

APPENDIX C

IMPORTANCE OF SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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Source of Support and Importance	Continuing Students		Non-Continuing Students		All Students	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Part-time Employment						
Missing	90		14		104	
Not Important or Not Applicable (1)	374	69.3%	45	57.0%	419	67.7%
2	24	4.4%	6	7.6%	30	4.8%
3	20	3.7%	7	8.9%	27	4.4%
4	38	7.0%	4	5.1%	42	6.8%
Very Important (5)	84	15.6%	17	21.5%	101	16.3%
Total number of usable responses	540		79		619	
Total responses	630		93		723	
Full-time Employment						
Missing	110		19		129	
Not Important or Not Applicable (1)	495	95.2%	65	87.8%	560	94.3%
2	10	1.9%	3	4.1%	13	2.2%
3	4	0.8%	2	2.7%	6	1.0%
4	2	0.4%	1	1.4%	3	0.5%
Very Important (5)	9	1.7%	3	4.1%	12	2.0%
Total number of usable responses	520		74		594	
Total responses	630		93		723	
Casual Employment						
Missing	76		18		94	
Not Important or Not Applicable (1)	306	55.2%	45	60.0%	351	55.8%
2	35	6.3%	5	6.7%	40	6.4%
3	49	8.8%	9	12.0%	58	9.2%
4	40	7.2%	4	5.3%	44	7.0%
Very Important (5)	124	22.4%	12	16.0%	136	21.6%
Total number of usable responses	554		75		629	
Total responses	630		93		723	
Youth Allowance (Austudy/Abstudy)						
Missing	42		12		54	
Not Important or Not Applicable (1)	241	41.0%	42	51.9%	283	42.3%
2	5	0.9%	0	0.0%	5	0.7%
3	13	2.2%	2	2.5%	15	2.2%
4	17	2.9%	4	4.9%	21	3.1%
Very Important (5)	312	53.1%	33	40.7%	345	51.6%
Total number of usable responses	588		81		669	
Total responses	630		93		723	
Spouse's/partner's Income						
Missing	110		22		132	
Not Important or Not Applicable (1)	476	91.5%	69	97.2%	545	92.2%
2	6	1.2%	0	0.0%	6	1.0%
3	3	0.6%	0	0.0%	3	0.5%
4	3	0.6%	0	0.0%	3	0.5%
Very Important (5)	32	6.2%	2	2.8%	34	5.8%
Total number of usable responses	520		71		591	
Total responses	630		93		723	

Appendix C: Importance of Sources of Financial Support (Continued)

Source of Support and Importance	Continuing Students		Non-Continuing Students		All Students	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Support From Parent(s)						
Missing	61		12		73	
Not Important or Not Applicable (1)	106	18.6%	12	14.8%	118	18.2%
2	39	6.9%	4	4.9%	43	6.6%
3	69	12.1%	4	4.9%	73	11.2%
4	49	8.6%	5	6.2%	54	8.3%
Very Important (5)	306	53.8%	56	69.1%	362	55.7%
Total number of usable responses	569		81		650	
Total responses	630		93		723	
Personal Savings						
Missing	77		16		93	
Not Important or Not Applicable (1)	144	26.0%	26	33.8%	170	27.0%
2	53	9.6%	5	6.5%	58	9.2%
3	98	17.7%	12	15.6%	110	17.5%
4	76	13.7%	14	18.2%	90	14.3%
Very Important (5)	182	32.9%	20	26.0%	202	32.1%
Total number of usable responses	553		77		630	
Total responses	630		93		723	

APPENDIX D

FACTORS INFLUENCING STUDENTS' DECISIONS TO WITHDRAW FROM UNE

Appendix D1: Employment and Finance Factors Influencing Students' Decisions to Withdraw from UNE

