
 UOW: University of Wollongong, Australia 2h · 🌐 ...

This story contains words and content that can cause sadness or distress, or trigger traumatic memories for people, particularly survivors of sexual harassment and sexual assault.

Today is a difficult day for our university community, particularly for sexual harassment and sexual assault survivors, as we see the 2021 National Student Safety Survey (NSSS) results published, and as we read of the persistence of sexual assault and sexual harassment rates in university contexts.... [See more](#)






National Student Safety Survey 2022

Media/social media monitoring

Report to 10am on 24 March on media/social media coverage and commentary since the release of the National Student Safety Survey results.

Coverage overnight shows more opinion, more analysis, and more place-centric articles targeted to local readerships, which is to be expected now journalists and commentators have had the time to pore over data and extract what it means for their audiences.

Media coverage has included:

<p>The Conversation</p> <p>The Conversation 15h · 🌐</p> <p>The report is based on responses from 43,819 students from 38 Australian universities.</p>  <p>THECONVERSATION.COM</p> <p>1 in 3 uni students have been sexually assaulted in their lifetime. They demand action on their vision of a safer...</p>	<p>The Australian</p> <p>The Australian 15h · 🌐</p> <p>The head of Australia's top university body has deeply apologised to all students who have experienced sexual assault or harassment after a new survey revealed the extent of the problem.</p>  <p>THEAUSTRALIAN.COM.AU</p> <p>'Unacceptable': one in six uni students harassed</p>	<p>The Northern Daily Leader (syndicated piece; appeared in Canberra Times yesterday)</p> <p>University students give harrowing accounts of sexual assault, harassment in national survey</p> <p>Wendy Lumsden Updated March 23, 2022 · 14 of Open, Local Government & Other</p> <p>Australian university students have detailed harrowing accounts of sexual harassment and assault in a national survey into the prevalence of the problem on campus.</p> <p>The survey of 43,819 students found one in six students had been sexually harassed since starting at university and one in 12 had been sexually harassed in the past 12 months.</p> <p>About half of all students had experienced sexual harassment in their lifetime.</p> 
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[The Sydney Morning Herald](#)

'Deeply sorry': High rates of sexual harassment, assault at NSW universities

By Jordan Baker and Daniela White
March 23, 2022 - 7:30pm

Almost one in five students at some of the state's most prestigious universities has been sexually harassed in person or online since they began their degree, and one in 20 has been sexually assaulted.

The Australian National University (ANU) had the highest rates across NSW and the ACT, more than a quarter of its students have been sexually harassed and one in eight sexually assaulted, a major national survey of more than 40,000 students has found.



At the ANU, almost a third of victims were harassed in their student accommodation or residence, the survey found.

It was followed by Sydney University, Macquarie University and the University of Wollongong, where 18.5 per cent of students reported being sexually harassed since they began their studies, and between five and 6.7 per cent of students was sexually assaulted.

The lowest rates of sexual harassment in the survey were at the University of NSW (13.5 per cent), Western Sydney University (13.8 per cent) and Southern Cross University (12.6 per cent). They also had lower rates of sexual assault.

University of Sydney's vice-chancellor Mark Scott said one case was too many. "To every person who has experienced sexual harassment or sexual assault, we are deeply sorry."

- WHY IT MATTERS**
- "The only experience I have had is where a couple of females got raped on Zoom sessions and asked if they wanted to fight them."
 - "I have been sexually harassed on campus when a stranger attempted to pull down the dress I was wearing."
 - "I had a young male tutor in my first year of university make suggestive comments towards me throughout the semester in front of a predominantly male class."

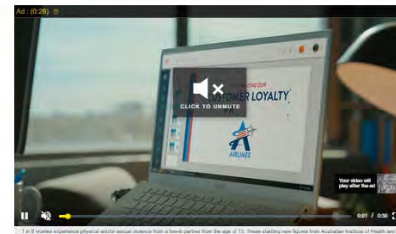


[The Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#)

One in eight Deakin students sexually harassed: survey

Damning new data has revealed the extent of sexual harassment and abuse on university campuses. And almost half of students say they don't know where to turn.

Jessica Coates
5 min read March 24, 2022 - 8:50am



One in eight Deakin students have been sexually harassed in a uni setting since they started studying, new data has revealed.

