

City of Wollongong

Wollongong, located in the Illawarra region of New South Wales, has a colourful, multicultural character and a relaxed lifestyle. It is a city of diversity, combining the benefits of big-city living with a real sense of community. The city is easily accessible by rail and road from Sydney and Canberra. You can travel from Wollongong to central Sydney by car or train in less than 90 minutes, and Sydney International Airport is only an hour's drive away.

Wollongong's temperate climate and clean environment encourage an outdoor lifestyle, while the surrounding national parks and world-class beaches offer spectacular surf and wonderful views. The city centre incorporates an entertainment centre that regularly hosts international concerts and sporting events; and the thriving arts community stages musicals, theatre and art exhibitions. There is a large shopping mall featuring a wide assortment of mainstream and boutique retail outlets, as well as nightclubs, cinemas, restaurants, cafés and bars.

The unique blend of lifestyle, natural beauty, culture and entertainment makes Wollongong an exceptional place to live and study.

Why Wollongong?

Visionary, enthusiastic and dedicated to excellence, the University of Wollongong consistently achieves the maximum five star ratings in key student experience and employment categories in the independent Australian Good Universities Guide.

UOW is placed in the top 2% of universities in the world in both the 2010 Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities and 2009 Times Higher Education – QS World University Rankings.

Our international reputation for quality in education and research means we attract talented, motivated students from around Australia and from more than seventy countries worldwide. The University encourages cultural, social and educational interaction between international and Australian students, and the vibrant social life and natural beauty of the campus offer a study experience difficult to find elsewhere.

Wollongong's Faculty of Education is internationally recognised for its research and teaching in areas including Educational Leadership, Youth Research, and Language and Literacy.

The Faculty has approximately 45 full-time staff and a total enrolment of approximately 1,400 students, spread over both undergraduate and postgraduate programs in teacher education and higher degree programs up to Doctoral level.

The University of Wollongong enjoys a special bond with Canada. With more than 700 alumni, an active student exchange program and academic linkages across many of Canada's universities through UOW's Centre for Canadian-Australian Studies, which hosts an annual 'All Canada Day'. UOW engages with Canada as a country with striking historical parallels and contemporary challenges and public policy agendas.

UOW Map



Graduate Diploma in Education

Summary of GDE – Overview

The Graduate Diploma in Education (GDE) is a professional course in education for graduates who wish to earn a recognised teaching qualification in either Primary/Elementary or Intermediate/Senior Divisions. University of Wollongong GDE graduates have obtained employment in countries outside Australia including Canada, England, South Korea, Malaysia, Japan and the USA.

The GDE is equivalent to the one-year Bachelor of Education program offered by Canadian universities and is recognised in Ontario for the issue of a Letter of Eligibility, which allows you to seek employment as a teacher in Ontario. Similar recognition is available in other Canadian provinces. Future students from provinces other than Ontario (or from other countries) should confirm their eligibility for employment within their own province/state/country. Teacher registration authorities in different jurisdictions may require additional courses of study following provisional registration.

Program structure

The GDE program aims to combine the practical and theoretical elements of teaching by involving students in both classroom and University work from very early in the program. The GDE program comprises 72 credit points for Primary and 54 credit points for Secondary, organised into university-based subjects and professional experience (teaching practice) in schools.

The 2012 schedule for KLA's:

GDE Primary students study Key Learning Areas (KLA's) taught in Australian Primary Schools.

Autumn	Spring
EDGD815 Numeracy	EDGD813 Creative and Performing Arts
EDGD810 English	EDGD811 Mathematics
EDGD812 Science and Technology	EDGD814 Human Society and its Environment

The KLA subjects are taught by specialist practicing teachers and are scheduled afterschool hours from 4:30pm – 7:30pm, two evenings a week.

More information regarding Primary GDE specific subjects can be found at: www.uow.edu.au/handbook/yr2011/pg/educ/H11006188.html

Core subjects (primary and secondary)

Autumn	Spring
EDGD801 Learning and Behaviour	EDGD802 Educational Sociology
EDGD803 Literacy across the Curriculum	EDGD804* Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
EDGD806 Aboriginal Education	EDGD805* Professional Skills for Physical and Health Education
EDGD808 Quality Teaching	EDGD807 Learners with Special

* Students doing PDHPE secondary method take EDGD 805, not EDGD 804

'CORE' subjects are taught by faculty academics and include lectures, tutorial, workshops, video conferencing, podcast, group work and on line modules. These CORE subjects are taught between 8:30 and 4:30 and are usually 3 hours per week face to face contact.

