District	Arabic	Chinese	Croatian	Dutch	Farsi	Fijian	French	German	Greek	Hindi	Indonesian	Italian
<i>Sydney Metropolitan</i>												
Bankstown	4,515	1,317	87	18	28	105	70	66	881	224	71	305
Blacktown	332	299	115	52	97	14	64	78	153	292	24	150
Bondi	347	1,641	55	54	117	52	191	167	699	192	335	183
Campbelltown	877	237	158	104	71	146	132	195	136	255	51	358
Fairfield	2,146	3,952	561	39	180	100	75	90	369	315	75	972
Granville	5,644	3,205	72	14	148	152	36	39	459	511	135	360
Hornsby	327	2,980	84	123	322	11	168	187	123	310	98	367
Liverpool	2,094	1,029	230	44	62	108	107	106	375	1,023	62	754
Mount Druitt	849	266	248	55	163	140	78	88	261	667	79	220
Northern Beaches	163	884	102	161	130	33	254	268	194	84	110	462
Parramatta	1,288	2,244	125	44	581	135	98	107	321	714	87	261
Penrith	205	130	37	83	29	21	50	113	118	102	22	153
Port Jackson	700	1,725	58	45	40	123	123	104	645	210	246	575
Ryde	284	2,651	69	111	395	28	235	247	267	259	144	348
St George	3,183	3,027	149	22	41	175	83	73	2,495	316	202	386
Sutherland	406	558	60	87	13	13	109	138	562	87	81	292
<i>Sub-total Sydney Metro</i>	<i>23,360</i>	<i>26,145</i>	<i>2,210</i>	<i>1,056</i>	<i>2,417</i>	<i>1,356</i>	<i>1,873</i>	<i>2,066</i>	<i>8,058</i>	<i>5,561</i>	<i>1,822</i>	<i>6,146</i>
<i>Other Districts</i>												
Albury	36	11	2	14	2	7	5	21	18	12	0	12
Armidale	4	34	0	11	3	4	18	21	2	1	16	12
Batemans Bay	9	21	11	15	0	4	25	59	17	3	10	37
Bathurst	38	21	2	9	0	1	10	20	9	6	5	20
Broken Hill	4	1	3	0	0	3	6	0	1	1	0	19
Central Coast	111	104	28	184	18	36	154	240	90	33	45	204
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	23	29	7	44	0	9	27	60	7	16	5	30
Deniliquin	0	13	0	2	0	0	0	6	5	0	0	38
Dubbo	30	23	0	3	2	2	2	8	6	9	0	8
Griffith	5	9	4	2	2	37	0	10	2	10	2	261
Lake Macquarie	49	48	29	30	0	10	20	60	34	16	15	51
Lismore	6	6	4	14	0	2	19	71	3	23	12	29
Maitland	19	39	5	9	0	0	8	31	8	9	1	18
Moree	0	12	4	1	1	1	5	11	11	3	0	3
Newcastle	17	150	51	29	7	8	57	96	162	23	12	121
Orange	12	12	3	4	3	11	5	17	11	1	2	17
Port Macquarie	3	16	1	10	0	2	12	30	5	11	7	10
Queanbeyan	28	27	29	24	2	8	11	54	34	8	16	90
Shellharbour	45	62	49	57	4	7	37	154	126	11	6	162
Tamworth	10	27	10	8	4	3	8	11	3	0	0	5
Taree	12	23	13	12	0	2	29	36	9	4	4	27
Tweed Heads/Ballina	9	26	5	21	3	1	36	67	8	5	10	20
Wagga Wagga	57	15	0	18	2	3	10	15	18	7	5	8
Wollongong	264	147	113	73	47	11	29	174	206	36	38	385
<i>Sub-total Other Districts</i>	<i>791</i>	<i>876</i>	<i>373</i>	<i>594</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>172</i>	<i>533</i>	<i>1,272</i>	<i>795</i>	<i>248</i>	<i>211</i>	<i>1,587</i>
State	24,151	27,021	2,583	1,650	2,517	1,528	2,406	3,338	8,853	5,809	2,033	7,733
<i>As % of Total NESB</i>	<i>14.1%</i>	<i>15.8%</i>	<i>1.5%</i>	<i>1.0%</i>	<i>1.5%</i>	<i>0.9%</i>	<i>1.4%</i>	<i>2.0%</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>3.4%</i>	<i>1.2%</i>	<i>4.5%</i>

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Table 16
Enrolments of Students of Non English Speaking Background
by District and Language Background, Term 1 1998 (continued)

District	Japanese	Khmer	Korean	Lao	Macedonian	Malay	Maltese	Polish	Portuguese	Punjabi	Russian	Samoan
<i>Sydney Metropolitan</i>												
Bankstown	29	77	156	14	541	16	40	77	39	29	38	230
Blacktown	10	3	73	4	49	17	380	51	11	125	12	97
Bondi	112	9	299	7	26	74	58	148	114	14	594	32
Campbelltown	14	146	6	227	55	10	157	94	57	15	48	577
Fairfield	11	1,675	52	433	427	17	301	127	87	11	110	278
Granville	26	22	710	31	204	22	27	37	68	91	64	497
Hornsby	62	6	576	1	15	54	37	135	37	49	97	9
Liverpool	9	367	30	333	251	12	166	239	149	70	50	547
Mount Druitt	3	20	39	11	43	13	368	93	74	105	32	929
Northern Beaches	355	4	209	5	32	25	3	101	29	34	40	32
Parramatta	29	9	557	8	26	40	180	137	28	88	74	91
Penrith	17	6	8	2	18	9	124	54	20	50	21	57
Port Jackson	75	34	280	6	226	16	32	99	391	13	57	82
Ryde	367	10	895	19	26	39	22	147	49	32	107	20
St George	40	11	280	14	1,213	24	71	38	190	27	60	126
Sutherland	33	7	43	2	187	25	64	43	47	8	67	9
<i>Sub-total Sydney Metro</i>	<i>1,192</i>	<i>2,406</i>	<i>4,213</i>	<i>1,117</i>	<i>3,339</i>	<i>413</i>	<i>2,030</i>	<i>1,620</i>	<i>1,390</i>	<i>761</i>	<i>1,471</i>	<i>3,613</i>
<i>Other Districts</i>												
Albury	4	2	0	31	0	0	2	11	1	0	1	0
Armidale	13	2	1	0	0	2	3	6	3	1	6	0
Batemans Bay	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	14	5	0	3	0
Bathurst	3	1	2	0	2	0	3	4	0	0	3	5
Broken Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central Coast	41	3	13	3	10	17	87	50	17	2	40	26
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	6	0	0	0	1	2	2	5	1	179	0	1
Deniliquin	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0
Dubbo	2	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Griffith	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	61	0	24
Lake Macquarie	13	3	1	2	28	6	23	20	8	2	9	67
Lismore	4	0	2	1	0	0	3	11	2	5	0	0
Maitland	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	21	5	2	0	25
Moree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Newcastle	17	0	14	2	349	7	7	41	5	1	18	46
Orange	5	0	5	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	23	0
Port Macquarie	3	2	0	0	2	3	2	5	4	2	1	0
Queanbeyan	1	0	4	1	225	0	18	16	9	1	8	11
Shellharbour	7	1	0	10	295	2	41	25	64	0	4	1
Tamworth	10	0	0	7	0	0	7	2	0	5	6	0
Taree	3	0	1	0	9	1	2	7	10	0	0	13
Tweed Heads/Ballina	13	0	2	2	0	1	1	2	4	70	2	2
Wagga Wagga	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	4	0	6
Wollongong	15	2	33	9	995	3	77	53	162	0	14	17
<i>Sub-total Other Districts</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>1,920</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>303</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>302</i>	<i>337</i>	<i>141</i>	<i>244</i>
State	1,362	2,423	4,295	1,185	5,259	457	2,333	1,920	1,692	1,098	1,612	3,857
<i>As % of Total NESB</i>	<i>0.8%</i>	<i>1.4%</i>	<i>2.5%</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>3.1%</i>	<i>0.3%</i>	<i>1.4%</i>	<i>1.1%</i>	<i>1.0%</i>	<i>0.6%</i>	<i>0.9%</i>	<i>2.3%</i>

