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**Table C.1 Student Characteristics: 1996 - 2003**

	All Student Enrolments (No.)							
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Age Group</b>								
<=19	27.1%	27.1%	27.0%	27.0%	27.2%	26.8%	23.7%	22.6%
20-24	32.2%	32.4%	32.8%	33.1%	33.5%	33.8%	34.1%	35.5%
25-29	12.8%	13.2%	13.5%	13.5%	13.5%	13.6%	14.6%	14.6%
30+	27.9%	27.3%	26.7%	26.3%	25.7%	25.8%	27.7%	27.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Gender</b>								
Females	54.3%	54.4%	54.7%	55.0%	55.2%	55.0%	54.4%	54.4%
Males	45.7%	45.6%	45.3%	45.0%	44.8%	45.0%	45.6%	45.6%
<b>Mode of Attendance</b>								
Internal								
Full-time	58.7%	57.7%	57.1%	57.2%	56.4%	63.0%	58.6%	58.9%
Part-time	27.9%	26.2%	26.4%	26.0%	26.6%	19.4%	22.3%	21.4%
External	13.4%	13.3%	13.4%	13.7%	13.7%	14.1%	15.5%	15.1%
Multi-Modal	n/a	2.8%	3.1%	3.1%	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%	4.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Broad Level of Course</b>								
Doctorate by Research (a)	3.6%	3.7%	3.7%	3.9%	4.0%	4.0%	3.8%	3.9%
Doctorate by Coursework	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
Master's by Research	1.7%	1.7%	1.5%	1.5%	1.4%	1.3%	1.1%	1.1%
Master's by Coursework	7.1%	7.5%	7.7%	8.0%	8.5%	9.4%	12.5%	13.9%
Other postgraduate (b)	8.4%	8.0%	7.2%	6.8%	6.5%	6.5%	7.7%	7.6%
Bachelor	74.9%	75.3%	76.0%	76.1%	75.7%	74.8%	69.6%	68.4%
Other undergraduate (c)	2.7%	2.3%	2.1%	2.0%	2.0%	1.9%	1.9%	1.7%
Enabling and non-award courses	1.6%	1.5%	1.5%	1.6%	1.8%	1.9%	3.3%	3.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Broad Field of Education</b>								
Natural and Physical Sciences	7.5%	8.0%	8.0%	8.2%	8.4%	8.5%	7.6%	7.6%
Information Technology	6.7%	7.2%	7.3%	7.4%	7.6%	8.5%	8.8%	8.3%
Engineering and Related Technologies	7.9%	7.9%	7.7%	7.7%	7.6%	7.3%	6.8%	7.0%
Architecture and Building	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%	2.2%	2.2%	2.1%	2.0%	2.0%
Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.3%	2.1%	2.0%
Health	11.8%	11.7%	11.8%	11.7%	11.8%	11.6%	10.9%	10.8%
Education	11.1%	11.2%	11.0%	10.6%	10.7%	10.2%	10.0%	9.7%
Management and Commerce	21.3%	23.0%	23.9%	24.5%	24.4%	24.9%	26.9%	27.5%
Society and Culture	21.5%	23.6%	23.5%	23.7%	23.9%	23.2%	21.9%	21.8%
Creative Arts	6.2%	6.7%	6.6%	6.5%	6.5%	6.2%	6.1%	6.2%
Food, Hospitality and Personal Services	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Mixed Field Programmes	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Non-award	1.0%	0.9%	0.9%	1.1%	1.3%	1.4%	2.5%	2.7%
<b>All Students</b>	<b>634,094</b>	<b>658,849</b>	<b>671,853</b>	<b>686,267</b>	<b>695,485</b>	<b>726,418</b>	<b>896,621</b>	<b>929,952</b>

Sources: DEST Selected Higher Education Student Statistics.

Notes:

(a) Higher Doctorate is included with Doctorate by research prior to 2001

(b) Other postgraduate is made up of: Postgraduate qualifying or preliminary, Postgraduate diploma - new area, Postgraduate diploma - ext area and Graduate certificates

(c) Other Undergraduate is made up of: Associate degree, Advanced diploma (AQF), Diploma (AQF) and Other award courses.

