



**MEDIA RELEASE - EMBARGOED UNTIL 12:01AM MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2023**

## **VTAC releases ATAR to 45,239 VCE students with December course offers to follow**

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) today releases the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) to 45,239 students who have been awarded the VCE and met the requirements to receive an ATAR. VTAC CEO Teresa Tjia congratulated all students who have completed year 12, encouraging students to “be proud of the results you receive today, and take the time to celebrate with those who supported you throughout your school years”.

There are 1,066 more students receiving an ATAR in 2023 compared to last year. 39 students achieved the highest possible rank of 99.95, with the average ATAR for this year’s cohort being 69.41, a slight decrease from 2022. The class of 2023 chose 22,192 unique combinations of VCE subjects which were used in ATAR calculations this year. The most popular subject combination, used by 283 students, comprised English, Biology, Health and Human Development, General Mathematics, and Psychology.

Results released today include those for students who do not receive an ATAR, including those studying the VCE Vocational Major or electing to take an unscored VCE. All students are able to apply for further study through VTAC, with Certificate and Diploma courses most accessible to those without scored results.

Students receiving results today can access their ATAR and VCE results online using the Results and ATAR website ([resultsandatar.vic.edu.au](https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au)) or app from 7:00am. Those applying for tertiary study also have the opportunity to update their course preferences after receiving their results, and should do so by 4pm, Wednesday 13 December for consideration in the December round. Alongside the increase in students receiving an ATAR, more Victorians are pursuing tertiary study options, with total applications for courses commencing in 2024 1.6% higher than at the same time last year.

Students with questions after receiving their results can access a range of support services provided by VTAC, schools, and tertiary institutions. Year 12 students can seek support from their school’s careers practitioner or call the free [Post Results and ATAR Service](#), an enquiry line run by VTAC and the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority. A [list of change of preference events and hotlines](#) run by universities, TAFE institutes, and independent tertiary colleges is available on the VTAC website.

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Victorian tertiary institutions consider a broad range of factors when selecting students for courses, of which the ATAR is just one. VTAC calculates the ATAR for VCE students on behalf of tertiary institutions to provide a fair and robust measure of academic performance in the VCE. VTAC will use the ATARs awarded today to support applications for courses commencing in 2024 at universities, TAFE institutes and independent tertiary colleges.

Alongside or instead of an ATAR, some courses will consider a folio, audition, interview, test, or other factors when considering a potential student's ability to succeed in a course. All factors considered as part of course selection are published in advance through [VTAC CourseSearch](#) to ensure a fair and equitable process for all applicants.

VTAC calculates the ATAR using the highest permissible results for each student. A mathematical process of scaling ensures that no student is advantaged or disadvantaged by their subject choices, an important consideration given the wide range of studies available in the VCE.

Students can check the VTAC website for further information about the December offer round, and will also be eligible to receive further offers made in January and February of 2024.

### **Quotes attributable to Teresa Tjia, CEO, VTAC**

“With their Year 12 studies successfully completed, students can feel proud of their achievements and look forward to an exciting future. VTAC wishes all students every success for their next step and beyond.”

“VTAC acknowledges and thanks those who supported our graduating year 12 students, including teachers and the school community, families, friends and mentors.”

“The December offer round will provide many year 12 students with certainty about their next study step in time for Christmas. I encourage all students receiving their results today to finalise their VTAC preferences by the Wednesday deadline for December offers to make the most of this exciting opportunity.”

“There is more you have achieved through your schooling. Take time to acknowledge the challenges you've overcome, the opportunities taken and capabilities you've developed and will continue to grow in the years to come”

## **2023 ATAR snapshot**

### **Total students receiving an ATAR on Monday 11 December**



- 45,239 students received an ATAR (44,173 last year)

#### **Highest achieving students**

- 39 students received an ATAR of 99.95 (same as last year)
  - 30 Male (31 last year)
  - 9 Female (8 last year)

#### **Average ATAR**

- Overall: 69.41 (70.33 last year)
- Female: 70.23 (71.23 last year)
- Male: 68.43 (69.30 last year)

#### **VCE studies used in the ATAR**

- 22,912 unique combinations of VCE studies used (21,936 last year)
- Most common subject combination for 2023 (used by 283 students):
  - English
  - Biology
  - Health and Human Development
  - Maths: General Mathematics
  - Psychology

#### **VET and higher education studies used in the ATAR**

- 5,744 ATAR calculations included at least one VET study
- 538 ATAR calculations included a higher education study

## Next steps for students

### VCE RESULTS AND ATAR ADVICE

Students with questions about their VCE results or ATAR can contact the pop-up Post Results and ATAR Service (PRAS) on (03) 9637 3877 or email [pras@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:pras@education.vic.gov.au).

The service is open during the following hours:

- Monday 11 December: 7.00am–5.00pm
- Tuesday 12 December: 9.00am–5.00pm
- Wednesday 13 December: 9.00am–5.00pm
- Thursday 14 December: 9.00am–5.00pm
- Friday 15 December: 9.00am–5.00pm

For more information and frequently asked questions, visit [pras.resultsandatar.vic.edu.au](https://pras.resultsandatar.vic.edu.au).

### COURSE ADVICE AND CHANGE OF PREFERENCE

The lowest selection rank required for course entry changes each year due to shifts in course demand, so we encourage students to aim for their dream course – even if they are unsure that their ATAR is high enough.

- The VTAC preference system allows students to remain in consideration for their dream course without reducing their chance of an offer for any lower preferences or pathway courses.
- Students can visit [vtac.edu.au](https://vtac.edu.au) to access their VTAC application and add or change courses as they like, reviewing their course preferences with their ATAR and study scores in hand.
- Any changes must be finalised before 4pm, Wednesday 13 December for consideration in the first round of offers which will be released on Thursday 21 December, 2023.
- Students are encouraged to check the essential requirements and admission criteria for each course using VTAC CourseSearch as they will only be eligible for an offer if they meet these requirements.
- Students wishing to find out more about specific courses are encouraged to use the links provided in VTAC CourseSearch and contact the institution offering the course.

### HOW THE ATAR IS CALCULATED

For further information about the calculation of the ATAR and the scaling process, refer to [VTAC's video explainer](#) or the [VTAC ATAR and Scaling Guide](#) available at [vtac.edu.au](https://vtac.edu.au)

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