

## **Year 12 Students Should Focus on What They can Achieve with Their Results**

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Australia's graduating high school students will start receiving their year 12 results and university offers this week.

While this can be an emotional time for year 12's, Career Development Association of Australian national president Wanda Hayes said students should not panic and focus on what they can achieve with their results.

"If they don't receive the results or offers they were expecting, they should start thinking about other possible pathways," Ms Hayes said.

She said that school leavers need to remember that the ATAR or OP (QLD) only has one purpose and that is to get students into their first tertiary level program.

"I know some students believe that their results define them for the rest of their lives. But once they are into a university program the rest is up to them," she said.

After students have completed one full-time year of tertiary level study in any course, they receive a new rank based on the results of that study.

"So, if they don't get the offer they want, they should look at what course they can get into, work towards a new rank, then try again for what they really want."

If students can't get into any university course, Ms Hayes suggests enrolling into a university preparation course, which will also give them a new rank at the end.

Ms Hayes said that while statistics show university graduates have higher workplace participation, university is not the right career path for everyone.

"There are many career paths that don't require a degree. Students should also look into the study opportunities available at TAFE and other RTOs," she said.

"Some employers actually prefer people without a degree, that way they can train them while on the job."

But at the end of the day, she said these decisions are different for everyone, so if they are struggling, they should get some advice.

"Getting some advice is a smart move. It could be from an accredited career development practitioner at the school they've just come from, a tertiary admittance centre, the university or TAFE," she said.

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**Year 12 Result Dates:**

NSW: Thursday, 13 December  
VIC: Friday, 14 December  
QLD: Saturday, 15 December  
WA: Monday, 17 December  
ACT: Monday, 17 December  
SA/NT: Tuesday, 18 December  
TAS: Tuesday, 18 December

**University Offer Dates:**

Early Round Offers:

NSW, ACT, QLD, SA\*: Thursday, 20 December  
WA: Friday, 21 December

\*In SA, not all courses will make early offers

Main Round Offers:

TAS: Wednesday, 19 December  
NSW: Friday, 11 January  
ACT: Friday, 11 January  
SA: Tuesday, 15 January  
VIC: Wednesday, 16 January  
QLD: Wednesday, 16 January  
WA: Tuesday, 22 January

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