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EMBARGOED UNTIL WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY 2018 PRESS RELEASE: University Offers for 2018

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.

People who have been made an offer will receive an email from the university concerned. Applicants who have not received an offer in the main round will be notified by TISC.

The number of applications from 2017 WACE students was around the same as last year (12,327 compared to 12,420 last year). However, there was a decrease in the number of non-WA Year 12 applications (including interstate and mature-age applicants) through TISC. Some of these applications are now being handled directly by universities.

The total number of offers made is slightly down on last year, however a higher proportion of applicants were successful in securing an offer (83.1% of all applicants, compared to 81.6% last year). Around 91% of 2016 WACE students who applied to university received an offer (89% 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>About us>Reports and Statistics. Information on the lowest ranks offered a place in courses for main round are also on the TISC website.

Supporting the tertiary sector's efforts to increase transparency in admissions, where selection for Year 12 students was based only on ATAR/Selection Rank, the lowest Selection Rank offered a place in the course (including any university-specific adjustment factors/bonus point) and the lowest ATAR offered a place (excluding any adjustments) are published. There is also an indication of the availability of places in the second round of offers, at the end of January.

The Executive Officer of the Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC), Mr Wayne Betts, said that of the 83% of applicants who had received an offer, around 74% had been made a first preference offer. Mr Betts said that most applicants will accept their offer. However, students who weren't offered their first preference can reserve that offer through to the second round, and be considered for a higher preference in the second round via TISC's 'safety net'. 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. The options are explained on the TISC website. Applicants can rearrange preferences or add new courses to their preferences from Wednesday 17 January to Monday 22 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 22 January.

SUMMARY OF UNIVERSITY OFFERS AFTER MAIN ROUND

Applications	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
WACE students	11,741	11,784	8,058	12,512	12,420	12,327
Other	7,324	6,356	5,504	5,313	5,570	4,965
Total	19,065	18,140	13,562	17,825	17,990	17,292

Offers*	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
WACE students	10,552	10,857	7,305	11,610	11,036	11,192
Other	5,637	4,981	4,255	4,130	3,647	3,170
Total	16,189	15,838	11,560	15,740	14,683	14,362

Percentage of applicants receiving an offer	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
WACE students	89.9%	92.1%	90.7%	92.8%	88.9%	90.8%
Other	77.0%	78.4%	77.3%	77.8%	65.5%	63.8%
Total	84.9%	87.3%	85.3%	88.3%	81.6%	83.1%

* Total offers include 2,204 offers for general university preparation/enabling courses (previously 2075 for 2017, 2063 for 2016) and early offers made through the TISC system.