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Highlights of the Key Statistics

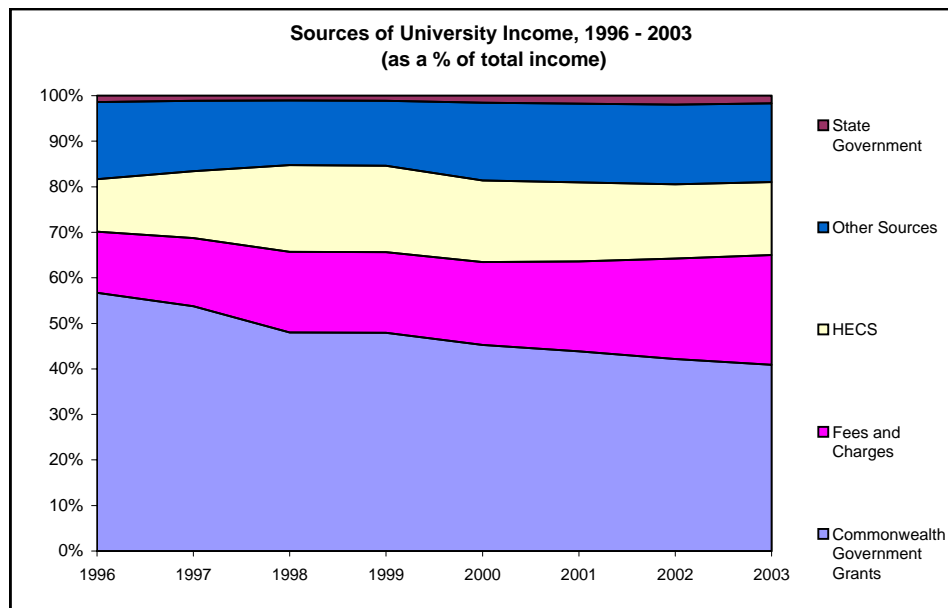
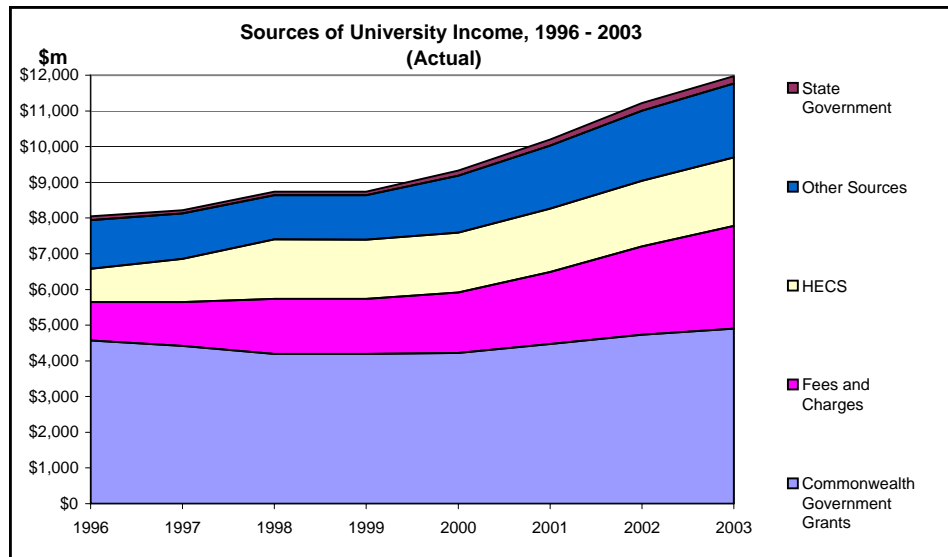
Number of public universities	37	2004
Number of private universities	3	2004
AVCC member universities	38	2004
<i>Size of AVCC member universities (full-time equivalent):</i>		
Number of universities < 10,000 students	10	2003
Number of universities 10,000-20,000 students	13	2003
Number of universities > 20,000 students	15	2003

UNIVERSITY FUNDING & EXPENDITURE		
Total Commonwealth funding	\$5,212m	2005
Commonwealth Grant Scheme	\$2,961m	2005
Commonwealth funded student load target	407,658	2005
Commonwealth Grant Scheme per student load	\$7,263	2005
Student Contributions (HECS liabilities)	\$2,225m	2005

Universities' operating revenue	\$12,431m	2003
as % of GDP	1.5%	2003
Universities' operating expenses	\$11,876m	2003
as % of GDP	1.5%	2003
Commonwealth & State Government funding as a % of operating revenue:	44%	2003
	90%	1981
University operating expenditure on salaries & salary related items as % of total expenditure:	54%	2003
	71%	1988
Commonwealth Government expenses on higher education as a % of total Commonwealth outlays:	2.5%	04-05
Commonwealth payment to universities as a % of GDP:	0.007	2004

