

The image features a group of graduates in silhouette against a light, clear sky. They are celebrating, with several individuals holding up their black graduation caps and white diplomas. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking up at the graduates, creating a sense of achievement and joy. The text is overlaid on the center of the image in a white, sans-serif font.

The HSC Class of 2024

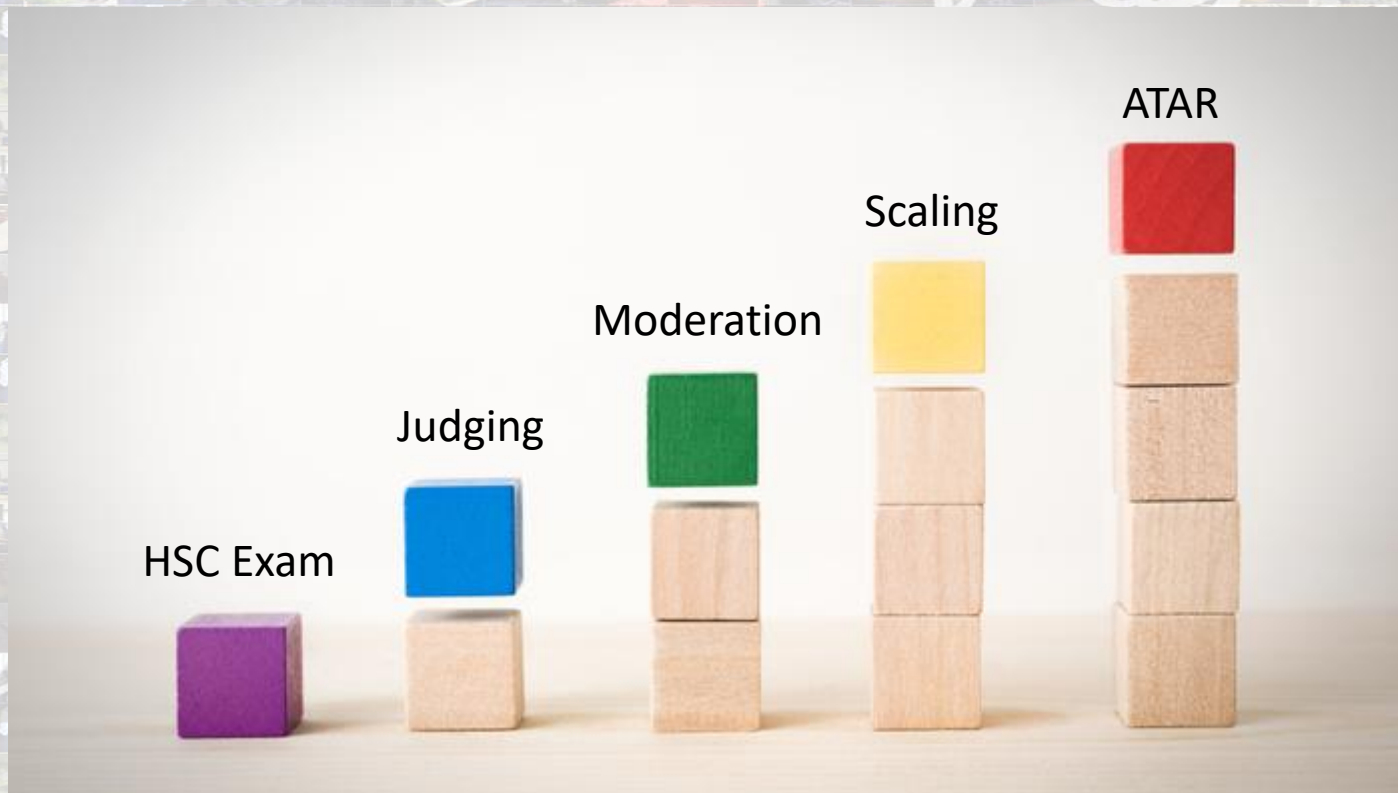
Tips to make your HSC year successful

Both the Year 11 and Year 12 pattern of study must include:

- 2 units of compulsory English
- at least 6 units of Board Developed Courses
- at least 3 courses of 2 units value or greater
- at least 4 subjects (including English)
- A maximum of 6 units of Science may be included in the Year 11 pattern of study
- A maximum of 7 units of Science may be included in the Year 12 pattern of study

Question:

How is my HSC mark determined, and how does this impact my ATAR?



