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Exams begin in South Australia

Almost 14,000 SACE students across South Australia are preparing to take the final step in their secondary studies with the start of Stage 2 written exams.

The six week exam period for 2017 begins tomorrow (Tuesday 17 October) with Japanese (beginners) while the first major written exam starts on Monday 6 November with Biology.

A total of 10,468 students in metropolitan Adelaide will sit at least one Stage 2 examined subject and a further 3,427 students from regional South Australia.

SACE students from nine schools in Malaysia, China and Vietnam will also be sitting some of the Stage 2 written exams.

The final two exams will be Australian and International Politics, and Musical Styles, on Wednesday 22 November.

The top ten most popular examination subjects for 2017 in South Australia are:

- 1. General Mathematics 4,188
- 2. Biology 3,645
- 3. Mathematical Methods 3,024
- 4. Physical Education 2,463
- 5. Psychology 2,420
- 6. Chemistry -2,276
- 7. English Literary Studies 2,177
- 8. Physics 1,915
- 9. Essential Mathematics 1,512
- **10. Modern History 1,452**

SACE Board of SA Acting Chief Executive Jan Raymond wishes all students the best for the exam period.

"Students sitting written examinations are on the home stretch of their secondary studies, with 70% of their assessment in each subject already completed," she said.

"We want students to succeed and achieve their desired result so it's important that they remain positive, focused and use the support of their friends, family and teachers over the next six weeks.

"Students need to look after their health, including eating and sleeping well and using their support network to discuss any concerns.

"The SACE Board website is a great resource for students to visit for past exam papers, study tips, and access the full examination timetable."