



STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND, 1998

This bulletin reports the results of the census of students of non-English speaking background in New South Wales government schools undertaken by the NSW Department of Education and Training on Friday, 13 March 1998. A student of non-English speaking background is defined as one in whose home a language other than English is spoken.

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INTRODUCTION

In Term 1 1998, government schools enrolled 171,068 students of non-English speaking background (NESB). This represented 22.1 percent of all government school enrolments compared to 21.3 percent in 1997.

TABLES 1 AND 2 ENROLMENTS OF STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND BY DISTRICT AND LEVEL/ YEAR OF SCHOOLING, TERM 1 1998

Districts varied widely in the number and percentage of NESB students. Fairfield district had the highest enrolment with 23,031 NESB students, representing 72.2 percent of district enrolment. Granville district enrolled 17,427 NESB students, 77.8 percent of district enrolment. In Bankstown, Port Jackson, and St George districts, NESB students represented more than half of all enrolments.

NESB student enrolments represented 21.3 percent of all primary enrolments and 23.2 percent of all secondary enrolments in government schools.

The largest increases in the number and percentage of NESB enrolments occurred in Liverpool, Parramatta and Hornsby districts:

- In Liverpool district the NESB enrolment grew from 12,187 students (43.9% of district enrolment) in 1997 to 13,342 students (46.2%) in 1998.
- In Parramatta district the NESB enrolment grew from 9,382 students (37.4% of district enrolment) in 1997 to 10,280 students (40.6%) in 1998.
- In Hornsby district the NESB enrolment grew from 6,935 students (25.4% of district enrolment) in 1997 to 7,805 students (28.0%) in 1998.

Year 12 (27.0%) and Year 11 (24.3%) had the greatest proportion of NESB enrolments. Of the 2,500 NESB students in secondary support classes, 66.3 percent were enrolled at intensive English centres.

Year 10 had the greatest increase in the proportion of NESB enrolments, from 20.7 percent in 1997 to 23.0 percent in 1998.

TABLE 3 ENROLMENTS OF STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND BY LANGUAGE AND LEVEL OF SCHOOLING, TERM 1 1998

Chinese, with 27,021 students in 1998, has been the most common language background other than English in government schools since 1997, representing 15.8 percent of all NESB students, compared with 15.6 percent in 1997.

Arabic, with 24,151 students in 1998, was the most common language background from 1988 to 1996. The proportion of NESB students of Arabic background reduced from 15.0 percent in 1997 to 14.1 percent in 1998.

The number of students of Fijian language background increased from 1,020 in 1997 to 1,528 in 1998, an increase of 49.8 percent, the largest percentage increase.

TABLE 4 ENROLMENTS OF STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND BY DISTRICT AND LANGUAGE, TERM 1 1998

In districts with more than 10,000 NESB students, the most common language backgrounds were Arabic in Bankstown, Granville, Liverpool, and St George districts; Chinese in Parramatta district, and Vietnamese in Fairfield district.

Students of Chinese language background were most commonly enrolled in schools in Bankstown, Bondi, Fairfield, Granville, Hornsby, Parramatta, Port Jackson, Ryde and St George districts.

Khmer was the language with the highest concentration in one district, with 69.1 percent of students of Khmer language background in schools in Fairfield district.

TABLE 5
ENROLMENTS OF PRESCHOOL STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND BY LANGUAGE, TERM 1 1998

Government preschools enrolled 788.7 full-time equivalent students of non-English speaking background in 1998, representing 36.1 percent of all government preschool enrolments. Arabic, Vietnamese and Chinese were the most common language backgrounds, representing 20.3 percent, 16.2 percent and 15.4 percent, respectively, of all NESB preschool students. In 1997 there were more students with a Chinese than Vietnamese language background.

The following graphs can be found after the tables:

FIGURE 1
PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND BY DISTRICT, TERM 1 1998

FIGURE 2
STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND, 1987-1998: SELECTED LANGUAGE BACKGROUNDS

Notes:

From 1996, information on NESB students has been collected in Term 1 with comparative enrolment information extracted from the School Entitlement System. In previous years, NESB information was collected in the midyear census, with comparative enrolment information collected at the same time.

For information on languages, refer to *Australian Standard Classification of Languages*, Australian Bureau of Statistics (catalogue 1267.0).

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Additional information about schools and students in New South Wales will be available in *Statistical Bulletin: Schools and Students in New South Wales, 1998*.

