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UAI released today

The wait for more than 60 000 NSW HSC students is over today with the release of the Universities Admission Index (UAI) – the rank used by NSW and ACT universities to select school leavers for entry into courses.

Students can access their UAIs two ways from 9am today:

- via UAC's Online applicant services at www.uac.edu.au or
- via UAC InfoLine on 1900 957 500.

Students will need to use their HSC student number (or their UAC application number if they have applied through UAC) **and** their UAC Personal Identification Number (PIN). UAIs will also arrive in the mail on Thursday 21 December 2006.

From today, students can also access information about the scaling of HSC marks for the 2006 UAI on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/admin/uai.html

Of the 64 274 students who completed at least one HSC course in 2006, 50 744 students received a UAI. The gender balance was almost the same as in previous years, with 53.3% of the UAI students being female.

According to Professor George Cooney, Chair of the Technical Committee on Scaling, the patterns of UAIs in 2006 do not differ substantially from previous years.

In 2006, 16.3% of students received a UAI above 90.00, 32% above 80.00, 46.8% above 70.00, and 60.2% above 60.00. These figures are slightly higher to the corresponding figures in 2005 because of the change to UAI eligibility rules in 2006 meaning less students were eligible for a UAI in 2006.

The middle UAI in 2006 was 67.65. To achieve this middle UAI, students need to be in the middle of their courses and receive HSC marks between 70 and 80.

The HSC marks in some courses were higher in 2006 than in previous years so some students may find that their UAIs are lower than they expect.

Twenty-one students received a UAI of 100, a slight increase from last year. However, this year the students were made up of 11 males and 10 females (in 2005 10 females and 8 males received a UAI of 100).

The 21 students who received a UAI of 100 come from a mix of government and non-government schools, and have studied a wide range of courses.

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UAC Managing Director Andrew Stanton said it was important to remember that the UAI was a rank which had a very specific purpose.

“Universities calculate the UAI solely for the purpose of selecting applicants for admission to university,” Mr Stanton said. “It cannot be used to gauge a student’s achievement in the HSC or for any other purpose.”

Mr Stanton’s advice to prospective employers when assessing an applicant for a job is to use the HSC Record of Achievement issued by the Board of Studies rather than the UAI.

Mr Stanton also said that the UAI is not an appropriate measure for comparing schools.

“Some schools and students focus on vocational goals while others focus on university preparation,” he said. “A comparison between schools and students can only be measured by student outcomes in terms of the objectives of the schools and its students.”

For more information about UAIs students are advised to read the ‘You and Your UAI’ booklet sent to all 2006 NSW HSC students earlier this month. Students who have further queries about their UAI can call the UAI Enquiry Centre on (02) 8736 5900 on:

Wednesday 20 December	8.30am to 6pm
Thursday 21 December	8.30am to 4.30pm
Friday 22 December	8.30am to 4.30pm
Saturday 23 December – Tuesday 26 December	closed
Wednesday 27 December	8.30am to 4.30pm
Thursday 28 December	8.30am to 4.30pm
Friday 29 December	8.30am to 4.30pm

Students who have queries about lost UAC PINs, changing preferences and offer dates can find the answers on UAC’s website, or call UAC on (02) 9752 0200.

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