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Table 16
Enrolments of Students of Non English Speaking Background
by District and Language Background, Term 1 1998 (continued)

District	Serbian	Sinhalese	Slovenian	Spanish	Tagalog	Tamil	Tongan	Turkish	Urdu	Vietnamese	Others	Total
<i>Sydney Metropolitan</i>												
Bankstown	81	15	7	200	188	10	90	87	54	1,233	498	11,436
Blacktown	64	43	5	92	320	54	82	157	73	24	423	3,839
Bondi	168	66	11	475	247	81	132	319	47	182	1,280	8,528
Campbelltown	86	27	22	439	325	22	139	78	34	118	593	6,009
Fairfield	969	23	22	1,277	369	65	178	567	24	4,684	2,450	23,031
Granville	89	44	6	217	336	556	424	1,071	210	1,075	825	17,427
Hornsby	38	162	17	169	156	162	46	56	64	57	700	7,805
Liverpool	743	27	24	823	471	71	127	207	128	1,250	1,254	13,342
Mount Druitt	99	70	16	377	1,371	113	401	390	132	157	772	8,742
Northern Beaches	279	5	7	169	193	19	207	27	8	33	722	5,383
Parramatta	111	141	12	265	415	314	106	485	109	183	867	10,280
Penrith	56	28	5	127	169	28	21	41	16	22	311	2,273
Port Jackson	127	14	6	263	275	65	244	234	42	1,086	768	9,029
Ryde	118	97	22	197	196	160	47	56	43	74	924	8,705
St George	166	22	15	259	297	63	101	147	67	409	836	14,628
Sutherland	45	9	6	148	81	10	31	44	10	37	282	3,644
<i>Sub-total Sydney Metro</i>	<i>3,239</i>	<i>793</i>	<i>203</i>	<i>5,497</i>	<i>5,409</i>	<i>1,793</i>	<i>2,376</i>	<i>3,966</i>	<i>1,061</i>	<i>10,624</i>	<i>13,505</i>	<i>154,101</i>
<i>Other Districts</i>												
Albury	5	1	0	8	22	0	0	0	0	0	29	257
Armidale	0	5	0	7	21	5	0	0	9	6	66	282
Batemans Bay	2	0	0	10	14	1	7	1	0	1	55	336
Bathurst	12	1	1	15	20	3	2	5	12	2	31	268
Broken Hill	0	2	0	1	4	1	6	1	0	2	7	62
Central Coast	42	1	4	137	172	8	37	13	7	21	427	2,425
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	1	0	2	22	34	1	2	1	0	2	50	569
Deniliquin	0	7	0	0	5	2	17	1	0	0	11	111
Dubbo	0	4	0	9	15	8	2	4	1	1	48	193
Griffith	0	1	0	27	13	1	74	24	1	0	16	594
Lake Macquarie	18	2	2	43	36	2	13	1	19	6	139	825
Lismore	0	0	0	11	10	0	0	0	0	0	40	278
Maitland	10	0	3	8	47	0	6	0	4	6	56	349
Moree	5	1	0	6	6	1	0	0	7	0	29	111
Newcastle	70	12	2	57	98	14	10	27	1	40	195	1,766
Orange	1	4	1	8	26	1	4	0	0	0	46	226
Port Macquarie	0	0	0	11	16	0	0	8	0	0	24	190
Queanbeyan	39	7	6	25	10	0	6	3	2	8	83	814
Shellharbour	58	7	3	173	72	3	5	72	4	15	139	1,721
Tamworth	0	2	0	1	15	1	0	2	3	1	32	183
Taree	1	2	0	16	26	0	2	2	1	2	56	325
Tweed Heads/Ballina	4	0	2	13	33	0	2	6	3	5	53	431
Wagga Wagga	3	2	2	11	8	4	4	4	0	6	41	264
Wollongong	252	14	16	203	147	6	27	273	12	114	420	4,387
<i>Sub-total Other Districts</i>	<i>523</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>822</i>	<i>870</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>226</i>	<i>448</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>238</i>	<i>2,093</i>	<i>16,967</i>
State	3,762	868	247	6,319	6,279	1,855	2,602	4,414	1,147	10,862	15,598	171,068
<i>As % of Total NESB</i>	<i>2.2%</i>	<i>0.5%</i>	<i>0.1%</i>	<i>3.7%</i>	<i>3.7%</i>	<i>1.1%</i>	<i>1.5%</i>	<i>2.6%</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>6.3%</i>	<i>9.1%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

Secondary Courses of Study

An extensive range of courses for secondary schools in New South Wales was approved by the Board of Studies for 1998. Student participation in these subjects varied from the compulsory subjects of English, Mathematics and Science in junior secondary, to elective subjects, such as Turkish and Dance.

In Years 7 and 8, after the compulsory subjects, the most commonly studied subjects were Personal Development, Health & Physical Education; Design & Technology; Visual Arts; and Music. In Years 9 and 10, Personal Development, Health & Physical Education, History, and Geography were the most commonly studied subjects.

In Year 11 the most popular subjects after English, Mathematics and Science were Computing Studies and Business Studies. In Year 12 the most popular subjects were General Studies, Computing Studies, and Business Studies.

In Years 11 and 12 the pattern of study in 1998 was similar to that in 1997. Subjects with increases in enrolments included Industrial Technology, Industry Studies courses (particularly Hospitality), Drama, Tourism Sector Services, Life Management Studies and Computing Studies. Subjects with decreases in enrolments included Applied Studies, Textiles and Design and General Studies.

Tables 17 and 18 list all subjects and their enrolments for 1998.

Mathematics

All students in Years 7-10 studied Mathematics. Beginning in Year 8, schools offer three levels of Mathematics study: Standard, Intermediate and Advanced. Female students represented 52.6 percent of enrolments in Advanced Mathematics in Year 9, and 51.8 percent in Year 10, compared with 51.6 percent and 51.2 percent respectively in 1997.

In Years 11 and 12, there are five options for Mathematics study: 2-unit, 3-unit and 4-unit Mathematics, 2-unit Mathematics in Society, and 2-unit Mathematics in Practice. There were 1,284 students in 4-unit Mathematics in 1998, representing 3.7 percent of all Year 12 Mathematics enrolments; 63.4 percent of these students were male, compared with 65.6 percent in 1997.

Science

There was little change in total senior secondary science enrolments from 1997 to 1998.

For males the most commonly studied Science course was 2-unit Physics; for females, 2-unit Biology was most common. Males constituted 73.3 percent of all Physics enrolments compared with 72.9 percent in 1997, and 34.1 percent of all Biology enrolments compared with 34.5 percent in 1997.

Languages other than English

Among secondary students, the most commonly studied languages other than English (LOTEs) were Japanese and French, followed by German, Italian and Indonesian. In Years 9-12, the ratio of females to males studying a LOTE was more than 2:1.

