

Media release – Tuesday 15 December 2009
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ATARs released today

MORE than 50 000 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 courses. Students can view their ATARs from 9am at www.uac.edu.au using their UAC application number or HSC student number and UAC PIN. ATAR notices will arrive in the mail from Friday.

Statistics for this year's ATAR include:

- 52 402 students, out of 69 261 who completed at least one HSC course in 2009, were eligible for an ATAR. This is an increase on last year's figures.
- 48 students received the top ATAR of 99.95. 25 students were female and 23 were male and came from a mix of private and public schools.
- 17.6% of students received an ATAR of 90.00 or above, 34.6% received at ATAR of at least 80.00, 50.4% at least 70.00, and 64.4% at least 60.00
- the middle ATAR was 70.25 this year. To achieve a middle ATAR, students generally need to be in the middle of their courses and receive HSC marks between 70 and 80.

Students with questions about their ATAR can:

- read the *All about your ATAR* booklet sent to them by UAC recently
- visit UAC's website for information on the scaling of 2009 HSC courses
- call UAC's ATAR Enquiry Centre, telephone (02) 8736 5900, on the following days:

Thursday 17 December 8.30am – 6pm

Friday 18 December 8.30am – 4.30pm

Saturday 19 – Sunday 20 December closed

Monday 21 – Wednesday 23 December 8.30am – 4.30pm

Thursday 24 December 8.30am – 12 noon

Friday 25 – Monday 28 December closed

Tuesday 29 – Wednesday 30 December 8.30am – 4.30pm

Thursday 31 December 8.30am – 12 noon

**The ATAR replaced the Universities Admission Index (UAI) in June 2009.*

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For further information (media only) contact:

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