ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ACTU Australian Council of Trade Unions

ARC Australian Research Council

ATAR Australian Tertiary Admission Rank

BFR Base Funding Review

CHC Christian Heritage College

COPHE Council of Private Higher Education

CPI Consumer Price Index

FEE-HELP Australian Government loan program to help eligible fee paying

students pay their tuition fees

HECS Higher Education Contribution Scheme

HECS-HELP Higher Education Contribution Scheme-Higher Education Loan

Program

HEGI Higher Education Grants Index

HELP Higher Education Loan Program

HESA Higher Education Support Act 2003

NATSEM National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling

NCOA National Commission of Audit

NCRIS National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy

NTEU National Tertiary Education Union

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

QILT Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching

RTS Research Training Scheme

RUN Regional Universities Network

SES Socioeconomic status

TAFE Technical and Further Education

TEQSA Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency

UWA University of Western Australia

VET Vocational Education and Training

VET FEE-HELP Australian Government loan program to help eligible students

enrolled in higher-level VET courses pay their tuition fees