

Media Release

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THE WAIT IS OVER FOR VCE AND VCAL STUDENTS

More than 64,800 Victorian students will receive their Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) results from 7am today after an unprecedented year for students.

Acting Minister for Education Gayle Tierney acknowledged that this had been an extraordinary year for Victorian students in which they demonstrated commitment and resilience as they moved between onsite and remote and flexible learning due to the pandemic.

This year, 50,284 students will graduate with their VCE, which represents an increased completion rate of 98.3% of students. A record number of 14,529 students will receive their VCAL in 2020.

14,215 students received a study score of 40 or more.

The release of VCE and VCAL results by VCAA and ATARs by VTAC ensures that Victorian Year 12 students can plan their next step, regardless of whether it involves further education or employment.

This timing enables VCE students to receive their results, access course and careers counselling, and adjust their preferences, if needed, prior to the first round of offers from Victorian tertiary institutions.

Every student has been individually assessed via the "Consideration of Educational Disadvantage" process to calculate VCE scores ensuring any adverse impacts of the pandemic or bushfires were mitigated to produce fair, valid and accurate results that are the basis of a student's ATAR ranking.

Minister Tierney reminded students that their results don't define them and there are many opportunities and pathways available for school leavers to achieve their goals.

VCE students have until 12pm on 4 January 2021 to change their preferences via their VTAC account prior to the release of Round 1 offers from Victorian tertiary institutions on 14 January 2021. Students with questions about their results can call (03) 9637 3877 (metropolitan callers), 1800 653 080 (free call) from now until the end of January 2021.

Quotes attributable to Acting Minister for Education Gayle Tierney

"Congratulations to every VCE and VCAL student – this has been an incredibly challenging year but every student of the class of 2020 has shown outstanding resilience and commitment."

"To all teachers, parents and carers thank you for supporting and guiding our VCE and VCAL students through this year."