Australian Hellenic Educators' Association A coordinating body for Australian Hellenic education

# **HSC Modern Greek Maintains Enrolments**



HSC Modern Greek has maintained its enrolments at the same level as recent years. According to the NSW Board of Studies' figures, 48 candidates completed Modern Greek Beginners', 97 Modern Greek Continuers and 35 Modern Greek Extension. The Classical Greek Continuers' and Extension courses attracted twelve candidates each.

"While the Modern Greek enrolments are reasonable, it must remain a priority for all Australian Hellene educators to cultivate a desire amongst our students to study Hellenic language and culture in its ancient, medieval and modern forms", stated AHEA President Dr Panayiotis Diamadis.

candidates and looks forward to honouring them at the 2011 Hellenic Studies Awards at The University of Sydney next March.

"The real issue is why only ten per cent of Higher School Certificate candidates completed a language course," continued Dr Diamadis. "This compares with 28 per cent undertaking at least one History course. Why is Hellenic history so attractive while Hellenic language is not. This is a key question that requires careful examination".

Ancient History has the seventh-largest enrolment of HSC subjects with 12,269 students. Modern History is 9th with

The AHEA congratulates ALL the 10,222 students, while History Extension had 2,275.

> Dr Diamadis also expressed his belief that the Hellenic Republic's Certificate of Proficiency could play a role in encouraging Australian students to undertake study of the Hellenic language by providing an additional recognised qualification.

> The AHEA, the only body of education professionals of Hellenic descent in NSW, the ACT and Queensland, has been at the forefront of efforts to have Modern Greek included as a priority language within the new Australian Curriculum. The Draft Framing Paper for Languages is expected to be released shortly.

## Celebrating carers\* in Carers Week

#### 2010 NATIONAL CARERS WEEK - 17 TO 23 OCTOBER 2010

This Sunday marks the start of National Carers Week - a celebration of carers and their contribution to the lives of the people they care for and to the wider community.

his year over 200 carer support groups and organisations are holding events right across NSW to give carers a break and a chance to socialise with other carers. These events assist in recognising carers and raising awareness about their role.

"We know many carers have little or no social contact due to their caring role, so with funding from the Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Human Services NSW, we have enabled carer support groups and organisations to arrange events for carers across the state including picnics, morning teas, lunches and day trips," Elena Katrakis CEO Carers NSW said.

"This means carers get to take a break from caring, while at the same time celebrating the valuable work they do," she said.

Carers value these activities

and the opportunity to take a break. A carer last year told Carers NSW "I haven't been out to dinner in over a year! THANK YOU!" This is an example of the overwhelming impact that this recognition can

A key focus of events happening during Carers Week will be the National Carers Day Out Activities on Tuesday 19 October 2010.

As part of National Carers Week Sydney will acknowledge and celebrate the role of carers with a free event in the heart of

Carers Day Out is an opportunity for the community to come together to celebrate those that give their time, energy and love - unpaid - to care for a friend, partner or family member. Everyone - including carers, their families and friends, and the general public is invited to join together with a range of government and nongovernment service providers for this day of recognition, information and entertainment.

Conditions such as chronic illness, disability, mental illness or drug and alcohol addiction do not discriminate by age, culture,



this year's theme is 'Anyone, Anytime', highlighting that anvone may find themself in a caring role – planned or unplanned - at any time in their life.

\*A carer is any individual who provides unpaid care and support to a family member or friend who has a disability, mental illness, drug and alcohol dependencies, chronic condition, terminal illness or who is frail.

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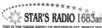
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