

Student Demand

Demand for places at the University continued to increase in 2004, despite a decrease in the total number of applications across NSW, and no growth in Queensland.

The University experienced an 18 percent increase in total applications. First preferences administered through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) were up by 6 percent, while Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) increased by 11 percent on the previous year.

First preference demand increased across all campuses with Lismore up by 4 percent, Coffs Harbour by 10 percent, and Tweed Gold Coast by 78 percent. Areas of highest demand included the Psychology program at Coffs Harbour, as well as the Business and Social Science courses at the Tweed Gold Coast Campus.

In Lismore the Nursing, Education and the Exercise Science and Sport Management courses received stronger first preferences.

The University received an extra 807 Commonwealth-funded places, to be allocated over four years commencing in 2005 – almost triple the number of new places expected on a pro-rata national basis. The places were made available across each of the three campuses in a range of disciplines including nursing, education, tourism, social science, marine science, human movement and resource management.

In terms of Enrolment Load Management the University made available the same number of commencing places as the previous year, ending the year one percent over-enrolled against its funded load of 5,250 places.

Demand for PhD enrolments was also up, from 72 students in 2003 to 95 students in 2004. The number of total Masters by Thesis enrolments was 44 in 2005, down by five enrolments on the previous year.

Student Enrolments 2000-2004

Student Enrolments (Persons)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
BY LEVEL					
Higher Degree – Research	268	340	386	448	481
Higher Degree – Coursework	727	786	851	1,095	1,224
Graduate Certificate / Diploma	456	487	624	715	755
Bachelor	6,951	7,707	8,437	8,874	8,723
Diploma / Associate Degree	537	607	591	612	551
Enabling Courses	4	9	9	15	12
Cross-Institutional	126	187	200	181	160
Non-Award	12	24	136	167	163
Total	9,081	10,147	11,234	12,107	12,069
BY GENDER					
Female	5,202	5,959	6,450	6,925	6,898
Male	3,879	4,188	4,784	5,182	5,171
STUDENT LOAD (EFTSU)					
Postgraduate	766	638	705	858	1,022
Undergraduate	5,195	5,461	6,108	6,329	6,127
Other	59	87	130	121	130
Total	6,019	6,185	6,943	7,308	7,278

Enrolments as at 31 March of the respective year.