

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 2014

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. University and TAFE SA staff should note that these sessions are primarily aimed at meeting the needs of school counsellors, Year 12 coordinators and others engaged in providing advice to prospective applicants. SATAC and the tertiary institutions themselves provide training to meet the needs of staff from the tertiary institutions.

'New' counsellor information sessions

These informative sessions provide an opportunity for school staff and others who are not familiar with the SATAC admissions system to find out about the basics. Numbers are limited so bookings are essential. A very successful fully-subscribed session was held on Tuesday 20 May. An additional session will be offered in August and an invitation sent to all schools later in the year.

Country SA counsellor information sessions

Country information sessions will be offered this year at Mt Gambier, Pt Pirie, Renmark and Whyalla. 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 last minute bookings can be made by calling SATAC on 8224 4000:

- Whyalla Wednesday 28 May 10.00am - 12.30pm
- Pt Pirie Thursday 29 May 10.00am - 12.30pm
- Renmark Tuesday 3 June 10.00am - 12.30pm
- Mt Gambier Tuesday 17 June 9.30am - 12 noon

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 Adelaide Showground at the following times and a reminder will also be sent out shortly.

- Wednesday 23 July 9.00am - 12 noon
- Thursday 24 July 12.30pm - 3.30pm
- Friday 25 July 9.00am - 12 noon

Northern Territory counsellor information sessions

Northern Territory schools have already received invitations to the Alice Springs and Darwin information sessions, which are scheduled as follows:

- Darwin Friday 8 August 9.30am - 12 noon
- Alice Springs Monday 11 August 1.00pm - 3.30pm

Mid year entry to university and TAFE SA

A wide range of TAFE SA and university courses are available for mid year entry.

TAFE SA applications for semester 2 entry open on Monday 2 June.

University admissions now cater for offers throughout the period from January to November 2014. Many courses are already available for mid year entry with closing dates from Tuesday 10 June onwards (and some trimester 2 closing dates from Monday 2 June).

Selection ranks vs ATARs

In February SATAC's CEO, Wendy Teasdale-Smith, wrote to school principals about a range of issues. One of these was the way in which the universities use Selection Ranks in making offers, and not the ATAR itself. This information may have already been circulated within your school, but is reproduced here to share it with a broader audience. If you talk to students about university admissions, you have almost certainly already been using the concept of 'Selection Ranks' even if you have not referred to them by that name.

Selection Ranks take into account bonus points and any other factors (e.g. auditions, portfolios) that contribute to the rank used for selection to a particular course. In fact, for 85% of school leavers their Selection Ranks and their ATAR are not the same. Selection Ranks can also vary from course to course depending on the way in which the universities allocate bonus points, so a student might have six preferences each using a different selection rank, none of which exactly matches their underlying ATAR.

Judging by the number of phone calls we receive after the year 12 results release asking about the effect of bonus points, your students clearly understand that their ATAR may not be the final determinant of how competitive they are. In 2014 we will be working with the universities to try and improve the information available about how Selection Ranks are calculated and how this differs from the ATAR.

Changes to Bonus Schemes for 2016 entry

New arrangements will apply for both equity and subject bonus point schemes for students entering university in 2016. The two new schemes are the SA Universities Equity Scheme and the SA Language, Literacy and Mathematics Bonus Scheme.

The new schemes will:

- replace the various university equity and subject bonus schemes currently being implemented;
- be commonly implemented by all of the universities; and
- provide students with a designated number of bonus points which will apply to all their preferences (except Medicine at Flinders University and Medicine/ Surgery and Veterinary Bioscience at the University of Adelaide).

One result of these changes is that students will typically have the same Selection Rank for all their SATAC preferences.

Note that these changes will affect students completing their SACE/NTCET in 2015 and will apply for 2016 entry. Further information will be provided as the year progresses and preliminary information on the new schemes is available at www.satac.edu.au/pages/changes-for-year-12-in-2015.

