GLOSSARY

ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE  This provides guidance for students about the level of background knowledge or identified skills required to undertake a tertiary course but are not used for selection purposes

ATAR  Australian Tertiary Admission Rank. The ATAR is an indicator of how well a particular student has performed relative to other students


MODERATION  Procedures designed to ensure that assessments within a subject area are comparable across all schools and teachers

NEVO  Northern Eastern Vocational Opportunities. This is a group of VET programs offered by the North Eastern Secondary Schools cluster

PREREQUISITE  A formal requirement that is required before proceeding to further study

RTO  Registered Training Organisation – eg TAFESA, PEER VEET. ATEC, MTA

SACE  South Australian Certificate of Education

SACE Board of SA  The statutory body that oversees the administration of SACE. For further information see website – www.sace.sa.edu.au

SATAC  South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre. A statutory body which has control of the administration of tertiary selection. Further information available by viewing website – www.satac.edu.au

SEMESTER  A half year; 50 – 60 hours of programmed lesson time. Subjects of 1 unit (10 credits) are a semester length; a 2 unit (20 credits) subject is a full year subject

TAFE  Technical and Further Education

TAS  Tertiary Admissions Subjects. A SACE Stage 2 subject which has been approved by TAFE SA and the universities as providing appropriate preparation for tertiary studies

UNIT  The unit of course length for SACE is one semester or half year

VET  Vocational Education and Training

YOUTH ALLOWANCE  Youth Allowance is a means tested payment made to full time students aged between 16 and 24. It replaced a number of previous payments including AUSTUDY and Family Allowance for some secondary school students. Applications and eligibility information can be obtained from Centrelink offices. A Centrelink publication “Youth Allowance The Guide” gives a thorough and comprehensive outline of the payment system. Another good source of information is the Centrelink website at – www.youthallowance.centrelink.gov.au