



UNIVERSITIES AUSTRALIA



DATA SNAPSHOT | 2019

A background image of a library with many rows of books on shelves. The books are of various colors and sizes, creating a dense, textured pattern. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**Australia has one of
the best higher
education systems in
the world.**

This handy data snapshot gives a sense of the profound economic, social and cultural contributions of Australia's world class universities.

Catriona Jackson

Universities Australia
Chief Executive





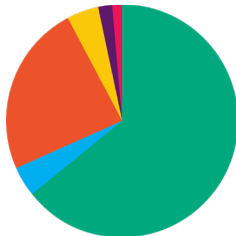
University education added an estimated **\$140 billion to the Australian economy** in 2014. Our universities educated almost **1.4 million Australian and international students** in 2017 and directly employed **130,000 full-time equivalent staff.**

ALL ENROLLED STUDENTS 2017 = **1,513,383**



■ Domestic students
1,081,945

■ International students
431,438



■ Bachelor 971,664

■ Other Undergraduate 65,709

■ Postgraduate coursework 361,540

■ Postgraduate research 66,145

■ Enabling 28,901

■ Non-Award 19,424



■ Commencing students
619,084

■ Continuing students
894,299

COMMONWEALTH FUNDED STUDENT PLACES IN 2017

623,217

39

**outstanding universities
are members of
Universities Australia.**

Australia has 41 local universities (including a small specialist university) and two overseas institutions that operate here. All 37 of Australia's public universities are UA members, as are two of the four private universities.

UNIVERSITY SIZE BY NUMBER OF ENROLLED STUDENTS

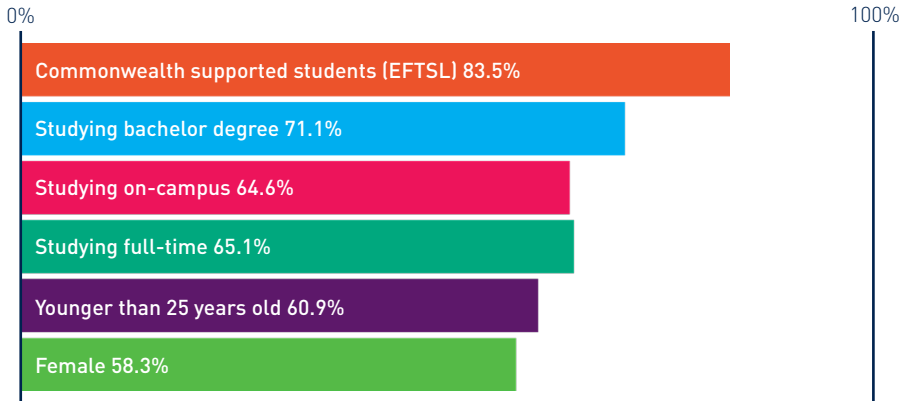


AVERAGE COMMONWEALTH GRANT SCHEME FUNDING PER STUDENT PLACE (EFTSL) **\$11,240**



Australia has a diverse mix of 1.5 million students in our world class higher education system - 1.4 million of them at UA member universities.

DOMESTIC STUDENT PROPORTIONS BY CATEGORY 2017

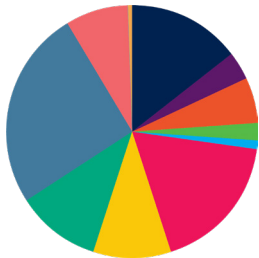




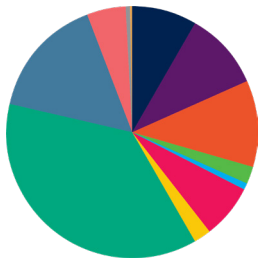
Local and international students pursue a wide range of academic disciplines.

COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PLACES, BY FIELD OF EDUCATION, 2017

Commonwealth supported student places **623,217**



Overseas students places **325,583**

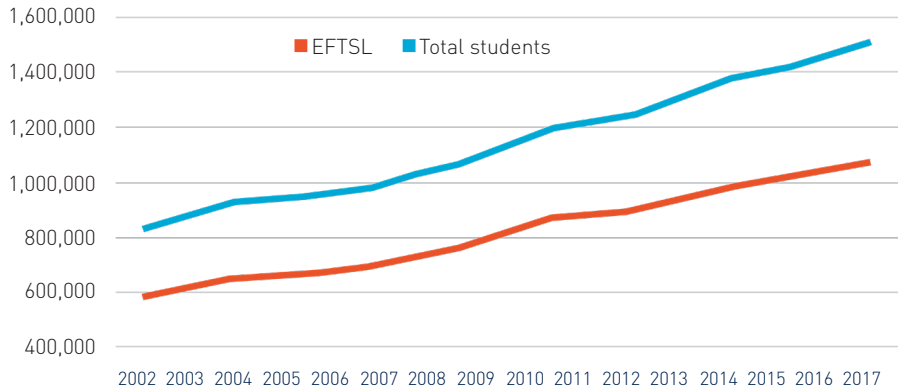


- Natural and Physical Sciences
- Information Technology
- Engineering and Related Technologies
- Architecture and Building
- Agriculture Environmental and Related studies
- Health
- Education
- Management and Commerce
- Society and Culture
- Creative Arts
- Food Hospitality and Personal Services
- Mixed Field Programs



Australian universities make it possible to study part-time around work and family responsibilities.

STUDENT ENROLMENTS AND EQUIVALENT FULL-TIME STUDENT LOAD (EFTSL)



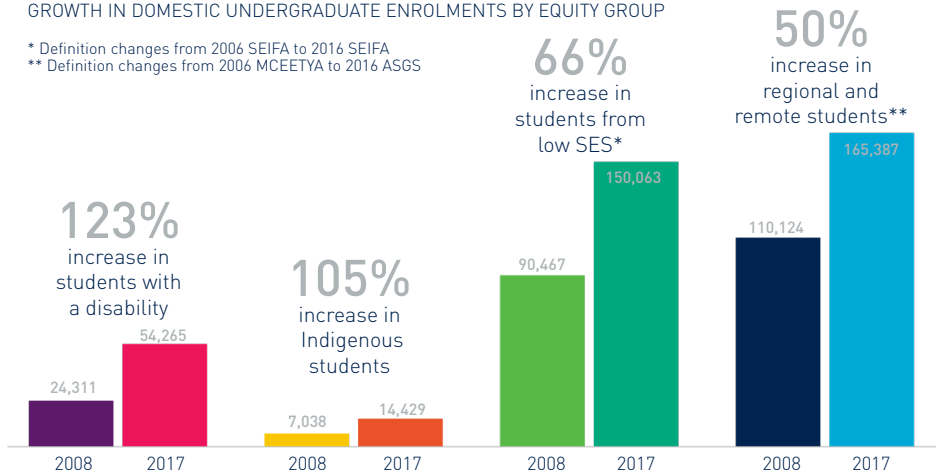
OVER THE LAST DECADE, THE NUMBER
OF STUDENTS FROM LOW SES
BACKGROUNDS HAS INCREASED BY MORE THAN

