

# Embracing mission. Enriching lives.





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## **Empowering** an ethical future

## ACU is a proudly Catholic university, established in 1991 as a publicly funded institution with an aim to promote academic excellence, serve communities, and act as a catalyst for positive societal change.

In a world characterised by rapid technological advancements and diverse social, economic and geopolitical challenges, students need a keen sense of who they are, and where they belong. Ours is a dynamic institution built on the principles of Catholic social teaching, bringing a unique perspective to higher education that acknowledges the need to develop the whole person. With world-class educators and innovative campuses that encompass the most vital features of university life, we create supportive and immersive learning environments that empower our students to flourish and grow. Graduates leave us as employable, market-relevant global citizens with the tools to adapt and succeed, developing meaning and purpose while making a positive impact on their communities.

In the research and enterprise space, we leverage the expertise of our people to make practical contributions to societal challenges, with mission-aligned programs that benefit Australia and the wider world. With an emphasis on engagement and collaboration, we build strategic partnerships with local and global institutions, encouraging knowledge exchange for the creation of dynamic initiatives, innovative solutions, and tangible outcomes.

Looking ahead to the next decade and beyond, our strategic vision will allow us to respond to the needs of a changing world while remaining committed to our core mission – blending faith and reason to enable flourishing lives, nurture thriving communities, and forge an ethical future.

**Professor Zlatko Skrbis** Vice-Chancellor and President

## Acknowledgement of Country

We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' deep spiritual connection to Country and thank them for their continued custodianship. We acknowledge the importance of Indigenous knowledges and pay respect to the Traditional Custodians of the unceded lands and waterways where we work, learn and live.



Within the Catholic intellectual tradition and acting in truth and love, Australian Catholic University is committed to the pursuit of knowledge, the dignity of the human person and the common good.



## **About Australian Catholic University**

An ACU education is grounded in the Catholic understanding of faith and reason working together in the pursuit of knowledge, promotion of human dignity, and advancement of the common good.

We aim to transform lives and communities. Students are challenged to look beyond the classroom, solve real-world problems, develop their own search for meaning and cultivate strong professional ethics. They are invited to stand up for people in need and causes that matter.

Opportunities for personal and professional growth are critical to ACU. This is a university of service – so much so that it is built into the curricula. All ACU courses offer work placements, internships or volunteering opportunities.

High-impact research – with social, cultural and economic benefits – is core to our institution. Our research and enterprise activities develop innovative solutions to issues impacting human dignity and the common good. Through ethically informed research we deliver positive change across ACU, industry, community and government. We foster academic collaboration and engage with local and international partners to enable the exchange of knowledge and skills and develop dynamic educational and research initiatives. We build healthy social partnerships, assisting communities in actively shaping initiatives that directly impact them.

ACU is a university for everyone. Like all Catholic institutions, the university is inclusive and supportive of everyone, every day – regardless of their faith, tradition or circumstance.

ACU is a young university making a significant impact. Ranked in the top 10 Catholic universities\*, we're also a leader in employability with 95 per cent of our graduates employed\*\*. The university has seven campuses around Australia, a campus in Rome, Italy, and an online campus – ACU Online.

\* Based on International Federation of Catholic Universities members ranked on *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings 2025 \*\* Graduate Outcomes Survey – Longitudinal 2023, overall employment for domestic undergraduate students and domestic postgraduate coursework students

# ACU at a glance



2024 course enrolments

Undergraduate students 26,348

Postgraduate students 7,018

Non-award students 1,607

**Domestic** students

29,156

International students

5,817



## **ACU** hosts students from more than 100 countries

Top 10 countries of origin Nepal India Kenya Vietnam **Philippines** China Nigeria Sri Lanka USA Indonesia



Student enrolments by campus

> Ballarat Blacktown Brisbane Canberra Melbourne North Sydney 5,225 Strathfield Online **Total**

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Staff headcount\*

Academic 1,173

1.164

1,711

5,297

1.057

10,502

4,853

5,157

34,978

\$653,085,000

operating

rėvenue

2024

Professional 1,228

\* Full-time equivalent

# A growing reputation

### **IN AUSTRALIA**

**95%** 

**GRADUATES EMPLOYED** 

Graduate Outcomes Survey - Longitudinal 2023, overall employment for domestic undergraduate students