Vocational Education

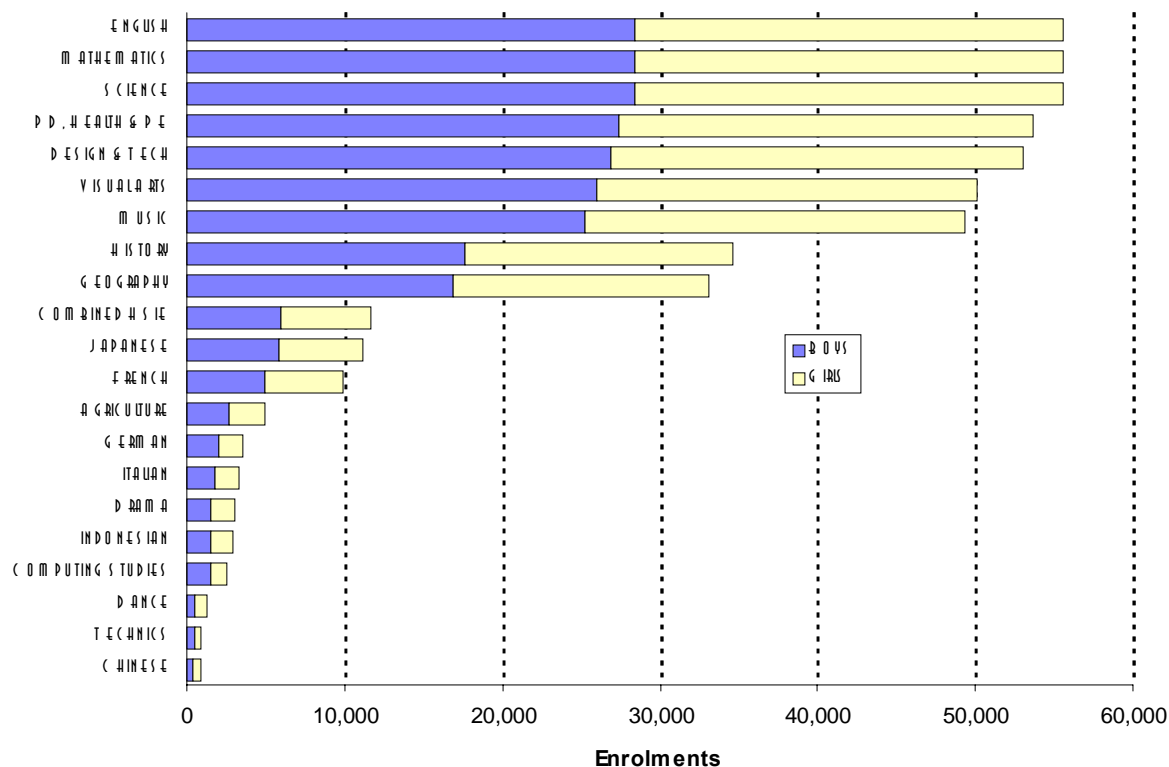
Vocational courses delivered in schools are *dual accredited*, in that they are eligible for both inclusion in the Higher School Certificate and recognition by the Vocational Education and Training Accreditation Board (VETAB). Dual accredited courses include the Board-developed courses Industry Studies-Hospitality, Industry Studies-Metal and Engineering, and Industry Studies-Retail, which are included in Table 18. In 1998 there were 3889 enrolments in dual accredited Board-developed courses compared with 3238 in 1997, representing an increase of 20.1 percent.

Content-endorsed vocational courses delivered in schools are listed in Table 18A. From 1997 to 1998 enrolments increased by 22.4 percent in Office Skills and by 13.2 percent in Hospitality.

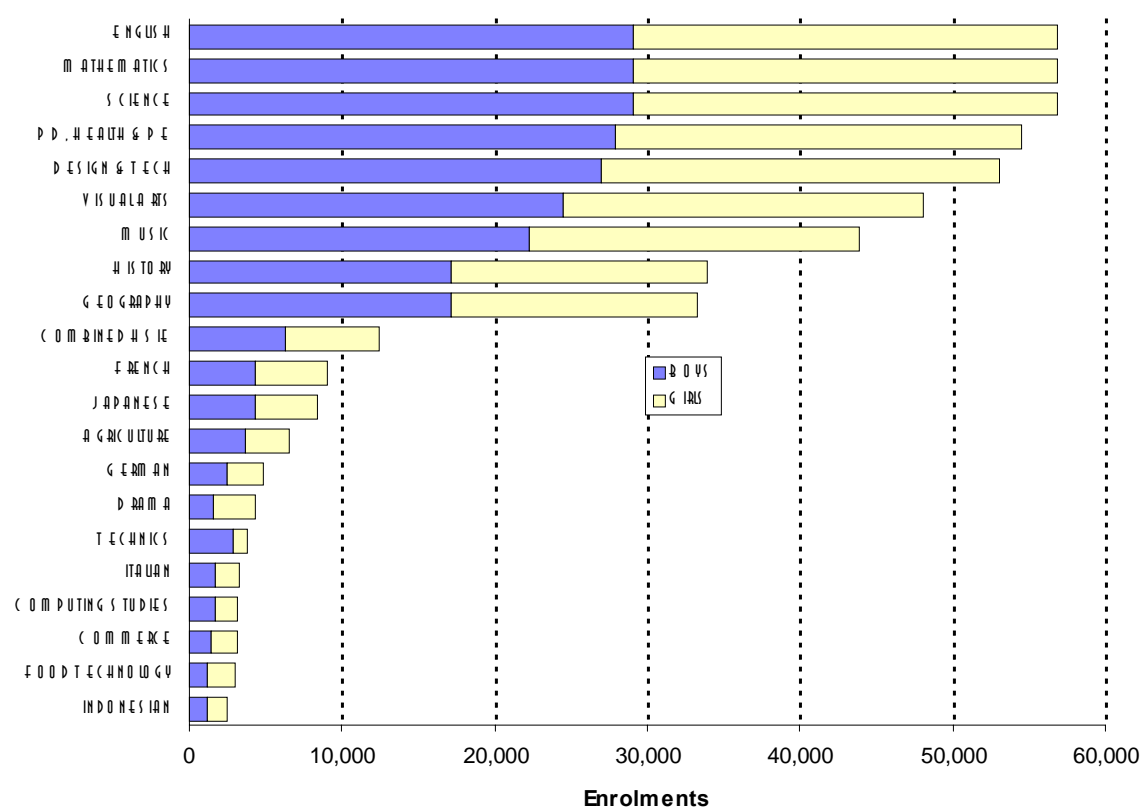
Table 18B shows the number of students and the number of units they studied in content-endorsed Joint Secondary Schools-TAFE courses. Enrolments in JSST courses increased by 43.2 percent from 1997 to 1998. The Board-developed JSST courses Accounting, Electronics Technology, and Tourism Sector Services are included in Table 18.