60%

GROWTH IN DOMESTIC UNDERGRADUATE ENROLMENTS BY EQUITY GROUP

* Definition changes from 2006 SEIFA to 2016 SEIFA

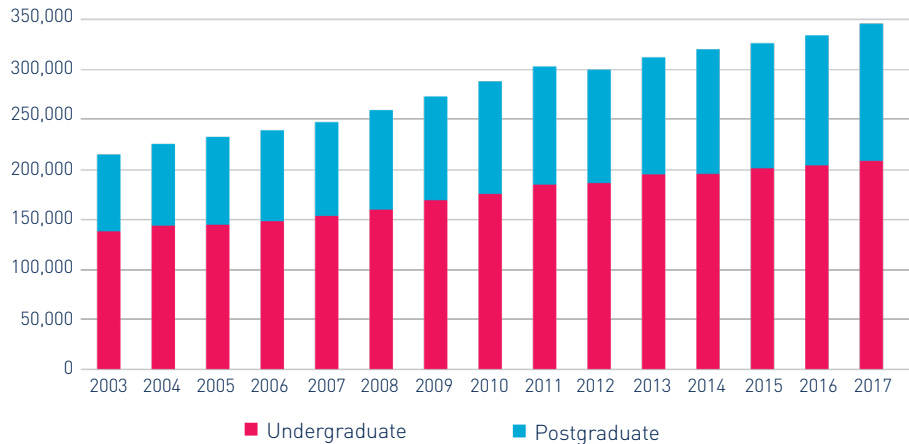
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More than 340,000 higher education students graduated in 2017.



