

Scholarship

2013 Assessment Report

German

COMMENTARY

Candidates responded well to the topics of “Heimat” and “International Days”. The speaking task gave them good opportunities to be creative, use humour and a range of language. Both topics provided candidates with a good scope of using topics studied and their own experiences.

The very international cohort continues to show superb language skills and an obvious depth of bi-cultural and bi-lingual experience and it is becoming increasingly harder to separate and rank them accordingly.

SCHOLARSHIP WITH OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

Candidates who were awarded Scholarship with Outstanding Performance typically:

- caught and retained the interest of the reader/listener with colourful word imagery and creative ideas
- brought a personal perspective to bear in their writing/speaking and connected their ideas cohesively
- reworked the resource material when referring to it
- maintained a near flawless accuracy in language production and complete fluency in their speaking.

SCHOLARSHIP

Candidates who were awarded Scholarship but not Scholarship with Outstanding Performance typically:

- maintained excellent standards of language accuracy but were not always creative enough to retain the reader's interest
- provided a well-reasoned response to the resource material
- discussed a wide range of topics and opinions with appropriate advanced language.

OTHER CANDIDATES

Candidates who were not awarded Scholarship or Scholarship with Outstanding Performance typically:

- showed a high level of language proficiency up to NCEA level 3 but were limited in their ability to consistently extend to an even higher level
- responded to the resource material without significantly reworking it
- exhibited some of the performance indicators for Scholarship but were not able to combine all of them, e.g. had either very original ideas or excellent production skills but not both
- made sufficient language errors to distract from the content.