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**Table C.2 Apparent Retention Rates and Higher Education Participation Rates, 1990-2003 (selected years)**

	<b>1990</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
Apparent Retention Rates of Secondary Students to Year 12	64%	75%	71%	72%	72%	72%	73%	77%	75%
Participation Rate in Higher Education (15 to 64)				12%	13%	12%	13%	14%	13%
Proportion of all students 15 to 64 enrolled in Higher Education				35%	36%	35%	36%	38%	37%

*Sources: ABS, Schools Australia (Catalogue No. 4221.0); ABS, Australian Social Trends, 1997; ABS, Education and Work (Catalogue 6227.0).*

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**Table C.3 University Applicants: Eligible Applicants and Those Not Receiving Offers, 2003-2004**

	Total eligible applicants			Eligible applicants not receiving offers		
	2003	2004	% Change on 2003	2003	2004	% Change on 2003
<b>State</b>						
New South Wales-ACT	71,467	71,467	0.0%	17,670	19,864	12.4%
Victoria	61,649	60,312	-2.2%	23,531	22,351	-5.0%
Queensland	55,350	54,155	-2.2%	14,762	13,162	-10.8%
South Australia	15,577	15,442	-0.9%	2,818	2,865	1.7%
Western Australia	18,746	20,232	7.9%	3,366	4,139	23.0%
Tasmania	6,638	6,806	2.5%	971	948	-2.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>229,427</b>	<b>228,414</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>63,118</b>	<b>63,329</b>	<b>0.3%</b>

Source: AVCC Survey of Applications for Undergraduate Higher Education Places, 2004

Note:

(a) for more information, go to:

<http://www.avcc.edu.au/content.asp?page=/publications/stats/unmet/index.htm>

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**Table C.4 Unsuccessful Applicants for Undergraduate Places: estimated range, 2003-200**

	Number of unsuccessful eligible applicants		Unsuccessful applicants as % of eligible applicants	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>State</b>				
New South Wales-ACT	5,900 - 7,900	6,500 - 7,700	8.3% - 11.1%	9.1% - 10.8%
Victoria	3,300 - 7,300	4,100 - 7,000	5.4% - 11.8%	6.8% - 11.6%
Queensland	6,800 - 7,100	6,000 - 6,300	12.3% - 12.8%	11.1% - 11.6%
South Australia	1,300 - 1,400	1,100 - 1,300	8.3% - 9.0%	7.1% - 8.4%
Western Australia	1,300 - 1,600	1,300 - 1,700	6.9% - 8.5%	6.4% - 8.4%
Tasmania	200 - 300	200 - 300	3.0% - 4.5%	2.9% - 4.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,700 - 25,700</b>	<b>19,200 - 24,300</b>	<b>8.2% - 11.2%</b>	<b>8.4% - 10.6%</b>

Source: AVCC Survey of Applications for Undergraduate Higher Education Places, 2004

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**Table C.5 Student Load (EFTSL) By Liability Status 1999 - 2003**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>HECS Status</b>					
<b>HECS Liable Students:</b>					
Liability deferred	315,521	314,738	322,538	330,697	325,900
Paid up-front with discount	87,287	84,348	84,601	87,453	89,853
Paid up-front without discount	1,716	1,893	2,233	2,389	2,363
<b>Sub-total HECS-Liable</b>	<b>404,524</b>	<b>400,979</b>	<b>409,372</b>	<b>420,539</b>	<b>418,116</b>
HECS Exempt Students:	36,369	36,579	37,023	37,732	38,081
<b>Fee Paying Students</b>					
PELS and BOTPLS				11,411	18,228
Domestic fee-paying undergraduate students	1,798	2,650	4,084	6,536	7,813
Domestic fee-paying postgraduate students	24,097	24,977	28,661	23,280	21,230
Overseas fee-paying students	74,221	90,164	107,055	125,433	145,404
Overseas foreign aid sponsored	3,137	2,415	2,006	2,136	1,978
<b>Sub-total Fee Paying Students :</b>	<b>103,253</b>	<b>120,206</b>	<b>141,806</b>	<b>168,796</b>	<b>194,653</b>
<b>Total EFTSL</b>	<b>544,146</b>	<b>557,764</b>	<b>588,201</b>	<b>627,067</b>	<b>650,850</b>

Source: DEST Selected Higher Education Student Publication and unpublished tables.