Data from the national survey released Thursday revealed 4.5 per cent of Deakin students had experienced sexual harassment in the past year, while 3.7 per cent say they'd been sexually assaulted.

While 17.7 per cent of Deakin harassment victims sought support from the school, just 6.7 per cent made a formal complaint.

Half of respondents said they knew nothing or very little about where to make a complaint about sexual assault.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof Liz Johnson said the data highlighted a need to raise awareness about where students go to report incidents.



[SBS News](#)

One in six Australian university students say they have been sexually harassed. How can this be stopped?

Rates of sexual harassment and assault at Australian universities have been revealed in a new report, as the sector pledges more action.



Rates of sexual harassment and assault at Australian universities have been revealed in a new report. Source: AUP - Photo: The Duke

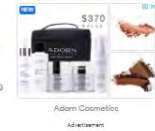
This article contains references to sexual harassment and sexual assault.

Australian university students have shared harrowing stories of sexual harassment and assault in a damning new report that shows the prevalence of these incidents at institutions across the country.

In what was labelled a "difficult day" for the university sector, a study of almost 44,000 students released on Wednesday found that one in six students had been sexually harassed since starting university, while one in 20 had been sexually assaulted.

The 2021 National Student Safety Survey, undertaken by The Social Research Centre, asked students – studying both on- and off-campus – from 38 Australian universities about their experiences.

One in 12 students experienced sexual harassment in a university setting in the past 12 months, but the report notes many opted or were required to study from home during the COVID-19 pandemic, thus reducing opportunities for in-person perpetration or witnessing of sexual harassment and sexual assault.



[Crikey \(rolling news blog\)](#)

[The Sydney Morning Herald](#)

[Campus Morning Mail](#)

[The damaging gap in stopping sexual assaults on campus](#) — **Angela Taft** and **Leesa Hooker** (The SMH): "Australian universities have a problem with sexual assault. The Universities Australia's National Student Safety Survey released on Wednesday makes that clear. 16% of students reported sexual harassment and 4.5% reported sexual assault since starting university ...

"Professor **Charlene Senn**, chair in Sexual Violence at the University of Windsor in Canada, told a presentation at the United Nations in April last year that the bulk of sexual harm at universities is against women perpetrated by heterosexual men, and that the highest incidence of sexual assault is experienced by young women in their first two years of study ... To our knowledge, this is the only research project being undertaken in Australia into whether an intervention program reduces sexual assault long term at universities. There is clearly willingness by the higher education sector, and government, to tackle this issue."

OPINION
The damaging gap in stopping sexual assaults on campus

By Angela Taft and Leesa Hooker
 March 24, 2022 • 10min

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Australian universities have a problem with sexual assault.

The Universities Australia's National Student Safety Survey released on Wednesday makes that clear. Sixteen per cent of students reported sexual harassment and 4.5 per cent reported sexual assault since starting university.



Have effective police, university and education responses to sexual violence been shown to have an impact? A lecture given by Professor Senn.

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Universities still fail victims of sexual assault

March 24, 2022

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Victims/survivors of sexual assault/harassment report university policies, "were inaccurate" and "reporting mechanisms" slow

The findings are from the qualitative report in the new National Student Safety Survey, released by Universities Australia, yesterday.

The report, based on individual reports from 1835 people is part of the survey of 48 000 students at all UA members.

On the basis of individual responses, the Report, created by the well-regarded Social Research Centre states, "for many, the trauma of the original incident of sexual harassment and/or sexual assault was compounded by their university's mishandling of their report, discouraging victims/survivors from pursuing the reporting process to its conclusion."

The statistical component of the survey includes statistics on sexual harassment/ assault "in a university context." It reports that over their entire enrolments,

• 16 per cent of students were harassed

• 4.5 per cent were assaulted

• 16.8 per cent of students sexually harassed sought "support or assistance" increasing to 25.5 per cent of sexual assault victims

Methodology changes prevent comparisons with the previous national survey.

[The Australian](#)

[Radio Sydney](#) (screenshot from Isentia)

Universities australia and Research mentioned on 19:00 News at 19:02

Newsreader at ABC Radio Sydney, Sydney, 19:00 News on 23 Mar 2022 7:02 PM.
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 ASR: 1,206 AUD Audience: 16,700 (7,300 female 16+ / 5,400 male 16+) Duration: 0:01:44secs

Automated Transcript:
 News An australian wide survey of the prevalence of sexual assault and harassment at universities has found about 1 in 20 students have been sexually assaulted at University. Talla Roy reports universities Australia has apologised after a survey of 48500 students revealed one in six students have been sexually harassed at uni, with one in 20 experiencing sexual assault. Most sexual assaults took place at student accommodation and Residences, perpetrated ...