**Table 1. Enrolments of Students of Non English Speaking Background
by District and Level of Schooling, Term 1 1998**

District	Primary		Secondary		SSP		Total	
	Students	As % of Enrolment	Students	As % of Enrolment	Students	As % of Enrolment	Students	As % of Enrolment
Albury	134	2.0%	116	2.3%	7	9.2%	257	2.2%
Armidale	139	2.4%	143	3.1%	0	-	282	2.7%
Bankstown	6,504	53.4%	4,888	54.1%	44	74.6%	11,436	53.8%
Batemans Bay	173	1.9%	162	2.5%	1	14.3%	336	2.2%
Bathurst	143	2.1%	125	2.5%	0	-	268	2.3%
Blacktown	2,259	16.6%	1,575	19.7%	5	12.2%	3,839	17.7%
Bondi	4,609	46.6%	3,907	50.0%	12	25.0%	8,528	48.1%
Broken Hill	31	0.9%	31	1.2%	0	-	62	1.0%
Campbelltown	3,560	18.2%	2,409	19.8%	40	15.3%	6,009	18.8%
Central Coast	1,218	6.4%	1,183	9.1%	24	16.0%	2,425	7.5%
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	335	3.1%	234	2.8%	0	-	569	3.0%
Deniliquin	63	1.9%	48	2.1%	0	-	111	2.0%
Dubbo	126	1.7%	67	1.2%	0	-	193	1.5%
Fairfield	12,112	73.0%	10,818	71.6%	101	49.3%	23,031	72.2%
Granville	10,997	78.4%	6,292	77.4%	138	59.5%	17,427	77.8%
Griffith	323	6.9%	259	7.2%	12	25.5%	594	7.1%
Hornsby	4,007	25.4%	3,747	31.4%	51	28.0%	7,805	28.0%
Lake Macquarie	498	2.9%	326	2.9%	1	2.0%	825	2.9%
Lismore	137	1.9%	141	2.6%	0	-	278	2.2%
Liverpool	7,892	46.5%	5,276	46.2%	174	39.0%	13,342	46.2%
Maitland	188	1.7%	161	2.2%	0	-	349	1.9%
Moree	62	1.4%	49	1.7%	0	-	111	1.5%
Mount Druitt	5,439	30.6%	3,264	30.2%	39	18.9%	8,742	30.4%
Newcastle	950	7.6%	812	7.8%	4	2.4%	1,766	7.6%
Northern Beaches	3,015	18.7%	2,357	25.1%	11	10.0%	5,383	21.0%
Orange	112	1.5%	113	2.2%	1	1.7%	226	1.8%
Parramatta	5,436	39.1%	4,779	42.7%	65	26.9%	10,280	40.6%
Penrith	1,337	8.9%	905	8.7%	31	24.6%	2,273	8.9%
Port Jackson	5,096	45.9%	3,927	60.4%	6	9.8%	9,029	51.1%
Port Macquarie	103	1.2%	87	1.3%	0	-	190	1.3%
Queanbeyan	533	7.0%	281	5.9%	0	-	814	6.6%
Ryde	5,018	32.6%	3,669	40.1%	18	13.6%	8,705	35.3%
Shellharbour	1,048	7.1%	668	6.7%	5	3.8%	1,721	6.9%
St George	7,718	64.5%	6,824	70.1%	86	42.4%	14,628	66.8%
Sutherland	2,039	13.7%	1,586	14.0%	19	15.1%	3,644	13.9%
Tamworth	82	0.9%	101	1.6%	0	0.0%	183	1.2%
Taree	219	2.0%	106	1.4%	0	-	325	1.7%
Tweed Heads/Ballina	249	2.6%	182	2.5%	0	-	431	2.6%
Wagga Wagga	147	1.9%	117	2.2%	0	-	264	2.0%
Wollongong	2,331	17.8%	2,034	21.5%	22	14.5%	4,387	19.3%
State	96,382	21.3%	73,769	23.2%	917	24.0%	171,068	22.1%

