

Day one and mixed feelings

THE 2010 HSC is now underway with Business Studies launching the five weeks of exams across the state, yesterday.

A record 71,000 NSW students will sit HSC exams in the coming weeks, a big increase from just 17,000 students who contested the very first Higher School Certificate exams in 1967.

The HSC now offers a greater range in subjects for students with more than 100 courses available, making it a much more attractive choice to stay on at school.

Of the 71,000, around 67,000 students will sit the first English exam today.

Business Studies is now the third most popular subject choice with 16,061 students opting to study the course in 2010, representing 23 per cent of all HSC candidates.

The Times headed to Chatham High School to speak with some of the students following the completion of the test, get their thoughts on the HSC process and how they thought they went...

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Business Studies teacher, Graham Reithmuller.



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Over and done with – Brad Styles



Good – Anne-Maree Farley

stressful and emotional and I'm glad it's over, but it has made me a bit more excited about English tomorrow, now that I feel more prepared for the exam process.

"Overall the exam was okay, I studied heaps and I feel like I used my time wisely."

Brad Styles: "There were good parts and some more challenging than others. I'm just glad to get the first one over and done with."

Luke Reddel: "I thought it was pretty easy. It was consistent with the trials and the past HSC papers that I'd studied so I'm feeling

pretty good about it."

Anne-Maree Farley: "It was good, I hope I went well but you just don't know. I found the last question quite tricky but I'm feeling better now that it's all over."

Teacher, Graham Reithmuller: "Overall I thought the paper was very good and fair, particularly in sections 1, 2, and 3.

"The short answer questions were very straight forward and a good opportunity for the students to receive optimum marks for that section, however I did think that section 4 was fairly narrow

I didn't think it gave enough opportunities for the students to show what they know."

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