

## Introduction

The SATAC Bulletin school edition is a newsletter for school staff and others who provide advice to future tertiary students.

Each edition of the Bulletin provides updates on SATAC services and admissions processes.

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## Counsellor Information Sessions for 2021

SATAC will host its 2021 counsellor information sessions both physically and remotely. The sessions will be held between June and July.

### New Counsellor Information Sessions

These information sessions are designed to provide an opportunity for school staff and others new to the SATAC system and processes to gain an understanding of the basics and ask any questions they may have.

This year SATAC will host one physical and one virtual New Counsellor Information Session on 22 and 23 June. An email inviting bookings for the sessions will be sent to schools in Term 2.

### Metropolitan Counsellor Information Sessions

These information sessions provide an opportunity to receive a refresher on the SATAC system and processes, as well as catch up on any changes. Attendees will also hear from our partner institutions about any updates they have.

This year SATAC will host one physical and one virtual Metropolitan Counsellor Information Session on 20 and 21 July. An email inviting bookings for the sessions will be sent to schools in Term 2.

### Regional Counsellor Information Sessions

SATAC's regional Counsellor Information Sessions this year will be held virtually. The SATAC/VTAC session for SA/VIC border schools will be held on 16 June, and the

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SATAC session for regional SA schools on 28 June. An email inviting bookings for the sessions will be sent to schools in Term 2.

## Northern Territory Counsellor Information Session

SATAC will also run a Counsellor Information Session in Darwin on 30 July. We currently do not have any other sessions confirmed in the NT, but we will notify you if any additional sessions are planned.

## Student and Parent Information Sessions for 2021

In 2021, for the first time, SATAC will start offering information sessions tailored to students and their families. While the details for these are still being confirmed, we anticipate holding the sessions throughout weeks 3 to 6 of Term 3 (2 August – 27 August).

In late 2020, SATAC surveyed school counsellors and principals to get feedback on the kinds of topics you would like us to talk to your students and their families about. Based on the results of that survey, the information sessions we are planning will focus on things such as the SATAC application process, ATAR calculation and admission pathways.

These sessions will be held remotely, and a booking invitation will be sent to schools in Term 2 to register. Availability for these sessions will be limited, so please ensure that you select your preferred date and time early to avoid disappointment.

## SATAC at Torrens University Virtual Careers Expo 2021

SATAC will be hosting a virtual booth at the Torrens University Virtual Careers Expo to be held on Thursday, 27 May.

You can visit our virtual booth to:

- learn more about undergraduate, postgraduate and TAFE SA applications
- find out information for Year 12 students
- ask us any questions you may have

SATAC will also be doing a webcast at the event, with details to be confirmed soon, so come along to hear more about the SATAC application process!

## SATAC Guide and university publications

Order forms for the 2022 SATAC Guide and university publications will be emailed to the nominated contact at schools in the first week of Term 2.

The delivery to schools is expected to be made between Monday 19 July and Wednesday 21 July 2021. Neither SATAC, nor our distributor, can guarantee delivery on a particular day and, while every effort is made to ensure that deliveries are complete by Wednesday, we recommend avoiding planning information events that are dependent on these materials during the delivery week.

SATAC publications are available online at [satac.edu.au/satac-publications](http://satac.edu.au/satac-publications)

## Midyear applications

Midyear undergraduate applications for 2021 are currently open. Application closing dates vary across courses, so applicants should use SATAC's Course Search to check if their preferred course is still accepting applications.

## Unique Student Identifier (USI)

The Unique Student Identifier (USI) is your lifelong education number.

Students need a USI if they are:

- undertaking nationally recognised training, also known as Vocational Education Training (VET) - including while at school
- seeking financial assistance and accepting Commonwealth Supported Places for higher education
- graduating from higher education in 2023 or beyond.

Students can create a USI now at [usi.gov.au](http://usi.gov.au).

If you have students who have done any nationally recognised training since 2015 may already have a USI. They can check at [usi.gov.au/students/find-your-usi](http://usi.gov.au/students/find-your-usi)

SATAC applications for 2022 onwards will ask applicants to provide their USI. If you are talking to students about higher education in 2021 and beyond, encourage them to apply for a USI as soon as possible.

For more information about USI visit [usi.gov.au](http://usi.gov.au)

## TAFE SA semester 2 2021

TAFE SA applications are open for courses starting in semester 2 2021. Applications are free and submitted online through SATAC.

## SATAC has moved!

SATAC is now located at Level 6, 431 King William Street, Adelaide. Our new office is on the corner of King William Street and South Terrace, close to the City South and South Terrace tram stops.

Our telephone, email and website contact details remain unchanged.

Our front counter at the new premises is now open to welcome visitors!



## New communications channel for school staff

SATAC now has a new, dedicated communications channel for school staff! Should you need to get in touch with us for any reason, you can call (08) 8224 4018 or email [schools@satac.edu.au](mailto:schools@satac.edu.au) and a member of our team will respond to your enquiry as soon as possible.

These contact details are for school staff only, so please do not share them with your students or their families. They can continue to contact SATAC via our usual channels.

## Community Liaison Officer

As of 22 March, Maeesha Afia has been appointed to the role of Community Liaison Officer at SATAC.

Maeesha's remit will focus specifically on providing tertiary information advisory services to the secondary school and wider communities. You will see her at various events SATAC is involved in, including expos, institution open days and SATAC information sessions.

Maeesha will also now be your point of contact for any enquiries you have regarding Year 12 processes, SATAC's information sessions, and any other community engagement activities, so if you contact us via the phone number or email address listed above, she may be the one responding to your enquiry.

## New-look website

SATAC is currently working on a refresh of our website.

The new-look site is user-focused, with stronger calls to action and fewer clicks to perform tasks.

Based on feedback we've received in the past from students and schools, our four main areas of focus are:

- Navigation
- Layout
- Useability
- Accessibility

The site is due to launch in early May, and we are excited to share it with you then.



The banner features a dark blue background with a complex, colorful maze pattern in white, teal, and pink. In the center, the USI logo is displayed in white and teal, followed by the text 'Unique Student Identifier' in white. Below the logo, the text 'Studying soon?' is written in a large, bold, white font. Underneath this, a horizontal line is followed by the text 'Get your USI now!' in white. At the bottom, the website address 'usi.gov.au' is written in a bold, white font.