**Table 2. Enrolments of Students of Non English Speaking Background
by District and Year of Schooling, Term 1 1998**

District	Primary									SSP
	Kinder	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Support	Total	Total
Albury	26	21	23	21	21	13	8	1	134	7
Armidale	24	20	24	20	13	23	13	2	139	0
Bankstown	1,006	969	897	888	924	876	825	119	6,504	44
Batemans Bay	32	25	37	32	15	14	18	0	173	1
Bathurst	35	16	21	16	20	11	23	1	143	0
Blacktown	326	323	303	327	326	300	314	40	2,259	5
Bondi	705	690	602	673	631	612	625	71	4,609	12
Broken Hill	4	3	7	3	1	6	7	0	31	0
Campbelltown	503	529	538	493	483	484	480	50	3,560	40
Central Coast	160	171	188	184	174	154	176	11	1,218	24
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	47	40	52	53	55	46	40	2	335	0
Deniliquin	14	8	8	8	7	11	7	0	63	0
Dubbo	16	22	21	18	15	12	18	4	126	0
Fairfield	1,853	1,796	1,646	1,675	1,751	1,659	1,621	111	12,112	101
Granville	1,755	1,564	1,553	1,483	1,535	1,490	1,467	150	10,997	138
Griffith	54	57	57	45	37	28	38	7	323	12
Hornsby	569	574	561	545	554	610	588	6	4,007	51
Lake Macquarie	72	91	72	87	57	60	56	3	498	1
Lismore	33	17	18	20	14	18	17	0	137	0
Liverpool	1,220	1,173	1,172	1,108	1,060	1,060	1,021	78	7,892	174
Maitland	36	20	32	41	24	15	20	0	188	0
Moree	7	8	7	15	10	9	6	0	62	0
Mount Druitt	790	732	813	774	745	777	752	56	5,439	39
Newcastle	177	138	129	138	110	119	133	6	950	4
Northern Beaches	485	463	472	390	371	422	392	20	3,015	11
Orange	18	22	18	18	13	14	9	0	112	1
Parramatta	828	807	869	695	735	694	739	69	5,436	65
Penrith	228	186	197	180	172	177	177	20	1,337	31
Port Jackson	853	761	715	686	687	646	700	48	5,096	6
Port Macquarie	14	15	21	10	15	15	12	1	103	0
Queanbeyan	99	83	65	74	80	70	62	0	533	0
Ryde	737	798	707	716	709	640	671	40	5,018	18
Shellharbour	164	161	159	152	131	142	133	6	1,048	5
St George	1,206	1,144	1,136	1,065	1,004	1,015	1,043	105	7,718	86
Sutherland	274	329	295	292	291	273	265	20	2,039	19
Tamworth	16	14	11	9	15	8	9	0	82	0
Taree	42	44	36	33	22	22	18	2	219	0
Tweed Heads/Ballina	50	34	40	22	40	31	30	2	249	0
Wagga Wagga	23	17	19	20	21	24	20	3	147	0
Wollongong	329	372	333	339	282	340	315	21	2,331	22
State	14,830	14,257	13,874	13,368	13,170	12,940	12,868	1,075	96,382	917
As % of Enrolment	22.5%	21.7%	21.1%	20.9%	21.2%	21.2%	21.0%	15.2%	21.3%	24.0%

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**Table 2. Enrolments of Students of Non English Speaking Background
by District and Year of Schooling, Term 1 1998 (continued)**

District	Secondary								District	As % of
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Support	Total	Total	District
Albury	11	20	19	27	23	16	0	116	257	2.2%
Armidale	33	22	25	24	21	18	0	143	282	2.7%
Bankstown	706	744	783	915	783	657	300	4,888	11,436	53.8%
Batemans Bay	37	29	43	18	20	13	2	162	336	2.2%
Bathurst	22	28	22	14	19	19	1	125	268	2.3%
Blacktown	251	290	293	281	258	188	14	1,575	3,839	17.7%
Bondi	588	705	645	664	647	620	38	3,907	8,528	48.1%
Broken Hill	5	8	4	4	4	3	3	31	62	1.0%
Campbelltown	397	449	470	450	333	272	38	2,409	6,009	18.8%
Central Coast	198	189	228	235	165	142	26	1,183	2,425	7.5%
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	44	30	48	36	37	38	1	234	569	3.0%
Deniliquin	7	14	9	9	5	4	0	48	111	2.0%
Dubbo	17	17	10	8	6	9	0	67	193	1.5%
Fairfield	1,504	1,638	1,852	1,941	1,805	1,502	576	10,818	23,031	72.2%
Granville	987	1,051	1,143	1,111	984	904	112	6,292	17,427	77.8%
Griffith	51	55	59	45	30	18	1	259	594	7.1%
Hornsby	597	625	643	683	619	580	0	3,747	7,805	28.0%
Lake Macquarie	71	57	63	61	38	32	4	326	825	2.9%
Lismore	24	26	34	20	23	14	0	141	278	2.2%
Liverpool	949	930	998	857	770	582	190	5,276	13,342	46.2%
Maitland	27	37	30	24	19	23	1	161	349	1.9%
Moree	9	8	9	9	2	12	0	49	111	1.5%
Mount Druitt	513	526	563	564	502	421	175	3,264	8,742	30.4%
Newcastle	129	129	141	178	126	106	3	812	1,766	7.6%
Northern Beaches	357	400	394	434	402	354	16	2,357	5,383	21.0%
Orange	19	13	25	13	20	22	1	113	226	1.8%
Parramatta	857	882	828	811	673	659	69	4,779	10,280	40.6%
Penrith	184	167	193	141	112	96	12	905	2,273	8.9%
Port Jackson	518	559	597	645	672	546	390	3,927	9,029	51.1%
Port Macquarie	18	14	15	16	8	12	4	87	190	1.3%
Queanbeyan	60	48	57	50	29	36	1	281	814	6.6%
Ryde	475	582	554	601	643	535	279	3,669	8,705	35.3%
Shellharbour	116	132	139	118	85	73	5	668	1,721	6.9%
St George	1,021	1,140	1,206	1,186	1,104	1,030	137	6,824	14,628	66.8%
Sutherland	253	296	293	274	222	240	8	1,586	3,644	13.9%
Tamworth	20	11	28	13	17	11	1	101	183	1.2%
Taree	18	19	22	11	20	12	4	106	325	1.7%
Tweed Heads/Ballina	40	23	35	26	42	16	0	182	431	2.6%
Wagga Wagga	17	23	13	20	20	23	1	117	264	2.0%
Wollongong	307	273	361	378	323	305	87	2,034	4,387	19.3%
State	11,457	12,209	12,894	12,915	11,631	10,163	2,500	73,769	171,068	22.1%
As % of Enrolment	20.6%	21.5%	22.7%	23.0%	24.3%	27.0%	34.1%	23.2%	22.1%	

