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Year 12s down pens for the year as markers and moderators move into overdrive

About 2000 SACE Board assessors have begun the enormous task of marking and moderating student work as the Year 12 written examinations finish up for 2015.

The final Stage 2 South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) exams - Australian History and Musical Styles - were held today (Wednesday 18 November).

About 100,000 pieces of student work are now being marked or moderated, as the approximately 23,000 students across South Australia who undertook at least one Stage 2 (Year 12) subject this year begin the patient wait for their final grades.

SACE Board Chief Executive, Dr McGoran, said the Board was grateful to the hundreds of dedicated teachers who provided their time and effort to appraise student work as part of the end-of-year assessment process.

“These teachers play a key role in upholding the SACE Board’s rigorous quality assurance standards to ensure grades are consistent in each subject and comparable across all schools,” he said.

Dr McGoran said that while markers and moderators moved into top gear, it was time for Year 12s to take a well-deserved break with family and friends before contemplating their future pathways after a challenging and busy year of study.

“Through undertaking the SACE, students can have every confidence they have worked towards a high quality, globally recognised qualification that equips them with the skills they need to succeed in the workplace, further study, and the broader community,” Dr McGoran said.

“This is the fifth group of students to undertake the updated SACE introduced in 2011. Since that time, the qualification has been highly successful in improving excellence and equity among students with more achieving merits in their subjects, many more going on to tertiary studies, and historic rises in achievement among disadvantaged groups.

“Enhancements introduced to the SACE during this time include offering students the option of undertaking comprehensive Vocational Education and Training, a greater focus on literacy and numeracy, and the introduction of the Research Project,” Dr McGoran said.

Students will be able to access their final results earlier this year — from **8.30am Tuesday 15 December** — through *Students Online* (sace.sa.edu.au/students-online). As a result of the separation of electronic results and the delivery of printed certificates and other documentation, students, families, and schools will have more time to access any necessary support and clarification before Christmas.

Official documentation will be posted to students progressively from Tuesday 15 December. Students will also be able to print an unofficial copy of the Record of Achievement directly from *Students Online*.

Given results will be released first electronically, students are requested to log in to *Students Online* as early as possible to avoid any unnecessary delay in accessing results, and to make sure their PIN works prior to the results release day.

For students having trouble logging in, they can contact the Support Team on 8372 7412 or email SACE.StudentsOnlineSupport@sa.gov.au

“The SACE Board wishes all students who have undertaken SACE Stage 2 subjects this year every success,” Dr McGoran added.