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ATARs released today

MORE than 55,000 NSW HSC students will today find out their Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) – the rank NSW and ACT universities use to select school leavers for their courses.

Students can view their ATARs from 9am on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au using their UAC application number or HSC student number and UAC PIN. ATAR Advice Notices will also arrive in the mail from Friday.

Statistics for this year’s ATAR include:

- 55,482 students were eligible for an ATAR. This is 840 more than in 2013.
- 47 students received the top ATAR of 99.95. Of these students, 14 were female and 33 were male; they came from a mix of government and non-government schools and studied a wide range of courses.
- 16.5 per cent of students received an ATAR of 90.00 or above, 32.8 per cent received an ATAR of at least 80.00, 48.4 per cent at least 70.00, and 63 per cent at least 60.00.
- The median ATAR was 68.95 this year, slightly lower than in 2013. To achieve a middle ATAR, students generally need to be in the middle of their courses and receive HSC marks between 70 and 80. However, because of the large percentage of students with marks between 70 and 80, the ATARs of students with HSC marks around 80 will often be very different from the ATARs of students with HSC marks around 70.
- The median ATAR for females was 70.30 whereas the median ATAR for males was 67.20.

Students with questions about their ATAR can:

- read the All About Your ATAR booklet sent to them by UAC recently and available on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/publications/undergraduate
- visit www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/atar/ for information about the ATAR and about the scaling of 2014 HSC courses and a 2-minute video ‘All about your ATAR’
- call UAC’s ATAR Enquiry Centre on 1300 MY ATAR (1300 692 827) or (02) 9119 5012 (for mobiles), on the following days:
  - Thursday 18 December: 8.30am–6pm
  - Friday 19 December: 8.30am–4.30pm
  - Monday 22 December: 8.30am–4.30pm
  - Tuesday 23 December: 8.30am–4.30pm
  - Wednesday 24 December: 8.30am–noon
  - Monday 29 December: 8.30am–4.30pm
  - Tuesday 30 December: 8.30am–4.30pm
  - Wednesday 31 December: 8.30am–noon.

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