Internal
Assessment
50%



External
Examination
50%

HSC
Reported
Mark

HSC Certificate – How your marks are reported

Record of Achievement



This is to certify that
Sample Student
 of
Sample High School

has met the requirements of the Higher School Certificate and has
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Internal
 (after moderation)

Final Mark

External
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STAGE 6 HSC COURSES

Year	Course	Examination Mark	Assessment Mark	HSC Mark	Performance Band
Board Developed Courses					
2016	English (Advanced) (2 unit)	68/100	68/100	68	3
	Hospitality (2 unit)	Refer to Vocational documentation			
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	Mathematics General 2 (2 unit)	68/100	68/100	68	3
	Modern History (2 unit)	74/100	70/100	72	4
	Society and Culture (2 unit)	77/100	77/100	77	4

How is the HSC assessment mark determined?



School based assessment:

- Number of tasks capped
 - 3 tasks in Year 11
 - 4 tasks in Year 12
 - task types suited to the course
 - one formal written examination style task option

Accounts for **half of the final HSC mark.**

Moderation of assessment marks

- All raw HSC assessment marks submitted by schools are moderated by NESA in a process called **Moderation**
- **Moderation** adjusts the raw assessments submitted by schools so that the mean (average) of the group's assessments is set to equal the **mean** of the HSC exam marks obtained by the group
- The top assessment mark is set to equal the top exam mark
- The **rank order as submitted by the school** of students remains unchanged in their group



Example Results for 2 unit Yodelling

Student	Raw School assess mark	School Rank	Aligned Exam mark	Exam Rank	Moderated assess mark	Final assess Rank
John	90	1	93	1	93	1
Tim	70	2	60	3	67	2
Peter	65	3	65	2	59	3
Matt	64	4	50	5	57	4
Rianna	60	5	55	4	52	5
Sue	55	6	35	7	43	6
Paula	50	7	41	6	35	7
Total	390		348		348	
Mean	65		58		58	

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2016 Australian Tertiary Admission Rank Advice

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ATAR Notice

Your Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR): 74.30 *SEVEN*FOUR***THREE*ZERO

Shown below are the ATAR courses which were available for inclusion in your ATAR, together with the units that were actually included in the calculation. Information about ATAR eligibility and the calculation of the ATAR is shown over the page.

Your BOSTES Student Number: 12345678

Course name	Category	Year completed	Unit value	Units included in calculation of ATAR
Business Studies	A	2016	2	1
English Standard	A	2016	2	2
Mathematics	A	2016	2	2
Studies of Religion 1	A	2016	1	0
French Continuers	A	2016	2	2
French Extension	A	2016	1	1
Financial Services Examination	B	2016	2	2

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Dr David Christie
Managing Director
16 December 2016



The ATAR is a rank between 0.00 and 99.95 with increments of 0.05. It is used by UAC participating institutions to rank and select school leavers for admission to most undergraduate courses. Some courses use selection criteria other than, or in addition to, the ATAR. For more information about the ATAR read pages 39–42 of the *UAC Guide 2016–17* or pages 29–32 of the *UAC International 2016–17* booklet or visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/atar/ or www.uac.edu.au/international/atar/

The message 'Not eligible' appears on this advice if you did not satisfactorily complete the requirements for an ATAR as listed over the page.

