

Introduction

The SATAC Bulletin is published for the information of school staff and others who provide advice to prospective tertiary students.

It provides information and updates on SATAC services, courses available through SATAC, and the admissions process.

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Counsellor information sessions for 2016

A number of information sessions will be offered over the coming months for the benefit of school and other staff providing information to prospective applicants.

'New' counsellor information sessions

These sessions provide an opportunity for school staff and others who are not familiar with the SATAC admissions system to find out about the basics of tertiary admissions. Numbers are limited so bookings are essential.

Invitations were sent by email on Wednesday 30th March for a new counsellor information session scheduled to be held on Tuesday May 17th. The session filled within an hour of the email being sent so an additional session was scheduled for Friday May 20th, but that session is also full. If you wish to attend a new counsellor session at SATAC in May please call 8224 4000 to place your name on a waiting list. The next sessions will be in August and an invitation will be sent by email closer to that time.

Country SA counsellor information sessions

Country information sessions will be offered this year at Renmark, Mt Gambier, Whyalla and Pt Pirie. The information provided is similar to that available at the metropolitan sessions but without the direct input of representatives from the institutions. The visits and venues are scheduled as follows and a booking reminder will be sent closer to the dates:

- Renmark, Thursday 9 June, 10am to 12.30pm (SATAC only)
- Mt Gambier, Tuesday 14 June 11.30am to 2pm (with VTAC)
- Whyalla, Wednesday 22 June, 10am to 12.30pm
- Pt Pirie, Thursday 23 June, 10am to 12.30pm

Adelaide counsellor information sessions

These information sessions provide an opportunity to catch up on changes to the SATAC admissions system. Representatives from the tertiary institutions also attend. Sessions will be held at the Royal Banquet Room, Adelaide Showground, Wayville at the following times, an invitation to attend will be sent to all schools closer to the dates:

- Wednesday 27 July, 9.00am to 12 noon
- Thursday 28 July 12.30pm to 3.30pm
- Friday 29 July, 9.00am to 12 noon

Northern Territory counsellor information sessions

Northern Territory information sessions will be offered this year in Darwin and Alice Springs. The information provided is similar to that available at the metropolitan sessions. The visits and venues are scheduled as follows and an invitation to attend will be sent closer to the dates:

- Darwin, Monday 8 August, 9.30am to 12 noon
- Alice Springs, Tuesday 9 August, 9am to 11.30am

Recognised Studies

We have had a few questions regarding recognised studies so thought it timely a reminder was sent.

Significant Content Overlap

Studies that have significant overlap with a SACE/NTCET Stage 2 subject already presented by a candidate will be considered in the university aggregate calculation, but in such instances only one of any overlapping pairs will count towards the final aggregate. SACE subjects and interstate/International Baccalaureate (IB) year 12 subjects in the same subject area (e.g. English studies) may be treated as precluded combinations, please refer to the list of IB and Australian interstate subjects approved as Recognised Studies on the SATAC website.

Precluded Combinations and studies with a significant content overlap

Year 12 studies

SACE subjects and interstate/International Baccalaureate (IB) year 12 subjects in the same subject area may be treated as precluded combinations. Please refer to the list of pre-approved IB and Australian interstate subjects approved as Recognised Studies link on the SATAC website, which also contains information on any precluded combinations concerned regarding such subjects.

Higher Education

The SACE Board will only approve university studies which are part of a degree-level course and are not introductory in nature as recognised learning and hence the institutions do not approve them for Recognised Studies. Many first year university courses have significant content overlap with SACE subjects and are not approved. Students and schools should always seek approval to study a university subject in the year before enrolment to make sure that the subject will be able to be used to count towards the ATAR.

VET studies

As the learning outcomes of VET and SACE subjects are different in nature, completed VET qualifications do not form precluded combinations with SACE subjects.