Note:

(a) PELS and BOTPLS introduced in 2002.

(b) Some discrepancy of the total EFTSL between Table C.5 and Table C.6 is due to rounding and different source of data.

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**Table C.6 Student Load (EFTSL) by Broad Level of Course, 1996-2003**

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Broad Level of Course</b>								
Doctorate by Research	18,556	19,634	20,351	21,686	22,592	23,482	24,319	25,771
Doctorate by Coursework	114	267	302	327	559	678	1,253	1,069
Master's by Research	7,316	7,408	7,106	6,959	6,613	6,425	6,167	5,931
Master's by Coursework	25,357	28,529	30,632	33,884	38,640	45,576	54,332	64,274
Other postgraduate	28,398	28,522	26,319	24,882	24,649	26,814	29,542	29,896
Bachelor	389,525	412,350	426,122	437,188	444,013	463,700	487,866	499,701
Other undergraduate	10,105	9,056	8,574	8,849	8,955	8,780	9,258	8,869
Enabling, non-award and cross-institution	8,607	8,960	9,432	10,371	11,743	12,750	14,036	15,339
<b>Total EFTSL</b>	<b>487,977</b>	<b>514,726</b>	<b>528,838</b>	<b>544,146</b>	<b>557,763</b>	<b>588,204</b>	<b>626,773</b>	<b>650,849</b>

Source: DEST, Selected Higher Education Student Statistics

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**Table C.7 Commencing Undergraduate Students: Basis for Admission , 1996-2003**

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Basis for Admission</b>								
Satisfactory completion of final year of secondary education at school	46%	45%	42%	43%	46%	45%	43%	43%
Incomplete higher education course	13%	13%	14%	15%	15%	14%	13%	14%
Completed higher education course	10%	10%	10%	10%	9%	9%	9%	10%
Mature age and other special entry provisions	10%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	10%	9%
Complete or incomplete TAFE course (other than a secondary education course)	6%	7%	7%	8%	7%	7%	8%	9%
Other Basis	6%	5%	8%	8%	7%	7%	6%	5%
Examination or assessment by institution	4%	5%	6%	5%	6%	6%	7%	7%
Examination experience, professional qualifications or completion of Open Learning Studies	4%	4%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Satisfactory completion of final year of secondary education at TAFE or other institution	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Total students commencing a course at Undergraduate level</b>	<b>193,387</b>	<b>196,264</b>	<b>198,492</b>	<b>204,887</b>	<b>177,104</b>	<b>181,644</b>	<b>193,090</b>	<b>183,392</b>

Source: DEST, Selected Higher Education Student Statistics, and unpublished DEST tables.

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**Table C.8 Number of Non-Overseas Enrolments by Equity Group, 1998-2003**

	1998	%	1999 (b)	%	2000	%	2001	%	2002	%	2003	%
<b>Equity Group</b>												
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	7,789	1%	8,367	1%	7,682	1%	7,682	1%	7,912	1%	8,084	1%
Non-English Speaking Background	28,337	5%	26,168	4%	23,674	4%	23,230	4%	22,271	3%	23,417	3%
Disability	16,784	3%	18,084	3%	18,926	3%	20,097	3%	22,592	3%	23,871	3%
Low Socio-Economic Status	91,557	15%	92,779	15%	93,012	16%	94,181	15%	97,169	15%	97,592	14%
Women in Non-Traditional Fields	116,243	19%	125,374	21%	125,376	21%	130,413	21%	132,144	20%	133,015	18%
<i>as % of those in Non-Traditional Fields (a)</i>		39%		41%		42%		42%		41%		43%
<b>Total All non-overseas Students</b>	<b>599,670</b>		<b>603,156</b>		<b>599,878</b>		<b>614,076</b>		<b>649,663</b>		<b>719,555</b>	

Source: DEST Selected Higher Education Student Statistics.

Notes:

(a) % expressed as number of female non-overseas students enrolled in non-traditional fields over all non-overseas students enrolled in non-traditional fields. This intra-group percentage derived using only enrolments in non-traditional fields of study provides information in a different perspective for women enrolled in non-traditional fields.

(b) The 1999 student enrolments are based on the actual full year student number as at the second census date of the academic year.