



PRESS RELEASE – 2024 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).

9,992 WA school leavers achieved an ATAR in 2024 compared to 9,722 in 2023. Eighteen 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 (96.75), Mathematics Methods (92.60), Chemistry (90.95), Literature (91.00), and Physics (89.95).

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 people of 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 valid and reliable tool and is used across Australia for admission to undergraduate university courses. 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 are often used alongside or sometimes instead of the ATAR. These include alternate qualifications, portfolios, auditions, or aptitude tests."

TISC acknowledges that admission to university can be complex and confusing for many students, particularly in the context of early offers that may have been received during 2024. Mr Crevald recommended students seek advice if they are unsure of what to do next, if they get results they'd hoped would be better, 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. I encourage students to contact universities directly, or TISC, to explore their options."

The first major round of TISC offers will take place on Saturday 21 December. Mr Crevald reminded students they also have time after the December offer round to consider their options before the second major offer round closes on Wednesday 15 January 2025. 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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