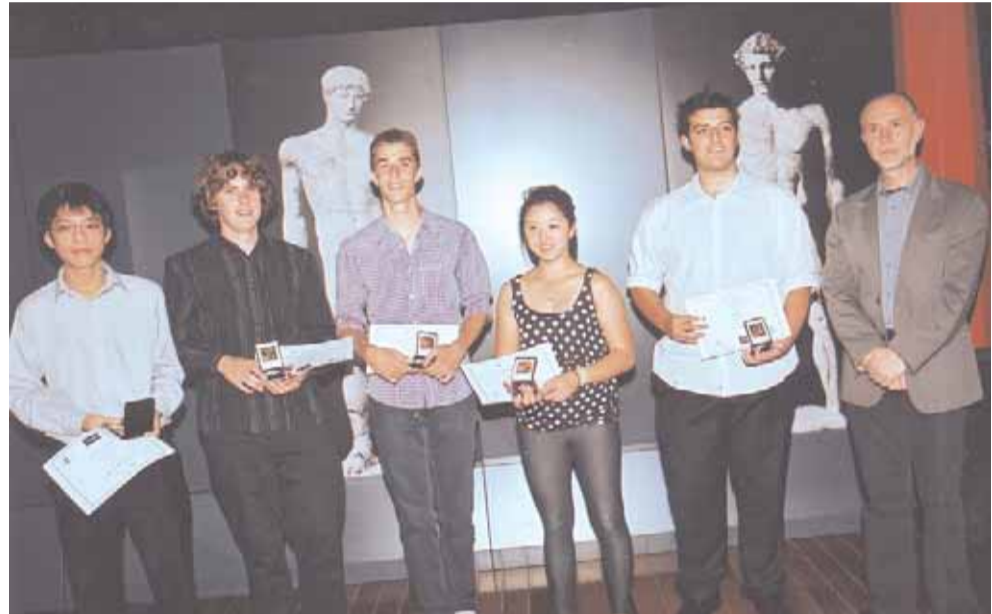


Music Interlude - Performed by Nick Lazarou - Dimitra Tzodouris - Pillip Zervos



Dr Dracopoulos with some of the awarded students

2nd Stilian Drimousis
Blakehurst High School
3rd Metaxia Kokkinos
All Saints Grammar
4th Evy Kefalas
Blakehurst High School
5th Dennise Stathakis
St Euphemia College
Top ten
Joann Filippopoulos
All Saints Grammar
Marina Mitsinga
St Euphemia College
Makrina Spilioti
St Spyridon College
Styliani Trikilis
St Spyridon College
Lambros Voutos
Aquinas College
(The Open High School)

Sydney Grammar School
3rd Branden Chan
Sydney Grammar School
4th Thomas Wilson
Sydney Boys High School
5th Jessie McClelland
Pymble Ladies' College
Top Ten
Julian Byrnes
Sydney Boys High School
Christian Katsikaros
Sydney Boys High School
Lauren Wei-Jin Lim
Pymble Ladies' College
David Lynch
St Ignatius College
Nicholas Tarandilis
Trinity Grammar School

HSC Classical Greek - Continuers
1st Victor Lam
Sydney Grammar School
2nd Jonathan Thambyrajah

HSC Classical Greek - Extension
1st Victor Lam
Sydney Grammar School
2nd Branden Chan
Sydney Grammar School
3rd Jonathan Thambyrajah

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4th Thomas Wilson
Sydney Boys High School
5th Christian Kasikaros
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Teachers from Greece working in Victorian schools face major cuts in entitlements

Teachers seconded to Australian schools from Greece are bracing themselves for significant drops in their salary as a result of the cutbacks in public service entitlements in Greece.

The cutbacks are part of the austerity package being implemented in Greece to address its financial crisis.

The allowances that Greek teachers receive in Australia will decrease from approximately \$2,465 to \$1,850, according to an announcement by the Greek Ministry of Finance, because the allowances will be taxed at a higher rate. They will be taxed at 40 percent as opposed to 15 percent that applied previously.

"I don't have money to pay my rent," teacher from Greece Eleni Tsefala (foto) said in a recent interview. Greek teachers are also paid their basic salary but that



money is deposited in Greece. The average salary is about 1200 euros (\$1 800) a month.

However, the allowances have been a major incentive for seconded teachers to work abroad. "Under these conditions I find it very difficult to continue and stay in Australia," Mrs Tsefala said. However returning to

Greece is not an option, particularly for those teachers such as Mrs Tsefala who have completed less than three years of service abroad.

Returning to Greece with less than three years service abroad leaves teachers liable for reimbursing the Greek state for their initial airfare and their relocation allowance.

Salary cuts have not yet been officially implemented by the Greek Ministry of Education, according to Harris Ladopoulos, Educational Coordinator at the Greek Consulate General in Melbourne because a Ministerial Directive has not been signed.

"Although we don't have anything official at this moment it is estimated that the cutback will roughly amount to \$620 (a month) for the teacher's allowance," Mr Ladopoulos said.

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- * Οικογενειακό Δίκαιο
- * Διαθήκες - Κληρονομίες- Περιπτώσεις ελλείψεως διαθήκης
- * Επίσης αναλαμβάνουμε εξουσιοδοτήσεις, δηλώσεις Ε9, αγοραπωλησίες και όλες τις νομικές σας υποθέσεις στην Ελλάδα
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