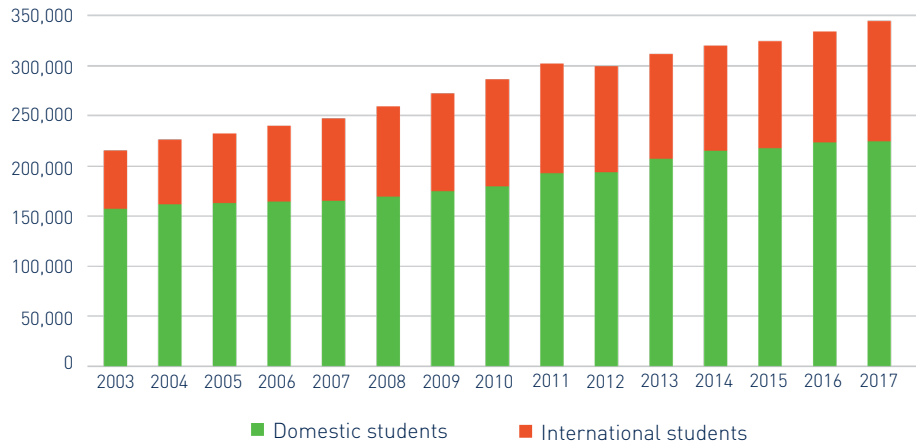
NUMBER OF AWARD COURSE COMPLETIONS FOR ALL STUDENTS, BY COURSE LEVEL





**AUSTRALIA'S UNIVERSITY
COMPLETION RATES REMAIN HIGH.**

NUMBER OF AWARD COURSE COMPLETIONS FOR ALL STUDENTS, BY CITIZENSHIP CATEGORY

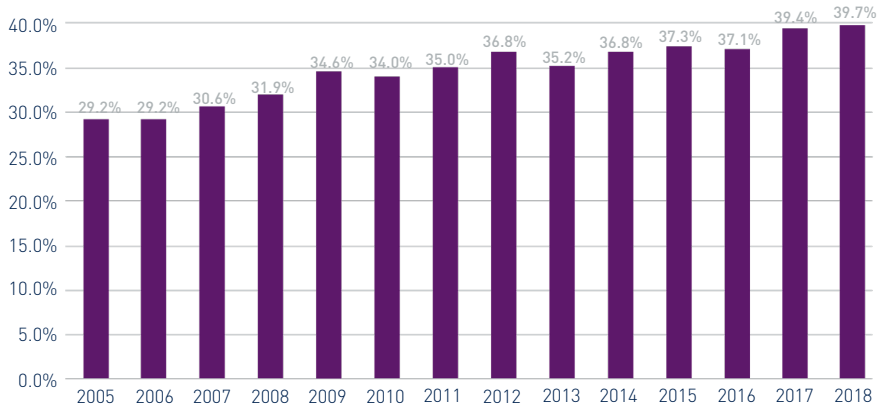




39.7% OF

**25-34 YEAR OLDS IN AUSTRALIA
NOW HAVE A BACHELOR
DEGREE OR HIGHER.**

PROPORTION OF PEOPLE IN AUSTRALIA AGED 25-34 WITH A BACHELOR DEGREE OR HIGHER

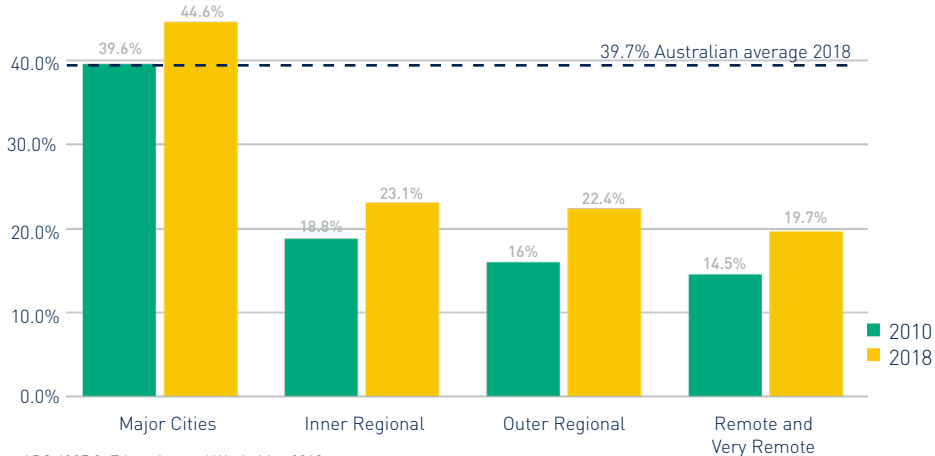


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People from major cities are **twice as likely** to hold a degree than those from regional and remote areas.



PROPORTION OF PEOPLE AGED 25-34 WITH A BACHELOR DEGREE OR HIGHER, BY REMOTENESS AREA

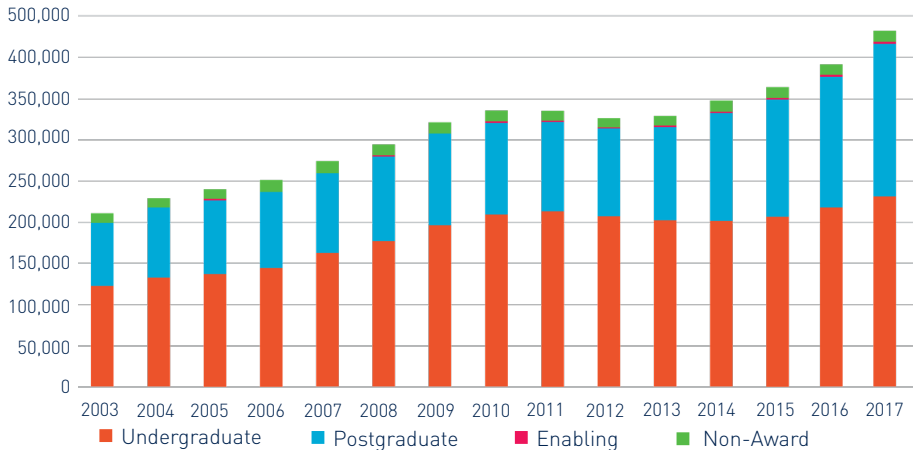


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**WITH A REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE,
AUSTRALIA IS ONE OF THE TOP
DESTINATIONS FOR
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS**



