

Monday 7 November 2016

## Major exam period begins in South Australia

Nearly 1800 students are due to sit their South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) English Studies examination today – the first major written exam of the final assessment period for many Year 12s.

Other major subjects being examined this week include Physics (tomorrow – 8 November), Mathematical Applications and Mathematical Studies (Thursday 10 November) and Legal Studies (Friday 11 November).

Overall, 13,372 students will sit at least one Stage 2 SACE examined subject over the next two and a half weeks, including 3254 in regional areas.

The major written exam phase will begin on Monday November 7, with English Studies and English as Second Language Studies.

The final two exams will be Australian and International Politics, and Musical Styles, on Wednesday 23 November.

**SACE Board data reveals the overall top ten most popular examination subjects in South Australia for 2016 are:**

1. **Mathematical Applications – 4405**
2. **Biology – 3363**
3. **Mathematical Studies – 2855**
4. **Physical Education – 2390**
5. **Psychology – 2341**
6. **Chemistry – 2279**
7. **Physics – 1946**
8. **English Studies – 1796**
9. **Modern History – 1395**
10. **Mathematical Methods - 966**

The most popular full-year Stage 2 subject combinations are:

1 – Chemistry	Mathematical Studies	Specialist Mathematics	Physics
2 – Chemistry	English Communications	Mathematical Studies	Physics
3 – Biology	Chemistry	English Communications	Mathematical Studies
4 – English Communications	Mathematical Studies	Specialist Mathematics	Physics
5 – Biology	Chemistry	Mathematical Studies	Physics



SACE Board Chief Executive, Dr Neil McGoran, wished students well for their final weeks of school.

“Whichever combination of subjects, vocational courses, and other study options students may choose, they can be confident they are working towards a high quality, internationally-recognised qualification,” Dr McGoran said.

“They also embark on these final two weeks knowing a significant proportion of the work has been done, with 70 per cent of each Stage 2 subject being school assessed.”

Dr McGoran encourages students to visit the SACE website to access past exam papers and assessment reports. The website also features study tips and links to help and counselling services.

“Past exam papers will give students an indication of the different types of examination questions,” Dr McGoran said.

“It could also be useful to work with friends to write, check and/or compare answers.

“It’s also important that students familiarise themselves with exam conditions and instructions, which are printed on the 2016 exam cover pages, and also carefully read the information, rules and schedule printed on their exam attendance slip.”

Students will be able to view their SACE Results from 8.30am on Tuesday 20 December, as well as their SATAC Tertiary Entrance Statement (if eligible) in *Students Online*. It is expected students will receive their official documents in the post on results release day.

The SACE Board’s Students Online system has undergone some changes to enhance and simplify the student’s experience on results release day.

The primary purpose of these changes is to support the student to very easily and quickly view his/her SACE results and SATAC Tertiary Entrance Statement (if eligible).

“Students should log in well before results release day to confirm that their login details and their personal details, including their postal address for the posting of their hard copy results, are correct,” said Dr McGoran.

“They should also take some time to familiarise themselves with the pages that they will view on results release day.”

A flyer explaining how students can access their SACE results, and reset their PIN if they have forgotten, can be accessed on the [SACE website](#).

Students having trouble logging in, can contact the Support Team on +61 8 8372 7412 or email [SACE.StudentsOnlineSupport@sa.gov.au](mailto:SACE.StudentsOnlineSupport@sa.gov.au).