

2025 HSC First in Course



Wednesday 17 December 2025

Sir John Clancy Auditorium

The University of New South Wales
Kensington campus



2025 HSC First in Course Awards Ceremony

Program

10:00am	Welcome to Country, Aunty Lola Ryan
10:05am	Special performance, KARI Singers
10:10am	Opening address, Paul Martin
10:15am	Ministerial address, the Hon. Courtney Houssos, MLC
10:20am	Certificate presentation
11:00am	Formalities conclude and refreshments served
12:30pm	Event concludes



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Visit our website to access a list of First in Course students, a recording of today's ceremony and official photos.

Special guests



The Hon. Courtney Houssos, MLC

Minister for Finance,
Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government
Procurement, and
Minister for Natural Resources

Acting for and on behalf of the Minister for Education and
Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney



Paul Martin

Paul Martin is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the
NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

Before his appointment as CEO in 2019, Paul was the
Executive Director, Quality Teaching at NESA and
before that, the Manager of Professional Learning and
Initial Teacher Education at the former NSW Institute of
Teachers (NSWIT).

Special guests



Aunty Lola Ryan

Lola is an Aboriginal woman from the La Perouse Aboriginal Community, located on the northern side of Botany Bay.

She is a devoted mother to 3 children and loves spending her spare time with her family and grandchildren.

Lola is the Aboriginal Health Worker for the Child & Family Health Team of South Eastern Sydney Local Health District, a position she has held for 20 years. Her passion is improving the health outcomes for Aboriginal families with children aged 0-5 years and to work on projects that can make a difference in engaging Aboriginal families to take care of their health and wellbeing as well as their family's needs.



KARI Singers

The KARI Singers are a group of talented vocalists who take immense pride in sharing their cultural heritage through song. Their performances are a unique blend of Indigenous songs and modern pieces, infused with a distinct cultural flair.

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2025 First in Course recipients

Aboriginal Studies	Madeleine	Blackmore	Cheltenham Girls High School (Beecroft)
Agriculture	Simon	Greager	Barker College (Hornsby)
Ancient History	Arielle	Gosling	Rose Bay Secondary College (Dover Heights)
Arabic Continuers	Zaid Zaidoun	Alamawi	Al-Faisal College (Auburn)
Arabic Extension	Rand Ali	Almaqram	Secondary College of Languages Liverpool Boys Campus
Armenian Continuers	Herag	Krikour	Galstaun College (Ingleside)
Automotive Examination	Aaron	Peachey	TAFE NSW (Broadway)
Biology	Stacy	Zhang	Roseville College
Business Services Examination	Safa	Shafquat	Cecil Hills High School
Business Services Examination	Allanah	Touma	Mount St Joseph Milperra
Business Studies	Maxine	Spencer	Ascham School (Edgecliff)
Chemistry	Stacy	Zhang	Roseville College
Chinese and Literature	Shenmei	Wang	Beijing Zhongguancun Foreign Language School (Haidian District)
Chinese Beginners	Lucia	Lau	Bonnyrigg High School
Chinese Continuers	Xiwei Sophia	Wang	Abbotsleigh (Wahroonga)
Chinese Continuers	Youtan	Yang	Presbyterian Ladies' College Sydney (Croydon)
Chinese Extension	Qiyang	Luo	Sydney Girls High School (Surry Hills)
Chinese in Context	Skye Tian	Yu	Abbotsleigh (Wahroonga)
Classical Greek Continuers	William	Chung	Sydney Grammar School (Darlinghurst)

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Classical Greek Extension	William	Chung	Sydney Grammar School (Darlinghurst)
Classical Hebrew Continuers	Oliver	Lobel	Kesser Torah College (Dover Heights)
Classical Hebrew Extension	Rachel	Butnaro	Kesser Torah College (Dover Heights)
Community and Family Studies	Milly	Priest	Orange High School
Construction Examination	Dougald James	Hook	Saint Ignatius' College (Lane Cove)
Construction Examination	Maxwell	Laidlaw	Newington College (Stanmore)
Dance	Alexander	Bernard	Inaburra School (Bangor)
Dance	Abbie	Burnell	St Vincent's College (Potts Point)
Dance	Emma	McHardy	Bethany College (Hurstville)
Dance	Maddison	McRae	St Mary Star of the Sea College (Wollongong)
Dance	Audrey	Metcalfe	Wenona School (North Sydney)
Design and Technology	Charlotte	D'Arcy	Bethany College (Hurstville)
Design and Technology	Isabella	Quilkey	Bethany College (Hurstville)
Design and Technology	Brodie Thomas	Shearer	Knox Grammar School (Wahroonga)
Drama	Rupali	Wadhwa	Penrith High School
Drama	Joy	Wang	Loreto Normanhurst
Dutch Continuers	Melline	De Groot	Outside Tutor
Earth and Environmental Science	Emily	Sonter	Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College The Entrance Campus (Shelly Beach)
Economics	Liam Robert	Coughlin	Waverley College
Electrotechnology Examination	Finn	Carson	St Joseph's Catholic High School (Albion Park)
Engineering Studies	Seamus	Smart	Northern Beaches Secondary College Balgowlah Boys Campus

