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VTAC to provide Victorian students with ATARs before the end of the year

Following today's announcement by Minister for Education James Merlino that VCE results will be released to students before the end of the year, the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) has confirmed that it will be releasing the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) to year 12 students on the same schedule as VCE results.

The ATAR is calculated by VTAC on the basis of the VCE results provided by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA), and the rank provides a measure of a student's relative performance compared to their age group. This rank is used by tertiary institutions to select students for competitive courses.

VTAC's established and robust systems will allow ATARs for over 45,000 VCE students to be calculated by the end of the year despite delays to VCE assessment caused by the outbreak of COVID-19.

The release of the ATAR at the same time as VCE results will provide students with the maximum possible amount of time to reflect on their course preferences and study goals once their ATAR is known. Students will have the opportunity to change their VTAC preferences after receiving their VCE results and ATAR.

Now that the VCE assessment schedule has been confirmed by government, VTAC will shortly be able to announce further dates for year 12 students, including change of preference deadlines and offer release dates.

Quotes attributable to VTAC Director Catherine Wills

"VTAC and all Victorian tertiary institutions have been committed to supporting year 12 students throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Today's announcement is a significant step closer to normalcy, as VTAC is now in a position to provide clear guidance about the process for applying to university, TAFE, or independent tertiary college next year."

"VTAC calculates over 45,000 ATARs every year for Victorian students. We are pleased to be able to support year 12 students by doing the same this year, even after the disruption caused by the outbreak of COVID-19."

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