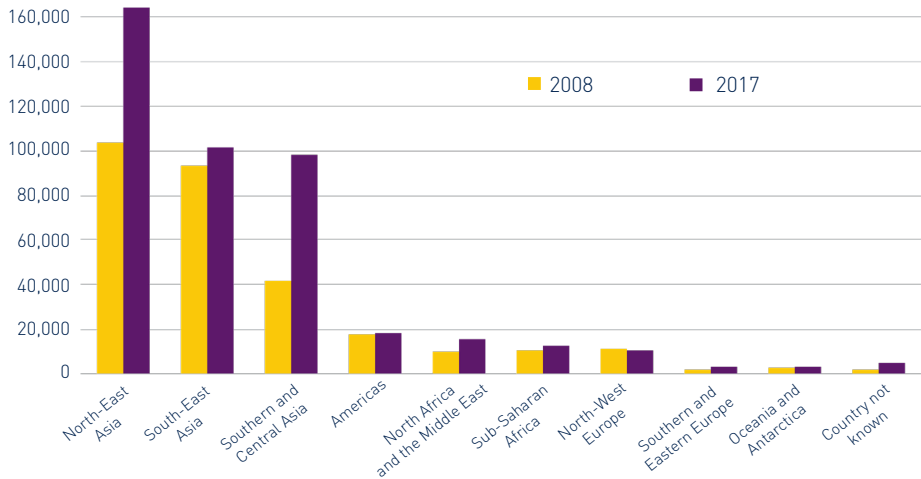
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLMENTS



**Our universities welcome students
from all around the world.**



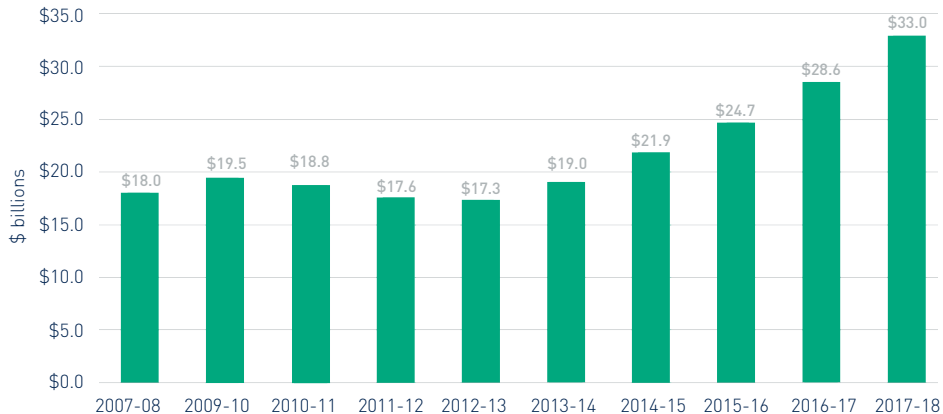
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS BY COUNTRY OF PERMANENT HOME RESIDENCE



**THE EDUCATION OF
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS IS
AUSTRALIA'S 3RD
LARGEST EXPORT
BEHIND IRON ORE
AND COAL.**



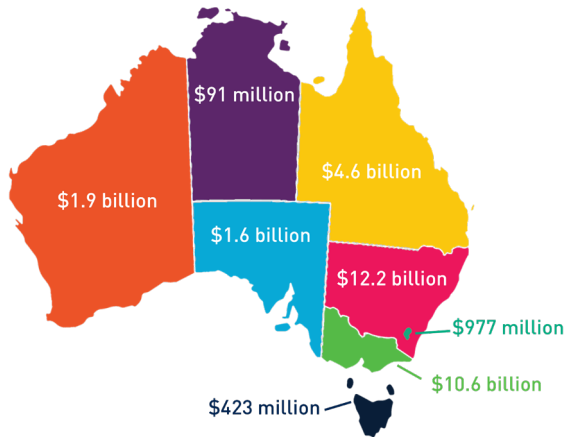
THE VALUE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION EXPORTS



AUSTRALIA'S INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SECTOR IS VALUED AT
\$33 BILLION A YEAR



GDP CONTRIBUTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SECTOR, BY STATES (2017 - 18)

