

Thursday 18 December 2014

## Record numbers of South Australian students achieve their SACE

A record 13,985 South Australian students will receive their SACE certificate today – an increase of 427 on the previous year.

The proportion of Year 12 students successfully achieving the SACE was also a record high, growing from 93.4 per cent in 2013 to 94.4 this year.

SACE Board Chief Executive, Dr Neil McGoran, commended students for the record results.

“It’s inspiring to see so many South Australian students striving and succeeding with their studies and they all deserve to be extremely proud of their achievements,” Dr McGoran said.

“Importantly, teachers and high schools across the State deserve a great deal of recognition for supporting students to reach their personal goals during what can be a challenging time.

“And while this is a time of celebration for thousands of students, for those who did not reach their personal goals, I urge them to take comfort in the fact there are other opportunities to pursue their study goals,” he said.

The SACE Board data also reveals that in 2014:

- 250 Aboriginal students completed their SACE – the most ever – up from 238 in 2013
- 1172 Merits were awarded for subjects – an increase from 1117 the previous year
- 11,681 achieved an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank – up from 11,455 in 2013
- More students counted high-end Certificate III VET studies towards their SACE – 1229 students, compared with 1028 in 2013 – a 20 per cent rise.

“It’s encouraging to see more students completing their schooling with job-ready vocational qualifications, as well as meeting SACE literacy and numeracy requirements,” Dr McGoran said.

A record number of students (124 vs 98 last year) completed the SACE with one or more modified subjects, which are offered for students with intellectual disabilities.

“For the 124 students who achieved their learning goals and completed their SACE with modified subjects this year, this is a real personal milestone and I congratulate each of you,” Dr McGoran said.

Results will be available online from 8.30am on Thursday 18 December on the SACE website at [www.sace.sa.edu.au](http://www.sace.sa.edu.au)

Results and certificates are also posted to students’ homes. Eligible students will receive their Tertiary Entrance Statement and supporting SATAC information in a separate envelope.

Further information and support relating to SACE results is available on the SACE website, and in an information booklet included in results envelopes. Specific SACE queries can be answered via the Results Enquiry Line on **(08) 8373 0599** or for country students on **1800 652 230**.

### **SACE Results for 2014: At a Glance**

- 13,985 students achieved their SACE – compared to 13,558 last year – an increase of 427 students.
- The overall completion rate (students who complete the SACE as a proportion of those attempting to complete) increased from 93.4 per cent in 2013 to 94.4 per cent this year.
- 250 Aboriginal students completed their SACE – the most ever – up from 238 in 2013.
- A record number of students completed the SACE who studied at least one modified subject – 124 compared to 98 last year.
- The number of Merits awarded for subjects was 1172, versus 1117 for 2013. The number of students to achieve at least one Merit was 874 compared to 828 the previous year.
- The total number of students who gained an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank for entry into universities was up from 11,455 in 2013 to 11,681 this year.
- Of the students who completed their SACE, 6,441 were male and 7,544 were female – in comparison to 6,291 and 7,267 respectively in 2013.
- 5,697 students completed their SACE with a Vocational Education and Training (VET) component, compared to 5,558 last year.
- 1,229 students achieved a Certificate III VET qualification while achieving their SACE – compared to 1,028 the previous year.
- The total number of students receiving a TAFE SA selection score has risen from 12,531 in 2013 to 12,796 this year.
- 26 students will be awarded a Governor of South Australia Commendation, for outstanding overall achievement, at the SACE Merit Ceremony on 10 February 2015.