Graduate Diploma in Primary Education

GDE Primary students study Key Learning Areas (KLA's) taught in Australian Primary Schools.

Graduate Diploma in Secondary Education

GDE Secondary education students study two method subjects (teachables) during both Autumn and Spring sessions. Students can choose from the following:

Single Method – Choose any two

- EDGD824 English
- EDGD825 History
- EDGD828 Legal Studies
- EDGD834 French Language
- EDGD833 Drama
- EDGD826 Geography
- EDGD827 Business Studies/Commerce
- EDGD840 Society and Culture

OR

Double Method – Choose one

- EDGD820 and EDGD821 Science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Earth and Environmental Science)
- EDGD822 and EDGD823 Mathematics
- EDGD837 and EDGD838 Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- EDGD831 and EDGD832 Visual Arts
- EDGD829 and EDGD830 Music
- EDGD835 and EDGD836 Computer Studies (Information Systems or Software Design)

The Method subjects are taught by specialists practicing secondary high school teachers and are scheduled after school hours from 4.30 – 7.30, usually two evenings a week.

More information regarding secondary GDE specific subjects can be found at: www.uow.edu.au/handbook/yr2010/pg/educ/H1000001

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STEPHANIE VIEIRA
GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (PRIMARY)

Professional experience

This compulsory component of the degree involves a total of 55 days in schools. It focuses on professional experience and practice teaching in schools. Emphasis is placed on lesson planning, classroom management and catering for diverse learning styles. Students will also be required to reflect on the role of the teacher in child protection and welfare.

There are three blocks of professional experience in the course:

- 3 weeks Initial professional experience
- 3 weeks Minor professional experience; and
- 5 weeks Major professional experience

For most students this professional experience is undertaken in schools in the Wollongong area. Bring 'smart casual' clothing to wear in the schools as well as some memorabilia from Canada.

NSW Institute of Teachers (NSWIT) requirements

For Primary/Junior teaching the basic requirement for entry to the GDE is that your undergraduate degree must comprise studies in three of the six subject areas listed below. These studies can be made up of either:

- One full credit in four areas (which can consist of two half credits) or
- Two full credits in one area and one full credit in two other areas:
 1. Maths
 2. Science or Technology (Computer Studies)
 3. English
 4. Personal Development, Health Education and Physical Education
 5. Human Society and its Environment including Economics, Geography, History, Aboriginal Studies, Business Studies, Canadian Studies, Religious Studies, Society and Culture
 6. Creative Arts including Art, Drama, Music and Visual Arts.

For secondary school teaching (Intermediate/Senior Divisions in Canada), your undergraduate degree must include two secondary teaching methods. The NSWIT requirement is THREE full credits (six subjects) in one teaching area and TWO full credits (four subjects) in any second teaching area.



Professional experience

These subjects must be progressive—within four subjects, two must be at a 200-level or higher. Within six subjects, four must be at a 200-level or higher. The undergraduate transcript of each student who applies for the GDE program in Wollongong is submitted to the Faculty of Education for approval.

After successful completion of the program, a Letter of Eligibility to teach in NSW will be issued by the NSWIT. This letter will be forwarded on your behalf to your nominated teaching authority (e.g. The Ontario College of Teachers), together with an official University of Wollongong transcript and an official course descriptor.

Overseas professional experience

Students have the option of undertaking the Minor professional experience overseas in June. The overseas professional experience earns the same credit as local professional experiences. Overseas professional experiences can be organised in Fiji, Malaysia and Thailand, costing around \$AUD 3000.

The overseas professional experience options are very popular and students may be required to enter into a ballot if applications exceed available capacity.*

*This option is not available to Mid-Year Intake students

Child protection requirements/Police Prohibit Check

To be permitted to participate in any school-based experience in NSW and to eventually be employed as a teacher, students must have a police prohibit check. wo checks are required: the first is in New South Wales and the second is upon return to Canada. Details regarding the prohibit check will be provided as part of the orientation program at the University of Wollongong. Students will need to organise their Canadian police check upon their return to Canada for the Ontario College for Teachers or other employing bodies.

Costs

The 2012 tuition fee for the Graduate Diploma in Education is:

18,600 for Primary
17,440 for Secondary – note that this fee is based on one teaching method; additional fees apply if two or more methods are undertaken.