## **No.** 1

1st

ENERGY EFFICIENT UNIVERSITY

Tertiary Education Facilities Management Association Annual Survey 2023

### IN THE WORLD

**No. 2** GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING SDG 3, Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024

## **Top 10**

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES

Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025, ranked IFCU members

**Top 15** 

### SCIENTIFIC IMPACT ACROSS DISCIPLINES

2024 CWTS Leiden Rankings, based on the proportion of the university's papers that are in the top 10 per cent most frequently cited

24th

#### RESEARCH QUALITY

Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2025

#### SUBJECT SPECIALISATIONS

# 1st in Australia, 22nd worldwide



THEOLOGY, DIVINITY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025





**RESEARCH QUALITY IN PSYCHOLOGY** Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject 2025

## 12th worldwide



**RESEARCH QUALITY IN EDUCATION** Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject 2025

## **Top 50 worldwide**

NURSING

Shanghai Ranking, Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2024

## Top 100 worldwide



### SPORT SCIENCE



**Top 150** 



CLASSICS AND ANCIENT HISTORY QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025







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## **5** stars

**RESEARCH QUALITY** 

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND **GRADUATE SALARY** Good Universities Guide 2025, undergraduate

100% POWERED BY RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY **ON AUSTRALIAN CAMPUSES** 



# Our campuses

We've got seven campuses around Australia and a campus in Rome, Italy. We also offer courses at regional locations, including our Townsville Leadership Centre, and through our online learning platform: ACU Online. Each of our campuses is unique, but they're all dynamic, inviting and great places to learn.



On this page, top to bottom – Ballarat Campus, Blacktown Campus, Brisbane Campus, Canberra Campus, Melbourne Campus, North Sydney Campus, Strathfield Campus, Rome Campus, Italy.







"I loved my experience at ACU's Rome Campus. I met some remarkable people and have made some incredible memories. I felt unbelievably lucky to learn in the field, especially having tours of sites such as the Colosseum, the Roman Forum and Mount Vesuvius – it was overwhelmingly exciting."

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Caitlyn Arts and global studies graduate

## Our faculties and research areas

At ACU, we embrace the full life cycle of research, from knowledge creation to translating and applying findings towards real-world outcomes that provide social, cultural and economic benefit.

Grounded in our commitment to the common good, our faculties, institutes and centres seek to create research impact through sustained collaboration with industry, government, stakeholders, communities, and academic partners.

Learn more about research at ACU acu.edu.au/research

08 Our faculties and research areas





## **Faculty of Health Sciences**

Our staff and students are committed to improving lives through world-leading healthcare education and health sciences research that is guided by evidence and the values of excellence, dignity, and engagement. Our graduates are equipped not only with the skills and expertise to provide outstanding care, but also with the compassion and empathy to provide care that people remember.

#### STUDY AREAS

- Allied health
- Nursing, midwifery and paramedicine
- Nutrition and biomedical science
- Psychology
- Public health and administration
- Sport and exercise science

#### **RESEARCH AREAS**

- Child nutrition
- Digital health
- Exercise science
- Healthy ageing
- Mental health
- Nursing and midwifery

#### **OUR INSTITUTES AND CENTRES**

- Healthy Brain and Mind Research Centre
- Mary MacKillop Institute for Health Research
- Nursing Research Institute
- Sports Performance, Recovery, Injury and New Technologies (SPRINT) Research Centre

### **OUR SCHOOLS**

- School of Allied Health
- School of Behavioural and Health Sciences
- School of Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine
- Learn more **acu.edu.au/fhs**







## **Faculty of Education and Arts**

Learning is a life-long endeavour and the Faculty of Education and Arts is with you every step of the way. Our postgraduate education and arts degrees put your learning and research into a global context and give you access to leading experts.