**Table 3. Enrolments of Students of Non English Speaking Background
by Language and Level of Schooling, Term 1 1998**

Language	Primary		Secondary		SSP		Total	
	Students	As % of Total NESB	Students	As % of Total NESB	Students	As % of Total NESB	Students	As % of Total NESB
Arabic	13,358	13.9%	10,526	14.3%	267	29.1%	24,151	14.1%
Chinese	14,771	15.3%	12,183	16.5%	67	7.3%	27,021	15.8%
Croatian	1,425	1.5%	1,136	1.5%	22	2.4%	2,583	1.5%
Dutch	926	1.0%	719	1.0%	5	0.5%	1,650	1.0%
Farsi	1,285	1.3%	1,222	1.7%	10	1.1%	2,517	1.5%
Fijian	888	0.9%	630	0.9%	10	1.1%	1,528	0.9%
French	1,435	1.5%	967	1.3%	4	0.4%	2,406	1.4%
German	1,861	1.9%	1,470	2.0%	7	0.8%	3,338	2.0%
Greek	5,277	5.5%	3,530	4.8%	46	5.0%	8,853	5.2%
Hindi	3,419	3.5%	2,368	3.2%	22	2.4%	5,809	3.4%
Indonesian	1,118	1.2%	906	1.2%	9	1.0%	2,033	1.2%
Italian	4,760	4.9%	2,912	3.9%	61	6.7%	7,733	4.5%
Japanese	830	0.9%	530	0.7%	2	0.2%	1,362	0.8%
Khmer	1,173	1.2%	1,242	1.7%	8	0.9%	2,423	1.4%
Korean	2,174	2.3%	2,117	2.9%	4	0.4%	4,295	2.5%
Lao	659	0.7%	516	0.7%	10	1.1%	1,185	0.7%
Macedonian	2,768	2.9%	2,469	3.3%	22	2.4%	5,259	3.1%
Malay	288	0.3%	166	0.2%	3	0.3%	457	0.3%
Maltese	1,325	1.4%	987	1.3%	21	2.3%	2,333	1.4%
Polish	977	1.0%	937	1.3%	6	0.7%	1,920	1.1%
Portuguese	932	1.0%	746	1.0%	14	1.5%	1,692	1.0%
Punjabi	684	0.7%	410	0.6%	4	0.4%	1,098	0.6%
Russian	842	0.9%	766	1.0%	4	0.4%	1,612	0.9%
Samoan	2,564	2.7%	1,281	1.7%	12	1.3%	3,857	2.3%
Serbian	2,078	2.2%	1,677	2.3%	7	0.8%	3,762	2.2%
Sinhalese	523	0.5%	342	0.5%	3	0.3%	868	0.5%
Slovenian	129	0.1%	115	0.2%	3	0.3%	247	0.1%
Spanish	3,484	3.6%	2,794	3.8%	41	4.5%	6,319	3.7%
Tagalog	3,576	3.7%	2,667	3.6%	36	3.9%	6,279	3.7%
Tamil	1,110	1.2%	737	1.0%	8	0.9%	1,855	1.1%
Tongan	1,736	1.8%	840	1.1%	26	2.8%	2,602	1.5%
Turkish	2,566	2.7%	1,819	2.5%	29	3.2%	4,414	2.6%
Urdu	689	0.7%	453	0.6%	5	0.5%	1,147	0.7%
Vietnamese	5,487	5.7%	5,312	7.2%	63	6.9%	10,862	6.3%
Others	9,265	9.6%	6,277	8.5%	56	6.1%	15,598	9.1%
Total NESB	96,382	100.0%	73,769	100.0%	917	100.0%	171,068	100.0%

