



## ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies

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### A message from the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies for students and parents/carers

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#### **Working together for all senior secondary students**

The COVID -19 pandemic has disrupted all aspects of our lives. It has caused great uncertainty and presents many challenges.

Our priority is the safety, wellbeing, and future of all students. The ACT Board of Secondary Studies (BSSS) is focused on equity and fairness so that no student need be disadvantaged.

Students will be able to achieve an ACT Senior Secondary Certificate this year, which will be able to facilitate access to university, other further education opportunities and employment.

The BSSS is working in collaboration with schools to support student engagement with their learning and assessment. A reduction of face-to-face teaching and learning time at school need not limit the teaching and learning available to ACT senior secondary students.

Schools are employing the flexibilities available in providing learning and assessment for students. Effective and innovative learning opportunities and interactions can deliver positive learning and assessment experiences for students.

Schools have received advice on learning and assessment to maintain the intent and integrity of the knowledge, skills and understandings described in the curriculum. Our continuous school-based assessment model provides flexibility for each school to accommodate the learning and assessment needs of their students. In the current circumstances, there is broad scope for principals to adjust the number of assessments, and the type of assessment.

Students who complete the appropriate T courses and undertake the ACT Scaling Test (AST), will qualify for a Tertiary Entrance Statement (TES) and an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR).

The BSSS has developed a range of contingencies for the ACT Scaling Test (AST). At this stage, the intention is to conduct the ACT Scaling Test as per normal on Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 September 2022. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide further information as required.

The Universities Admission Centre (UAC) has confidence in ACT assessment outcomes and the data used for the calculation of the ATAR.

I encourage all year 11 and 12 students to remain committed to their learning and the completion of the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate. Your schools and the Board will support you to do so.

Martin Watson  
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