#### **STUDY AREAS**

- Creative arts
- Global studies and international development
- · Humanities and social sciences
- Professional education
- Teaching
- Youth work and community development

#### **RESEARCH AREAS**

- Arts, humanities and social sciences (including history, migration and refugee studies, sociology, political science, and literary studies)
- Child protection studies
- Early childhood education
- Educational psychology, self-concept and self-determination
- Indigenous education, identity and culture
- Literacy and STEM education
- Teacher education



#### **OUR INSTITUTES AND CENTRES**

- Australian Centre for the Advancement of Literacy
- Institute for Child Protection Studies
- Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences
- Institute for Learning Sciences and Teacher Education
- Institute for Positive Psychology and Education

#### OUR SCHOOLS

- National School of Education
- National School of Arts and Humanities

Learn more **acu.edu.au/fea** 





## Faculty of Theology and Philosophy

We take great pride in offering our students direct access to world-leading research, an extensive network of international partnerships, innovative and responsive curriculum design, extended overseas study opportunities, and a staffing profile that is the rival of any theological faculty in the world.

#### **STUDY AREAS**

- Philosophy
- Theology

#### **RESEARCH AREAS**

- Biblical and early Christian studies
- Bioethics and applied science
- Catholic thought and practice
- Epistemology, logic and mind
- History of philosophy and contemporary European thought
- Philosophy, religion and culture
- Social, political and moral philosophy

#### OUR INSTITUTES AND CENTRES

- ACU Centre for Liturgy
- Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry
- Interreligious Dialogue Network
- La Salle Academy
- Plunkett Centre for Ethics
- Queensland Bioethics Centre
- The Loyola Institute
- Xavier Centre for Theological Formation

#### **OUR SCHOOLS**

- School of Philosophy
- School of Theology

Learn more acu.edu.au/ftp





## **Faculty of Law and Business**

Sustainable success is based on more than scholarship. At ACU's Faculty of Law and Business, you'll build a foundation that emphasises the ethical, social and environmental duties of a modern leader in the fields of law, criminology, business and IT.

#### **STUDY AREAS**

#### Business

## **OUR INSTITUTES AND CENTRES**

- Information technology
- · Law and criminology

#### **RESEARCH AREAS**

- Empowering resilient enterprises
- Future workforce and wellbeing
- Governance and the application of new and emerging technologies
- · Justice, human rights and equality



#### **OUR SCHOOLS**

- · Thomas More Law School
- Peter Faber Business School

Learn more acu.edu.au/flb







## Graduate Research School

ACU's Graduate Research School is cultivating the next generation of researchers to address the critical challenges we face in the world today.

As a research candidate at ACU, you will learn and apply advanced research methodologies, tackle intellectual, creative and practical challenges, and develop skills that open up new possibilities for your career and future.

Our Graduate Research School is home to our industry PhD program, giving research candidates opportunities to collaborate with our academic and industry partners. Through these collaborations, candidates can apply their research skills to translate university research into realworld solutions and outcomes.

At ACU, we have a strong and growing research reputation. We attract the best and brightest research talent and deliver innovative, industry-driven research.

We are expanding our graduate research community through strategic partnerships, supported by innovative funding models that provide connections with industry and government. We are also upskilling in key workforce areas by offering flexible enrolment options, with a range of joint PhD and co-supervision models across our global networks.

# We're making our mark on the world

## Campus di Roma

Our Campus di Roma takes ACU to the heart of the Church. Located just minutes from the Vatican, and embedded in the ancient city of Rome, the campus provides staff and students with unique international study opportunities. It allows our students the opportunity in the classroom and beyond to gain lived learning experiences that will become a part of who they are and who they want to become. It draws together scholars from around the world, facilitates collaboration with stakeholders in Rome, and plays a critical role in driving ACU's mission as one of the world's leading Catholic universities.

## International students

We have more than 5,818<sup>\*</sup> international students currently enrolled in our programs. They come from more than 100 countries including Nepal, India, Kenya, Vietnam, China, the United States, France and Japan. Our international students are part of the cultural fabric of the university, and contribute to our vibrant and enriching campus life and learning experiences.

## Partnerships

Our relationships with more than 200 universities and educational institutions around the world support education abroad, staff mobility, collaborative research, articulation and shared community engagement activities.

## Key partnerships include:

- KU Leuven, Belgium
- Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada
- UC Chile
- Pontifical Javeriana University, Colombia
- Heidelberg University, Germany
- Paris School of Business, France
- Christ (deemed to be
- 📄 university), India
- Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia

\*International students in 2024

- Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Italy
- Sophia University, Japan
- Radboud University, The Netherlands
- Ateneo de Manila University, The Philippines
- Catholic University of Portugal
- Ramon Llull University, Spain
- Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan
- Sogang University, South Korea
- Roehampton University, UK
- University of Exeter, UK
- University of Liverpool, UK
- Boston College, US
- DePaul University, US
- Georgetown University, US
- Loyola University of Chicago, US
- Santa Clara University, US
- Hanoi National University of Education, Vietnam
- VNU University of Education, Vietnam

## **Global engagement**

As a globally engaged university, we are committed to facilitating conversation and collaboration with universities around the world in the areas of education, research and engagement, and to addressing critical issues the world faces today.