**Table 4. Enrolments of Students of Non English Speaking Background
by District and Language, Term 1 1998**

District	Arabic	Chinese	Croatian	Dutch	Farsi	Fijian	French	German	Greek	Hindi	Indonesian	Italian
Albury	36	11	2	14	2	7	5	21	18	12	0	12
Armidale	4	34	0	11	3	4	18	21	2	1	16	12
Bankstown	4,515	1,317	87	18	28	105	70	66	881	224	71	305
Batemans Bay	9	21	11	15	0	4	25	59	17	3	10	37
Bathurst	38	21	2	9	0	1	10	20	9	6	5	20
Blacktown	332	299	115	52	97	14	64	78	153	292	24	150
Bondi	347	1,641	55	54	117	52	191	167	699	192	335	183
Broken Hill	4	1	3	0	0	3	6	0	1	1	0	19
Campbelltown	877	237	158	104	71	146	132	195	136	255	51	358
Central Coast	111	104	28	184	18	36	154	240	90	33	45	204
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	23	29	7	44	0	9	27	60	7	16	5	30
Deniliquin	0	13	0	2	0	0	0	6	5	0	0	38
Dubbo	30	23	0	3	2	2	2	8	6	9	0	8
Fairfield	2,146	3,952	561	39	180	100	75	90	369	315	75	972
Granville	5,644	3,205	72	14	148	152	36	39	459	511	135	360
Griffith	5	9	4	2	2	37	0	10	2	10	2	261
Hornsby	327	2,980	84	123	322	11	168	187	123	310	98	367
Lake Macquarie	49	48	29	30	0	10	20	60	34	16	15	51
Lismore	6	6	4	14	0	2	19	71	3	23	12	29
Liverpool	2,094	1,029	230	44	62	108	107	106	375	1,023	62	754
Maitland	19	39	5	9	0	0	8	31	8	9	1	18
Moree	0	12	4	1	1	1	5	11	11	3	0	3
Mount Druitt	849	266	248	55	163	140	78	88	261	667	79	220
Newcastle	17	150	51	29	7	8	57	96	162	23	12	121
Northern Beaches	163	884	102	161	130	33	254	268	194	84	110	462
Orange	12	12	3	4	3	11	5	17	11	1	2	17
Parramatta	1,288	2,244	125	44	581	135	98	107	321	714	87	261
Penrith	205	130	37	83	29	21	50	113	118	102	22	153
Port Jackson	700	1,725	58	45	40	123	123	104	645	210	246	575
Port Macquarie	3	16	1	10	0	2	12	30	5	11	7	10
Queanbeyan	28	27	29	24	2	8	11	54	34	8	16	90
Ryde	284	2,651	69	111	395	28	235	247	267	259	144	348
Shellharbour	45	62	49	57	4	7	37	154	126	11	6	162
St George	3,183	3,027	149	22	41	175	83	73	2,495	316	202	386
Sutherland	406	558	60	87	13	13	109	138	562	87	81	292
Tamworth	10	27	10	8	4	3	8	11	3	0	0	5
Taree	12	23	13	12	0	2	29	36	9	4	4	27
Tweed Heads/Ballina	9	26	5	21	3	1	36	67	8	5	10	20
Wagga Wagga	57	15	0	18	2	3	10	15	18	7	5	8
Wollongong	264	147	113	73	47	11	29	174	206	36	38	385
State Totals	24,151	27,021	2,583	1,650	2,517	1,528	2,406	3,338	8,853	5,809	2,033	7,733
As % of Total NESB	14.1%	15.8%	1.5%	1.0%	1.5%	0.9%	1.4%	2.0%	5.2%	3.4%	1.2%	4.5%

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**Table 4. Enrolments of Students of Non English Speaking Background
by District and Language, Term 1 1998 (continued)**

District	Japanese	Khmer	Korean	Lao	Macedonian	Malay	Maltese	Polish	Portuguese	Punjabi	Russian	Samoan
Albury	4	2	0	31	0	0	2	11	1	0	1	0
Armidale	13	2	1	0	0	2	3	6	3	1	6	0
Bankstown	29	77	156	14	541	16	40	77	39	29	38	230
Batemans Bay	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	14	5	0	3	0
Bathurst	3	1	2	0	2	0	3	4	0	0	3	5
Blacktown	10	3	73	4	49	17	380	51	11	125	12	97
Bondi	112	9	299	7	26	74	58	148	114	14	594	32
Broken Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Campbelltown	14	146	6	227	55	10	157	94	57	15	48	577
Central Coast	41	3	13	3	10	17	87	50	17	2	40	26
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	6	0	0	0	1	2	2	5	1	179	0	1
Deniliquin	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0
Dubbo	2	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Fairfield	11	1,675	52	433	427	17	301	127	87	11	110	278
Granville	26	22	710	31	204	22	27	37	68	91	64	497
Griffith	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	61	0	24
Hornsby	62	6	576	1	15	54	37	135	37	49	97	9
Lake Macquarie	13	3	1	2	28	6	23	20	8	2	9	67
Lismore	4	0	2	1	0	0	3	11	2	5	0	0
Liverpool	9	367	30	333	251	12	166	239	149	70	50	547
Maitland	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	21	5	2	0	25
Moree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Mount Druitt	3	20	39	11	43	13	368	93	74	105	32	929
Newcastle	17	0	14	2	349	7	7	41	5	1	18	46
Northern Beaches	355	4	209	5	32	25	3	101	29	34	40	32
Orange	5	0	5	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	23	0
Parramatta	29	9	557	8	26	40	180	137	28	88	74	91
Penrith	17	6	8	2	18	9	124	54	20	50	21	57
Port Jackson	75	34	280	6	226	16	32	99	391	13	57	82
Port Macquarie	3	2	0	0	2	3	2	5	4	2	1	0
Queanbeyan	1	0	4	1	225	0	18	16	9	1	8	11
Ryde	367	10	895	19	26	39	22	147	49	32	107	20
Shellharbour	7	1	0	10	295	2	41	25	64	0	4	1
St George	40	11	280	14	1,213	24	71	38	190	27	60	126
Sutherland	33	7	43	2	187	25	64	43	47	8	67	9
Tamworth	10	0	0	7	0	0	7	2	0	5	6	0
Taree	3	0	1	0	9	1	2	7	10	0	0	13
Tweed Heads/Ballina	13	0	2	2	0	1	1	2	4	70	2	2
Wagga Wagga	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	4	0	6
Wollongong	15	2	33	9	995	3	77	53	162	0	14	17
State	1,362	2,423	4,295	1,185	5,259	457	2,333	1,920	1,692	1,098	1,612	3,857
As % of Total NESB	0.8%	1.4%	2.5%	0.7%	3.1%	0.3%	1.4%	1.1%	1.0%	0.6%	0.9%	2.3%