Aggregate/ATAR conversion table

The table on the following page shows the relationship between the University Aggregate and Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) for the 2013 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 2014 cohort.

Key dates for courses starting in mid year 2014

TAFE SA	
02/06/14	Applications open for courses starting in semester 2 2014.
18/06/14	Equal consideration closing date.
01/07/14	Change of preference deadline.
02/07/14 to 04/07/14	Main offer processing period. Some services will be unavailable for short periods.
07/07/14	Main July offer round. Offers online from 9am.
16/07/14	Further offer rounds from this date.
University Undergraduate	
10/06/14	Closing date for mid year admission and deadline for changes of preference to guarantee equal consideration.
03/07/14	Main July offer round. Offers emailed by 5pm.
July 2014	Offers will continue to be made through July for courses where there are still places available for mid year 2014.
15/09/14	Closing date for trimester 3 admission and deadline for changes of preference to guarantee equal consideration.
13/10/14	Closing date for summer semester admission and deadline for changes of preference to guarantee equal consideration.

2013 Agg to ATAR table

Agg	ATAR	Agg	ATAR	Agg	ATAR	Agg	ATAR
80.00	99.95	76.00	98.80	72.00	95.55	68.00	90.55
79.90	99.95	75.90	98.70	71.90	95.40	67.90	90.35
79.80	99.95	75.80	98.70	71.80	95.35	67.80	90.25
79.70	99.95	75.70	98.55	71.70	95.20	67.70	90.05
79.60	99.95	75.60	98.55	71.60	95.15	67.60	90.00
79.50	99.95	75.50	98.45	71.50	94.95	67.50	89.80
79.40	99.95	75.40	98.45	71.40	94.90	67.40	89.70
79.30	99.90	75.30	98.30	71.30	94.70	67.30	89.55
79.20	99.90	75.20	98.30	71.20	94.65	67.20	89.45
79.10	99.90	75.10	98.20	71.10	94.50	67.10	89.25
79.00	99.85	75.00	98.20	71.00	94.45	67.00	89.15
78.90	99.85	74.90	98.05	70.90	94.30	66.90	88.95
78.80	99.85	74.80	98.05	70.80	94.25	66.80	88.85
78.70	99.80	74.70	97.95	70.70	94.05	66.70	88.65
78.60	99.80	74.60	97.90	70.60	94.00	66.60	88.55
78.50	99.75	74.50	97.75	70.50	93.80	66.50	88.30
78.40	99.75	74.40	97.70	70.40	93.75	66.40	88.20
78.30	99.70	74.30	97.55	70.30	93.55	66.30	87.95
78.20	99.70	74.20	97.50	70.20	93.50	66.20	87.85
78.10	99.65	74.10	97.40	70.10	93.30	66.10	87.65
78.00	99.65	74.00	97.35	70.00	93.25	66.00	87.60
77.90	99.60	73.90	97.25	69.90	93.10	65.90	87.30
77.80	99.60	73.80	97.20	69.80	93.05	65.80	87.20
77.70	99.50	73.70	97.10	69.70	92.75	65.70	86.95
77.60	99.50	73.60	97.05	69.60	92.70	65.60	86.90
77.50	99.50	73.50	96.95	69.50	92.45	65.50	86.70
77.40	99.45	73.40	96.90	69.40	92.40	65.40	86.60
77.30	99.40	73.30	96.70	69.30	92.25	65.30	86.30
77.20	99.40	73.20	96.70	69.20	92.20	65.20	86.15
77.10	99.35	73.10	96.55	69.10	91.95	65.10	85.95
77.00	99.30	73.00	96.50	69.00	91.90	65.00	85.85
76.90	99.25	72.90	96.35	68.90	91.65	64.90	85.60
76.80	99.20	72.80	96.35	68.80	91.60	64.80	85.50
76.70	99.15	72.70	96.15	68.70	91.40	64.70	85.30
76.60	99.10	72.60	96.10	68.60	91.35	64.60	85.20
76.50	99.00	72.50	95.95	68.50	91.15	64.50	84.95
76.40	99.00	72.40	95.90	68.40	91.10	64.40	84.90
76.30	98.95	72.30	95.75	68.30	90.90	64.30	84.65
76.20	98.90	72.20	95.75	68.20	90.85	64.20	84.60
76.10	98.80	72.10	95.60	68.10	90.65	64.10	84.35

