

MEDIA RELEASE

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MORE THAN 50% OF QLD YR 12 STUDENTS RECEIVING AN ATAR TODAY

Sleepless nights, excited planning for the future and a heady mix of joy and nerves ... and that's just the parents!

A huge milestone is unfolding today (Friday, December 15) across the length and breadth of Queensland with the release of ATAR results to eligible students.

It brings to completion a 12-year journey of books, bells, teachers, textbooks – and memories that will last a lifetime.

Across the state, more than 27,000 Queensland students are receiving an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR), with 34 students achieving the top ATAR of 99.95.

ATARs are being made available to eligible students through the QTAC (Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre) ATAR Portal.

Students eligible for an ATAR in 2023 represent more than 50% of the total Queensland Year 12 cohort, which is consistent with last year.

More than 25% of eligible students are receiving an ATAR of 90 or above.

QTAC CEO Dr John Griffiths noted ATAR release day was one of his favourite times of year.

“It’s an incredible pleasure to share in the excitement of students – along with the friends and family who have supported them – in reaching this important milestone in their education journey,” Dr Griffiths said.

“What’s especially pleasing for the team at QTAC is to note the different pathways these students have followed in qualifying for ATAR through a range of QCAA General subjects, Applied subjects and VET (vocational education and training) qualifications.

“These students have shown great perseverance and resilience through their studies, including being in high school during the pandemic, and I commend their efforts.

“As they now turn their attention towards embracing their next chapter, I can’t wait to see what they do next.”

These ATAR results pave the way for a large number of tertiary offers to be released by QTAC for students on 21 December.

QTAC Chief Experience Officer Chris Jack explained that students who had not received the ATAR they were hoping for could rest assured there were still options available.

“Institutions may apply rank adjustments on top of your ATAR for various reasons, including school subjects studied, and regional and school-based adjustments,” Mr Jack explained.

“There are many alternative pathways to tertiary study for students who are keen to pursue further education and QTAC is happy to talk to you about your options. You just need to call us on 1300 467 822.”

To access their results, students need to register for the QTAC ATAR Portal available through the QTAC website at qtac.edu.au