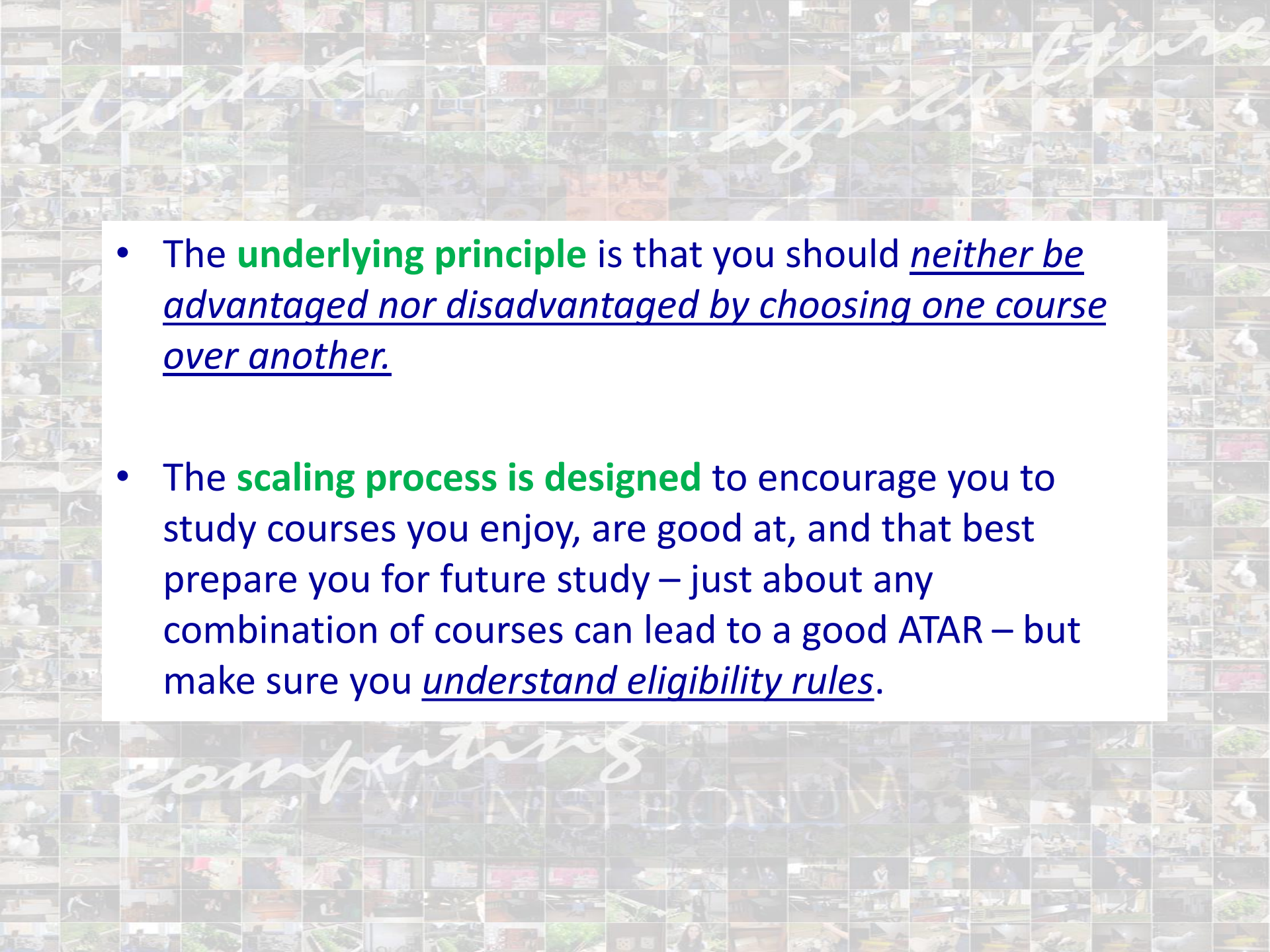
If you are eligible to have a Limited ATAR calculated it will be sent to you on a separate advice. The Limited ATAR is calculated differently to the ATAR. The calculation of the Limited ATAR is described on page 42 of the *UAC Guide 2016–17* or page 31 of the *UAC International 2016–17* booklet or visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/atar/ or www.uac.edu.au/international/atar/

FAQ's



Why do some courses scale better than others?