2013 Agg to ATAR table cont.

Agg	ATAR	Agg	ATAR	Agg	ATAR	Agg	ATAR
64.00	84.30	59.90	77.15	55.90	69.60	51.90	61.80
63.90	84.05	59.80	77.05	55.80	69.45	51.80	61.70
63.80	83.95	59.70	76.80	55.70	69.20	51.70	61.45
63.70	83.75	59.60	76.70	55.60	69.10	51.60	61.30
63.60	83.65	59.50	76.45	55.50	68.90	51.50	61.10
63.50	83.40	59.40	76.30	55.40	68.80	51.40	60.90
63.40	83.35	59.30	76.05	55.30	68.50	51.30	60.65
63.30	83.10	59.20	75.90	55.20	68.35	51.20	60.55
63.10	82.75	59.10	75.65	55.10	68.15	51.10	60.30
63.00	82.65	59.00	75.50	55.00	68.00	51.00	60.15
62.90	82.40	58.90	75.25	54.90	67.70	50.90	59.90
62.80	82.25	58.80	75.10	54.80	67.60	50.80	59.75
62.70	82.05	58.70	74.90	54.70	67.30	50.70	59.60
62.60	81.95	58.60	74.80	54.60	67.15	50.60	59.50
62.50	81.70	58.50	74.50	54.50	66.90	50.50	59.20
62.40	81.60	58.40	74.40	54.40	66.75	50.40	59.05
62.30	81.35	58.30	74.15	54.30	66.45	50.30	58.75
62.20	81.30	58.20	74.00	54.20	66.30	50.20	58.65
62.10	81.05	58.10	73.70	54.10	66.05	50.10	58.40
62.00	80.95	58.00	73.60	54.00	65.95	50.00	58.20
61.90	80.65	57.90	73.40	53.90	65.65	49.90	57.95
61.80	80.55	57.80	73.25	53.80	65.55	49.80	57.80
61.70	80.30	57.70	73.00	53.70	65.30	49.70	57.50
61.60	80.25	57.60	72.90	53.60	65.15	49.60	57.35
61.50	79.95	57.50	72.65	53.50	64.85	49.50	57.05
61.40	79.80	57.40	72.55	53.40	64.75	49.40	56.95
61.30	79.65	57.30	72.25	53.30	64.50	49.30	56.70
61.20	79.50	57.20	72.15	53.20	64.35	49.20	56.65
61.10	79.25	57.10	71.90	53.10	64.10	49.10	56.40
61.00	79.10	57.00	71.80	53.00	63.95	49.00	56.25
60.90	78.85	56.90	71.50	52.90	63.75	48.90	56.00
60.80	78.80	56.80	71.35	52.80	63.60	48.80	55.85
60.70	78.55	56.70	71.05	52.70	63.35	48.70	55.55
60.60	78.45	56.60	70.95	52.60	63.20	48.60	55.45
60.50	78.15	56.50	70.65	52.50	63.05	48.50	55.20
60.40	78.05	56.40	70.50	52.40	62.90	48.40	55.10
60.30	77.85	56.30	70.30	52.30	62.60	48.30	54.85
60.20	77.80	56.20	70.20	52.20	62.50	48.20	54.70
60.10	77.50	56.10	69.90	52.10	62.25	48.10	54.50
60.00	77.40	56.00	69.80	52.00	62.10	48.00	54.35