

# SCHOOL CIRCULAR October 2024

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#### 1 YEAR 12 RESULTS ONLINE

All 2024 WACE students with at least one scaled score, will be able to access their TISC Universities Admission Advice Letter information (including scaled scores, ATAR and eligibility information for universities for the 2025 admission year) via the TISC website at <u>www.tisc.edu.au</u>.

Results will be available from **Sunday 15 December 2024**. The TISC office will be open from 9.00am on **Monday 16 December** to answer enquiries. TISC advises all 2024 Year 12 students to log in to TISCOnline in the week leading up to results release, to ensure their user ID and password are working.

- If they have not logged in to TISCOnline before, remind them of the default password (details found <u>here</u>).
- If they have logged in to TISCOnline before, they can use the Forgotten Password function. The password reset instructions will go to the email address with which they registered please remind them this should **not be a school email address**.

#### 2 UAAL and ATAR CERTIFICATE ORDERS

For those who wish to order official copy(ies) of their results, TISC offers two options – the Universities Admission Advice Letter (<u>UAAL</u>) and the <u>ATAR certificate</u>.

Students can order these documents when lodging their TISC application, or via the Registered User Function. This can be done even if the student is not applying for university through TISC. The cost is \$29.00 for the first copy and \$17.00 for each additional copy for any combinations of the two documents whether ordered together or separately.

For students who intend to apply to universities overseas, we strongly recommend ordering one of these documents. There have recently been cases of overseas universities questioning the validity of results where a student has merely supplied a download of the UAAL from TISCOnline, as this doesn't contain a QR code for verification.

# **3 UNIVERSITY OFFER DATES**

The first major round of offers for Year 12 students will be available from **Saturday 21 December 2024** with another major round of offers available on **Tuesday 21 January 2025**. The time between offer rounds is an opportunity to seek advice from TISC and/or the universities if an applicant did not receive an offer or is unsure about their options.

Students may change preferences as many times as they wish, subject to closing dates.

# 4 PREDICTED ATARS AND EARLY OFFERS

TISC would like to remind schools, parents and students that the ATAR calculator on the TISC website **should not be used to predict future ATARs.** Simply adding together a student's four best schoolbased subject scores (not the scaled scores issued by TISC) is not a valid predictor of a student's likely TEA and should not be used to predict an ATAR.

TISC is continually working with universities and other stakeholders to improve communication around the early offer process; feedback on how we can improve this to benefit students is always welcome.

#### 5 UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS - DEADLINES

The application deadline for a <u>small number of courses</u> has passed, but applications for most courses are still open at <u>www.tisc.edu.au</u>, and will remain open until **17 December 2024** (for Main Round offers) and **15 January 2025** (for Second Round offers).

TISC encourages applicants to complete their applications as soon as possible to give themselves maximum flexibility when results are released.

#### **6** UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS – DOCUMENT SUBMISSIONS

Year 12 students may need to upload documents. Check <u>this page</u>, particularly the headings "Supporting documents" and "Extra submissions".

Applicants who were completing a Certificate IV or Diploma qualification during Year 12 should upload the qualification award certificate (not a printout of results) to their TISC application as soon as they receive it, to ensure timely assessment of their application.

If the qualification was completed through a WA TAFE or Fremantle Education Centre, TISC can obtain confirmation of completion directly from the provider, however the student is still encouraged to upload the qualification to prevent any delays. If the qualification was completed through any other Registered Training Organisation, the student **must** upload the correct documentation, or they may miss out on an offer.

Applicants who have selected Experience Based Entry as a method of entry should ensure they have uploaded all relevant documents required by the university/ies.

# 7 UNIQUE STUDENT IDENTIFIER (USI)

Students applying for university through TISC need to provide their USI as part of their application. Applicants can create or retrieve their USI at <u>www.usi.gov.au</u> – once created, it stays with students for life and will maintain a register of all vocational education and training undertaken in Australia.

# 8 UPDATES FROM MEMBER AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

We asked our members what they were keen for students and/or school staff to hear about before the WACE exams. Here's what they told us!

#### **Curtin University**

Curtin's commitment to real-world learning gives students access to industry connections and a global perspective. We are proud of students like Eden Rigo (<u>Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning</u> (<u>Honours</u>)), named the <u>2025 Rhodes Scholar for WA</u>. And we are proud to have again been ranked in the top one per cent of universities worldwide in the <u>Academic Ranking of World Universities 2024</u>.

