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Year 12 students prepare to check their SACE results

More than 14,000 South Australian Year 12s will be able to log on to the SACE website from 8.30am this morning to view their final grades, with new records being set in a number of areas.

SACE Board Chief Executive, Dr Neil McGoran, said SACE data showed a record 11,874 students gained an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) for entry into universities – up from 11,741 the previous year.

“A further highlight is the achievement among Aboriginal students, with 292 completing their SACE – up from 253 in 2014 – the highest ever number.

“We know that completing the SACE provides strong benefits to young people throughout their lives, in further education, employment and other opportunities, so it is heartening to see so many indigenous students rise to the challenge with the support of their teachers and communities.

“We look forward to continuing to support their efforts through such initiatives as the annual SACE Aboriginal Student Pathways Conference which enables Year 10, 11, and 12 students to explore their study, training, and employment pathways.”

Dr McGoran said another group of students to excel in 2015 were those undertaking modified subjects.

“A record number of students completed the SACE by studying at least one modified subject – 219 compared to 128 last year – a significant 71 per cent increase,” she said.

“These subjects allow students with intellectual disabilities to develop their capabilities, and work to achieve their personal learning goals. South Australia is the only state where students studying modified subjects can access the senior secondary certificate in this way.”

Dr McGoran said that this year, for the first time, the SACE Board was separating printed and electronic information to allow students earlier access to their results.

“This will ensure students receive their results as early as possible, providing more time for them, their families, and schools to access any necessary support and clarification prior to Christmas.

Dr McGoran said the SACE Board was prepared for a surge in online visitors from this morning (Tuesday 15 December).

“The earlier release of results online keeps pace with current and future demand in smartphone and tablet usage,” Dr McGoran said.

“The increase in people using mobile devices was clearly illustrated on the day SACE results were released last year, with 13,740 people accessing the SACE website via a smartphone or tablet – compared to just over 3000 in 2011.

“These improvements are in line with our commitment to developing online services that meet the needs of South Australian students, families and teachers,” Dr McGoran added.

Further information and support relating to SACE results is available on the SACE website. Specific queries can be answered via the SACE Board’s Results Enquiry Line on (08) 8373 0599 or for country students on 1800 652 230.