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 ABC Central Coast (Ettah), ABC Central West NSW (Orange), ABC Coffs Coast (Coffs Harbour), ABC Illawarra (Wollongong), ABC New England North West (Tamworth), ABC North Coast NSW (Lismore), ABC Riverina (Wagga Wagga), ABC South East NSW (Bega), ABC Upper Hunter (Maitland/Brook), ABC Western Plains NSW (Dubbo), Radio National (Sydney), Radio National (Newcastle)

ANU, Bond at the top of sex shame ranking

JIM DOOD
HIGHER EDUCATION EDITOR

The Australian National University and Bond University are the worst for sexual assault and harassment, a national survey of tens of thousands of students has found.

Bond University vice-chancellor Tim Heatfield said he was "shocked" to discover 12.3 per cent of surveyed students had reported being sexually assaulted and 25 per cent being sexually harassed, while enrolled at the private, high-fee university on the Gold Coast.

Professor Heatfield said he would immediately set up a task-force to "specifically target unacceptable behaviour so that perpetrators can no longer hide". "I personally express my sorrow and apologise to those victims-survivors who have endured so much," he said.

The survey also found the ANU had a sexual assault rate nearly as bad as Bond, with 12.3 per cent of surveyed students reporting they had been assaulted, and 26.1 per cent saying they had been harassed, in their time at the university.

In advance of the survey's release on Wednesday, ANU vice-chancellor Brian Schmidt last Monday announced a \$3.1m a year student safety and wellbeing plan that has a focus on safety in student residences. "ANU is listening and acting, and we are making major new investments to stop and respond to these unac-

ceptable behaviours," he said.

Overall, the National Student Safety Survey found 4.5 per cent of students had been sexually assaulted and 16.1 per cent had been sexually harassed, in their time at university. The survey, undertaken by representative body Universities Australia, took responses from nearly 44,000 students in 38 universities.

Announcing the results, UAC chair John Dewar said on behalf of universities, he was "deeply sorry... To every single university student who has experienced sexual harassment or sexual assault, or has a friend, family member or loved one who has, I am sorry for what you endured. I am sorry for

how that may have affected your relationships, your mental health, your studies and your life," said Professor Dewar, who is vice-chancellor of La Trobe university. Instances of harassment reported by students in the survey included unwanted touching and hugging, following and loitering, comments or questions about private lives, looks or physical appearance and sexually suggestive comments, jokes and insults.

Nearly 2000 students responded to an invitation to share their experiences of sexual harassment and assault, and many are included in the report.

"I know that most of my friends have been sexually assaulted by another university student, and I personally have been raped by another member of

my own college," said one student.

The survey found a major problem area for harassment and assault was student accommodation buildings and residences.

One in five students living in such accommodation had experienced harassment in the past 12 months, compared with one in 12 students living with their parents or with family.

Assaults are also commonly reported in student clubs and society activities.

The survey found about half of the students didn't know how to formally report sexual harassment or assault. And it revealed failure in responding to students who did report. Only 30 per cent of students who reported sexual assault to their university were satisfied with the process.

Professor Dewar said the current situation was "unacceptable". "No instance of sexual harassment or sexual assault should be tolerated, and our institutions must set the tone for what is expected from our future graduates," he said.

Universities would reflect on what else they could and must do, Professor Dewar said, and would work with experts as well as survivor and student advocates on effective future measures.