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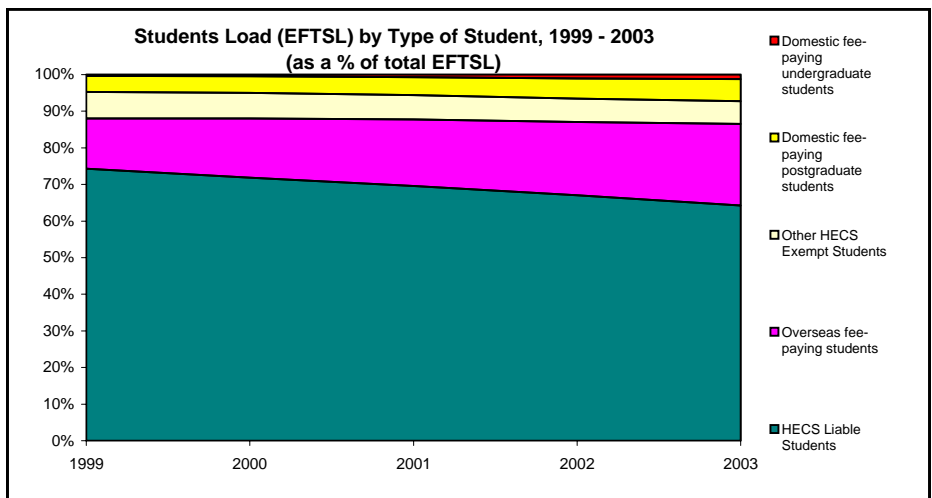
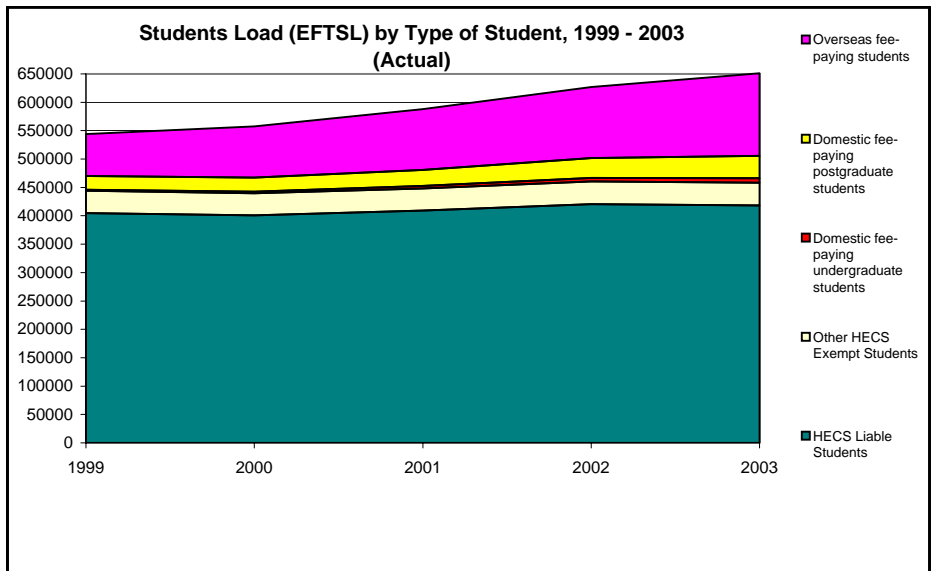


OUTCOMES OF HIGHER EDUCATION		
Number of undergraduate course completions	131,864	2002
Number of postgraduate course completions	68,884	2002
Bachelor graduates in full-time employment within 4 months of graduation	80%	2004
Median Bachelor graduate starting salary (average of median salaries for all states and territories)	\$38,000	2004
% of the Australian population aged 25-64 years with a Bachelor or higher degree	21%	2003
Unemployment rate for Bachelor or higher degree graduates aged 15-64 years	3%	2003

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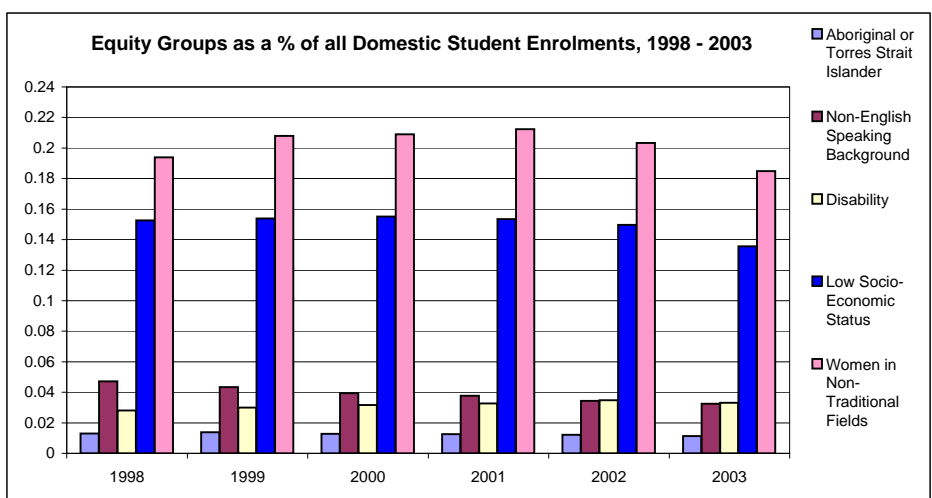
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STUDENTS		
Equivalent Full Time Student Load (EFTSL)		
Total load	650,849	2003
Commonwealth Government supported students	418,116	2003
Australian fee-paying postgraduate students	21,230	2003
Australian fee-paying undergraduate students	7,813	2003



