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EMBARGOED UNTIL 5pm THURSDAY 20 DECEMBER 2018 MEDIA RELEASE: University Offers for December 2018

Thousands of WA students will soon 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 December round will be notified by TISC.

This year, this first major round of offers for Year 12 students happens almost a month earlier than previous years. TISC is trialling a new offer round timetable and will seek students' feedback on it at the end of the admissions cycle.

Wayne Betts, Executive Officer of TISC, said "People have different opinions on the best timing for offers to Year 12s. This year's timeline gives country students longer to prepare if they're moving to Perth, and certainly ends the suspense of students waiting for their offer. But we do appreciate it's all happening close to Christmas. We'll send a survey to all applicants at the end of January to get their feedback, which will help us as we plan future timelines."

The number of applications from 2018 WACE students was slightly less than last year (12,016 compared to 12,327 last year). There was a more significant decrease in the number of non-WA Year 12 applications (including interstate and mature-age applicants) through TISC, primarily due to some universities choosing to handle these applications directly.

Around 90% of 2018 WACE students who applied to university received an offer in the December round (91% for Main Round last year).

The total number of offers made is less than the number in the equivalent Main Round from the previous admissions cycle. This is because some students have not yet satisfied the universities' English competence requirements through their WACE results, and have been invited to sit a second-chance English test to do so in the couple of weeks. Previously, the Main Round occurred much later (in mid-January), when test results had been received. Around 90% of students who need to sit the test will satisfy the English requirements as a result, and will therefore be eligible for consideration for the next major offer round, on 22 January.

A summary of the numbers of applicants and offers is on the next page. Detailed course by course statistics are available at www.tisc.edu.au>About us>Reports and Statistics.

For courses where selection for Year 12 students was based **only** on ATAR/Selection Rank, the lowest Selection Rank offered a place in the course (the Selection Rank **includes** any university-specific adjustment factors/bonus points) and the lowest ATAR offered a place (ie: the 'raw' ATAR, **excluding** any adjustments) will be published on the TISC website on Friday 21 December. There will also be an indication of the availability of places in the January round of offers.

Mr Betts said that, of the 81% of applicants who had received an offer, around 72% had been made an offer for their first preference. Mr Betts said that applicants are still able to keep their options open into the January round. Students who weren't offered their first preference can reserve that offer through to the January round, and be considered for a higher preference in that round via TISC's automatic '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 the January round. The options are explained on the TISC website.

Mr Betts also encouraged students who didn't receive a December offer not to despair. "If you know why you didn't get an offer," he said, "Perhaps you still need to satisfy the English requirement by sitting the 2nd chance English test. If you sort that out, you should be fine for an offer in the January round. But, if you don't know why you didn't get an offer, you should get some advice from the universities or from TISC, so you know what your options are. The universities and TISC have people available to help you."

Applicants can rearrange preferences or add new courses to their preferences from Friday 21 December to Tuesday 15 January. University and TISC contact details and opening hours are available on the TISC website.

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 15 January.

SUMMARY OF UNIVERSITY OFFERS AFTER MAIN ROUND (Pre 18/19)/DECEMBER ROUND (18/19)

Applications	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
WACE students	11,784	8,058	12,512	12,420	12,327	12,016
Other	6,356	5,504	5,313	5,570	4,965	3,989
Total	18,140	13,562	17,825	17,990	17,292	16,005

Offers*	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
WACE students	10,857	7,305	11,610	11,036	11,192	10,756
Other	4,981	4,255	4,130	3,647	3,170	2,277
Total	15,838	11,560	15,740	14,683	14,362	13,033

Percentage of applicants receiving an offer	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
WACE students	92.1%	90.7%	92.8%	88.9%	90.8%	89.5%
Other	78.4%	77.3%	77.8%	65.5%	63.8%	57.1%
Total	87.3%	85.3%	88.3%	81.6%	83.1%	81.4%

* Total offers include 2,056 offers for general university preparation/enabling courses (previously 2,204 for 2017/18, 2,075 for 2016/17, 2,063 for 2015/16) and early offers made through the TISC system.