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## Year 12 results show more students achieving their SACE

More students than ever before have achieved their South Australian Certificate of Education, with the number of graduates up more than 1,000 on last year.

Results data released today by the SACE Board shows 13,404 students completed the SACE this year, up from 12,311 in 2011.

The proportion of Year 12 students who achieved their SACE was also the highest ever, with 92.2 per cent successfully completing, up from 91.6 per cent last year.

A total of 11,497 students gained an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank, meaning they can use their SACE towards university entry, increasing from 10,578 in 2011.

More Aboriginal students achieved their SACE this year – 180 Indigenous students received their certificate, compared to 145 last year.

The Aboriginal SACE completion rate also increased, reaching 84.5 per cent – the highest recorded to date – up from 84.3 per cent in 2011.

SACE Board Chief Executive Dr Paul Kilvert said this year's SACE results are outstanding in a number of areas.

“It's extremely pleasing to see 1,093 more students successfully achieving their SACE this year,” he said.

“Students have met rigorous assessment standards, as well as developing skills for work, life, and further learning, such as how to plan and how to communicate.

“Students and their teachers have worked hard throughout the year to achieve these results and they are to be congratulated.

“Students should feel proud of what they have achieved and enjoy a well-deserved break over the festive season.

“Those students who haven't done as well as they hoped should stay positive as there are still options open to them.”

Results will be available online from 8am on Wednesday 19 December on the SACE website [www.sace.sa.edu.au](http://www.sace.sa.edu.au) as well as being posted to students.

Students will receive their Tertiary Entrance Statement and supporting information from SATAC in a separate envelope.

Further information and support relating to SACE results is available on the SACE website, in an information sheet included with results envelopes, or by calling the Results Enquiry Line on (08) 8373 0599 or for country students 1800 652 230.

### **Snapshot of 2012 SACE results in SA**

- 13,404 students achieved their SACE – compared to 12,311 last year (an increase of 1,093 students)
- The SACE completion rate was 92.2 per cent in 2012 – compared to 91.6 per cent in 2011
- 11,497 students have received an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) – compared to 10,578 last year (an increase of 919 students)
- The proportion of students who gained an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank for entry into universities was steady at 85.8 per cent, compared with 85.9 per cent last year.
- Of the students to complete their SACE, 6,106 were male and 7,298 were female
- Boys' achievement in the SACE has improved:
  - 275 boys received one or more merits in 2012 compared to 235 in 2011 (an increase to 35.7 per cent from 32.3 per cent of merit winners)
  - 6106 boys completed the SACE in 2012 compared to 5484 in 2011 (an increase in male completion rates to 89.6 per cent from 88.7 per cent)
  - 5043 boys achieved an ATAR in 2012 compared to 4472 in 2011. (an increase to 82.6 per cent from 81.5 per cent of males who completed the SACE).
- 770 students, 275 boys and 495 girls, achieved a total of 1013 subject merits.
- 25 students will be awarded a Governor of South Australia Commendation, for outstanding overall achievement, at the SACE Merit Ceremony on 12 February 2013.
- 5,030 students completed their SACE with a Vocational Education and Training (VET) component, compared to 4,612 last year
- The percentage of students passing their Research Project increased to 96.7 per cent from 94 per cent in 2011.