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STUDENTS Cont...		
Number of Students:		
Students (continuing and commencing)	929,952	2003
Commencing students	361,555	2003
as % of all students	39%	2003
Commencing undergraduate students	216,559	2003
Commencing postgraduate students	117,545	2003
Other commencing students	27,451	2003
<i>Number of students in selected Cohorts:</i>		
Female	54%	2003
Full-time students	65%	2003
Students aged 17-24 years	58%	2003
Bachelor degree	68%	2003
By discipline: Society & Culture	22%	2003
By discipline: Education	10%	2003
By discipline: Natural & Physical Sciences	8%	2003
Indigenous (Domestic Students Only)	1%	2003
Disability (Domestic Students Only)	4%	2003
Low SES (Domestic Students Only)	15%	2003
Undergraduate students admitted on basis of		
Year 12 (Domestic Students Only)	79,734	2003

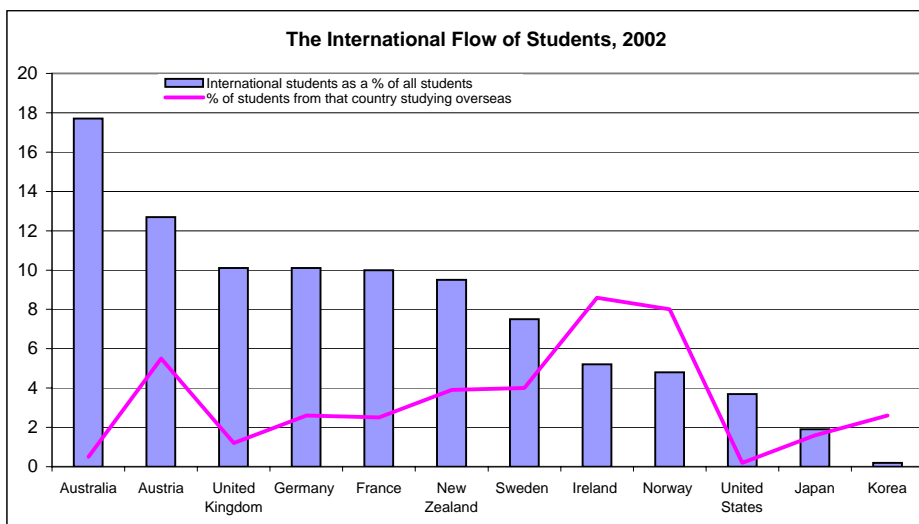


Number of university students receiving Commonwealth assistance for living costs	171,430	2003
Students deferring student contributions (HECS)	78%	2003

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INTERNATIONALISATION		
Number of Overseas Students	210,397	2003
Onshore	151,884	2003
Offshore	58,513	2003
<i>Number of Overseas Students by Home Countries:</i>		
Singapore	29,878	2003
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	29,169	2003
Malaysia	27,267	2003
China	27,020	2003
Indonesia	11,865	2003
India	11,133	2003
United States of America	9,418	2003
Overseas fee-paying student load (EFTSL):	145,404	2003
	51,687	1996
<i>Current formal agreements between universities in Australia:</i>		
Total	4,485	2003
Asia-Pacific	2,837	2003
Number of Australian exchange students	2,640	2001
Number of Exchange students funded by DEST	350	2003
Value of Australia's exports of education services	\$5.6b	03-04



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RESEARCH		
Higher degree research student load	31,702	2003
as % of all load	5%	2003
as % of Postgraduate load	25%	2003
Number of higher degree research completions	5,867	2002
as % of total completions	3%	2002
Australian Postgraduate Awards	1,550	2004
International Postgraduate Research Scholarships	330	2004
Number of research only staff	11,339	2004
as a % of all staff	13%	2004
Institutional Grants Scheme	\$285m	2004
Research Training Scheme	\$541m	2004
Research Infrastructure Block Grant	\$160m	2004
<i>Research income:</i>		
National Competitive Grants	\$650m	2003
Other public sector	\$268m	2003
Industry and other	\$454m	2003
<i>Expenditure by universities:</i>		
Total Research & Development	\$3.4b	2002
Pure basic research	28%	2002
Strategic basic research	23%	2002
Applied research	41%	2002
Experimental development	8%	2002
<i>Expenditure on Research and Development as a % of GDP</i>		
Gross Expenditure	1.6%	02-03
Government	0.3%	02-03
Business	0.8%	02-03
Higher Education	0.5%	2002

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STAFFING		
Full Time Equivalent (FTE)		
Staff with estimated casual staff	91,905	2004
Staff excluding casuals	78,178	2004
Academic Staff	33,043	2004
Student to Teacher ratio	21 to 1	2003
	18 to 1	1998
<i>Ratio in selected Academic Organisation Unit Groups:</i>		
Natural and Physical Sciences	16	2003
Education	23	2003
Management and Commerce	32	2003