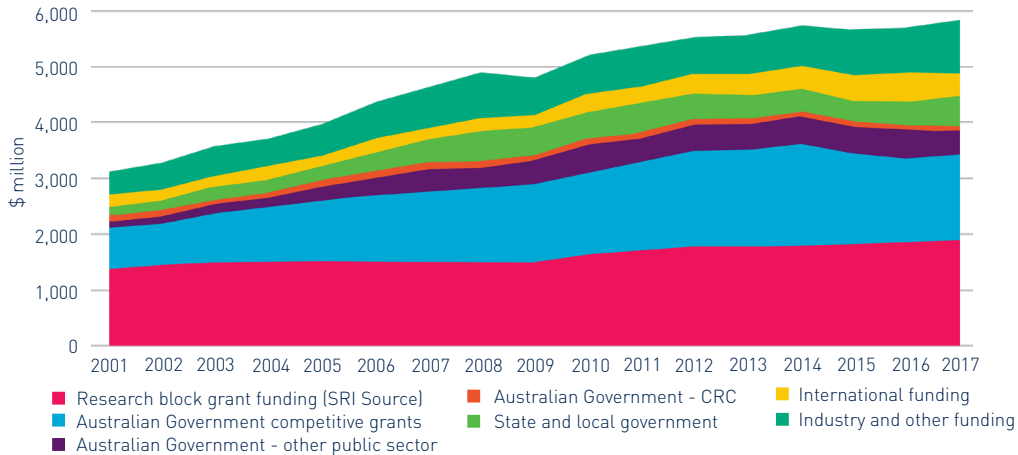




**AUSTRALIA'S
WORLD CLASS
UNIVERSITY
RESEARCH
INCREASINGLY
ATTRACTS
GLOBAL AND
INDUSTRY
FUNDING.**

Source: DET 2018, Research Income Data 2004 to 2017
and Research Block Grants Allocations 2001 to 2019

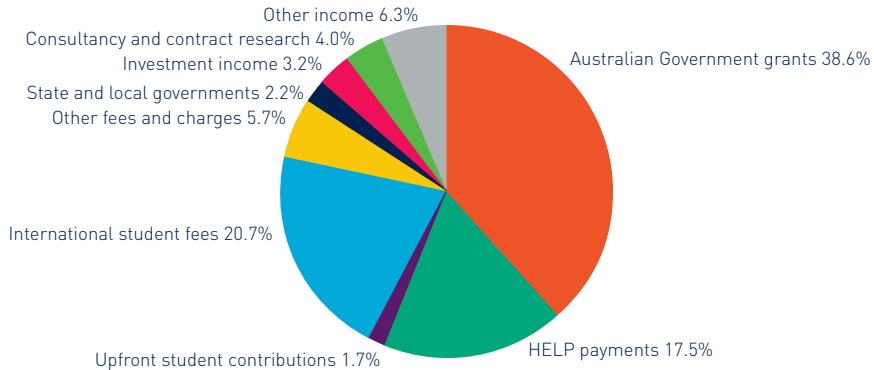
SOURCES OF UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INCOME (IN 2017 DOLLARS)





Australian universities have diversified their sources of **INCOME** in recent years.