Figure 8. Distribution of Studies, Years 7-10, 1998

Year 7



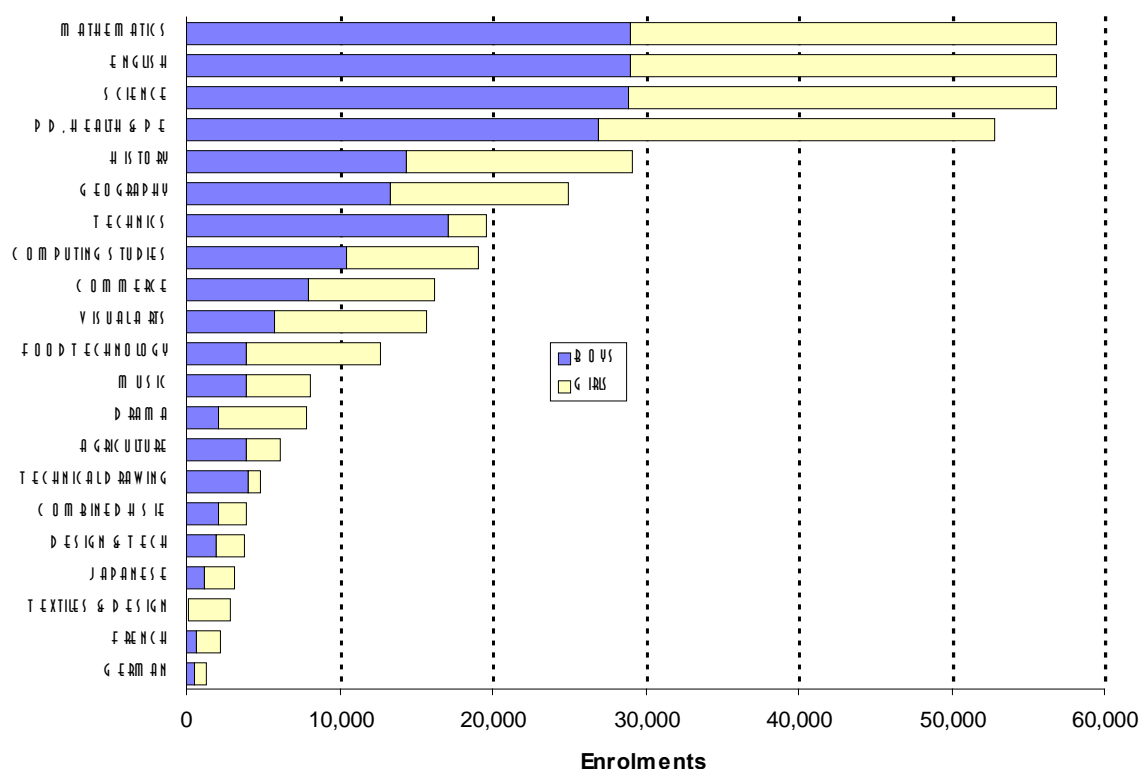
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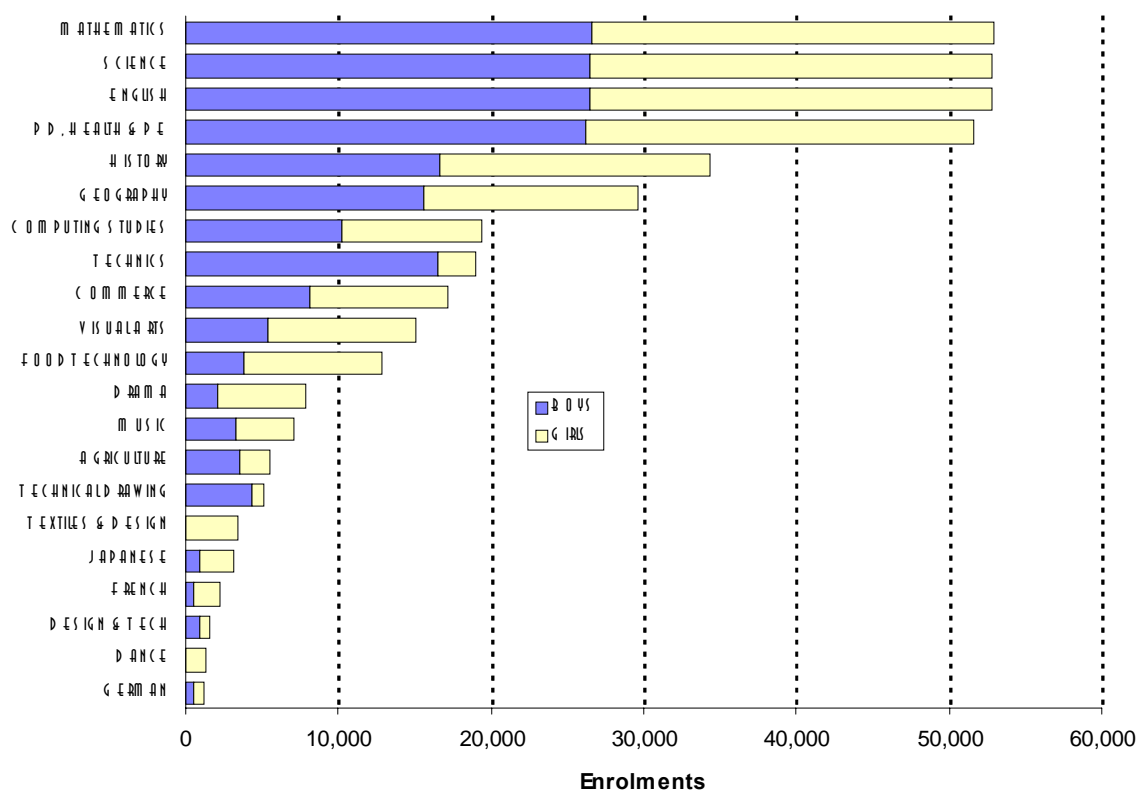
Note: Only those subjects with larger enrolments are shown. Students enrolled in subjects through distance education centres, the Open High School and the Saturday School of Community Languages are included.

Figure 8. Distribution of Studies, Years 7-10, 1998 (continued)

