

MEDIA ADVISORY

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The Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS 2002/03)

The Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) will release the Australian findings from the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS 2002/03) at **02:00am AEDT on Wednesday 15 December 2004**.

The reports will be released on the ACER website at www.acer.edu.au

The study assessed mathematics and science achievement of students in Year 4 and Year 8 in 25 and 46 countries respectively including Australia.

Australia's results from TIMSS 2002/03 will be reported in two volumes *Summing it up: Mathematics achievement in Australian schools in TIMSS 2002* and *Examining the evidence: Science achievement in Australian schools in TIMSS 2002* both by Sue Thomson and Nicole Fleming.

The release of the Australian results will coincide with the release of the international report by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA) in Boston.

A media release detailing Australia's performance in TIMSS 2002/03 will be released with the reports.

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A one-page backgrounder on TIMSS 2002/03 has been distributed with this advisory. If it is missing please contact Louise Reynolds to arrange a replacement copy.