

Scholarships and awards



Supporting student ambition



27
Accommodation scholarships

- 9 Brisbane
- 7 Melbourne
- 8 Sydney
- 2 Ballarat
- 1 Canberra



Awards and recognition

73
FP Building Excellence

6
Conference awards (UG and PG)

22
FP EAPP

6
Postgraduate bursary

5
Education Research Advancement Award (Grad Cert)

16
Indigenous Nationals

2
Masters of Family and Systemic Therapy

9
Research event awards

Indigenous Nationals



Snapshot

16 ACU students
4 sports
4 days

500+ First Nations athletes
32 teams
19 games

Final placings

1st NETBALL  **3rd** TOUCH FOOTBALL 

5th BASKETBALL  **5th** VOLLEYBALL 

Study assistance

Tutoring and study assistance

 **3,249** hours of support

 **1,569** individual sessions

 **52** study assistants

Community, culture and connection



Across campuses and community

Campus and external partnership engagements and events across NSW, Qld, Vic, ACT, including:

On campus:

- Corroboree 2025
- Reconciliation Week Lunch with Dr Tracy Westerman AM
- Indigenous LiteracyDay
- QATSIF
- Murri Zenadth Kes Men's Group
- Reconciliation Week campus events across ACT, Vic, NSW, Qld

In community:

- Koori Knockout Tamworth
- North Sydney Allied Health First Nations Open Day
- NSW Regional Roadshows
- Sydney City NAIDOC; Koori Explore Your Future Days
- Dorrie Day (Bundaberg)
- Musgrave Park NAIDOC
- Koori Big Day Out
- NAIDOC Community Day Mooroopna
- Gleneagles College Yarning Event

Towards 2033



Strategic direction

2025 marked the culmination of planning, consultation and implementation of the **Towards 2033 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Plan**. Aligned with Vision 2033, the plan strengthens: **inclusion, community engagement, shared strategic objectives.**

Leadership and voice



Keynotes, panels and leadership

PVCI keynote and panel contributions:

- Armidale Catholic Schools Principal Conference – History of Indigenous Educational Policy
- NATSICC 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope
- Good Samaritan Education Triennial Conference – Weaving Educational Baskets
- International Women's Day – Women of Hope (Panel Host)
- ACU Summit of Hope – Indigenous Leadership
- ACU and DePaul Conference – Walking at the Speed of Trust

Find out more

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659

Students



104

Graduates



34

Staff

Student Snapshot



2025 student community

Headcount across award and non-award study, including higher degree research (HDR).



659

students across award and non-award programs



34 (1.57%)

non casual staff by headcount identify as Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander.

5 HDR students 3 Applications 1 Completion

Students by faculty:

Education and Arts (FEA)	234
Health Sciences (FHS)	291
Undeclared (non-award)	56
Law and Business (FLB)	48
Theology and Philosophy (FTP)	22
Global Education Pathways (GEP)	8

Where we learn

Across campuses and online.

Students may appear in online and campus categories depending on study mode.

Brisbane	195
Online	145
Strathfield	110
Melbourne	74
North Sydney	51
Blacktown	40
Canberra	38
Ballarat	6

Graduations



104

Graduates

76

Undergraduate

27

Postgraduate

1

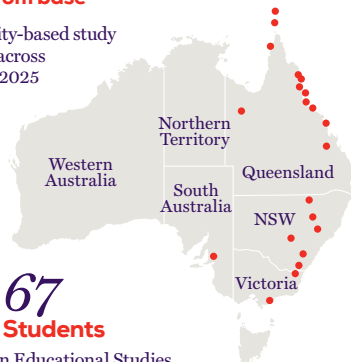
HDR



On Country, on campus

Away from base

Community-based study locations across Australia 2025



67

Students

Diploma in Educational Studies
Bachelor of Education
Bachelor of Midwifery

Away-from-Base reach

Queensland (<i>Far North Qld, Gulf Country, Central Qld, SEQ</i>)	22 locations
New South Wales (<i>North Coast, Western NSW, Riverina, Greater Sydney</i>)	28 locations
Victoria (<i>Goulburn Valley, South Coast</i>)	2 locations
South Australia (<i>Regional SA</i>)	1 location

Projects funded



Supporting innovation, cultural safety and the embedding of First Peoples' Knowings across ACU

Immersive Innovation: VR in Midwifery Education

Enhancing clinical learning in the Away-From-Base Midwifery program through virtual reality.



4

VR modules

- Improved clinical competence, confidence and communication
- Increased accessibility and student engagement

Culturally Safe Learning Environments – School of Allied Health

Embedding Indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing across the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy on five campuses.



20

trainers

completed two day Crossing Cultures – Hidden Histories Train the Trainer workshop.

Indigenous Perspectives Curriculum Scope & Scan

90+ course frameworks

GC5 Graduate Capabilities



80%

units analysed

Indigenous Literacy Day

Partnering with Faculty of Education and Arts



98

school students on campus

Elite athletes and performers (EAPP)

High performance, creative practice



22

Students

across:

- Cricket
- Golf
- Rugby union
- AFL
- NRL
- Water polo
- Music
- Hockey
- Swimming
- Cycling
- Dance
- Soccer
- Tennis