



On the edge of their seat: Clare Cathcart and Claire Wilson will get their results today. Picture: PETER WARD

Tense wait ends for 578 students

THE long wait is over for last year's International Baccalaureate students, who will today find out their final marks.

After waiting almost three weeks longer than their VCE counterparts, most of Victoria's 578 year 12 IB diploma students will receive phone calls from their schools this morning.

Students from Lauriston Girls School in Armadale, Claire Wilson and Clare Cathcart, both 18, said it had been a nerve-racking holiday. "It has been a very long wait, especially seeing most of my friends got their VCE results a while ago," Claire said.

The top IB mark, equal to an ENTER score of 99.95, is 45. Most

IB students have also applied for an ENTER, which they will get today or tomorrow.

The IB is popular with students who have a broad range of interests, because it requires students to do six subjects: maths, science, English, a second language, humanities, and music or visual or theatre arts.

Students must also complete 150 hours of community work, 100 hours of extra work on theory of knowledge, and a 4000-word essay.

The IB is becoming increasingly popular in Victoria: 714 students are due to finish their diploma this year, compared with 503 five years ago.