Courses have to be scaled so that marks in different courses can be compared with each other. Courses are scaled using the mean scores and distribution of marks, which indicate the ability of the course candidature. Courses such as HSC Mathematics Extension 2 and Physics traditionally scale well because of this. However, students must achieve high HSC marks (and high positions) to gain any benefit from scaling.

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- The **underlying principle** is that you should neither be advantaged nor disadvantaged by choosing one course over another.
 - The **scaling process is designed** to encourage you to study courses you enjoy, are good at, and that best prepare you for future study – just about any combination of courses can lead to a good ATAR – but make sure you understand eligibility rules.

General aspects of the ATAR

- The ATAR assists universities in **RANKING** (top to bottom) applicants for universities
- The **best 10 units** (2 of which could be a category B) of ATAR-eligible courses are used to determine your ATAR based on your performance vs. that of your peers. **2 units of English will be included**
- The ATAR is calculated and released by the Universities Admissions Centre (**UAC**)
- **The ATAR is a rank. It is not a mark.**
- A student's ATAR indicates the **POSITION** of that student relative to their Year 7 cohort
- **2021 – ATAR of 80.00 placed in top 20% of their Year 7 cohort if all the 2016 Year 7 students completed Year 12**



ATAR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

NESA

NSW

Examination + Assessment
Mark Mark

Universities Admissions Centre

Scaled

2 units of English +
next best 8 units

ATAR

The scaled mark for each course is based on the quality of the candidates in that course in that year

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How does the scaling work?



Good rankings are **more difficult** to obtain when students are **competing** against students of high quality.

So.....

The scaling model adjusts HSC Marks to compensate for the “**strength of the competition**” by comparing the overall performance of each individual subject’s cohort against each other to determine how they compare in relation to each other...

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The most common question:

**Why is my ATAR low compared
to my Year 12 marks?**

Scaling allows for your marks to be compared against not just those of other students in the same courses you studied, but also to the marks of other students in other courses...

Raw HSC marks

Performance

Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) aligns raw marks to performance bands and calculates **HSC marks**

Position

UAC undertakes scaling process and calculates **ATARs**

Your HSC marks	Your ATAR
Your HSC marks provide information about how well you have performed in each of the courses you have completed.	Your ATAR provides information about how you are positioned overall against other students.
Your HSC marks indicate your performance in the different courses you have studied.	Your ATAR allows you to be compared with students who have completed different combinations of courses.
Your HSC marks are reported against standards.	Your ATAR is a rank, not a mark.
In NSW, your HSC marks are provided by BOSTES. In the ACT, your Senior Secondary Certificate marks are provided by ACTBSSS.	In NSW, your ATAR is provided by UAC. In the ACT, your ATAR is provided by ACTBSSS.

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HSC marks and ATAR have different purposes – **ATAR is a rank**

Course	Riley		Jordan	
	HSC mark	Percentile	HSC mark	Percentile
Biology	70	43	80	75
Business Studies	70	36	80	67
English (Advanced)	70	11	80	47
Mathematics	70	21	80	51
Modern History	70	30	80	59
Visual Arts	70	14	80	51
ATAR	57.50		79.65	

Recommended Resources...

- UAC Digital YouTube
- UAC Subject Compass
- The Careers Department
- StudyWorkGrow
- PHHS Careers
- Matrix Education High School Survival Guide
- TAFE NSW
- NESAs HSC Subject Advice & HSC Syllabus Database

Class of 2024 Pre Year 12 Survey



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