Year 9



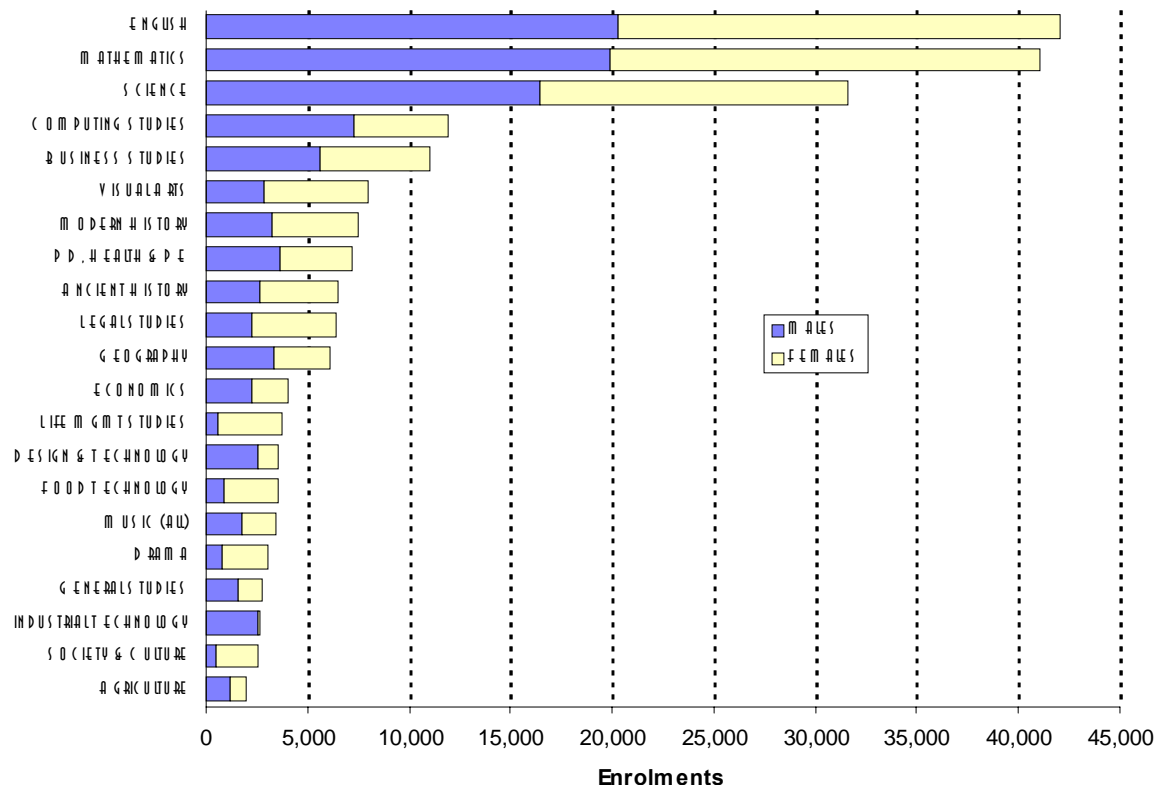
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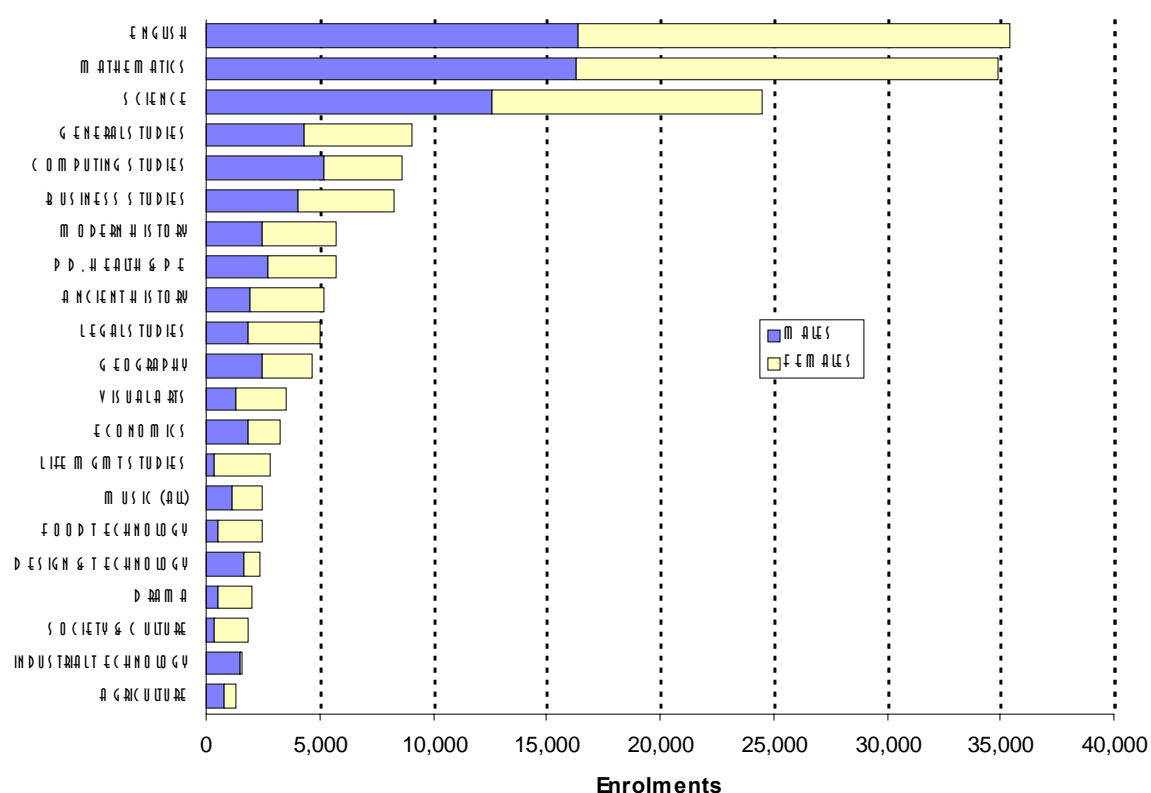
Note: Only those subjects with larger enrolments are shown. Students enrolled in subjects through distance education centres, the Open High School and the Saturday School of Community Languages are included.

Figure 9. Distribution of Studies, Years 11-12, 1998

Year 11



Year 12



Note: Only those subjects with larger enrolments are shown. Students enrolled in subjects through distance education centres, the Open High School and the Saturday School of Community Languages are included.

Table 17
Distribution of Studies in NSW Government Schools, Years 7-10, 1998

Subject	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
English	28,373	27,238	29,055	27,849	28,958	27,866	26,485	26,310
English: Life skills	*	*	*	*	*	*	647	386
Mathematics	28,372	27,236	27,278	26,135	-	-	-	-
Advanced	-	-	867	782	8,959	9,944	7,902	8,492
Intermediate	-	-	542	622	11,261	11,093	10,903	11,613
Standard	-	-	368	307	8,740	6,830	7,744	6,225
Mathematics: Life Skills	*	*	*	*	*	*	601	383
Science	28,370	27,237	29,054	27,845	28,951	27,862	26,516	26,312
Science: Life Skills	*	*	*	*	*	*	631	396
Aboriginal Studies	184	350	127	145	428	461	232	365
Agriculture	2,637	2,261	3,610	2,955	3,861	2,228	3,481	2,083
Arabic	133	37	190	269	135	237	108	214
Asian Social Studies	99	120	248	402	196	575	242	815
Chinese	367	466	320	438	172	256	147	214
Classical Greek	0	0	15	0	37	18	22	0
Combined HSIE Courses	5,917	5,809	6,317	6,098	2,059	1,894	0	0
Commerce	236	184	1,419	1,719	7,957	8,204	8,159	8,961
Computing Studies	1,461	1,125	1,703	1,456	10,430	8,687	10,229	9,157
Creative Arts: Life Skills	*	*	*	*	*	*	528	331
Croatian	0	2	2	3	3	4	0	0
Czech	0	0	3	2	1	1	0	0
Dance	523	804	264	815	64	1,144	56	1,312
Design and Technology	26,928	26,093	27,041	25,973	1,925	1,856	898	736
Drama	1,539	1,519	1,568	2,713	2,152	5,632	2,072	5,849
Dutch	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Food Technology	405	280	1,238	1,780	3,923	8,819	3,737	9,119
French	4,925	5,029	4,334	4,729	595	1,588	537	1,639
Geography	16,811	16,241	17,099	16,114	13,301	11,729	15,529	14,131
German	1,970	1,623	2,427	2,427	472	818	462	782
Hebrew	7	4	21	6	7	9	9	15
History	17,664	16,992	17,220	16,740	14,362	14,774	16,630	17,631
Human Society & Environment: Life Skills	*	*	*	*	*	*	590	366
Hungarian	0	1	0	1	3	1	0	0
Indonesian	1,517	1,382	1,197	1,293	109	300	160	355
Italian	1,746	1,528	1,694	1,571	326	565	237	559
Japanese	5,839	5,286	4,302	4,079	1,123	2,075	962	2,181
Khmer	2	0	6	0	4	7	0	0
Korean	204	170	96	83	33	53	35	36
Languages: Life Skills	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	14
Latin	210	60	120	99	92	61	105	64
Latvian	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Macedonian	11	12	35	32	12	19	19	39
Maltese	0	1	1	1	1	2		
Modern Greek	64	58	58	131	109	109	98	173
Music	25,192	24,141	22,320	21,594	3,943	4,181	3,321	3,811
Personal Dev., Health & Phys. Ed.	27,393	26,323	27,884	26,667	26,939	25,853	26,204	25,360
Pers. Dev., Health & Phys. Ed.: Life Skills	*	*	*	*	*	*	520	332
Polish	3	6	6	12	15	16	0	0
Russian	10	2	16	12	11	14	12	9
Serbian	4	9	6	13	6	16	0	0
Sheep Husbandry & Wool Science	0	0	0	0	22	0	27	2
Spanish	293	308	222	212	64	147	103	188
Studies in Society	192	174	203	211	111	278	170	294
Studies of Religion	255	217	169	170	71	70	8	12
Technical Drawing	12	4	680	189	4,067	798	4,348	788
Technics	535	402	2,898	907	17,184	2,488	16,527	2,435
Technology/Applied Studies: Life Skills	*	*	*	*	*	*	501	306
Textiles and Design	273	228	468	843	130	2,785	45	3,300
Turkish	46	27	34	39	44	42	47	62
Vietnamese	65	56	66	83	45	63	43	87
Visual Arts	25,959	24,210	24,481	23,643	5,781	9,953	5,436	9,573

Note: Includes subjects studied at distance education centres, the Open High School, and Saturday Schools of Community Languages.

