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SACE Merit Ceremony postponed

Like many other activities across the country, the 2022 Merit Ceremony has been impacted by the challenges of Omicron.

Yesterday the SACE Board made the difficult decision to delay the 34th SACE Merit Ceremony until later in the year.

SACE Board Chief Executive Professor Martin Westwell acknowledged the news would be disappointing to students and their families and lamented the necessity of such actions.

“This was such a hard decision to make, particularly because the students from the Class of 2021 have already faced disruptions due to COVID throughout their SACE journey. We wanted to make the event happen as they already had to remain resilient so many times and we didn’t want to add another example to the list,” Professor Westwell said.

“However, after careful consideration we felt that postponing the event was the best way to keep students, their families and school community leaders safe.

“With the levels of COVID within the community at this time and with the staggered return to face-to-face teaching within schools, this was the right decision to make.

“I know it doesn’t make the decision any less disappointing for students though.”

The prestigious event to celebrate the outstanding academic achievements of students from the Class of 2021 was originally planned to take place as a face-to-face event at Government House on 10 – 11 February 2022.

Subject merits are awarded to students who gain an overall subject grade of A+ and demonstrate exceptional achievement in that subject.

1,282 subject merits were to be awarded to 1,016 students over 9 sessions across 2 days, including a session acknowledging the students selected for the Governor of South Australia Commendation Awards.

“We remain committed to celebrating the impressive achievements of the merit students from the Class of 2021 as soon as we possibly can,” said Professor Westwell.

“We will be back in touch with better news when we know we can proceed safely. We are looking forward to celebrating with students, their families and school communities then.”

It is expected that the 2022 Merit Ceremony will be rescheduled later in the year.

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