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VTAC releases ATAR to 46,074 VCE students

From 7 am AEDST on Wednesday 30 December 2019, the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) and VCE results will be shared with over 46, 000 VCE students who qualified for VCE in a year unlike any other.

Students can access their ATAR and VCE results online by either using the VCE Results and ATAR app or logging on to the [Results and ATAR website](#). VTAC applicants can also view their ATAR via their VTAC account from noon on December 30, 2020.

For students who have applied for tertiary study through VTAC and paid their processing fee, printed ATAR statements will begin arriving in the mail from Friday 8 January 2021.

Director of the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC), Catherine Wills congratulates students on their resilience and determination in the successful completion of VCE in 2020, a year of extended periods of remote learning in response to the global pandemic that was COVID-19. “All students who were able to complete the VCE in 2020, should be proud of what they have achieved, and confident of their ability to successfully navigate their next steps.”

VCE students applying to VTAC were able to submit a Special Entry Access Scheme application in acknowledgement of the hardships and disruption they faced throughout 2020. The Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) allows selection officers to grant special consideration for course entry. This is considered on a course-by-course basis by the individual selection authorities at institutions. A student’s SEAS application is not reflected in their ATAR but in their selection rank.

The extraordinary VCE class of 2020 had 38 students achieve an ATAR of 99.95, of which thirty-two identified as male and six female. The average ATAR across all students was 68.14 with an average of 69.45 for female students and 66.60 for male students.

VTAC encourages students to re-visit their course preferences with their ATAR and study scores in mind before noon January 4, 2021 for consideration in first round offers which will be released on Thursday 14 January 2021. Lowest selection ranks change each year due to shifts in course demand so we encourage students to aim for their dream course – even if they are unsure whether their ATAR is high enough. The preference system allows students to remain in consideration for their dream course without hurting their chances of an offer for any lower preferences and pathway courses.

For further information about the calculation of the ATAR, refer to VTAC [YouTube](#) Channel or the [ABC of Scaling fact sheet](#) from the publications section of www.vtac.edu.au.