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English Advanced	Valery	Lin	North Sydney Girls High School (Crows Nest)
English Advanced	Emily	Phi	North Sydney Girls High School (Crows Nest)
English EAL/D	Tsz Yan	Tsui	Stella Maris College (Manly)
English Extension 1	Jio	Yim	Presbyterian Ladies' College Sydney (Croydon)
English Extension 2	Yao	Xiao	St Aloysius' College (Kirribilli)
English Standard	Mankirat	Kaur	Santa Sophia Catholic College (Secondary) (Gables)
English Studies Examination	Heidi	Bromley	Sydney Distance Education High School (Woolloomooloo)
Enterprise Computing	Xujing	Mao	The King's School (North Parramatta)
Entertainment Industry Examination	Grace	Hardy	Newtown High School of Performing Arts
Entertainment Industry Examination	Claire	Naschenweng	Southern Cross Catholic College (Burwood)
Filipino Continuers	Julliana Danieka Maula	Balamban	Secondary College of Languages Bankstown Girls Campus
Financial Services Examination	Bonnita	Earl	OneSchool Global NSW -Maitland (East Maitland)
Financial Services Examination	Haigh	Proctor	OneSchool Global NSW -Maitland (East Maitland)
Food Technology	Kara	Dumpleton	Arden Anglican School (Epping)
Food Technology	Ella	Sinclair	Blayney High School
French Beginners	Sharan	Bhogal	Glenwood High School
French Continuers	Sophia	Barry	Ascham School (Edgecliff)
French Extension	Jackson	Chan	Sydney Grammar School (Darlinghurst)
Geography	Alastair	Herbert	Sydney Grammar School (Darlinghurst)
Geography	Savya	Mishra	Sydney Grammar School (Darlinghurst)

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German Beginners	Maya	Al-Soufi	NSW School of Languages (Petersham)
German Continuers	Matthew	Gu	Sydney Grammar School (Darlinghurst)
German Extension	Justin	Liu	North Sydney Boys High School
Hindi Continuers	Dhaani	Gupta	Outside Tutor
History Extension	Alice	Hynes	Hornsby Girls High School
Hospitality Examination	Hannah Victoria	Roberts	Tara Anglican School for Girls (North Parramatta)
Human Services Examination	Charlize Mariana	Zaragosa	Burwood Girls High School (Croydon)
Hungarian Continuers	Amina	Varjan	Outside Tutor
Indonesian Beginners	Arnold Sidney	Lim	NSW School of Languages (Petersham)
Indonesian Continuers	Hanun Shabrina	Azizah	NSW School of Languages (Petersham)
Indonesian Extension	Hanun Shabrina	Azizah	NSW School of Languages (Petersham)
Industrial Technology	Catherine	Smith	Bethany College (Hurstville)
Information and Digital Technology Examination	Emmanouel	Voudouris	Redeemer Baptist School (North Parramatta)
Investigating Science	Amrutha	Pondala	The Ponds High School
Italian Beginners	Andrew	Mogan	All Saints Catholic College (Liverpool)
Italian Continuers	Alessia	Savi	International Grammar School (Ultimo)
Italian Extension	Alessia	Savi	International Grammar School (Ultimo)
Japanese Beginners	Hezhen	Zhang	Meriden School (Strathfield)
Japanese Continuers	Kayuri	Yoshino	Baulkham Hills High School
Japanese Extension	Zhouwunie	Tang	Sydney Girls High School (Surry Hills)
Japanese in Context	Natsumo	Ike	Secondary College of Languages Chatswood Campus
Khmer Continuers	Natreya	Sary	Secondary College of Languages Liverpool Girls Campus

