



PRESS RELEASE – 2023 YEAR 12 RESULTS AND ATARS RELEASED

The Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC) has today released Year 12 results to thousands of WA students.

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).

9,722 WA school leavers achieved an ATAR in 2023 compared to 9,643 in 2022. Seventeen students achieved the highest possible ATAR of 99.95.

Of school leavers in large-enrolment courses, the highest median ATARs were achieved by students completing Mathematics Specialist (96.30), Mathematics Methods (92.50), Chemistry (90.80), Literature (90.40), and Physics (90.05).

Andrew Crevald, TISC's Chief Executive Officer, reinforced that an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank is a rank, not a score. It ranks a student's performance in Year 12 with other students in the same age group in WA. "An ATAR of 75.00 means your results are equal to or better than the results of 75% of people in the WA school leaving age group this year. An ATAR of 75 does not mean an average of 75% in your school subjects".

"The ATAR is a useful and effective tool and is commonly used for admission to undergraduate university study. Studying for an ATAR is widely considered one of the best preparations for thriving at university. However, possessing an ATAR is only one of the attributes required to be a successful university student. That's why additional ways of establishing suitability for university study, such as alternate qualifications, portfolios, auditions, or aptitude tests are often used alongside or sometimes instead of the ATAR."

TISC acknowledges that admission to university is complex and can be confusing for many students, particularly in the context of early offers that may have been received during 2023. Mr Crevald recommended students seek advice if they are unsure what to do next, if they get results they'd hoped would be stronger, or if there are entry criteria they still need to meet. "We know some students will be challenged by their results, but there are many pathways to get where you want to go and plenty of people available to help you get there. So, I encourage students to contact universities directly, or TISC, to explore their options."

The first major round of TISC offers will take place on Friday 22nd December. Mr Crevald reminded students they also have time after the December offer round to consider their options before the second major offer round in January 2024. Students can check the TISC website for relevant dates and deadlines (www.tisc.edu.au).

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

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