* Figures accurate July 2011.

In addition, there is a compulsory charge for Overseas Student Health Cover (Australian Government requirement of student visa holders).



FURTHER ENQUIRIES

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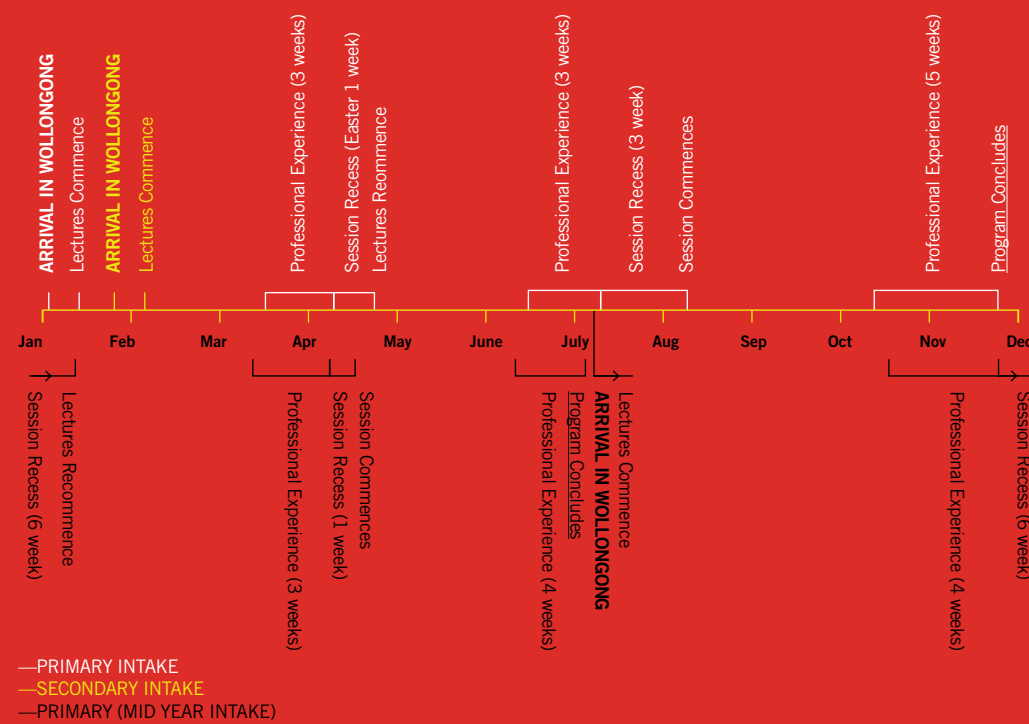
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Accreditation of the Graduate Diploma in Education by the NSW Institute of Teachers is subject to final approval. University of Wollongong CRICOS number: 00102E
Please note: Professional Experience is a compulsory component embedded in Graduate Diploma of Education courses. Therefore it is an expectation that students who participate in these courses are capable of meeting the demands of navigating their own way to, from and around the Professional Experience contexts, e.g. school sites. It needs to be noted that the off-campus environment is beyond the control of UOW.

ACADEMIC YEAR TIMELINE



— PRIMARY INTAKE
— SECONDARY INTAKE
— PRIMARY (MID YEAR INTAKE)

Admission Requirements

The minimum entry requirement is a three or four-year undergraduate degree at C grade (65%) or better. In addition, the University takes into account demonstrated interest in teaching and successful experience in educational and related contexts.

Your undergraduate degree must meet the requirements of the New South Wales Institute of Teachers (NSWIT) as providing an appropriate academic background in the chosen teaching area(s).

A formal assessment of your undergraduate degree will be made by the Faculty of Education. The Canadian authorities also require that all the conditions of the jurisdiction in which the teacher education program is undertaken (that is, the state of New South Wales (NSW)) are met.

How to apply

Complete a UOW postgraduate coursework application, by applying online at <https://smp.uow.edu.au/app/servelet/> Student or downloading the application form at www.uow.edu.au/future/international/apply/how Attach a copy of your academic transcript and a short statement outlining your interest in the GDE.

Your undergraduate transcript must be approved for teaching methods, which can take several weeks. Successful applicants will receive an offer letter with accommodation information and payment advice included.

To accept your offer, you must pay a AUD\$1,000 non-refundable deposit within four weeks of the issue date of the offer. Students must then pay the first session tuition fee and the compulsory Australian Government Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) Charge before the University will issue a Confirmation of Enrolment Form (eCOE) which is needed to obtain a student visa for Australia.