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**Table 4. Enrolments of Students of Non English Speaking Background
by District and Language, Term 1 1998 (continued)**

District	Serbian	Sinhalese	Slovenian	Spanish	Tagalog	Tamil	Tongan	Turkish	Urdu	Vietnamese	Others	Total
Albury	5	1	0	8	22	0	0	0	0	0	29	257
Armidale	0	5	0	7	21	5	0	0	9	6	66	282
Bankstown	81	15	7	200	188	10	90	87	54	1,233	498	11,436
Batemans Bay	2	0	0	10	14	1	7	1	0	1	55	336
Bathurst	12	1	1	15	20	3	2	5	12	2	31	268
Blacktown	64	43	5	92	320	54	82	157	73	24	423	3,839
Bondi	168	66	11	475	247	81	132	319	47	182	1,280	8,528
Broken Hill	0	2	0	1	4	1	6	1	0	2	7	62
Campbelltown	86	27	22	439	325	22	139	78	34	118	593	6,009
Central Coast	42	1	4	137	172	8	37	13	7	21	427	2,425
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	1	0	2	22	34	1	2	1	0	2	50	569
Deniliquin	0	7	0	0	5	2	17	1	0	0	11	111
Dubbo	0	4	0	9	15	8	2	4	1	1	48	193
Fairfield	969	23	22	1,277	369	65	178	567	24	4,684	2,450	23,031
Granville	89	44	6	217	336	556	424	1,071	210	1,075	825	17,427
Griffith	0	1	0	27	13	1	74	24	1	0	16	594
Hornsby	38	162	17	169	156	162	46	56	64	57	700	7,805
Lake Macquarie	18	2	2	43	36	2	13	1	19	6	139	825
Lismore	0	0	0	11	10	0	0	0	0	0	40	278
Liverpool	743	27	24	823	471	71	127	207	128	1,250	1,254	13,342
Maitland	10	0	3	8	47	0	6	0	4	6	56	349
Moree	5	1	0	6	6	1	0	0	7	0	29	111
Mount Druitt	99	70	16	377	1,371	113	401	390	132	157	772	8,742
Newcastle	70	12	2	57	98	14	10	27	1	40	195	1,766
Northern Beaches	279	5	7	169	193	19	207	27	8	33	722	5,383
Orange	1	4	1	8	26	1	4	0	0	0	46	226
Parramatta	111	141	12	265	415	314	106	485	109	183	867	10,280
Penrith	56	28	5	127	169	28	21	41	16	22	311	2,273
Port Jackson	127	14	6	263	275	65	244	234	42	1,086	768	9,029
Port Macquarie	0	0	0	11	16	0	0	8	0	0	24	190
Queanbeyan	39	7	6	25	10	0	6	3	2	8	83	814
Ryde	118	97	22	197	196	160	47	56	43	74	924	8,705
Shellharbour	58	7	3	173	72	3	5	72	4	15	139	1,721
St George	166	22	15	259	297	63	101	147	67	409	836	14,628
Sutherland	45	9	6	148	81	10	31	44	10	37	282	3,644
Tamworth	0	2	0	1	15	1	0	2	3	1	32	183
Taree	1	2	0	16	26	0	2	2	1	2	56	325
Tweed Heads/Ballina	4	0	2	13	33	0	2	6	3	5	53	431
Wagga Wagga	3	2	2	11	8	4	4	4	0	6	41	264
Wollongong	252	14	16	203	147	6	27	273	12	114	420	4,387
State	3,762	868	247	6,319	6,279	1,855	2,602	4,414	1,147	10,862	15,598	171,068
As % of Total NESB	2.2%	0.5%	0.1%	3.7%	3.7%	1.1%	1.5%	2.6%	0.7%	6.3%	9.1%	100.0%

