

# FACT SHEET

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## *Changes in position of countries relative to Australia: Results of TIMSS 2002/03*

### Year 4 Mathematics

- England and Cyprus were behind Australia in 1994/95 and are now ahead
- The United States and Hungary were even with Australia in 1994/95 and are now ahead
- New Zealand and Scotland were behind Australia in 1994/95 and are now even with Australia

### Year 4 Science

- Hong Kong SAR and Latvia were behind Australia in 1994/95 and are now ahead
- Singapore, England and United States were even with Australia in 1994/95 and are now ahead
- New Zealand and Hungary were behind Australia in 1994/95 and are now even with Australia

### Year 8 Mathematics

- The Netherlands and Hungary were even with Australia in 1994/95 and are now ahead
- The USA, Latvia, Lithuania, Scotland, England and New Zealand were behind Australia in 1994/95 and are now even with Australia

### Year 8 Science

- Hong Kong SAR was behind Australia in 1994/95 and is now ahead of Australia
- England and Hungary were even with Australia in 1994/95 and are now ahead
- New Zealand and Lithuania were behind Australia in 1994/95 and are now even with Australia

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