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Exams underway in South Australia

More than 1200 language students across South Australia are on the home stretch of their secondary studies as they become the first Year 12s to sit Stage 2 SACE written exams for 2016, commencing with German (beginners) at 1.30pm today.

Overall, 13,372 students will sit at least one Stage 2 SACE examined subject over the next six 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 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

SACE Board of South Australia Chief Executive, Dr Neil McGoran, wishes students the best for the exam period, and says while this is a stressful time, students can take comfort in the fact that much of the hard work has already been done.

"Students undertaking written examinations have already completed 70% of the assessment in each subject," Dr McGoran said.

"Nonetheless, students will still be nervous, so it will be important for them to remain focused and positive, and to have people around them who can offer support and encouragement."

Dr McGoran says the <u>SACE Board website</u> is an excellent resource at this time. Students can access past exam papers, study tips, help and counselling services, as well as the full exam timetable.

"We're here to support students every step of the way: from the moment they begin the SACE to the day they continue on with work, further study or training, having completed an internationallyrecognised qualification."



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