Tertiary Offers 2013

It is always wonderful at the start of a school year to hear news of our students’ tertiary offers. Tertiary study at one of the South Australian universities continues to be the preferred pathway beyond school for the vast majority of our students and 208 (99%) of Pembroke School graduates who applied through the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC) last year were successful in receiving an offer. Of those applicants, 71% of students received an offer for their first preference and 87% of applicants received an offer for either their first or second preference course.

A number of students also chose to apply for courses interstate and overseas. Melbourne University was the most popular interstate destination where the New Generation suite of degrees and the Bachelor of Fine Arts appealed. Students received offers from a range of interstate universities including Australian National University, Bond University, Melbourne University and University of New South Wales. Two students were accepted into the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra.

Last year, 136 students received offers for courses at the University of Adelaide, making it the most popular tertiary destination in South Australia. Applications for study at UniSA remained strong, with Construction Management, Journalism, Law and Physiotherapy numbers being reasonably high. Health Science, Law and Science continued to be the most popular courses at Flinders University.

There was a notable increase this year in the number of our students who received offers for Law courses across each of the universities. All successful students chose to apply for the Law double degree option, with Commerce, Arts and International Studies being the most common choice of a second degree.

Consistent with previous years, our students received offers to a wide range of Health Science courses, with Medicine, Physiotherapy, and Psychology being popular choices.

Distribution of Tertiary Education Choices 2013

**Art/ Architecture/ Design 8**
- Architecture, Interior Architecture, Visual Arts (Specialisation)

**Arts 20**
- Arts (Advanced), Arts, Development Studies, International Studies, Journalism, Languages, Media Studies

**Business 24**
- Business, Business Admin, Business (Property), Commerce, Commerce/Applied Finance, Economics, Finance, Foundation Studies, Management,

**Construction/ Management 7**
- Built Environment, Construction Management and Economics, Electrotechnology,

**Creative Arts/ Drama/ Music 2**
- Film, Music

**Education 4**
- Children’s Services, Early Childhood Education, Teaching/Science

**Engineering 24**
- Architectural, Chemical, Electrical and Electronic, Mechanical, Mechanical & Aerospace, Mechatronic, Civil and Structural, Petroleum

**Health/ Medicine 36**
- Clinical Exercise Physiology, Health Sciences, Human Movement & Health Studies, Medical Radiation Science, Medicine, Midwifery, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Oral Health, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy

**Law 44**
- Justice and Society, Law

**Mathematics/Computing/ Information Technology 8**
- Maths and Computer Science, Computer Science (Advanced), Mathematical Science, Media Arts, Software Engineering

**Psychology 9**
- Psychological Science, Psychology (Honours)

**Science 23**

It was great to see an increase in applications to Science courses. There was also an increased interest in Engineering courses, with Electronics, Mechanical and Petroleum Engineering being most in demand.

This year our students received offers to TAFESA courses including Children’s Services, Business Management, Electrotechnology and Fashion Design. A number of students were also successful in securing highly contested apprenticeships and cadetships.

Generally, the published ATAR cut-offs for selection to university courses remained similar to last year. It is important to note that each of the universities in South Australia has a bonus point scheme, where bonus points are added to a student’s aggregate score, according to the Stage 2 subjects they choose to study. The effect of bonus points was clearly evident in the selection process for many courses, making it difficult to compare published ATAR cut-offs.

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