

Engaging postgraduate students and supporting higher education to enhance the 21st century student experience.



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What are the strengths, limitations and strategies across the Australian postgraduate experience?

- Course-based
- Research



Research Approach

1. Secondary Analysis
2. Engagement Breakfasts (8 States/Territories)
3. Interviews and Focus Groups



What does the term postgraduate student experience mean to you?



Engagements with postgraduate students and staff

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Breakfasts	26			67	26	32	30	34	215
Interviews	5	9	6	4	6	5	6	5	46
	5	4	6	2	5	3	5	3	33
Focus Groups				3					3
		10	16	29		2		2	59
Totals	5	9	6	7	6	5	6	5	49
	31	14	22	98	31	37	35	39	307

n = number of staff

n = number of students



Emerging Themes

- a. Diversity of students and experience
- b. Need to support first-year experience
- c. Dichotomous emotive experience (Stress & Exhilaration)
- d. Frustration with being treated as second-tier
- e. Desire for consistency within and between universities
- f. Need to make simple matters simple
- g. Employability (within and beyond universities)



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