ACU is an active member of many international peak bodies, including the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU), Strategic Alliance of Catholic Research Universities (SACRU), International Council of Universities of Saint Thomas Aquinas (ICUSTA) and Association of Southeast and East Asian Catholic Colleges and Universities (ASEACCU).

## **Global learning**

In addition to opportunities for study at our own Campus di Roma, our students can join a study tour, complete an internship, do a semester or short exchange, participate in community engagement or take our unique international Core Curriculum program in locations across the globe. Global learning experiences can be as short as two weeks or as long as a year. To ensure finances are not a barrier, all ACU students are eligible for generous learning abroad grants to help cover the cost of international travel.

145,000 graduates around the globe A university journey goes beyond the student experience. Our graduates join an international network of alumni who are making a difference around the world.

## **Mission in action**

Our mission as a Catholic university is born of the Gospel. It inspires our concern for justice and equity, and the dignity of all persons. ACU lives its mission as we pursue our commitment to excellence and quality.

Drawing on our Catholic traditions and acting in truth and love, we are committed to the pursuit of knowledge, the dignity of the human person and the common good. The university proudly engages the Catholic intellectual tradition to bring a distinct perspective to higher education.

We are committed to people on the margins of society at home and abroad. We partner with other faith-based educators and health and social service providers so that truth and love translate into impact for those most in need.

## Widening participation

In 2022, we launched our inaugural Widening Participation Plan – a research-informed strategy that reflects ACU's commitment to improving access, participation and outcomes for students from underrepresented groups in higher education, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, students from low socio-economic backgrounds, and students from regional and remote areas. The plan focuses on what we can change and how we can do better.

By taking a unique whole-of-institution approach to embed equity within and across ACU, we aim to reduce systemic social, economic, cultural and structural barriers, to ensure equitable access, participation and success for students from all backgrounds.

Increasing opportunity and inclusion through higher education is integral to living out our Catholic mission.

Through our work, students from underrepresented backgrounds can access higher education via our Uni Step-Up program and deepen their understanding of higher education through our outreach program, Explore Your Future. Each year, we engage with students, teachers, parents, and carers to widen participation.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student success

At ACU, we're committed to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students on their university journey. Our First Peoples Directorate fosters strong connections and meaningful community engagement while celebrating achievements and milestones. Every ACU campus has an Indigenous Higher Education Unit (IHEU) – a welcoming space where students can find support, connect with peers and celebrate culture. We offer flexible study options, academic support, scholarships and networking opportunities to help students thrive. ACU also offers the choice of studying in the Away from Base (AFB) program. AFB programs provide a unique blend of online learning and fully funded one-week residential blocks on campus, allowing students to stay connected to their communities while studying.

## 2.1%

OF DOMESTIC STUDENTS WERE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES IN 2024



## **Research and enterprise**

ACU's research and enterprise activities have economic, cultural, social and environmental impacts that help to build sustainable societies. Our researchers are engaged in projects that range in topic from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' education, to the psychological wellbeing of school principals, to urban environments and cognitive health, and to the study of oceans, forests and reefs.

## **Ethics**

Ethics is integral to our mission and purpose as a Catholic university. We have developed a series of initiatives inviting staff, students, partners and the broader community to engage with ethical thought and practice.

In 2022, we developed ACU's formation series (DOMUS) for staff at every stage of their journey with ACU. In 2023, we launched a series of business ethics initiatives, collaborating with leading corporations in Australia and abroad.

We offer an annual series of public events and initiatives inviting our community to engage in discussion and research regarding Australian and global ethical challenges. We enrich our curriculum with an ethical perspective and regularly run programs to embed ethics in the curriculum. ACU is committed to producing ethical graduates.