Scaled scores for A+ to E- grades table

Under the former SACE, it was common for teachers to counsel students on which scaled scores would likely be calculated for a given Subject Achievement Score in various subjects. When the current SACE was introduced, Subject Achievement Scores were replaced with Overall Grades on the scale A+ to E-. At the time, teachers expressed concern that they would no longer be able to counsel students on the likely scaled score they would receive for their subject results in the new system. In response, after the first year of the new SACE, SATAC published the average scaled scores by Overall Grade for 20 credit Tertiary Admissions Subjects the following year. The most recent example of this table can be found at www.satac.edu.au/scaling.

Since then, the use of this table has been highly problematic as it has established unrealistic expectations regarding the scaled scores that will be awarded for each Overall Grade. SATAC is aware of a number of cases where students were promised a particular outcome - for example, a scaled score of 15.50 for an Overall Grade of B+. This in turn drove expectations about the university aggregate and ATAR students would receive.

The truth is:

- Scaled score outcomes are subject specific. Using the Overall Grade B+ as an example, in 2015 one subject awarded a lowest scaled score of 10.6, while another subject awarded a highest scaled score of 17.8.
- Scaled score outcomes are in a band for each subject. Using the Overall Grade B+ as an example, in 2015 one subject had scaled scores in the range 14.2 to 11.2.

SATAC believes that because of the spurious and misleading conclusions that are arising from the use of this table, the table should not be published. It is therefore our intention not to publish this table in the future. We believe that this is in the best interests of students, parents and schools.

2015 Aggregate to ATAR table

The table on the following pages shows the relationship between the University Aggregate and Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) for the 2015 year 12 cohort. The effects of scaling and the relative achievements of the year 12 cohort change from year to year, making it difficult to accurately predict an ATAR. Given the variations in cut-off scores and the unreliability of predicted ATARs, this table should be used with care.

As historical data it should only be used as a general guide to the relationship which might exist between the Aggregate and the ATAR for the 2016 cohort.

2015 Agg to ATAR table

Agg	ATAR	Agg	ATAR	Agg	ATAR	Agg	ATAR
90.00	99.95	86.00	99.25	82.00	97.00	78.00	93.25
89.90	99.95	85.90	99.20	81.90	96.90	77.90	93.10
89.80	99.95	85.80	99.15	81.80	96.80	77.80	92.95
89.70	99.95	85.70	99.10	81.70	96.70	77.70	92.85
89.60	99.95	85.60	99.05	81.60	96.60	77.60	92.75
89.50	99.95	85.50	99.05	81.50	96.50	77.50	92.65
89.40	99.95	85.40	99.00	81.40	96.45	77.40	92.50
89.30	99.95	85.30	98.95	81.30	96.40	77.30	92.35
89.20	99.95	85.20	98.90	81.20	96.30	77.20	92.25
89.10	99.95	85.10	98.85	81.10	96.20	77.10	92.10
89.00	99.95	85.00	98.80	81.00	96.10	77.00	91.95
88.90	99.95	84.90	98.75	80.90	96.00	76.90	91.85
88.80	99.95	84.80	98.70	80.80	95.95	76.80	91.75
88.70	99.90	84.70	98.60	80.70	95.85	76.70	91.65
88.60	99.90	84.60	98.55	80.60	95.75	76.60	91.55
88.50	99.85	84.50	98.50	80.50	95.70	76.50	91.40
88.40	99.85	84.40	98.45	80.40	95.60	76.40	91.25
88.30	99.85	84.30	98.40	80.30	95.50	76.30	91.10
88.20	99.80	84.20	98.35	80.20	95.40	76.20	91.00
88.10	99.80	84.10	98.30	80.10	95.30	76.10	90.85
88.00	99.80	84.00	98.25	80.00	95.20	76.00	90.75
87.90	99.75	83.90	98.20	79.90	95.10	75.90	90.60
87.80	99.75	83.80	98.15	79.80	95.00	75.80	90.45
87.70	99.70	83.70	98.10	79.70	94.95	75.70	90.35
87.60	99.70	83.60	98.00	79.60	94.85	75.60	90.25
87.50	99.70	83.50	97.95	79.50	94.80	75.50	90.15
87.40	99.65	83.40	97.90	79.40	94.70	75.40	89.95
87.30	99.65	83.30	97.85	79.30	94.60	75.30	89.85
87.20	99.60	83.20	97.75	79.20	94.50	75.20	89.75
87.10	99.60	83.10	97.70	79.10	94.40	75.10	89.60
87.00	99.55	83.00	97.65	79.00	94.30	75.00	89.45
86.90	99.55	82.90	97.60	78.90	94.20	74.90	89.30
86.80	99.50	82.80	97.55	78.80	94.10	74.80	89.15
86.70	99.50	82.70	97.45	78.70	94.00	74.70	89.05
86.60	99.45	82.60	97.40	78.60	93.85	74.60	88.85
86.50	99.40	82.50	97.30	78.50	93.75	74.50	88.75
86.40	99.40	82.40	97.25	78.40	93.65	74.40	88.65
86.30	99.35	82.30	97.15	78.30	93.55	74.30	88.50
86.20	99.30	82.20	97.10	78.20	93.45	74.20	88.40
86.10	99.25	82.10	97.05	78.10	93.35	74.10	88.25