Factor	Not Important or Not Applicable	2	3	4	Very Important
Lack of full-time employment opportunities in Armidale (n = 86) Frequency Valid Per cent	60 69.8%	7 8.1%	7 8.1%	7 8.1%	5 5.8%
Lack of part-time/casual employment opportunities in Armidale (n = 86) Frequency Valid Per cent	46 53.5%	6 7.0%	9 10.5%	9 10.5%	16 18.6%
Necessity to leave course to look for a job elsewhere (n = 84) Frequency Valid Per cent	68 81.0%	5 6.0%	4 4.8%	2 2.4%	5 6.0%
Lack of vacation work (n = 84) Frequency Valid Per cent	68 81.0%	2 2.4%	7 8.3%	5 6.0%	2 2.4%
Loss of job (n = 83) Frequency Valid Per cent	79 95.2%	1 1.2%	3 3.6%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
Spouse/partner lost their job (n = 83) Frequency Valid Per cent	79 95.2%	1 1.2%	1 1.2%	0 0.0%	2 2.4%
Employer not supportive of your study (n = 81) Frequency Valid Per cent	77 95.1%	1 1.2%	2 2.5%	0 0.0%	1 1.2%
Constant worry about having enough money to get by from week to week (n = 86) Frequency Valid Per cent	36 41.9%	6 7.0%	7 8.1%	11 12.8%	26 30.2%
Major unexpected expense (n = 86) Frequency Valid Per cent	59 68.6%	7 8.1%	8 9.3%	4 4.7%	8 9.3%
Deemed ineligible for the Youth Allowance (n = 85) Frequency Valid Per cent	52 61.2%	4 4.7%	4 4.7%	3 3.5%	22 25.9%
Youth allowance inadequate (n = 83) Frequency Valid Per cent	60 72.3%	5 6.0%	2 2.4%	8 9.6%	8 9.6%
Loss of Youth Allowance (n = 84) Frequency Valid Per cent	74 88.1%	1 1.2%	1 1.2%	0 0.0%	8 9.5%
Underestimated the expense involved in living away from home (n = 85) Frequency Valid Per cent	57 67.1%	4 4.7%	12 14.1%	2 2.4%	10 11.8%

Appendix D2: Academic Preparedness Factors Influencing Students' Decisions to Withdraw from UNE

Factor	Not Important or Not Applicable	2	3	4	Very Important
Lack of prerequisite knowledge relevant to the chosen course (n = 84) Frequency Valid Per cent	66 78.6%	6 7.1%	7 8.3%	3 3.6%	2 2.4%
Inadequate counselling prior to entry (n = 84) Frequency Valid Per cent	59 70.2%	6 7.1%	4 4.8%	4 4.8%	11 13.1%
Inability to keep up with the other students in the course (n = 82) Frequency Valid Per cent	56 68.3%	11 13.4%	12 14.6%	1 1.2%	2 2.4%
Insufficient maths background (n = 84) Frequency Valid Per cent	66 78.6%	6 7.1%	5 6.0%	3 3.6%	4 4.8%
Lack of orientation/bridging courses(s) (n = 82) Frequency Valid Per cent	67 81.7%	5 6.1%	7 8.5%	1 1.2%	2 2.4%
Unsatisfactory study skills (n = 84) Frequency Valid Per cent	49 58.3%	11 13.1%	10 11.9%	6 7.1%	8 9.5%

Appendix D3: Course and Teaching/Learning Environment Influencing Students' Decisions to Withdraw from UNE

Factor	Not Important or Not Applicable	2	3	4	Very Important
Lack of interest in the course (n = 83) Frequency Valid Per cent	48 57.8%	12 14.5%	5 6.0%	9 10.8%	9 10.8%
Heavy course workload (n = 83) Frequency Valid Per cent	41 49.4%	15 18.1%	10 12.0%	8 9.6%	9 10.8%
Dissatisfaction with the teaching of the course (n = 84) Frequency Valid Per cent	42 50.0%	12 14.3%	10 11.9%	10 11.9%	10 11.9%
Lack of course relevance to future career plans (n = 82) Frequency Valid Per cent	39 47.6%	15 18.3%	8 9.8%	5 6.1%	15 18.3%
Failure to satisfactory complete course requirements (n = 81) Frequency Valid Per cent	53 65.4%	8 9.9%	7 8.6%	4 4.9%	9 11.1%
Unsatisfactory classroom/laboratory conditions (n = 82) Frequency Valid Per cent	56 68.3%	14 17.1%	4 4.9%	5 6.1%	3 3.7%
Inadequate library facilities (n = 82) Frequency Valid Per cent	63 76.8%	9 11.0%	4 4.9%	4 4.9%	2 2.4%
Inadequate computing facilities (n = 83) Frequency Valid Per cent	62 74.7%	8 9.6%	5 6.0%	3 3.6%	5 6.0%
Inflexible administrative arrangements (n = 84) Frequency Valid Per cent	51 60.7%	12 14.3%	5 6.0%	5 6.0%	11 13.1%
Uncaring or uninterested administrative staff (n = 83) Frequency Valid Per cent	55 66.3%	8 9.6%	4 4.8%	5 6.0%	11 13.3%
Uncaring or uninterested teaching staff (n = 83) Frequency Valid Per cent	58 69.9%	10 12.0%	2 2.4%	8 9.6%	5 6.0%
Inadequate student support services (n = 82) Frequency Valid Per cent	62 75.6%	8 9.8%	6 7.3%	4 4.9%	2 2.4%