## Sustainable approaches

Minimising the environmental impact of our daily operations is a key part of our mission and ACU has some of the lowest rates of greenhouse gas emissions, waste generation and water use in the university sector. In 2024, renewable electricity supplied nearly 80 per cent of the energy needed by ACU's Australian campuses and helped limit our direct carbon emissions to around 1,000 tonnes from a high of about 17,000 tonnes in 2019. ACU will now increase its focus on ways to reduce the carbon emissions in its supply chain, which account for more than 90 per cent of its overall carbon footprint. Our purchase of renewable electricity, our sector-leading energy efficiency and the design of our major building developments have been key to these improvements. Every capital project at ACU since 2011 has incorporated high levels of environmentally sustainable design and our campuses now include one 6-star and two 5-star Green Star buildings. The Saint Teresa of Kolkata Building, opened at our Melbourne Campus in 2023, was designed and constructed to achieve another 5-star Green Star rating.

## Inspiring futures - giving to ACU

Philanthropy helps us to create opportunities for those who need them most. From supporting and inspiring students through scholarships, to providing world-class facilities, educators and unique learning opportunities to gain valuable skills, knowledge and experience.

With our partners, we will create excellence in healthcare and open minds through education.

In a fast-changing and fragmented world, our mission has never been more relevant. We will harness our Catholic values to accelerate progress in areas where we know we can have the biggest impact on society. Focusing on human dignity and working for the common good, together we will build a future of unlimited opportunities for all.

## **ACU Engagement**

Inspired by our Catholic mission, ACU Engagement is committed to furthering university interactions with communities in mutually beneficial and reciprocal ways that create a more just and thriving society. We strive to connect ACU's teaching, research, projects and programs to community aspirations and assets.

Community engagement at ACU is about building connections, acting with humility, developing understanding, affirming dignity and pursuing justice. ACU is one of only two Australian universities, and one of the first outside of the United States, to be recognised with the Carnegie Foundation's Community Engagement Classification (2024 – 2030). The classification recognises a deep institutional commitment to community engagement and affirms ACU as a leader in the sector. This commitment includes:





- Community-engaged learning: an ACU education includes curriculum-embedded opportunities for students to learn in and with community. They form a central part of the university's commitment to fostering thriving communities and developing graduates who can engage critically with societal issues and work with community in ways that recognise the dignity of the human person and advance the common good. In each community where ACU is located, we partner with community-based organisations to offer these transformative learning experiences.
- Community-engaged research: the Stakeholder Engaged Scholarship Unit (SESU) is ACU Engagement's flagship initiative for community-initiated scholarship and research. Co-designed research with community for the common good is an important activation of the ACU mission. Involving community in decisions about what should be researched, and the design of that research, is key to addressing priority areas of social, cultural and economic need.
- Community-engaged projects and programs: focused within community settings familiar and accessible to people experiencing marginalisation, our community-engaged projects and programs, through authentic and reciprocal partnerships, build community capacity to enhance outcomes and transform lives. Examples include:
  - Clemente Australia program: this free, university-level liberal arts certificate is designed to empower marginalised adults within our communities with the skills, confidence and knowledge to break cycles of inequity, inequality and injustice.
  - The ACU and Order of Malta Community Hub: deeply entrenched within community, this hub seeks to reduce social isolation in public housing estates in the suburb of East Reservoir, Melbourne through community-led initiatives such as morning teas, a community garden, and cooking and nutritional programs.
- Staff community engagement: ACU empowers staff to engage with community during normal working hours. The Community Engagement Time Release (CETR) policy provides staff with up to 35 hours (pro rata) per year to participate in community-based activities that contribute to the common good, address social justice issues in the community, and help those in our communities who are facing disadvantage and/or marginalisation.











"ACU is a young, innovative university that prides itself on empowering students to make a good impact in the lives of others. Through its adaptable class sizes and methods of content delivery, ACU allows its degrees to seamlessly fit into the busy lives of students. I have gained so much while studying at ACU that has not only made me a healthcare professional for the future, but also a good person. These traits are unique to ACU."

Taylah Nursing and paramedicine graduate

# The student experience

Our students are at the heart of everything we do. And we are deeply committed to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment that nurtures students to thrive, whether they are joining us straight from high school or returning to study later in life.

