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Countdown to final Year 12 exams underway for SA students

More than 1000 language students across South Australia are immersing themselves in the final stages of their studies as they become the first Year 12s to sit Stage 2 SACE written exams this year.

Japanese (beginners) and German (beginners) will feature as the first written exams in the SACE, starting Thursday 16 October, with a total of 38 languages being offered this year.

The most popular language choices in 2014 are Japanese (continuers), Chinese (background speakers), Italian (continuers) and German (continuers). Among the range of other languages being examined this year are Vietnamese, Spanish, Hindi and Indonesian.

Overall, more than 13,100 students will sit at least one Stage 2 SACE examined subject during the next two months.

The major written exam phase will begin on Monday November 3 with English Studies. The final two exams - Geography and Musicianship – will be held Wednesday 19 November.

SACE Board data reveals the overall top ten most popular examination subjects for 2014 are:

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| 1 - Mathematical Applications (4219) | 6 - Psychology (2012) |
| 2 - Biology (3294) | 7 - Physics (1933) |
| 3 - Mathematical Studies (2799) | 8 - English Studies (1759) |
| 4 - Physical Education (2422) | 9 - Modern History (1402) |
| 5 - Chemistry (2304) | 10 - Mathematical Methods (1017) |

SACE Board of South Australia Chief Executive, Dr Neil McGoran, said regardless of their subject choices, all South Australian students could be confident they were undertaking a high quality, innovative and internationally-recognised qualification.

“The SACE provides students with the skills and knowledge to succeed in their further studies, the workplace and in the community,” Dr McGoran said.

“While this time of year can be both nerve-wracking and exhilarating, for students a significant amount of the hard work has been completed with 70 per cent of Stage 2 subjects being school assessed.

“For those students undertaking written examinations as the 30 per cent externally assessed component of their SACE subjects, it is important to remain focused and positive to achieve your personal goals.”

Dr McGoran said that as part of exam preparations, it can be helpful to visit the SACE website to access past exam papers. The website also features study tips and help and counselling services.

The full exam timetable and useful study tips can be found on the SACE website at:

www.sace.sa.edu.au

“Importantly, during this crucial external assessment period, students need to pay close attention to their health and tap into their networks, such as family, friends and teachers, to help support and guide them,” Dr McGoran said.

“The SACE Board wishes all students undertaking SACE Stage 2 examinations this year every success,” he added.

This year’s SACE results will be released on Thursday December 18.