* Life Skills courses also available in years 7-9; complete data not available.

Source: Years 7-9, course enrolment data from Department of Education & Training Term 1 collection.

Year 10, course completion data from Board of Studies, 1998.

Table 18
Distribution of Studies in NSW Government Schools, Years 11-12, 1998

Subject	Course	Year 11		Year 12	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
English	3 Unit	-	-	213	611
	2 Unit	3,582	5,612	1,062	2,353
	2 Unit (General)	8,375	10,421	7,351	10,041
	2 Unit Contemporary	8,065	5,456	7,778	6,028
	1 Unit Supplementary	216	288	-	-
Mathematics	4 Unit	-	-	814	470
	3 Unit	4,095	2,904	2,493	1,954
	2 Unit	4,913	5,413	4,171	4,702
	2 Unit Mathematics in Society	8,253	9,756	6,886	8,917
	2 Unit Mathematics in Practice	2,639	3,074	1,925	2,583
Science	4 Unit	97	127	166	123
	3 Unit	45	69	83	78
	2 Unit Biology	3,891	7,370	2,885	5,697
	2 Unit Chemistry	4,273	3,689	3,215	2,672
	2 Unit Geology	73	87	66	58
	2 Unit Physics	5,100	1,877	4,109	1,475
	2 Unit General Science	1,111	720	782	553
	2 Unit Science for Life	1,825	1,237	1,305	1,253
Aboriginal Studies	2 Unit	178	450	131	355
Accounting	2 Unit	161	163	156	154
Agriculture	3 Unit	-	-	107	76
	2 Unit	1,191	747	711	413
Ancient History	3 Unit	-	-	313	663
	2 Unit	2,657	3,846	726	1,258
	2 Unit (Personalities & Times)	-	-	924	1,275
Applied Studies	1 Unit	12	13	346	338
Arabic	3 Unit	-	-	40	32
	2 Unit	62	62	8	7
	2 Unit (General)	72	124	68	107
	2 Unit Z	0	0	3	1
Armenian	2 Unit	3	4	0	1
Business Studies	3 Unit	-	-	820	879
	2 Unit	5,631	5,387	3,275	3,332
Chinese	3 Unit	-	-	3	4
	2 Unit	30	49	3	9
	2 Unit Z	2	0	0	1
	3 Unit (BS)	-	-	93	135
	2 Unit (BS)	152	169	55	47
Classical Ballet	3 Unit	-	-	1	4
	2 Unit	1	32	0	23
Classical Greek	3 Unit	-	-	1	0
	2 Unit	1	0	0	0
Comparative Literature-Distinction Course	2 Unit	-	-	1	4
Computing Studies	3 Unit	-	-	872	158
	2 Unit	-	-	2,510	1,419
	2 Unit (Preliminary)	7,274	4,596	-	-
	2 Unit (General)	-	-	1,809	1,845
Cosmology - Distinction Course	2 Unit	-	-	10	3
Croatian	2 Unit	19	15	17	13
Czech	2 Unit	0	1	1	3

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Table 18
Distribution of Studies in NSW Government Schools, Years 11-12, 1998 (continued)

Subject	Course	Year 11		Year 12	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Dance	2 Unit	14	282	7	172
Design and Technology	3 Unit	-	-	180	133
	2 Unit	2,533	978	1,471	634
Drama	2 Unit	791	2,234	526	1,488
Dutch	2 Unit	1	0	2	1
Economics	3 Unit	-	-	451	344
	2 Unit	2,232	1,787	1,358	1,065
Electronics Technology	2 Unit	217	4	135	0
Engineering Science	3 Unit	-	-	137	7
	2 Unit	1,444	96	850	55
Filipino	2 Unit	0	2	3	11
Food Technology	3 Unit	-	-	42	276
	2 Unit	862	2,645	505	1,664
French	3 Unit	-	-	11	30
	2 Unit	56	261	28	62
	2 Unit (General)	22	114	54	274
	2 Unit Z	79	350	40	285
General Studies	1 Unit	1,587	1,192	4,335	4,725
Geography	3 Unit	-	-	509	587
	2 Unit	3,309	2,783	2,002	1,596
German	3 Unit	-	-	26	49
	2 Unit	106	215	30	66
	2 Unit (General)	25	56	65	116
	2 Unit Z	44	116	25	69
Hebrew	3 Unit	-	-	1	3
	2 Unit	4	2	0	1
	2 Unit (General)	1	2	2	3
Hindi	2 Unit	0	0	2	5
Hungarian	2 Unit	2	4	0	2
Indonesian	3 Unit	-	-	15	20
	2 Unit	36	130	17	71
	2 Unit Z	19	110	13	80
	3 Unit (BS)	-	-	0	8
	2 Unit (BS)	6	5	9	5
Industrial Technology	2 Unit	2,570	134	1,522	63
Industry Studies - Hospitality	2 Unit	451	1,113	289	732
Industry Studies - Metal and Engineering	2 Unit	416	7	225	0
Industry Studies - Retail	2 Unit	119	252	122	163
Italian	3 Unit	-	-	11	23
	2 Unit	45	131	31	76
	2 Unit Z	27	89	12	61
Japanese	3 Unit	-	-	55	147
	2 Unit	264	672	134	417
	2 Unit Z	100	243	68	176
	2 Unit (BS)	15	15	24	14
Khmer	2 Unit	12	10	0	0
Korean	2 Unit	10	18	7	7
	2 Unit Z	1	4	0	0
	3 Unit (BS)	-	-	28	29
	2 Unit (BS)	64	41	7	9
Latin	3 Unit	-	-	9	10
	2 Unit	32	20	7	13
Latvian	2 Unit	0	0	0	2

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Table 18
Distribution of Studies in NSW Government Schools, Years 11-12, 1998 (continued)

Subject	Course	Year 11		Year 12	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Legal Studies	3 Unit	-	-	303	611
	2 Unit	2,300	4,096	1,531	2,601
Life Management Studies	3 Unit	-	-	43	571
	2 Unit	607	3,144	349	1,848
Lithuanian	2 Unit	0	1	0	1
Macedonian	2 Unit	24	41	35	35
Malay	3 Unit (BS)	-	-	0	1
	2 Unit (BS)	0	0	3	4
Maltese	2 Unit	1	1	0	0
Modern Greek	3 Unit	-	-	42	85
	2 Unit	81	123	42	47
	2 Unit Z	7	9	1	5
Modern History	3 Unit	-	-	361	577
	2 Unit	3,262	4,242	1,177	1,708
	2 Unit (People and Events)	-	-	900	1,045
Music (Board)	3 Unit	-	-	66	113
	2 Unit	237	309	36	78
	2 Unit (Course 1)	1,522	1,400	1,026	1,088
Music (AMEB)	3 Unit	-	-	8	19
	2 Unit	0	3	19	50
Persian	2 Unit	20	25	40	35
Personal Development, Health & P.E.	2 Unit	3,650	3,502	2,771	2,914
Philosophy 0 Distinction Course	2 Unit	-	-	15	9
Polish	2 Unit	12	9	8	7
Portuguese	2 Unit	7	6	7	3
Rural Technology	2 Unit	25	0	34	1
Russian	3 Unit	-	-	14	11
	2 Unit	14	13	2	2
	2 Unit Z	0	1	0	2
Serbian	2 Unit	27	47	23	24
Sheep Husbandry & Wool Technology	2 Unit	0	0	9	0
Society & Culture	3 Unit	-	-	42	337
	2 Unit	491	2,082	279	1,176
Spanish	3 Unit	-	-	23	28
	2 Unit	60	98	33	48
	2 Unit Z	17	73	15	39
Studies of Religion	2 Unit	2	20	1	8
	1 Unit	51	35	28	45
Swedish	2 Unit	1	1	1	3
Textiles & Design	3 Unit	-	-	1	116
	2 Unit	6	536	3	308
Thai	2 Unit Z	0	2	0	8
Tourism Sector Services	2 Unit	94	525	68	519
Turkish	3 Unit	-	-	24	43
	2 Unit	52	48	11	21
Ukrainian	2 Unit	2	0	0	3
Vietnamese	2 Unit	69	109	69	116
Visual Arts	3 Unit	-	-	707	1,650
	2 Unit	2,836	5,139	1,340	2,215