2015 Agg to ATAR table cont.

Agg	ATAR	Agg	ATAR	Agg	ATAR	Agg	ATAR
74.00	88.20	70.00	82.40	66.00	76.20	62.00	69.15
73.90	88.00	69.90	82.20	65.90	76.00	61.90	68.95
73.80	87.90	69.80	82.05	65.80	75.85	61.80	68.70
73.70	87.75	69.70	82.00	65.70	75.65	61.70	68.55
73.60	87.65	69.60	81.90	65.60	75.50	61.60	68.40
73.50	87.50	69.50	81.75	65.50	75.25	61.50	68.15
73.40	87.30	69.40	81.60	65.40	75.10	61.40	67.95
73.30	87.15	69.30	81.45	65.30	74.95	61.30	67.80
73.20	87.00	69.20	81.25	65.20	74.80	61.20	67.60
73.10	86.90	69.10	81.10	65.10	74.60	61.10	67.40
73.00	86.70	69.00	81.00	65.00	74.40	61.00	67.25
72.90	86.55	68.90	80.85	64.90	74.20	60.90	67.05
72.80	86.40	68.80	80.70	64.80	74.05	60.80	66.85
72.70	86.25	68.70	80.60	64.70	73.85	60.70	66.70
72.60	86.10	68.60	80.45	64.60	73.70	60.60	66.45
72.50	85.95	68.50	80.25	64.50	73.45	60.50	66.30
72.40	85.80	68.40	80.05	64.40	73.25	60.40	66.10
72.30	85.65	68.30	79.85	64.30	73.15	60.30	65.95
72.20	85.55	68.20	79.70	64.20	73.00	60.20	65.70
72.10	85.40	68.10	79.50	64.10	72.80	60.10	65.50
72.00	85.25	68.00	79.35	64.00	72.60	60.00	65.35
71.90	85.15	67.90	79.15	63.90	72.45	59.90	65.10
71.80	85.00	67.80	79.05	63.80	72.25	59.80	64.95
71.70	84.85	67.70	78.90	63.70	72.05	59.70	64.80
71.60	84.70	67.60	78.75	63.60	71.95	59.60	64.60
71.50	84.50	67.50	78.60	63.50	71.70	59.50	64.40
71.40	84.40	67.40	78.45	63.40	71.60	59.40	64.20
71.30	84.25	67.30	78.25	63.30	71.45	59.30	63.95
71.20	84.15	67.20	78.15	63.20	71.30	59.20	63.80
71.10	84.00	67.10	77.95	63.10	71.15	59.10	63.60
71.00	83.85	67.00	77.80	63.00	70.95	59.00	63.45
70.90	83.70	66.90	77.65	62.90	70.75	58.90	63.25
70.80	83.60	66.80	77.50	62.80	70.60	58.80	63.15
70.70	83.45	66.70	77.35	62.70	70.45	58.70	62.90
70.60	83.35	66.60	77.20	62.60	70.25	58.60	62.70
70.50	83.15	66.50	77.00	62.50	70.10	58.50	62.50
70.40	83.00	66.40	76.80	62.40	69.90	58.40	62.30
70.30	82.90	66.30	76.60	62.30	69.75	58.30	62.00
70.20	82.75	66.20	76.45	62.20	69.50	58.20	61.85
70.10	82.55	66.10	76.35	62.10	69.35	58.10	61.65

