The SACE, VET, Tertiary Admittance and Subject Selections

Year 11
Information Evening
Agenda

- Research Project Results
- SACE Requirements
- Calculating an Australian Tertiary Admittance Rank (ATAR)
- Calculating a TAFE SA Selection Score
- Bonus Points eligibility
- The process of ‘scaling’
- Subject Selections
- Further Information
Research Project Results

- Congratulations to the cohort this year
  - 23 A’s = 31% of students
  - 33 B’s = 45% of students
  - 18 C’s = 24% of students
  - NO D’s or E’s

- Higher grades than the State Average of all schools
What is the SACE?

- The South Australian Certificate of Education
- A qualification awarded to students who successfully complete their senior secondary education (Years 11 and 12)
- Recognised nationally and internationally
- Used for entry into universities and further training
- Leads to work, training and further education
The SACE Board of South Australia

- Statutory authority overseeing the SACE in all schools in South Australia
- Approves curriculum for subjects to be studied in Years 11 and 12
- Issues the SACE to successful students
The ‘Basics’ of SACE

- Stage 1 (normally Year 11) and Stage 2 (normally Year 12)

- SACE grades
  - Stage 1: A - E for every subject
  - Stage 2: A - E for every subjects with + and - grades

- All subjects engage with the seven capabilities
  - Literacy
  - Numeracy
  - Information communication technologies
  - Critical and creative thinking
  - Ethical behavior
  - Personal and social
  - Intercultural understanding
SACE Requirements

- Minimum of 200 credits over two years

- Students earn credits for completed subjects:
  - 1 semester (half year) study - 10 credits
  - 2 semesters (full year) study - 20 credits

- Students will need to gain a C- grade or better for 60 credits worth of subjects at Stage 2
Compulsory Elements of the SACE

- Personal Learning Plan (10 credits)
  - Stage 1 subject - taught at Samaritan College in Year 10

- Literacy - English based subjects (20 credits)

- Numeracy - Mathematics based subjects (10 credits)

- Research Project (10 credits)
  - Stage 2 subject - taught at Samaritan College in Year 12
Breakdown of SACE Credits

- Stage 2 Research Project: 10 credits
- Stage 2 Subjects and/or Courses: 60 credits
- Stage 1 or Stage 2 Numeracy: 10 credits
- Stage 1 or Stage 2 Literacy: 20 credits
- Stage 1 Personal Learning Plan: 10 credits
- Stage 1 or Stage 2 Subjects and/or Courses: 90 credits

SACE = 200 Credits

- Requirements Stage 1: 10 credits
- Requirements Stage 1 or Stage 2: 30 credits
- Requirements Stage 2: 70 credits
- Additional choices: 90 credits
So What Do I Need To Do In Year 12?

- Complete at least 60 credits (3 x 20 credit subjects) of subjects at a C- grade or above

- Complete the Research Project (10 credits) at a C- grade or above

- At Samaritan College
  - Complete one topic of Religion Studies (or similar)
Assessment

- All subjects have ‘Performance Standards’, which make use of a rubric system
  - Allows students to understand the requirements of a task

- Generally, subjects have between 8 - 10 assessment pieces throughout the year
  - School-assessed component of the course
  - This accounts for 70% of grade

- All subjects have an ‘External Component’
  - Examinable subjects - this is the examination
  - Non-examinable subject - ‘Investigation’ or similar
  - This accounts for 30% of grade

- Moderation (verification of grades) occurs for all subjects at Stage 2 for the School-assessed component
Catering for All - Vocational Education and Training (VET)

- If students prefer hands-on learning or work outside the classroom, they can earn SACE credits for a wide range of activities

- Students can learn on-the-job skills while working towards both the SACE and a VET qualification

- VET options are available at Stage 2
Catering for All - Students with a Disability

- Special Provisions remain for eligible students
- Modified subjects are available for students with significant disabilities
- Students studying a ‘Modified subject’ with gain credits for their SACE Certificate, however, no grade is assigned for these subjects
Special provisions are available if a student has an illness, disability, impairment, or experiences an unforeseen circumstance that impacts on their ability to participate in, or comply with the requirements of conditions of the assessment.

If a student applies for special provisions they need to provide a range of evidence to demonstrate the impact of their difficulty in the relevant assessments.
Calculating an Australian Tertiary Admittance Rank
Examples at Samaritan College...

Student Combination 1

60 Credits of TAS

- Subject 1 (20 credits)
- Subject 2 (20 credits)
- Subject 3 (20 credits)

30 Credits of Flexible Option

- Subject 4 (20 credits)
- Research Project (10 credits)
Examples at Samaritan College...

Student Combination 2

60 Credits of TAS

Subject 1 (20 credits)
Subject 2 (20 credits)
Subject 3 (20 credits)

30 Credits of Flexible Option

Subject 4 (20 credits)
Religion Studies (10 credits)
Examples at Samaritan College...