Note: Data on course completions provided by the Board of Studies, 1998

Table 18A
Enrolments in Content-Endorsed Vocational Education Courses
in NSW Government Schools, Years 11-12, 1998

Subject	Course	Duration	Year 11		Year 12	
			Male	Female	Male	Female
Building and Construction	2 Unit	2 Years	671	5	383	1
	2 Unit	1 Year	36	3	30	0
	1 Unit	2 Years	67	2	31	3
Electronics	2 Unit	2 Years	78	1	71	1
	2 Unit	1 Year	19	0	7	0
	1 Unit	2 Years	41	3	17	0
Furnishing	2 Unit	2 Years	295	23	194	8
	2 Unit	1 Year	23	6	23	3
	1 Unit	2 Years	86	9	39	8
Hospitality	2 Unit	2 Years	772	1,414	320	814
	2 Unit	1 Year	20	51	33	77
	1 Unit	2 Years	124	410	87	280
Office Skills	2 Unit	2 Years	158	697	46	356
	2 Unit	1 Year	15	102	13	77
	1 Unit	2 Years	64	340	41	130
	1 Unit	1 Year	143	411	84	204
Retail	2 Unit	2 Years	126	131	60	85
	2 Unit	1 Year	20	43	34	85
	1 Unit	2 Years	55	102	42	68
Rural Industries	2 Unit	2 Years	152	29	58	20
	2 Unit	1 Year	6	2	22	2
	1 Unit	2 Years	12	4	5	4

Table 18B
Enrolments in Joint Secondary Schools-TAFE Courses
in NSW Government Schools, Years 11-12, 1998

Subject		Year 11		Year 12	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Centrally-Endorsed Courses	Number of Students	3,821	4,227	2,515	3,197
	Number of Units	4,910	5,229	3,234	3,969
Locally Approved Courses	Number of Students	41	0	39	0
	Number of Units	77	0	78	0

Note: Data on course completions provided by the Board of Studies, 1998

Languages other than English in Primary Schools

Since 1994, information has been collected on the number of students in government primary schools studying a language other than English (LOTE).

At the time of the 1998 collection in Term 1, some schools had not begun their LOTE teaching programs and were unable to provide enrolment figures.

As at March 1998, 174,716 Primary students were studying a LOTE compared with 183,532 in 1997, despite an increase in enrolments.

As in 1997, Japanese, Indonesian, Italian and French were the most common LOTES studied in primary schools. Each of these languages was studied by more than 20,000 students.

Of LOTES with over 500 students studying them, the greatest increases in student participation from 1997 to 1998 were for Hebrew, Aboriginal, Vietnamese and Arabic. The greatest decreases were for Korean, French and German.

For most LOTES, study is more common in Years 3-6 than in Kindergarten-Year 2. Table 22 contains details of languages other than English studied in primary schools.

Figure 10. Primary Students Studying Languages other than English, Term 1 1998

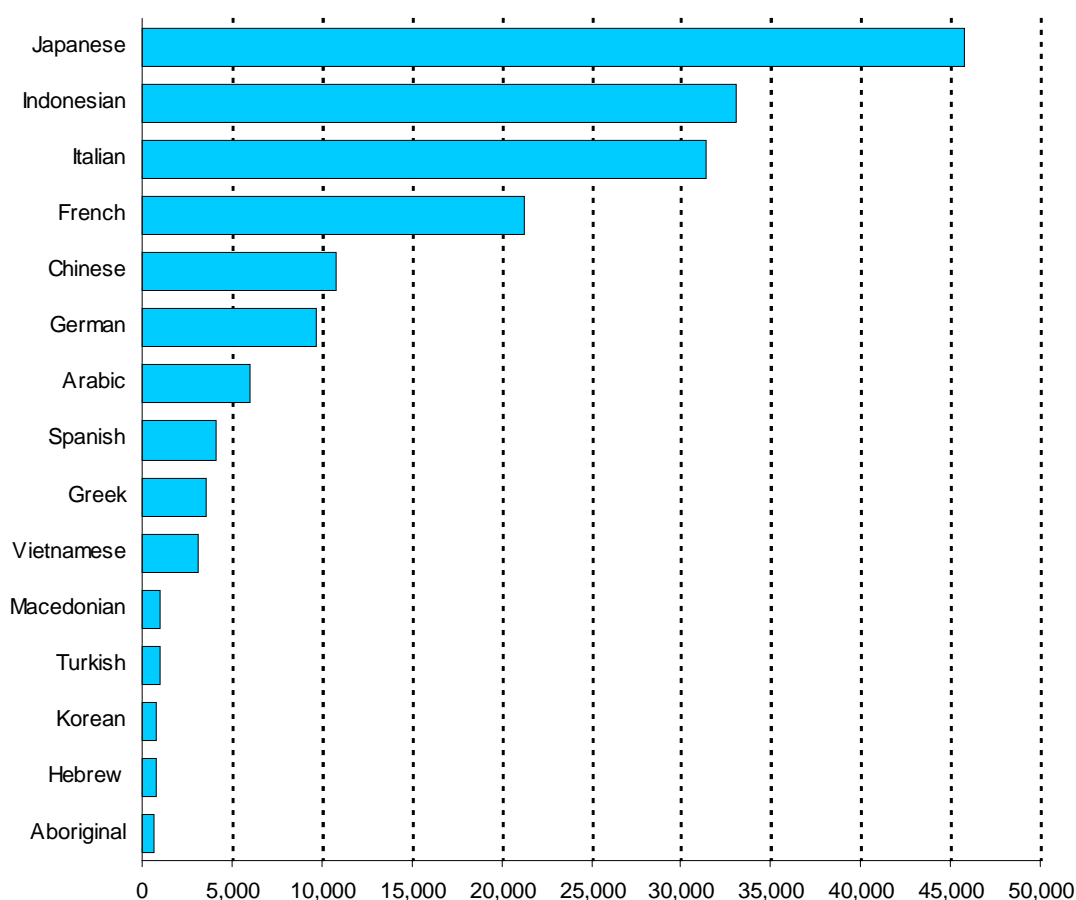


Table 19
Primary Students in NSW Government Schools Studying a Language Other Than English
by Year of Schooling and Language, Term 1 1998

Language	Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Support	Total
Aboriginal	86	97	99	89	88	74	82	5	620
Arabic	1068	937	862	802	853	754	658	69	6,003
Chinese	1,371	1,504	1,651	1,625	1,821	1,463	1,382	9	10,826
Dutch	0	21	17	19	14	20	17	0	108
Farsi	9	8	6	11	9	7	8	0	58
French	1,819	2,542	2,902	3,425	3,140	3,555	3,779	78	21,240
German	787	941	1,231	1,581	1,565	1,744	1,812	39	9,700
Greek	546	530	539	502	429	464	534	25	3,569
Hebrew	105	128	125	137	118	97	105	0	815
Hindi	15	10	14	11	13	7	4	0	74
Indonesian	3,101	4,015	4,555	5,505	5,367	5,324	5,228	29	33,124
Italian	3,471	4,334	4,577	4,952	4,712	4,664	4,656	78	31,444
Japanese	4,597	4,983	6,442	7,185	7,218	7,401	7,772	125	45,723
Khmer	44	23	28	38	22	25	46	0	226
Korean	46	45	85	109	145	164	221	0	815
Macedonian	211	171	187	121	100	109	137	6	1,042
Portuguese	25	29	30	42	35	42	39	3	245
Punjabi	42	54	42	46	60	42	54	0	340
Russian	5	10	11	9	10	11	12	0	68
Serbian	5	5	7	10	1	8	5	0	41
Spanish	296	388	439	764	861	707	616	24	4,095
Tagalog	40	89	79	34	34	22	18	0	316
Tamil	19	17	11	3	3	2	6	0	61
Tongan	7	11	15	10	9	12	13	3	80
Turkish	166	129	147	133	144	128	132	0	979
Vietnamese	723	389	401	369	456	355	406	5	3,104

Notes: Students may study more than one language.
Students in distance education and gifted and talented programs are included with their appropriate grade levels.