2015 Agg to ATAR table cont.

Agg	ATAR	Agg	ATAR	Agg	ATAR	Agg	ATAR
58.00	61.50	54.00	54.00	50.00	46.50	46.00	38.65
57.90	61.40	53.90	53.85	49.90	46.35	45.90	38.35
57.80	61.25	53.80	53.65	49.80	46.10	45.80	38.15
57.70	61.05	53.70	53.45	49.70	45.90	45.70	37.95
57.60	60.90	53.60	53.35	49.60	45.70	45.60	37.85
57.50	60.70	53.50	53.20	49.50	45.50	45.50	37.60
57.40	60.55	53.40	53.05	49.40	45.25	45.40	37.45
57.30	60.35	53.30	52.90	49.30	45.10	45.30	37.25
57.20	60.20	53.20	52.75	49.20	44.90	45.20	37.10
57.10	60.05	53.10	52.50	49.10	44.70	45.10	36.80
57.00	59.85	53.00	52.40	49.00	44.55	45.00	36.55
56.90	59.65	52.90	52.20	48.90	44.40	44.90	36.40
56.80	59.45	52.80	52.00	48.80	44.20	44.80	36.15
56.70	59.20	52.70	51.75	48.70	44.00	44.70	36.00
56.60	59.00	52.60	51.60	48.60	43.90	44.60	35.80
56.50	58.80	52.50	51.40	48.50	43.70	44.50	35.60
56.40	58.65	52.40	51.25	48.40	43.45	44.40	35.40
56.30	58.45	52.30	51.00	48.30	43.25	44.30	35.15
56.20	58.25	52.20	50.80	48.20	43.10	44.20	34.95
56.10	58.10	52.10	50.60	48.10	42.85	44.10	34.80
56.00	57.85	52.00	50.35	48.00	42.70	44.00	34.55
55.90	57.60	51.90	50.15	47.90	42.50	43.90	34.40
55.80	57.40	51.80	50.00	47.80	42.40	43.80	34.25
55.70	57.25	51.70	49.80	47.70	42.15	43.70	34.00
55.60	57.05	51.60	49.65	47.60	41.90	43.60	33.75
55.50	56.80	51.50	49.45	47.50	41.70	43.50	33.50
55.40	56.65	51.40	49.30	47.40	41.45	43.40	33.25
55.30	56.35	51.30	49.05	47.30	41.25	43.30	33.05
55.20	56.15	51.20	48.90	47.20	41.15	43.20	32.80
55.10	56.00	51.10	48.75	47.10	40.95	43.10	32.60
55.00	55.85	51.00	48.50	47.00	40.75	43.00	32.40
54.90	55.65	50.90	48.30	46.90	40.55	42.90	32.25
54.80	55.45	50.80	48.10	46.80	40.40	42.80	32.05
54.70	55.30	50.70	47.95	46.70	40.15	42.70	31.90
54.60	55.10	50.60	47.70	46.60	39.85	42.60	31.75
54.50	54.85	50.50	47.50	46.50	39.65	42.50	31.65
54.40	54.65	50.40	47.35	46.40	39.45	42.40	31.35
54.30	54.45	50.30	47.15	46.30	39.20	42.30	31.20
54.20	54.25	50.20	46.90	46.20	39.05	42.20	31.00
54.10	54.15	50.10	46.65	46.10	38.85	42.10	30.90