From HSC Marks to the ATAR

HSC Syllabuses
This link provides the syllabus document for each HSC course; some support documents along with the Draft Performance Bands.

Past HSC Papers and Marking Guidelines
This link will take you to past HSC papers, marking guidelines, Notes from the Marking Centre and exam reports back to 1995. It also includes a link to the text list for English.

HSC Standards Packages
This links to a set of standards packages that was produced to illustrate the standards established in HSC courses. These show actual students answers that demonstrate the standard at each band cut-off.

Multiple-choice questions
Twenty-nine of the HSC exams have multiple-choice questions. This link takes you to a program that generates tests that randomly select past questions from previous HSC examinations. It is a good way to check your knowledge.

Universities Admission Centre Undergraduate
http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/
You can navigate from this home page to find out all about the ATAR. Some of the links are given in the next column.

Year 12 booklet about the ATAR
This is the booklet that was distributed to year 12 in 2013 to explain the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank.

Information about the ATAR
This link provides answers to frequently answered questions about the ATAR.

Tables to explain the marks in the 2013 ATAR
The tables on this page provide statistical information and may answer some of your questions about 'scaling'.

For those who have been disadvantaged
This link takes you to the webpage for the Educational Access Schemes. If you have been subject to disadvantage during year 11 & 12 check and see if you are eligible to apply through this scheme.

Information about universities that offer subject bonuses
It would also be wise to look at the university web sites on the links given below.

University 'Bonus Points' Schemes
Macquarie, Notre Dame, NSW, Sydney, UTS, Western Sydney, Wollongong
To be eligible for an HSC you must study:
- A minimum of twelve preliminary and ten HSC units
- At least two units of English
- At least three two unit courses
- At least four subjects

To be eligible for an ATAR you must at least study:
- Eight units from Category A courses
- Two units of English
- Three Board Developed courses of two units or greater
- Four subjects.

The ATAR is calculated from the best ten units that fit this pattern.