

# AUSTRALIAN HISTORY COMPETITION



## AHC results for 2021

The results for the Australian History Competition are now available and all schools should receive their results by August 23<sup>rd</sup>. If they have not arrived by then please check with your office to see if they are there. If not, email us at [admin@AustralianHistoryCompetition.org.au](mailto:admin@AustralianHistoryCompetition.org.au) telling us your school, which level of results you are missing and your school address and we will send a replacement set.

The results for each student are also online so that teachers can do their own analysis. To access the online results, you will need to go to "View Results" on our website:

- <http://members.australianhistorycompetition.org.au/Login.aspx>
- Login using your username and password

**We will be sending an email with your username and password when the results are available.**

As would be expected, the year 10 students performed better than the year 9 students on the year 9/10 paper. The same pattern occurred with the year 8 and 7 students. This demonstrates that students are progressing in their historical skills and knowledge through all year groups.

The cut-off levels for each award are quite a lot higher than in 2019 indicating that the paper was a little easier and similar to the 2018 paper. In particular the year 7 cut-off levels are much closer to the year 8 levels than 2019, reflecting an effort from the writers to ensure that the paper was within the grasp of year 7 students. Five students in year 8 and 2 students in year 10 scored 100% and none from year 7 and year 9, also indicating the progressive accumulation of skills. This reflects the excellent work done by our writing committee to provide questions that are attainable for all students while still having a selection of questions that stretch the very top students.

The cut off levels for each group are as follows:

|                         | Grade 7 | Grade 8 | Grade 9 | Grade 10 |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| <b>High Distinction</b> | 88      | 90      | 86      | 88       |
| <b>Distinction</b>      | 82      | 84      | 80      | 82       |
| <b>Credit</b>           | 74      | 78      | 74      | 76       |
| <b>Merit</b>            | 64      | 70      | 66      | 68       |

The Bell Curves for each year level are shown in the statistics section.

We extend our thanks to the writing committee for again writing papers that reflect the positive skew of results that was intended. The rationale for the positive skew is fundamental to the ethos of the Australian History Competition - we provide a rigorous test of students' skills and knowledge in the framework of a competition that aims to encourage the study of history.