Important Pre-arrival information

What to bring

Make sure to bring original notarised or certified photocopies of the following documentation to Australia, as you will require 100 points of Identification for DET and NSWIT applications. Remember your: passport, birth certificate, drivers licence, student card, photograph identification, marriage certificate (if applicable), academic transcripts, proof of residence once in and Australia health card.

You may also need references for renting (previous real estate agents), and you will need to bring a referee's name and contact details for the Teacher Accreditation application.



Admission Requirements

Accommodation & Living Costs

Applications for accommodation in University-managed housing are due by 1 November (for courses commencing in January-March) and by 1 May for courses commencing in June/July. Applications for accommodation can be made on line at: www.uow.edu.au/future/international/accept/accommodation

Plan to arrive in Wollongong at least 10 days prior to the start date of the program.

UOW Accommodation Services provide assistance with applications to University housing as well as resources to help students find private rental accommodation in the Wollongong area. For further information go to: www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation

Alternatively, there is a wide variety of private accommodation available in houses and apartments close to the University. The majority of students choose to live in private housing as it is easy to find and often cheaper. Affordable private accommodation is available in Wollongong ranging from A\$120 – A\$450 per week. Rent is usually paid weekly or fortnightly, not monthly. Unfurnished means the house/unit does not come equipped with fridge or washing machine.

For living expenses, students should allow a further AUD\$15,000 to cover accommodation, books and other general living expenses for the year.

Airport Meeting Service

The closest international airport is Sydney International Airport and the University operates a free airport transfer service. You need to book this at least 72 hours in advance. The free airport shuttle service can be booked at: <http://accommodation.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/airport/request.html>

Internet and telephone

Students have access to email, internet, software, laser printers and tuition from many student laboratories. The campus has a wireless network, so students with a notebook or PDA with appropriate wireless card can connect from wireless hotspots. For information on wireless services please see www.uow.edu.au/its/wireless

In terms of University Residence rooms, not all have individual telephone and internet connections. Please see the section of the website that is appropriate to the residence(s) you are considering for information on wireless internet, quota and phone connections. www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/it

Mobile phone – If your existing mobile phone provider has an 'international roaming' agreement with a network in Australia, you can use your phone to make and receive calls in Australia. However this can be very expensive. You should check that the technology and handset are supported by mobile networks in Australia. Most phones in Australia are connected to GSM networks which operate on 900MHz and 1800MHz frequencies. A cheaper alternative may be to purchase a 'pre-paid' mobile phone package in Australia from Telstra, Virgin, Optus or Three mobile providers.

Travelling in and around

Wollongong Buses are an easy and inexpensive option for travelling to University for all students and staff. There are a number of local bus operators providing service to the University.

There are also three free shuttle bus services operating to the Wollongong Campus, and one of these also links to the Innovation Campus.

UOW Shuttle Bus – North Wollongong Station/International House and around UOW Ring Road

Gong Shuttle – Linking UOW with the Innovation Campus (IC), Campus East, North Wollongong Beach, Wollongong CBD, Station, Hospital and Weerona College. This service also links to many other bus services around the Illawarra. Trial GK Shuttle linking the ring road to Gwynneville, Keiraville, West Wollongong and Smiths Hill.

Many UOW students also travel to campus by train – North Wollongong station is a 15 minute walk away, or for the time-pressed there's a free shuttle bus from station to campus. You can also use the train to travel to Sydney which is approximately 1.5 hours from Wollongong to Sydney central, costing between \$10 and \$15 return, depending on time of day.

For more information on transport see: www.uow.edu.au/about/transport

Planning to travel around Australia?

You should find out what cheap travel passes might be available before you leave home. Some fares, such as Explorer Passes, will be cheaper to purchase in Canada than when you arrive in Australia.

