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SACE exams begin Wednesday 16 October 2013

Examinations begin this afternoon for language students, who are the first to sit their final South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) exams this year.

More than 39 languages are available in the SACE and these subjects, including Chinese, French, Indonesian, Japanese and Vietnamese will be examined over the coming weeks. Many of these languages exams will be assessed Australia-wide.

Chinese (background speakers), Italian (continuers) and Japanese (continuers) are the most popular languages according to the number of student enrolments in South Australia this year: (Chinese (background speakers): 147; Italian (continuers): 121, and Japanese (continuers): 120.

Examinations in other subject areas begin on Monday 4 November, with English Studies the first to get underway.

The final two exams – Australian and International Politics, and Musicianship – will be held on November 20.

More than 13,100 students are due to sit at least one exam in South Australia this year. The most popular examined subject is Mathematical Applications, with more than 4,000 South Australian students sitting the exam on Thursday 7 November. Other popular subjects include Biology (3213), Mathematical Studies (2972), Physical Education (2340), Chemistry (2148), Physics (2132), Psychology (1954) and English Studies (1846).

SACE Board acting Chief Executive Jan Raymond has extended her best wishes to all students.

“The examination period is an important time for Year 12 students, providing opportunities for them to demonstrate their learning and the skills they’ve developed over many years at school,” she said.

“The thoughts of teachers, parents, other family members, and friends are with our Year 12 students as they prepare for and sit their exams, and we wish them all the best in their efforts.

“To make it through this busy time, students must look after themselves. Take regular breaks from study, and remember to eat and sleep well, and give yourself time out each day for other activities and to exercise.

“Keep positive and stay motivated. One of the best ways to prepare is to do lots of practice exams under exam conditions.”

The full examination timetable, and useful information including study tips, can be found on the SACE website: www.sace.sa.edu.au

This year’s SACE results will be released on Thursday 19 December.