CAMPUS CRIMES

% reporting assault or harassment since start of uni

	Assault	Harassment
Bond	13.2	25
ANU	12.3	26.1
James Cook	9.5	22.2
New England	7.6	15.3
Charles Sturt	7.4	16
WA	6.9	21.4
Sydney	6.7	18.5
Wollongong	6	18.5
Newcastle	6	17.9
Tasmania	5.7	16.9
Melbourne	5.5	18.5
Monash	5.1	15.3
Macquarie	5	18.6
Queensland	5	19.3
Notre Dame	5	19.2
Canberra	4.9	17.5
La Trobe	4.7	18.9
Griffith	4.6	20.2
QUT	4.3	20.4
Curtin	4.2	15.6
Southern Cross	4.1	12.6
UTS	4	14.3
Adelaide	4	19.3
Charles Darwin	3.8	12.4
Deakin	3.7	12.1
Sunshine Coast	3.4	16.8
Swinburne	3.3	12.9
UNSW	3.2	13.5
Southern Qld	2.9	10.1
Murdoch	2.9	18.5
RMIT	2.8	10.5
Western Sydney	2.6	13.8
Victoria	2.5	11
Aust Catholic Uni	2.5	11.9
UniSA	2.1	12.3
Central Qld	2	9.1
Edith Cowan	2	15
Federation	1.9	10.2
Flinders	1	11.2

Source: Universities Australia

Social media coverage and commentary has included:

Emma Hartley, victim-survivor ([Twitter](#))

Emma Hartley @emmahartleyy1 · 12h

I was 19 when ANU made most of those commitments in 2017. In the time it's taken them to "not action them" I've:

- graduated from ANU, started & graduated at another uni
- had 6 jobs
- moved house 5 times
- made a video on the 2019 protest mentioned in the FB post

wbu ANU?

End Rape on Campus Australia @EROCAustralia · Mar 21

"Earlier today the ANU rushed out a new 'Student Safety & Wellbeing Plan' in advance of the NSSF release (without any mention of this significant context)... All of the commitments made today were promised years ago and never actioned"

facebook.com/anuwomensdepar...

Lydia Jupp, activist with EROC Australia ([Missing Perspectives blog](#))



Lydia Jupp: When will Australia hold higher education accountable for sexual violence?

[Read More →](#)

[Jocelyn Dracakis](#), survivor advocate, Twitter

Jocelyn Dracakis @jocie_drac · 11h

Most striking [#NSSS](#) graphic: the perpetrators, overwhelmingly students & academics, still waltzing halls w heads held high, collecting accolades toward shiny careers, protected by privilege. Despite institutional might sweeping your actions under the rug, we see you in this data.

Figure 17: Identity of perpetrator(s) in most impactful incident of sexual assault (%)

A student from your university	58.6
A stranger/one I knew	22.0
A student from your place of residence	14.8
Partner or ex-partner	13.2
A student from another university	8.9
A tutor or lecturer from your university	2.5
Friend or family member	1.6
Co-worker in paid employment	1.7
A non-academic (administrative) university staff member	1.4
Your supervisor at your professional placement or internship	0.7
Your research or academic supervisor at the university	0.6
A supervisor or employer in your paid employment at university	0.5
Someone else	2.5

Based: Experienced sexual assault? In an Australian university context (n=2,245), Question 7B

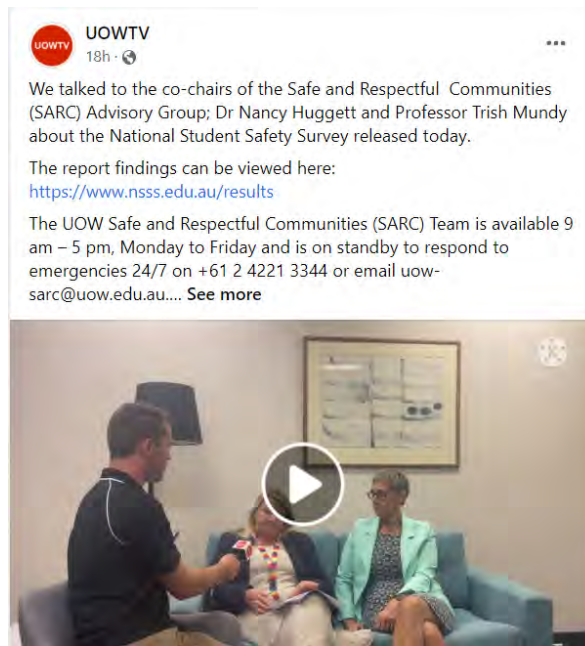
University statements on social media have included:

[Charles Sturt University](#) (Facebook)



(We note a comment was deleted – probably due to irrelevance – as follows:

[UOWTV](#), student journalism page (Facebook)



Sydney University (Instagram Stories so link N/A – can provide on request. Video features student advocates and staff describing services and encouraging students to use them)



Julie Claire

Hypercrites 🙄

"We believe every person who attends university has the right to be safe and to be treated with respect, dignity and fairness."

