

“Μήγαρις έχω άλλο εις τον νουν πάρεξ ελευθερίαν και γλώσσαν;”  
 “I have nothing on my mind, other than freedom and language”



The 28th Greek Festival of Sydney  
 PRESENTED THE ANNUAL

# DIONYSIOS SOLOMOS AWARDS 2010

FOR EXCELLENCE IN MODERN & CLASSICAL GREEK HSC 2009

On Sunday 2nd May the Greek Orthodox Community of NSW held its annual Dionysios Solomos Awards, as part of the 28th Greek Festival of Sydney 2010. These awards recognise excellence and promote the study of Greek and are supported by the Office of the Board of Studies NSW. This year it was an honour to have the event hosted by The University of Sydney. Those honoured in the ceremony were NSW Higher School Certificate Students who have achieved the highest marks in Modern and Classical Greek as well as students of the Greek Orthodox Community of NSW Afternoon and Saturday Schools who were awarded with the Minister's Award for their excellence in the Modern Greek Language. The Awards are named after one of Greece's most acclaimed poets, Dionysios Solomos. Solomo's incredible body of work includes the 'Hymn to Freedom' which was adopted as the Greek National Anthem after Greek Independence in 1821.

Master of Ceremonies - Efrosini Costa  
 Presentation of Awards

• **Minister's Awards**

Presented by Penny Costa

President of the Education Committee  
 Greek Orthodox Community of NSW

• **Higher School Certificate Awards for Modern Greek Beginners**

Presented by Harry Danalis  
 President of the Greek Orthodox  
 Community of NSW

• **Higher School Certificate Awards for Modern Greek Continuers**

Presented by George Ronis  
 Event Sponsor and Principal of Ronis  
 Real Estate

**Music Interlude** - Performed by

Nick Lazarou  
 Dimitra Tzodouris  
 Phillip Zervos

• **Higher School Certificate Awards for Modern Greek Extension**

Presented by Ioannis Papatheodotou

Senior Business Development  
 Manager, Bank of Cyprus

• **Higher School Certificate Awards for Classical Greek Continuers**

Presented by Dr Anthony Dracopoulos  
 Department of Modern Greek,  
 Sydney University

• **Higher School Certificate Awards for Classical Greek Extension**

Presented by Michael Tsilimos  
 Secretary of the Greek Orthodox  
 Community of NSW

**Ministers Awards in Modern Greek**

Students in the Greek Afternoon  
 Schools of the Greek Orthodox  
 Community of NSW

Christa Anastasiades Beresford Road  
 Georgia Victoria Lardis Kyeemagh  
 Nicholas Loizos Clempton Park  
 Anthie Hannah Papanikolaou Dulwich Hill  
 Zoe Rafos Rockdale  
 Pamela Aimilia Tsinaslanidis Dulwich Hill  
 Elena Varelas Clempton Park

Jilia Vournazos  
 Evan Watt-Smith

Bald Face  
 Connells Point

**HSC Modern Greek - Beginners**

- 1st Katie Mandoulas  
 Oatley Senior Campus  
 2nd Tanya Dendrinou  
 St Patrick's Campbelltown  
 (The Open High School)  
 3rd Patricia Zisimopoulos  
 Oatley Senior Campus  
 4th Victoria Halkeas  
 Kambala  
 (The Open High School)  
 5th Stephanie Koutoulas  
 Meriden School  
 (The Open High School)

**Top Ten**

Francesca Di Stefano  
 Santa Sabina College  
 (The Open High School)  
 Spiro Raftopoulos  
 Cranbrook School  
 (The Open High School)

Stavroula Romanas  
 Oatley Senior Campus  
 Nicholas Taradilis  
 Trinity Grammar School  
 (The Open High School)  
 Marianthe Varipatis  
 Bethany College  
 (The Open High School)

**HSC Modern Greek - Continuers**

- 1st Elaine Asimakopoulos  
 All Saints Grammar  
 2nd Stilian Drimousis  
 Blakehurst High School  
 3rd Connie Arronis  
 St Euphemia College  
 4th Evy Kefalas  
 Blakehurst High School  
 5th Lambros Voutos  
 Aquinas College  
 (The Open High School)

**Top Ten**

**Maria Himonitis**  
 St Euphemia College  
**Metaxia Kokkinos**  
 All Saints Grammar  
**Kosta Komodromos**  
 Kingsgrove High School  
**Marina Mitsinga**  
 St Euphemia College  
**Dennise Stathakis**  
 St Euphemia College

**HSC Modern Greek - Extension**

- 1st Elaine Asimakopoulos  
 All Saints Grammar