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Korean and Literature	Eunseo	Hwang	Secondary College of Languages Strathfield Girls Campus
Korean Beginners	Kayuri	Yoshino	Baulkham Hills High School
Korean Continuers	Seoyeon	Choi	Secondary College of Languages Strathfield Girls Campus
Korean in Context	Cahyun	Kim	NSW School of Languages (Petersham)
Latin Continuers	Matthew	Gu	Sydney Grammar School (Darlinghurst)
Latin Extension	Olivia	Zhou	Abbotsleigh (Wahroonga)
Legal Studies	Sophie	Firek	Roseville College
Macedonian Continuers	Harrison	Herrman	Secondary College of Languages Smiths Hill Campus (Wollongong)
Macedonian Continuers	Irina	Lazova	Secondary College of Languages Bankstown Girls Campus
Mathematics Advanced	Chuyu	Luo	SCEGGS Darlinghurst
Mathematics Extension 1	Rahul	Desai	Baulkham Hills High School
Mathematics Extension 1	Selina	Ma	James Ruse Agricultural High School (Carlingford)
Mathematics Extension 2	Yiming	Chen	James Ruse Agricultural High School (Carlingford)
Mathematics Standard 1 Examination	Rania	Alkatiri	Al-Faisal College (Auburn)
Mathematics Standard 1 Examination	Nicholas	McKewen	Gilroy Catholic College (Castle Hill)
Mathematics Standard 2	Daniel	Beretta	Newington College (Stanmore)
Mathematics Standard 2	Zoey Jia En	Spiteri	Reddam House (Woollahra)
Modern Greek Beginners	Kristy	Diakou	NSW School of Languages (Petersham)
Modern Greek Continuers	Panagiota	Varvaressos	All Saints Grammar (Belmore)
Modern Greek Extension	George	Moisidis	Secondary College of Languages Ashfield Boys Campus

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Modern Hebrew Continuers	Shlomi	Safra	Outside Tutor
Modern History	Emily	Abadee	Pymble Ladies' College
Music 1	Zachary	Buchanan	St Luke's Grammar School (Dee Why)
Music 1	Heidi	Jilwan	Tangara School for Girls (Cherrybrook)
Music 2	Flora	Li	James Ruse Agricultural High School (Carlingford)
Music 2	Selina	Wang	Meriden School (Strathfield)
Music Extension	Selina	Wang	Meriden School (Strathfield)
Persian Continuers	Bahar	Sakari	Secondary College of Languages Arthur Phillip Campus (Parramatta)
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	Nishika Reddy	Talusani	Caroline Chisholm College (Glenmore Park)
Physics	Jiaao Jay	Chen	North Sydney Boys High School
Physics	Sebastian Cheuk-Hei	Wong	Newington College (Stanmore)
Polish Continuers	Gabriella Malgorzata	Helwani	Secondary College of Languages Liverpool Girls Campus
Polish Continuers	Amber	Muszynski	Secondary College of Languages Chatswood Campus
Portuguese Continuers	Lourenco	Bento Moura Guedes	Outside Tutor
Primary Industries Examination	Bateson	Pittman	Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School (Calala)
Punjabi Continuers	Harsheen	Saini	Secondary College of Languages The Hills Sports Campus (Seven Hills)
Retail Services Examination	Angelina Khanh	Nguyen	Bankstown Girls High School
Russian Continuers	Darya	Zelyukina	Secondary College of Languages Chatswood Campus
Science Extension	Rowen Netty	McLean	William Clarke College (Kellyville)

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Serbian Continuers	Vera	Bosancic	Secondary College of Languages Smiths Hill Campus (Wollongong)
Society and Culture	Emma	Mitsak	Canterbury Girls High School
Software Engineering	Hamish	Hudson	Barker College (Hornsby)
Spanish Beginners	Rishon	Koren	NSW School of Languages (Petersham)
Spanish Continuers	Sofia	Sok Cifuentes	NSW School of Languages (Petersham)
Spanish Extension	Theo	Mahoney	Secondary College of Languages Chatswood Campus
Studies of Religion I	Domenico	Cocco	St Gregory's College Campbelltown (Gregory Hills)
Studies of Religion I	Emily	Gonzalez	Catherine McAuley Westmead
Studies of Religion I	Abigail Mariam	Mathew	Macquarie Fields High School
Studies of Religion I	Nikitha	Shaiju	Bethany College (Hurstville)
Studies of Religion II	Chelsea	Cannes	St Vincent's College (Potts Point)
Swedish Continuers	Oliver	Boije	Outside Tutor
Tamil Continuers	Pon Vimalaragavan	Vijayan	Outside Tutor
Textiles and Design	Abby	Christopher	Pymble Ladies' College
Tourism, Travel and Events Examination	Maisie Dulcie	Smart	TAFE NSW (Broadway)
Turkish Continuers	Nida	Ozcan	Amity College, Prestons
Vietnamese Continuers	Ngoc Linh	Nguyen	Secondary College of Languages Petersham Campus (Dulwich Hill)
Visual Arts	Jessica	Ellis	Wenona School (North Sydney)



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