We continue to equip graduates with vital skills for today's workforce with courses including <u>Commerce</u>, <u>Design</u>, and <u>Creative Arts</u>; and new majors and courses including <u>Energy Engineering</u>, <u>Midwifery</u>, and <u>Paramedicine</u>. To learn more, <u>explore the Curtin Universe</u>.

#### Edith Cowan University

ECU's 2025 Educators and Influencers Day

Explore our campus through guided tours/workshops, network with fellow educators, our academics and the Future Student Engagements team. Gain valuable advice on our pathway options and learn how to better support your students. Don't miss this chance to connect and explore the future of education at ECU.

Date: Friday, 28 March 2025 Time: 8:15am - 2:00pm Location: ECU Joondalup Campus, 270 Joondalup Drive, Joondalup, WA 6027

Please advise us of any dietary requirements when you register. Car parking is free.

For more information, please contact our Event Coordinator at **<u>futurestudentevents@ecu.edu.au</u>** 

Register online at trybooking.com/CVLXR

#### Murdoch University

All scholarships for school leavers applying to Murdoch Uni are **now open**. Following are programs with multiple to award.

New equity Engineering Scholarships for underrepresented groups are at <u>Murdoch University Access</u> <u>Engineering Scholarship</u> and <u>Murdoch University Indigenous Engineering Pathway Scholarship</u> each valued at \$12,000.

Regional Student scholarships (\$24,000) <u>2025 George Alexander Foundation Scholarship</u> (<u>murdoch.edu.au</u>) and (\$5,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> year) <u>Murdoch University 50-Year Scholarship</u>

Scholarships for courses utilising technology from STEM to Creative Media (\$15,000 - \$20,000) <u>2025</u> <u>Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship (murdoch.edu.au)</u>

Scholarships to support financial or personal hardship (\$16,000) <u>2025 Ragdoll Scholarship</u> (murdoch.edu.au)

For all Scholarships Scholarship finder (murdoch.edu.au)

#### The University of Notre Dame Australia

Notre Dame's Young Achievers Early Offer Program is still open for applications. Get a head start and secure a place at uni before your final exams. <u>Find out more</u> and apply today.

If there's something you want to know about uni, we'd love you to join us at our beautiful Fremantle Campus on Wednesday 16 December for <u>Info Day</u>. Get all your questions answered about uni admission, degree choices, scholarships, pathways and more.

For more updates, follow us on our socials, including our new <u>TikTok</u> (which we're a bit excited about!)

#### The University of Western Australia

UWA has added some new courses!

The Assured Pathway to the <u>Juris Doctor (Law)</u> is now available through our <u>Bachelor of Psychology</u> (<u>UL030</u>) and <u>Bachelor of International Relations (UL058</u>). Students will have a clear path towards their dream career opportunities in law.

The <u>Bachelor of Arts and Master of Teaching (Secondary)</u> offers students a clear path towards career opportunities as a secondary school teacher. Students can begin studies at <u>UWA Albany</u>, before transferring to UWA Perth (<u>UAMTA</u>), or complete their entire studies at UWA Perth (<u>UM034</u>).

<u>UWA Smart Start (online)</u>(UAUSS) enables members of the Great Southern community to prepare for degree-level studies at UWA Albany.

#### Engineering Institute of Technology

Discover the Engineering Institute of Technology (EIT), a leader in delivering high-quality education in engineering and technology. We offer a range of industry-focused <u>Bachelor of Science in Engineering</u> <u>degrees</u>, available both online and on-campus, designed to prepare students for rewarding careers in a rapidly evolving landscape. As the top provider for Overall Student Satisfaction in Graduate Employment in Undergraduate Engineering Programs (QILT surveys 2021-2023), we are committed to practical learning and real-world applications. Learn more at EIT.

# 9 YEAR 12 STUDENTS INTENDING TO SIT STAT

<u>STAT</u> is not intended as an entry pathway for Year 12 students. Year 12 students who complete ATAR English, ATAR EAL/D, or ATAR Literature, but do not achieve University Competence in English, may book STAT Written English as a final chance to meet these requirements, after their Year 12 results are released. They will be able to book into the 28 December or 4 January sessions.

Year 12 students studying General English, EAL/D, or Literature can book into the 23 November, 28 December or 4 January sessions if they have permission from at least one of the WA universities. For more information on how to obtain permission, students should check with TISC or with the university where they wish to study. Booking forms will not be processed if a student is not eligible to sit.

Curtin University has given permission for any 2024 Year 12 student applying to Curtin to sit STAT Written English for the purpose of English competence. However, note that the change to Curtin's English competence requirements for 2025 admission means students who receive an A grade in General English on their final Year 12 report will already meet Curtin's English competence requirement. TISC cannot view these final school grades until the release of WACE results, therefore students submitting a STAT booking form should attach a copy of their results statement.

