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PRESS RELEASE: University Offers for 2017

Good news! Today, thousands of WA students will receive offers from WA's four public universities. Offer information is now available to applicants on TISC's website www.tisc.edu.au a day earlier than originally scheduled.

People who have been made an offer will receive an email from the university concerned either today (Tuesday) or tomorrow (Wednesday). Applicants who have not received an offer in the main round will be notified by TISC.

The number of applications from 2016 WACE students was slightly less than last year (12,420 compared to 12,512 last year). However, there was a slight increase (4.8%) in the number of non-WA Year 12 applications (including interstate and mature-age applicants).

The total number of offers made has decreased by 6.7%. Fewer applicants were successful in securing an offer (81.6% of all applicants, compared to 88.3% last year). Around 89% of 2016 WACE students who applied to university received an offer (93% last year).

A summary of the numbers of applicants and offers is below. Detailed course by course statistics are available at www.tisc.edu.au. Cut off ranks for main round are also on the TISC website.

The Executive Officer of the Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC), Mr Wayne Betts, said that of the 82% of applicants who had received an offer, around 75% had been made a first preference offer (76% last year). Mr Betts said it was expected that most applicants would accept their offer. However, there was an opportunity for students who weren't offered their first preference to reserve that offer through to the second round, and be considered for a higher preference in the second round via a 'safety net' procedure. The 'safety net' was also available to applicants who moved their first preference offer further down their preferences in the hope of being offered something different in second round. Applicants can rearrange preferences or add new courses to their preferences from Wednesday 18 January to Monday 23 January.

There are also still opportunities for anyone who has not yet applied for a university place. Most courses are still open and TISC will take applications until 23 January.

SUMMARY OF UNIVERSITY OFFERS AFTER MAIN ROUND

Applications	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
WACE students	11,741	11,784	8,058	12,512	12,420
Other	7,324	6,356	5,504	5,313	5,570
Total	19,065	18,140	13,562	17,825	17,990

Offers*					
WACE students	10,552	10,857	7,305	11,610	11,036
Other	5,637	4,981	4,255	4,130	3,647
Total	16,189	15,838	11,560	15,740	14,683

Percentage of applicants receiving an offer					
WACE students	89.9%	92.1%	90.7%	92.8%	88.9%
Other	77.0%	78.4%	77.3%	77.8%	65.5%
Total	84.9%	87.3%	85.3%	88.3%	81.6%

* Total offers include 1,773 offers for general university preparation/enabling courses (previously 1792 for 2016, 971 for 2015 and 1250 for 2014) and early offers made through the TISC system.