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SACE exams finish and wait for results begins

Today is the last day of exams for the State's Year 12 students – and the wait begins for South Australian Certificate of Education results, due Thursday 19 December.

By the end of the day, more than 13,000 students will have undertaken 60 different SACE exams at 198 examination centres across the State.

While the pressure will soon be off for students, there is still a lot of work to be carried out by more than 2,000 SACE Board assessors who review student work and ensure grades are fair and consistent.

SACE Board Chief Executive Dr Neil McGoran has thanked the assessors, many of whom are teachers, for their dedication and commitment.

"We're very grateful for our partnership with schools and to the hundreds of teachers who give up their time to check students' end-of year assessments and exam papers," Dr McGoran said.

"This vital quality assurance process ensures grades are applied consistently and fairly against the performance standards in each subject and are comparable across all schools."

Dr McGoran said all students deserve to take a well-earned break to relax with family and friends.

Some of the final students to sit an exam this year are Brighton Secondary School students Esther Gigger and Jacob Whitelock, who are amongst the 230 students sitting the Musicianship exam this afternoon.

Jacob has been accepted to study jazz at the University of Adelaide's Conservatorium of Music next year, and is also preparing to write a musical score for an Adelaide Fringe production.

"This is an area I'd like to explore further, and I'm very excited to have received an offer to work as a composer-in-residence for a local theatre group,' Jacob said.

In two days, Esther is due to fly out with the Brighton Secondary School Concert Choir for a three-week singing tour of China and Europe.

"A highlight will be singing at the school in Leipzig, where Bach once taught," Esther said.

Year 12 student check-list between now and December 19

Check you can log in to 'Students Online' on the SACE website (www.sace.sa.edu.au)

If necessary request a 'PIN reset' in order to access results online on results day

Check postal address details (for mailing of SACE results) are correct

Relax with family and friends.