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Year 12 Exams – Tutors boosting HSC achievement

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Year 12 students are about to commence their final written examinations. Most candidates will sit the HSC and other will sit international exams such as the International Baccalaureate (IB) exam or Cambridge exams. Well over 75,000 students will sit the Year 12 end of year final papers, most seeking entry into university.

The HSC commences on Monday 14th October.

Mohan Dhall, CEO of the ATA said, **“There are several reasons for the growth in the use of private tutors in NSW and every State in Australia by Year 12 students. These include:**

- **The increase in self-confidence felt by students who can work through course material and past examinations at their own pace and free of distraction**
- **A desire to hear and have reinforced the relevant concepts, issues and ideas from secondary sources**
- **Parents opting to invest in giving their children the best possible chance to do well in final exams**
- **The aim to gain university entrance scores with as much choice as possible for future study options**
- **An increased understanding of the varying needs of learners and how tutors can accommodate individual needs**

The demand for tutors to assist students preparing for these exams has been on the rise again this year. In NSW for example, it is estimated that 1 in 3 Year 12 students in urban centres such as Sydney will have tutoring prior to the exams. The trend is also confirmed by tutors in Victoria, Western Australia and Queensland.

Popular HSC English Tutor Anthea Daley, who tutors 22 students per week, averaged 25 hours of tutoring per week in each of the the past 3 weeks lead up to the HSC.

Ms. Daley said, *“Tutoring can empower students by providing the opportunity to build skills and increase student confidence. Simply feeling positive and proactive is an important but often neglected consideration in exam preparation”.*

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