Edith Cowan University does not generally give permission for Year 12 students who did not attempt ATAR English to sit STAT. For Murdoch University and Notre Dame, it is not usually required as completion of Year 11 and 12 in Australia meets their English requirement.

The University of Western Australia requires both sections of STAT to be completed for English competence. Permission from UWA is usually in the form of a conditional offer letter.

If a Year 12 student intends to request special test arrangements for STAT there are additional requirements to meet.

- ATAR English students, where possible, will generally be provided with similar arrangements to those provided by SCSA for the WACE examinations. Students should supply their STAT booking form, a completed <u>Special Arrangements form</u>, and the letter from SCSA outlining their approved examination arrangements.
- General English students requesting special test arrangements should book *as soon as possible*, providing their STAT booking form, permission to sit STAT (final school report for Curtin;

conditional offer letter for UWA), completed <u>Special Arrangements form</u> and relevant supporting documents. There is limited capacity to arrange special test sittings once WACE results are released, and TISC will prioritise sittings for ATAR English students, who will have had no prior opportunity to book.

# 10 TISC REPORTS AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS

TISC will produce two reports for schools concerning their 2024 Year 12 WACE students – the University Admissions Qualifications Register and the University Application Statistics Report. The cost for both these reports is **\$250** if ordered during peak period October – January. From 1 February to 31 March the off-peak price of **\$150** will apply. Both the register and report are dynamic and will be available for download from the secure TISC website from **Monday 16 December 2024**. Note that TISC does not calculate ATAR-related statistics (eg mean, median, mode). Once payment is processed, a login and password will be issued so you can access your school's reports once available.

To order your school's access, please submit<u>the completed form</u> to <u>Sullivan.foster@tisc.edu.au</u> and make payment. For more information contact Sullivan on 9318 8031.

# Please note that any information released by TISC to schools is made on a confidential basis for educational uses only. On no account can an individual's information be passed on for any purpose without the permission of the person involved.

# 11 TISC PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOLS IN 2025

TISC representatives are available to provide presentations to groups of teachers, career practitioners, Year 12 students and/or parents from February to September 2025.

These presentations can be done in person, or online via Microsoft Teams, subject to resourcing and travel time. Presentations are tailored to the audience, the time of year and the amount of time allocated, and can cover the following topics:

- university admission requirements
- alternative entry pathways
- marks adjustment processes
- the application process
- structuring preferences
- the offer process
- offer response options

If you would like multiple presentations, for example one to Year 12 students and one to Year 10 students, TISC can generally accommodate up to **two** bookings per school per year, due to resourcing constraints. If you are looking for more than that, we suggest the following alternatives:

- Two consecutive presentations on the same day may be considered as one booking provided the total booking time is not more than two hours.
- Talk with neighbouring schools to see if you can join forces and arrange joint sessions.
- TISC intends to run at least two publicly-available evening webinars, most likely in July/August 2025, which will be primarily aimed at parents.

To secure your school's place, please visit the <u>online booking page</u>. If you have trouble booking online, contact Mrs Sullivan Foster on 9318 8031 or <u>Sullivan.foster@tisc.edu.au</u>

Microsoft Bookings will automatically send a reminder email to the email address used for the booking, one week before the booking date. We ask that you consider either using a general school email address that will be monitored, or contacting TISC to update the booking contact details if there is a staff change.

#### **Regional Schools**

Presentations to regional areas are usually arranged in set weeks to enable our presenter to travel. Online presentations provide flexibility outside those windows.

Please **do not** use the Microsoft Bookings tool if you are booking an in-person visit to a regional school (as different travel time buffers and availability restrictions will apply). Contact Sullivan Foster on the details above to book.

# 12 TISC CONSULTATION ON YEAR 12 SUBJECT INCENTIVES

An update to TISC consultation on Year 12 course incentives is now available and was circulated separately to subscribers. Full consultation papers are available <u>here</u>.

#### 12 PAYMENT FOR THIRD-PARTY APPLICATIONS

TISC is aware that in some circumstances, a school or associated body (eg P&C Association) may assist students by paying for their TISC application. If a school is paying on behalf of an applicant please do not pay online. If payment is made online, a receipt can only be supplied to the applicant themselves as they are deemed to have paid for the application.

Instead, instruct the student to print a copy (or send a screenshot) of their Application Coversheet and supply this to the person making the payment. This person should then phone TISC on 9318 8000 and make payment over the phone. TISC will then have a record of the name on the credit card used for payment.

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