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MEDIA RELEASE – YEAR 12 RESULTS AND ATARS RELEASED EMBARGOED UNTIL 5PM SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER 2018

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The wait for Year 12 results is over, as Tertiary Admission Ranks for thousands of WA students have been released by the Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC).

TISC calculates the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank for eligible Western Australian students, using results from the WA Certificate of Education examinations, run by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA).

11,920 WA students achieved an ATAR in 2018. Seventeen **domestic** students and **one international student** achieved the highest possible ATAR of 99.95. The median ATAR was 81.80.

Of the large-enrolment courses, the highest median ATARs were achieved by students completing Mathematics Specialist (95.75), Mathematics Methods (91.70), Literature (91.10), Chemistry (90.20) and Physics (90.00).

Wayne Betts, Executive Officer of TISC, explained that the ATAR was a way of comparing students' performance in Year 12 with other people in their age group in WA. "An ATAR of 75 doesn't mean you've achieved 75% in all your subjects," he said. "What it does mean is that, whatever your results are, they are equal to or better than the results of 75% of people of your age in WA this year."

"The ATAR is a useful tool for university admission purposes, and it gets a lot of attention at this time of year, but it should be kept in perspective. No single number can capture all the qualities that may make someone a successful university student. That's why other ways of assessing students, such as portfolios, auditions or aptitude tests are used for some courses alongside or sometimes instead of the ATAR."

Mr Betts encouraged students whose results were not as strong as they hoped to seek advice. "We know it can be disappointing for some students, after working hard all year, if their results aren't as strong as they were hoping for, but there is always a path forward. These days there are many more ways to get where you want to go than there used to be, so don't be afraid to contact any of the universities, or TISC, for assistance on your options."

Students have until 11.00pm on Tuesday 18th December to finalise their preferences in time for the first major round of offers, which will be available on Friday 21st. Mr Betts reminded students that they will also have time after the December offer round to consider their options before another major offer round in January.

Contact details and university opening hours between now and January are available on the TISC website (www.tisc.edu.au).

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