2016 TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE (\$30.1 BILLION)

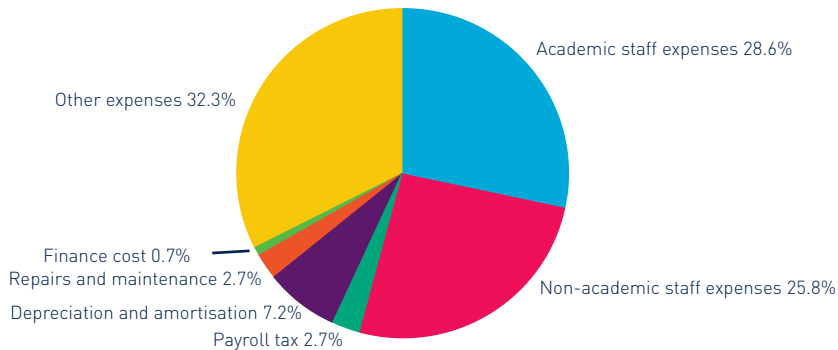



UNIVERSITIES ALSO INVEST HEAVILY IN THEIR

PEOPLE



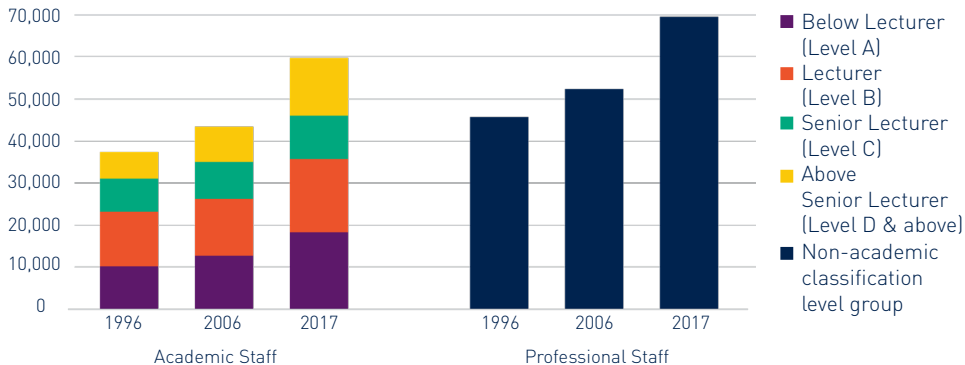
2016 TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE (\$28.6 BILLION)



A teacher in a brown jacket is pointing towards a group of students in a classroom. The students are seated at desks, some looking towards the teacher. The background is a bright, modern classroom with large windows and greenery.

**AS STUDENT ENROLMENTS
HAVE GROWN OVER THE
PAST DECADE, SO HAVE
STAFF NUMBERS.**

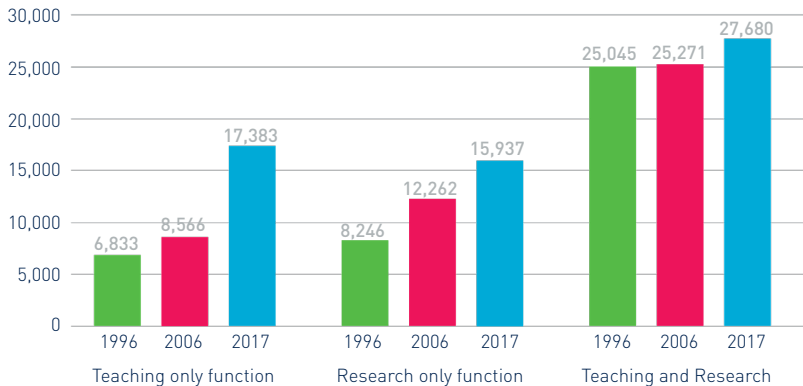
TOTAL ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF, INCLUDING CASUAL STAFF (FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT)



A man with a grey beard and hair, wearing a light blue button-down shirt, is shown in profile from the waist up. He is pointing his right hand towards a chalkboard. The chalkboard is dark blue and covered with white chalk markings, including mathematical symbols like $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, and $\frac{1}{3}$, as well as various lines and arrows. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**SOME STAFF SPECIALISE IN
TEACHING OR RESEARCH
BUT MANY COMBINE BOTH**

NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ACADEMIC STAFF, BY FUNCTION



The background of the slide features a warm, golden-yellow color with silhouettes of graduates in caps and gowns. Some graduates are shown from the back, with their hands raised in celebration, while others are shown from the side or front. The overall mood is one of achievement and success.

These figures are a reminder of the many ways in which our universities drive Australia's economic growth, extend the frontiers of human knowledge, make life-saving breakthroughs and help the nation to transition in an era of digital disruption.

Data as of 4 February 2019

The student data reported in this publication includes all higher education providers reporting their student data to Department of Education and Training (DET) through the Higher Education Information Management System (HEIMS). In 2017, 92 per cent of these higher education students studied at 39 UA member universities.



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