Student Combination 3

60 Credits of TAS
- Subject 1 (20 credits)
- Subject 2 (20 credits)
- Subject 3 (20 credits)

30 Credits of Flexible Option
- Subject 4 (only 10 credits)
- Research Project (10 credits)
- Religion Studies (10 credits)
But I want to do a VET Course...
Calculating a TAFE SA Selection Score
TAFE SA Selection Score

- Similar to ATAR but...
- ONLY out of 60 credits
- ANY combination of score from subjects
- 20 credit subjects scored out of 20
- 10 credit subjects scored out of 10
Examples of university aggregate and TAFE SA Selection Score calculations for 2016 entry

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Craig’s total score from his best 60 credits of TAS is: $18.0 + 15.0 + 12.0 = 45.0$

Craig’s best score for his flexible option comes from the score of his 10 credit Research Project and a 20 credit TAS: $6.0 + 8.0 = 14.0$

His university aggregate is therefore: $45.0 + 14.0 = 59.0$ (out of 90)

Craig’s TAFE SA Selection Score is the sum of his best 60 credits of study: $18.0 + 15.0 + 12.0 = 45.0$ (out of 60)
Bonus Points
The SA Universities Equity Scheme

The SA Universities Equity Scheme will provide bonuses in two ways: bonuses for all students in certain specified schools and bonuses for individuals in other schools. Eligible students will receive five bonus points in the calculation of their Selection Ranks.

The SA Universities Equity Scheme will apply to all courses and programs offered by the universities.

School-based bonuses

South Australian, Northern Territory and ‘border’ schools attracting equity bonuses will be identified using criteria agreed to by the universities which consider:

- schools’ remoteness as defined under the Australian Standard Geographical Classification;
- the ‘participation rate’ (the percentage of students in each school gaining an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) who receive a SATAC offer averaged over three years);
- the mean ATAR achieved in each school (averaged over three years);
- schools’ Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (averaged over three years).

- Samaritan College is NOT eligible for this scheme
- Individuals can then apply for individual-based bonuses in August 2016
Individual Equity Scheme Bonus Points

- Students eligible for this bonus qualify if:
  - They or their parents are in receipt of a Commonwealth means-tested income support payment
  - They or their parents are the holders of a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
  - They are the holder of a School Card
Universities Language, Literacy and Mathematics Bonus Scheme

The Universities Language, Literacy and Mathematics Bonus Scheme encourages students to strengthen their preparation for undergraduate studies by undertaking a language other than English, or specified English and Mathematics subjects.

The Scheme will apply to all courses offered by Charles Darwin University, Flinders University, the University of Adelaide, University of South Australia, Tabor College of Higher Education and Torrens University Australia except:

Charles Darwin University
- 114831 Bachelor of Clinical Sciences/Doctor of Medicine

Flinders University
- 214941 Bachelor of Clinical Sciences/Doctor of Medicine

The University of Adelaide
- 314552 Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery
- 314553 Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (Bonded Medical place)
- 324491 Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience)

The Scheme does not apply to courses offered by CQUUniversity Australia.

In this Scheme, students will be awarded two points, up to a maximum of four points, for successfully completing a subject in any one of these four categories:

- 20 credits of a LOTE in the Languages Learning Area (two 10 credit Australian indigenous language subjects can be paired in lieu of a 20 credit LOTE). Please note that the subject Language and Culture does not attract a bonus.
- 2END20 English Studies or 2ECS20 English Communications
- 2MDS20 Mathematical Studies
- 2MSC20 Specialist Mathematics.
Our Students....

- BONUS POINTS only available under two criteria:
  - SA Universities Equity Scheme
    - NOT eligible for Equity Scheme in 2016
    - 5 points can still be awarded to individuals
  - SA Language, Literacy and Mathematics Bonus Scheme
    - 2 points for each subject below (to a maximum of 4 points)
      - Language Other Than English (LOTE) subject
      - English Studies
      - English Communications
      - Mathematical Studies
      - Specialist Mathematics
  - Maximum of 9 points awarded
  - Points are awarded automatically to the aggregate score
Scaling of Subjects
Consider your final subject grades...

- **Subjects ‘get scaled’**
  - Way of comparing two different subjects and student achievement
  - Based on percentage of student achievement in each grade band
    - Your success versus the ‘State’ / ‘Common Candidature’
  - Higher your score = less ‘scaling’
  - Lower your score = more ‘scaling’

- **Do the Maths...**
  - 4 x C’s could turn into an ATAR of approximately 40 (not 55 - 69)
Further details...

- 10 minute video describing the process of scaling
- Scaling Subjects
Subject Selections
Where to from here...

- Choose subjects that:
  - Interest students
  - Are an area of strength
  - Complement future career options / pathways
  - Meet university admission requirements
  - Assessment types that suits your strengths
Where to from here...

- Do your own research
- Subject Selection book
- Subject Counselling
- Flinders University Assessment Centre date to be advised
- University Open Days
  - Adelaide University
    - Sunday 14 August
  - Flinders University
    - Friday 12 and Saturday 13 August
  - University of South Australia
    - Sunday 14 August
      - University of South Australia - Whyalla Campus
      - Sunday 28 August
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Further Information

- **SACE Board - South Australian Certificate of Education**
  - Details of current study (subject requirements)
    - [https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/](https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/)
  - Student Login for results / current progress
    - [https://apps.sace.sa.edu.au/students-online/login.do](https://apps.sace.sa.edu.au/students-online/login.do)
    - To access this:
      - Username: SACE Identification Number
      - Password: D D M M (date/month)

- **SATAC - South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre**
  - University and TAFE Applications
    - [http://www.satac.edu.au/](http://www.satac.edu.au/)
My details...

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- **Office:**
  - Library for all SACE / Subject / ATAR / TAFE Score / etc

- I encourage you or your child to get in touch with me at any stage in the upcoming months
Any Questions?