## Fact sheet eight **ACU's commitment to our communities**

ACU has around 33,000 students nationally, some 10,000 of which are at the Melbourne campus. Close to 6,000 students graduate from ACU each year, and our campuses are the largest sources of newly qualified nurses and teachers in Australia, as well as producing graduates in business, law, arts, theology and philosophy.

The education our students receive doesn't end at the classroom. At ACU, all students are required to undertake community engagement as part of their studies. We firmly believe that by participating in community programs and providing community service, our students develop personal qualities that complement their studies and help them to lead more fulfilling lives.

ACU empowers students to think critically, ethically and to bring about change in their communities and professions. Community engagement is a core part of every ACU student's experience and is embedded within most courses.

The location of our Melbourne campus is an ideal setting to work with communities in need.

The Fitzroy neighbourhood is unique and special, and we are proud to bring

students and academics to this part of Melbourne. It is vibrant, diverse, welcoming, and beautiful.

The community work in which our students participate is vital to a well-rounded education with a focus on the common good.

We have a long history in this community, and we plan to take care of our neighbourhood. We are one of the largest employers in the City of Yarra, and many of our students and staff live locally.

Our contribution to our community runs deep. We are significant supporters of local arts and community groups.

We are also proud of the work our education students do in providing Homework Support Programs to residents of nearby Atherton Gardens housing estate.



Homework Club at Atherton Gardens



## More information