Table 5. Enrolments of Preschool Students of Non English Speaking Background by Language, Term 1 1998

Language	Preschool Students		As % of
	Students	FTE	Total NESB
Arabic	303	159.9	20.3%
Chinese	236	121.7	15.4%
Croatian	12	5.9	0.7%
Dutch	7	3.3	0.4%
Farsi	9	4.6	0.6%
Fijian	13	7.4	0.9%
French	13	6.5	0.8%
German	10	3.2	0.4%
Greek	39	21.2	2.7%
Hindi	47	25.3	3.2%
Indonesian	20	9.5	1.2%
Italian	72	40.7	5.2%
Japanese	3	2.6	0.3%
Khmer	11	5.3	0.7%
Korean	13	5.9	0.7%
Lao	5	2.4	0.3%
Macedonian	30	15.4	2.0%
Malay	2	0.7	0.1%
Maltese	19	9.5	1.2%
Polish	7	3.7	0.5%
Portuguese	17	10.5	1.3%
Punjabi	6	3.4	0.4%
Russian	2	0.7	0.1%
Samoan	57	32.6	4.1%
Serbian	12	6.5	0.8%
Sinhalese	11	5.3	0.7%
Slovenian	3	1.0	0.1%
Spanish	52	27.1	3.4%
Tagalog	92	50.0	6.3%
Tamil	8	4.0	0.5%
Tongan	22	10.6	1.3%
Turkish	29	15.8	2.0%
Urdu	6	4.0	0.5%
Vietnamese	250	128.0	16.2%
Others	69	34.5	4.4%
Total NESB	1,507	788.7	100.0%
NESB as % of Enrolment		36.1%	

Figure 1. Percentage of Students of Non-English Speaking Background by District, Term 1 1998