Admission Requirements

Campus services and facilities

The University's community centre, the UniCentre, provides a range of services including a variety of food outlets, bank, bookshop, post office, travel agency, hairdresser, and medical services. UniCentre also provides a variety of entertainment on campus, and many sports facilities are provided by URAC. To see more of campus life at UOW, go to <http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/video/index.html>

Important websites

Why Graduate Diploma in education at Wollongong? More information can be found at: www.uow.edu.au/educ/courses/graddiped
GDE You tube link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_8UGfrC_M4

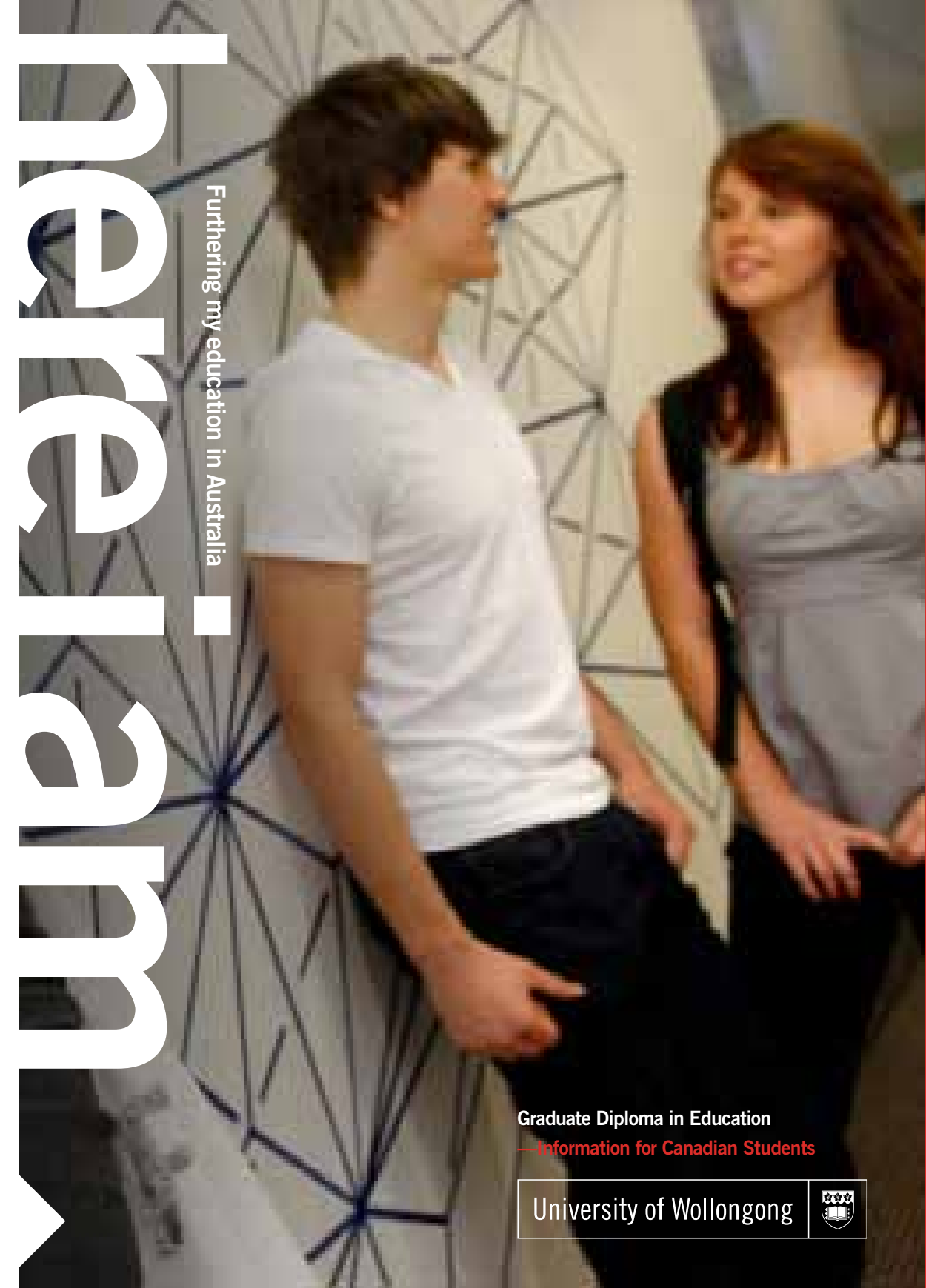
WOLLONGONG FACT FILE

408,059—Population Illawarra Region
80km (90min)—Metropolitan area
230km (2.5 hours)—Distance from Canberra (Australian capital)
10th—Wollongong is the 10th largest city in Australia (capital)

UOW FACT FILE

82 hectares—Area of Campus
26,008*—Total student enrolments
8,625*—International student enrolments
1951—Year Wollongong University was established

* On shore and off shore including non award. Figures accurate February 2010



Furthering my education in Australia

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—Information for Canadian Students

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