

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**Senator Carr asked on 5 June 2014 , Hansard page 82**

**Question**

***Universities catering for the highest proportion of low SES students?***

Senator KIM CARR: Which universities are currently catering for the highest proportion of low SES students? Mr Griew: We will take that on notice to give you exact figures.

**Answer**

In 2013, 16 per cent of all domestic university students were from low socio economic status (SES) backgrounds. The table below lists the number and proportion of low SES students at each institution.

Table 1: All Domestic Students by University and Low SES, 2013

<b>University<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>Low SES (postcode measure) (2011 SEIFA)<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>All Domestic Students</b>	<b>Proportion (%) of Low SES Students</b>
Central Queensland University	7,220	14,317	50%
University of Southern Queensland	6,906	21,132	33%
University of Tasmania	6,325	21,877	29%
University of New England	5,442	19,511	28%
University of Newcastle	8,246	30,327	27%
University of South Australia	6,505	25,401	26%
Southern Cross University	3,024	12,153	25%
University of Western Sydney	9,129	37,489	24%
James Cook University	3,510	14,728	24%
Murdoch University	3,245	14,132	23%
Federation University Australia <sup>(c)</sup>	1,473	6,536	23%
Flinders University of South Australia	4,247	18,853	23%
Charles Sturt University	7,121	32,710	22%
University of Wollongong	3,722	17,999	21%
Victoria University	3,393	17,901	19%
Charles Darwin University <sup>(d)</sup>	1,808	9,564	19%
La Trobe University	4,782	26,160	18%
The University of Adelaide	3,055	19,184	16%
University of the Sunshine Coast	1,463	9,499	15%

University <sup>(a)</sup>	Low SES (postcode measure) (2011 SEIFA) <sup>(b)</sup>	All Domestic Students	Proportion (%) of Low SES Students
Griffith University	4,930	33,613	15%
Curtin University of Technology	4,727	32,344	15%
Swinburne University of Technology	3,150	22,580	14%
The University of Queensland	5,082	36,528	14%
Edith Cowan University	3,069	22,079	14%
MCD University of Divinity	195	1,405	14%
Queensland University of Technology	4,852	38,177	13%
RMIT University	3,698	30,158	12%
Australian Catholic University	2,758	22,651	12%
Deakin University	4,540	38,007	12%
Monash University	4,646	41,746	11%
The University of Notre Dame Australia	1,091	10,645	10%
University of Technology, Sydney	2,607	27,351	10%
University of New South Wales	3,278	37,699	9%
The University of Western Australia	1,614	20,461	8%
Bond University	277	3,643	8%
The University of Melbourne	2,690	37,074	7%
Macquarie University	2,005	28,354	7%
The University of Sydney	2,773	40,957	7%
University of Canberra	794	12,385	6%
The Australian National University	627	14,880	4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>150,019</b>	<b>922,210</b>	<b>16%</b>

(a) Data excludes students where permanent home address is overseas. Data excludes Table C universities because student numbers are too low to report against.

(b) Low SES postcode measure is based on the students' postcode of permanent home residence, with the SES value derived from the 2011 SEIFA Education and Occupation Index for postal areas, where postal areas in the bottom 25 per cent of the population aged 15–64 are classified as Low SES.

(c) Previously University of Ballarat.

(d) As a result of a collaborative partnership between Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and Charles Darwin University which established the Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledge and Education (ACIKE), the delivery of most undergraduate programs will be at Charles Darwin University from 2012.