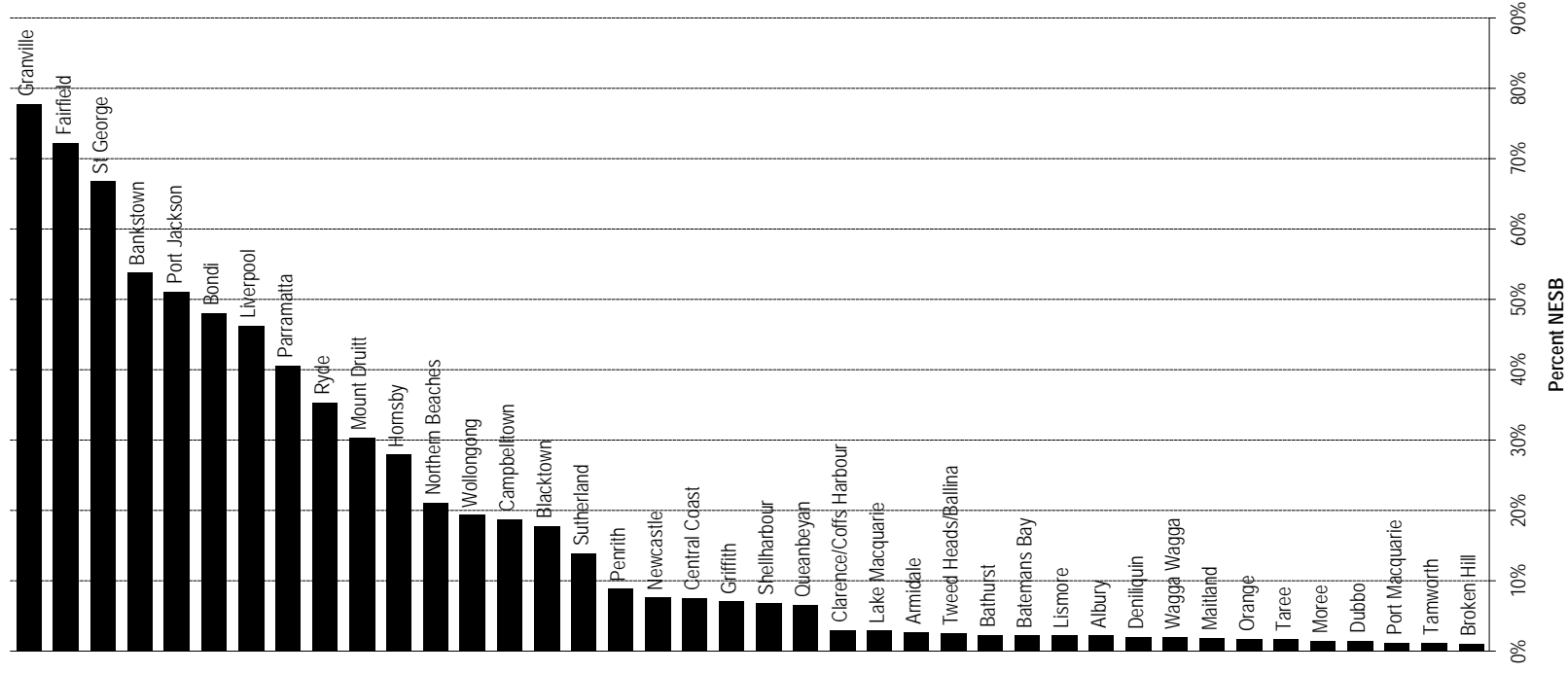
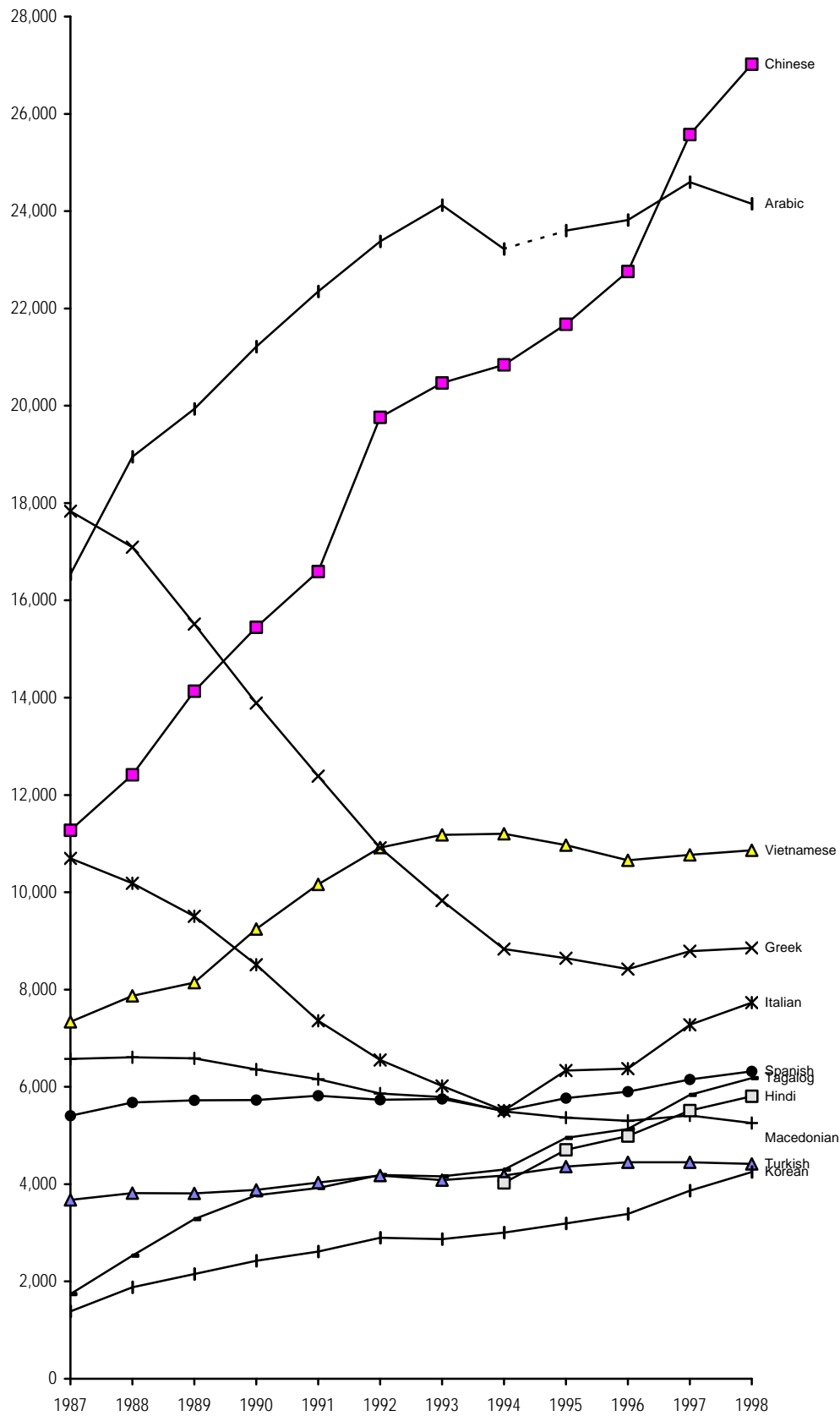


Figure 2. Students of Non-English Speaking Background, 1987-1998:
Selected Language Backgrounds



Notes: Hindi was first reported as a separate language in 1994.

Farsi was included with Arabic until 1993; it has been reported as a separate language since 1994.