While we offer a range of outstanding undergraduate, postgraduate and research programs, we enrich lives beyond the classroom. At ACU, we place the whole person at the centre of the student experience. Our wide range of services is designed to support wellbeing, belonging and academic success across every stage of university life. We offer financial advice, academic skills support, counselling and career services, along with tailored support for students with health conditions, disabilities, or significant carer responsibilities. Students can also access leadership programs, support for elite athletes and performers, scholarships and opportunities shaped by innovative learning design and inclusive pedagogy - all working together to create the best possible outcomes for every student.





## Work integrated learning

Work integrated learning (WIL) activities give our students the opportunity to enrich their classroom learning with real experience. Thousands of ACU students undertake WIL placements and internships every year, with many securing employment directly after. Students also have the opportunity to participate in international internships, thanks to our relationship with more than 200 universities and education institutions around the world.

## The Core Curriculum

Our Core Curriculum is a key part of every student's ACU education – giving them an opportunity to reflect on a range of perspectives and discipline areas that speak to the rich and diverse legacy of the Catholic intellectual tradition. The Core is unique to ACU. It strives to stretch our students' understanding of the past, to better comprehend and appreciate our present, and in this way to imagine and plan for a better future. Students can elect to undertake the Core in Australia or overseas, such as at our Rome Campus.

## **Community engagement**

At ACU, we're all about making an impact. We offer a huge range of community engagement opportunities, both in Australia and overseas, and these are built in to almost all our undergraduate programs.

# The staff experience

At ACU, we are passionate about people. It's the talent, enthusiasm and engagement of our workforce that makes ACU a university like no other.

Our unwavering commitment to our vision and mission guides our priorities and programs of work, supporting our people to flourish within a vibrant and positive workplace. At ACU, we aim to strengthen and leverage the diverse talents of our people, supporting them to bring their best selves to work and give their best to our students and communities.



## Gender equality, diversity and inclusion

ACU's Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (GEDI) Framework drives our actions to provide a respectful and inclusive workplace that supports our people to achieve their potential. This has been strengthened by ACU receiving the highly regarded Athena Swan Bronze Award accreditation that will drive change through our seven year action plan. We are addressing barriers to career development, progression and retention to improve GEDI outcomes and support our progress to receiving the Athena Swan Silver Award. Our Vice-Chancellor and President actively participates in the Athena Swan Advisory Committee, extending his contribution to GEDI by advising on the implementation of the Athena Swan Charter in Australia.

## **Supporting parents**

ACU's generous paid parental leave provisions continue to evolve to meet the changing needs of our people. Flexible options as to how parental leave is accessed, enshrined in our Staff Enterprise Agreement, accommodates the individual needs of our workforce more effectively. Further support is provided through a range of options for our staff to work flexibly and assist them to manage their personal circumstances.

ACU offers a research award scheme for academic staff for primary carers returning from leave after the birth or adoption of a child and childcare support for conference attendance is also available. Enhanced tools and resources provide guidance and assistance to our staff and supervisors that support working parents and carers in our workplace.

## **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples**

ACU is committed to achieving a just Australia in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights as First Peoples are recognised, respected, celebrated and enjoyed.

We are in the third year of implementing ACU's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Employment Plan. Substantial work has been undertaken to implement a new governance and reporting structure and developing supports for growing our First Peoples workforce by creating meaningful and sustainable work opportunities and providing a culturally safe and inclusive work environment.





## **Facilities** for the future

Our campuses are more than places for education – they're spaces for innovation.

Modern, purpose-built facilities help our staff and students achieve excellence, while thoughtful, architectural design ensures our campuses remain beautiful, spacious and sustainable environments.

#### STEM CENTRE OF EDUCATION EXCELLENCE – STRATHFIELD

ACU has secured funding from Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program to develop and operate a \$45 million STEM facility at our Strathfield Campus.

The centre will undertake education, engagement and research activities by applying STEM to solve real-world problems, utilising the talents of our students, staff, collaborators and industry partners. The 3,000 sqm centre is due to open in 2028.

## EXECUTIVE EDUCATION AND CONFERENCE

CENTRES – MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, NORTH SYDNEY

The Greg Craven Centre in the heart of Fitzroy offers expansive views, a business centre, and videoconference and teleconference facilities. It can host up to 250 people.

Located on the Brisbane Campus, The Gaudete Centre can be configured for formal dining events, lectures, ceremonies and conferences for up to 200 people.

