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PRESS RELEASE – 2021 YEAR 12 RESULTS AND ATARS RELEASED

Thousands of WA students have found out their Year 12 results, as Tertiary Admission Ranks have now 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).

10,572 WA students achieved an ATAR in 2021. Fifteen students achieved the highest possible ATAR of 99.95. The median ATAR is 82.30.

Of the large-enrolment courses, the highest median ATARs were achieved by students completing Mathematics Specialist (95.35), Mathematics Methods (91.45), Literature (90.15), Chemistry (89.40) and Physics (89.30).

Terry Bhatti, the Acting Executive Officer of TISC, explained that ATAR is a rank, not a score. It compares students' performance in Year 12 with other students in the same age group in WA. "An ATAR of 75 doesn't mean that you have averaged 75% in your subjects. It means that you are in the top 25% of your age cohort in WA this year."

"The ATAR is an effective tool and commonly used entry criterion for admission to undergraduate university study. However, it is not the only measure that makes someone a successful university student. That's why other ways of assessing students, such as portfolios, auditions or aptitude tests are often used alongside or sometimes instead of the ATAR."

The early university offers have become more prevalent, and many students have already received early offers this year. Mr Bhatti encouraged students to seek advice if they didn't receive an early offer or if their results weren't as strong as they had hoped for. "We know some students will be disappointed with their results, but there are many pathways to get where you want to go, so don't be afraid to contact the universities, or TISC, to explore other options."

The first major round of TISC offers will take place on Thursday 23rd December. Mr Bhatti reminded students that they will also have time after the December offer round to consider their options before another major offer round in January. Students should check the TISC website for relevant dates and deadlines.

Contact details and university opening hours between now and January are available on the TISC website.

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