Appendix D4: Accommodation/distance/travel factors Influencing Students' Decisions to Withdraw from UNE

Factor	Not Important or Not Applicable	2	3	4	Very Important
Lack of freedom and independence in living at home (n = 84) Frequency Valid Per cent	73 86.9%	4 4.8%	5 6.0%	0 0.0%	2 2.4%
Inadequate study facilities (n = 84) Frequency Valid Per cent	64 76.2%	9 10.7%	5 6.0%	1 1.2%	5 6.0%
Tension/conflict with or among people with whom you shared accommodation (n = 84) Frequency Valid Per cent	48 57.1%	16 19.0%	8 9.5%	3 3.6%	9 10.7%
Loneliness in college accommodation (n = 83) Frequency Valid Per cent	60 72.3%	5 6.0%	6 7.2%	6 7.2%	6 7.2%
Too many distractions from study in college accommodation (n = 84) Frequency Valid Per cent	39 46.4%	12 14.3%	7 8.3%	10 11.9%	16 19.0%
Inability to travel or phone home as often as you would have liked (n = 84) Frequency Valid Per cent	51 60.7%	5 6.0%	5 6.0%	10 11.9%	13 15.5%
Difficulty in adjusting to a different lifestyle from the one at home (n = 84) Frequency Valid Per cent	62 73.8%	10 11.9%	6 7.1%	0 0.0%	6 7.1%
Travel expenses (n = 85) Frequency Valid Per cent	44 51.8%	8 9.4%	8 9.4%	9 10.6%	16 18.8%

**Appendix D5: Family Relationships and Responsibilities Influencing Students’
Decisions to Withdraw from UNE**

Factor	Not Important or Not Applicable	2	3	4	Very Important
Lack of interest in and encouragement for your studies from parents (n = 84) Frequency Valid Per cent	74 88.1%	3 3.6%	3 3.6%	3 3.6%	1 1.2%
Lack of interest in and encouragement for your studies from spouse/partner (n = 83) Frequency Valid Per cent	78 94.0%	2 2.4%	1 1.2%	1 1.2%	1 1.2%
Difficulty with juggling family commitments (eg child care, household duties) and study (n = 83) Frequency Valid Per cent	69 83.1%	3 3.6%	4 4.8%	2 2.4%	5 6.0%
Pregnancy (n = 82) Frequency Valid Per cent	79 96.3%	2 2.4%	0 0.0%	1 1.2%	0 0.0%
Problems in arranging child care to enable attendance at University (n = 82) Frequency Valid Per cent	79 96.3%	1 1.2%	1 1.2%	0 0.0%	1 1.2%
Studies disrupted by family break up/divorce (n = 81) Frequency Valid Per cent	74 91.4%	4 4.9%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 3.7%

**Appendix D6: Health, Accident, Stress or Other Personal Factors Influencing
Students’ Decisions to Withdraw from UNE**

Factor	Not Important or Not Applicable	2	3	4	Very Important
Care of a sick relative/friend (n = 82) Frequency Valid Per cent	76 92.7%	1 1.2%	0 0.0%	3 3.7%	2 2.4%
Severe illness or accident (n = 83) Frequency Valid Per cent	70 84.3%	2 2.4%	4 4.8%	3 3.6%	4 4.8%
Insufficient facilities for disabled persons (n = 82) Frequency Valid Per cent	79 96.3%	1 1.2%	1 1.2%	0 0.0%	1 1.2%
Tired of studying (n = 84) Frequency Valid Per cent	59 70.2%	6 7.1%	9 10.7%	3 3.6%	7 8.3%
Dislike of being a student (n = 83) Frequency Valid Per cent	63 75.9%	5 6.0%	11 13.3%	1 1.2%	3 3.6%
Stress brought about by the dual demands of work and study (n = 84) Frequency Valid Per cent	56 66.7%	6 7.1%	9 10.7%	6 7.1%	7 8.3%