

3 April 2020

Principals, SA/NT Secondary Schools

cc: School SACE/NTCET Co-ordinators

Dear Principal,

COVID-19 Update

The current and evolving COVID-19 pandemic has created challenging and uncertain times for us all but rest assured SATAC is here for you and your students.

The health and wellbeing of our staff, partners and the wider community are our priority and as such, we are monitoring developments daily and taking whatever actions are necessary.

In support of the Government's social distancing recommendations, we have temporarily closed our face-to-face counter service at 104 Frome Street and transitioned our staff to working from home.

The Applicant Services team remains available and ready to support you and your students by telephone and email. Our website and online applications also remain available 24 hours a day.

The Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo at the Adelaide Convention Centre in April will not go ahead this year. SATAC will attend the event again in 2021.

We are working closely with the SACE Board, universities and TAFE SA to determine if any changes may be required to 2021 tertiary admissions processes, including the calculation of ATARs. We want to ensure students are not disadvantaged by these extraordinary circumstances, nor unduly anxious about their prospects for further study.

To this end, Martin Westwell, Chief Executive SACE Board, and I have <u>prepared a video</u> to reassure school students and answer their questions.

We will communicate with you in the coming weeks to keep you up to date on the measures we are taking and as the situation changes, and endeavour to support you in this unprecedented time as best we can.

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Yours Sincerely, Stuart Mossman Chief Executive Officer