The Peter Cosgrove Centre in North Sydney is a reconfigurable high-end conference space which can fit up to 52 people boardroom style or up to 150 theatre style.

#### NEW NURSING AND MIDWIFERY WARDS -BLACKTOWN

In 2024, ACU completed an additional nursing and simulation ward to address the growing demand for allied health courses in the Blacktown area.

#### SPORTS, HEALTH AND WELLBEING CENTRES - MULTIPLE CAMPUSES

Recently opened gyms in North Sydney and Camperdown complement facilities in Melbourne. Student hubs are the home to extracurricular activities in Melbourne, North Sydney, Brisbane and Strathfield.

#### **MERCY BUILDING - BRISBANE**

This recent project delivered multiple learning and teaching spaces, a significant expansion of the existing library, a function and conference floor, and a consolidated professional office space.

#### **CAMPUS - ROME, ITALY**

Campus di Roma in the Villa Maria Building in Monteverde is a short distance from the Vatican City. It features contemporary on-site residential accommodation, classrooms, conference facilities, a chapel, a dining room and a commercial kitchen.



#### ST TERESA OF KOLKATA BUILDING – MELBOURNE

Opened in September 2023, Melbourne's newest development offers 20,000 sqm of teaching and learning facilities and much needed community engagement and social spaces.

#### **CAMPUS PARK - MELBOURNE**

Following completion of the St Teresa of Kolkata Building, ACU demolished the above ground three storey carpark and opened the 1,800 sqm Campus Park in 2024.

#### **ST BRIGID BUILDING - BALLARAT**

Located on the Ballarat Campus, the facility comprises five specialised labs for a variety of allied health disciplines, including a research lab, a simulation suite with associated observation room, flexible teaching classrooms and an exercise science research laboratory.

#### **VERITAS BUILDING - CANBERRA**

The Veritas Building has emerged as the central focal point to the campus, nestled between the original Signadou and Blackfriars buildings. It is the permanent home for the library and provides shared commons where students and staff can engage, reflect and collaborate.

#### **READING CLINIC – NORTH SYDNEY**

As part of the Australian Centre for the Advancement of Literacy (ACAL), we opened a Reading Clinic at 23 Berry Street in 2024. It has clinical spaces to provide services to primary school children seeking to improve their literacy standards.

#### METABOLIC CHAMBER – MELBOURNE

In 2024, ACU opened a state-of-the-art human metabolic chamber at our Melbourne Campus – the only one of its kind in the southern hemisphere. It features two fully equipped rooms; extensive physiological and environmental data acquisition systems; advanced environment control system for temperature and humidity; sampling interfaces for body fluids; and equipment for physiological measurements.

#### HEALTH SCIENCES SIMULATION SPACES – MULTIPLE CAMPUSES

Between 2020 and 2023, ACU upgraded more than 90 spaces across all campuses with state-of-the-art simulation software and equipment to enable students to simulate reallife medical scenarios and record their application of medical techniques for self-assessment.

#### **VETERANS FACILITIES – MULTIPLE CAMPUSES**

Over the last two years ACU has constructed and opened a number of bespoke veteran centric facilities at our Brisbane, Canberra and Melbourne campuses.

#### **STUDENT ACCOMMODATION - CANBERRA**

In addition to our existing campus accommodation in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland, ACU opened a 42-bed student accommodation facility in 2023 within our heritage-significant Blackfriars Building.

#### EXERCISE SCIENCE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION - BLACKTOWN

The Blacktown Exercise Sports and Technology (BEST) Hub is a bespoke, purpose-built facility that enables world-class translational research and education delivery in partnership with industry and the Blacktown City Council. This high performance hub houses specialist teaching labs as well as purpose-designed exercise physiology, biomechanics, and strength and conditioning labs. In 2024, the specialist environmental chamber commenced operation. The chamber controls environmental variables in the study of exercise science.

#### **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FACILITY - BALLARAT**

In 2024, we commenced construction of a one-bedroom apartment complete with kitchen and bathroom, and video recording for teaching occupational therapy.

Left to right - STEM Centre of Excellence - Strathfield, BEST Hub - Blacktown, Metabolic chamber - Melbourne, St Teresa of Kolkata Building - Melbourne, St Brigid Health Sciences Building - Ballarat



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## "Remember we are but travellers here."

Saint Mary MacKillop



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