Non-government Schools and Students and Home Schooling

The Commonwealth Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs collects data on non-government schools in each state and territory. This section reports briefly on non-government schools and students in New South Wales.

In August 1998 there were 888 non-government schools in New South Wales, 6 more than in 1997, and 318,304.9 full-time equivalent enrolments in non-government schools, an increase of 2.2 percent since 1997.

Enrolments in non-government schools represented 29.4 percent of the 1,083,679.6 total enrolments in the state, compared with 29.0 percent in 1997. Consistent with the trend since the late 1970s, the proportion of students attending government schools decreased to 70.6 percent.

Of senior secondary (Years 11 and 12) students in New South Wales, more than one-third (35.1 percent) were enrolled in non-government schools.

Home schooling

Under the Education Reform Act 1990 (Part 7, Division 6), a parent of a child aged 6 and above and under the age of 15 may apply in writing to the Minister for Education to register the child for home schooling. Registration is effected through the Board of Studies. In addition, Section 77 of the Act provides for application to the Minister for exemption from registration on religious grounds.

As at June 1998 there were 1,492 children from 897 families registered with the Board of Studies for home schooling. An additional 66 students from 29 families received approval for exemption from registration on religious grounds.

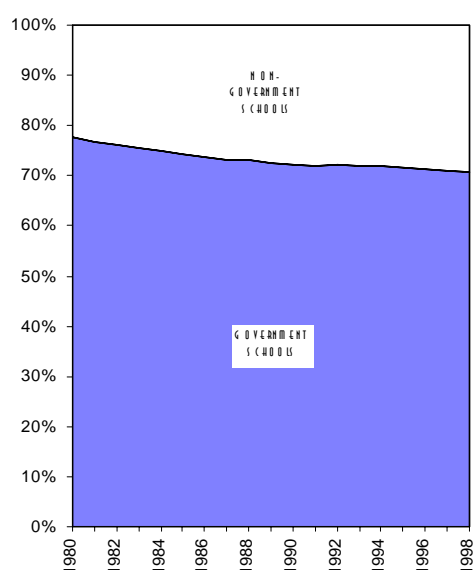
Non-government Schools, Midyear 1998

Type of School	Number
Primary	538
Secondary	148
Primary/Secondary	168
Special	34
Total	888

Enrolments in Non-government Schools by Year of Schooling, Midyear 1998

Year of Schooling	Enrolments
Primary	
Kindergarten	23,946.7
Year 1	23,094.4
Year 2	23,521.8
Year 3	23,730.1
Year 4	23,006.0
Year 5	23,209.6
Year 6	23,498.4
Ungraded/Special Classes	238.0
Total Primary	164,245.0
Secondary	
Year 7	28,507.9
Year 8	27,663.6
Year 9	26,865.3
Year 10	26,776.6
Year 11	22,689.7
Year 12	20,332.0
Ungraded/Special Classes	149.0
Total Secondary	152,984.1
Special Schools	1,075.8
Total, All Students	318,304.9

Figure 11. Proportion of Enrolments in Government and Non-government Schools, 1980-1998



Explanatory Notes

Each year the education departments of all states and territories in Australia, and the Commonwealth Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs collect data on government and non-government schools, and their students. Since 1994 the date for collection has been the first Friday in August to coincide with the national census of population and housing conducted every five years. The 1998 census of NSW government schools was conducted on 7 August. Initial results were published in *In Brief: Midyear Census 1998*.

In 1996, there were changes to the collection dates for some of the information reported in this bulletin. Data on students by age, gender and year of schooling, for all students and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, are now collected at the midyear census. Data on class sizes, courses of study for students in Years 7-9, and students of non-English speaking background are now collected in Term 1.

Up to 1997 the Board of Studies provided data on courses of study for students in Years 10-12, based on the Board's final entries, provided in November of each year. From 1998 the Board has provided data on courses of study for students who have completed their studies for the year.

The Statistical Bulletin provides a consolidated, comprehensive report on the Term 1 and midyear collections. It also reports on non-government data collected by the Commonwealth Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs.

Government and non-government school data form part of the National Schools Statistics Collection published annually by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in *Schools, Australia* (Catalogue No. 4221.0).

Primary and Secondary Students

Primary enrolments consist of students in Kindergarten to Year 6; secondary enrolments consist of students in Years 7 to 12. Students in composite classes and students enrolled at distance education centres are counted according to their corresponding year of schooling. Following the introduction of part-time study in secondary schools in 1993, student enrolments are reported in full-time equivalent units (FTE).

Central Schools

Central schools have primary and secondary departments and may be established where there is an enrolment in secondary classes of 20 or more. Enrolments in primary departments are included in primary student data; enrolments in secondary departments are included in secondary student data.

Schools for Specific Purposes

Schools for specific purposes (SSPs) are for students with specific needs. Students in SSPs are not assigned to a year of schooling but are reported according to their type of specific need. Students with multiple disabilities are reported according to their main disability.

Most schools for specific purposes have permanent enrolments and include schools for students with intellectual (mild, moderate and severe), physical, visual or hearing disabilities, behaviour disorders or emotional disturbance, and students in juvenile justice centres. Some SSPs have no permanent enrolments because the children temporarily attending them are enrolled and counted in their own schools. Such schools include diagnostic, remedial, debilitated and hospital schools.

Support Classes

Some students with specific needs are enrolled in support classes in primary, secondary and central schools. Students enrolled in support classes are not enrolled in a particular year of schooling but are reported separately according to their type of specific need. Support classes for students of mixed abilities are classified according to the predominant type of specific need present in the class. Support class enrolments are included with other primary and secondary enrolments in some tables; other tables combine enrolments in support classes in ordinary schools with enrolments in SSPs.

Distance Education

Distance education centres (DECs) provide schooling for isolated students unable to attend a regular school. They operate either as separate schools or as units within regular primary, central and high schools. Students enrolled in DECs are counted in their corresponding years of schooling.

In conjunction with the Open High School, DECs also provide individual subject enrolment, widening study opportunities for secondary students. These students are enrolled and counted at their home schools.

Part-time Students

In most tables part-time students are included with full-time students and counted in full-time equivalent units (FTE). For the annual census, a full-time student is enrolled in 11 or more units, regardless of where those units are studied. The FTE for students studying less than 11 units is determined by the formula: $0.087 + (0.083 \text{ times the number of units studied})$. Students enrolled for more than 11 units are equivalent to 1.000.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

Students are counted as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders if they are identified and accepted as such by the community with which they are associated.

Students of Non-English Speaking Background

Students are counted as being of non-English speaking background if in their home a language other than English is spoken by the students, parents, guardians, siblings or other relatives.

District Office Locations



Sydney Metropolitan Districts