(I guess you mean those who comply with your narrative?)

"It is part of our role to educate our students to conduct themselves in respectful and inclusive ways."

Yet no jab no entry.

SHAME SHAME SHAME

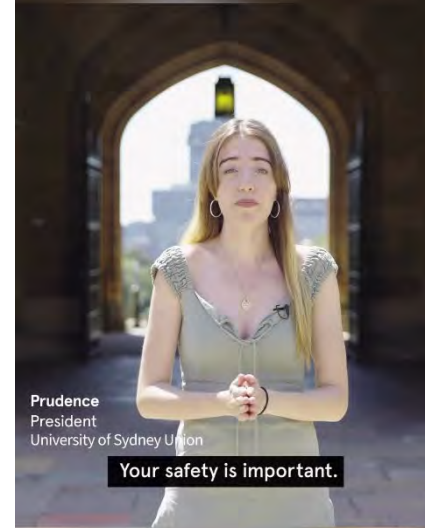
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Prudence
President
University of Sydney Union

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For more information on the University's results and response, head to:

[SAFER COMMUNITIES ON CAMPUS](#)

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National Student Safety Survey 2022

Media/social media monitoring

Report to 5pm on 24 March on media/social media coverage and commentary since the release of the National Student Safety Survey results.

There is still a focus on localising, personalising and interpreting results today. However, after a rush of activity overnight and early this morning, media/social media pieces have slowed their pace. UNE is mentioned in league tables in a couple of pieces below.

Media coverage has included:

The Sydney Morning Herald	Marie Claire	Herald Sun
<p data-bbox="257 738 696 783">'It's paralysing': How Bethany and thousands of other students face harassment and assault</p> <p data-bbox="257 804 369 831">By Wendy Tully March 21, 2022 - 4:17pm</p> <p data-bbox="300 863 551 890">For Bethany Shogog, the impact of sexual assault at university has been "paralyzing".</p> <p data-bbox="300 900 580 943">She was assaulted at a party "during a transition to starting uni" by someone she considered a friend. She believes he was also faked, as he was unaware of "what consent even looks like".</p>   <p data-bbox="257 1169 580 1187"><small>Bethany Shogog was sexually assaulted at a university party and is among the one in six Australian university students who have experienced harassment or assault since starting their university courses. @SMHonline</small></p> <p data-bbox="300 1203 580 1241">"It was a drunken incident where he took advantage of my vulnerability," says Ms Shogog, who was motivated by her experience to become women's officers at RMIT, and has chosen to speak publicly about her ordeal.</p>	<p data-bbox="860 738 1397 804">One In Six University Students Have Been Sexually Harassed—Australia Failed Them</p> <p data-bbox="987 815 1267 831">The new survey reveals a devastating oversight. by Jess Pullar</p>  <p data-bbox="860 1123 1256 1155"><i>Content warning: this article discusses sexual assault and violence and may be distressing to some readers.</i></p> <p data-bbox="860 1174 1256 1206">A new survey has exposed a devastating reality for Australian University students as its governing bodies, those they should have been able to trust,</p>   	



'Not good enough': Sexual harassment, assault rife at JCU

A damning report has revealed a shocking number of James Cook University students feel unsafe at school, as authorities share what they're doing to try and fix the issues >>

[Nine News](#)

Survey reveals one in six university students sexually harassed

By Romy Gilbert | 5:29pm Mar 23, 2022



Results from a national survey outlining the prevalence of [sexual harassment](#) and sexual assault within [Australian Universities](#) have today been released.

Warning: This story contains details and content that some readers may find distressing.


The 2021 National Student Safety Survey (NSSS), conducted by the Social Research Centre, has found that one in six students have experienced sexual harassment since starting university.

In the last 12 months, one in ninety students have experienced sexual assault, with only one in twenty of those formally reporting the incident.

[ABC News](#)

Which university is safest? This is how every Australian uni performed in a survey about sexual violence and harassment

triple j Hack / By Ange McCormack
Posted 24m ago, updated 14m ago



The Australian National University has the second-highest rate of sexual assault among uni students, after Bond University. (ABC News, Jordan Payne)

Prevalence of sexual assault

Rank	University	Prevalence among students since they started university
1	Bond University	13.2%
2	The Australian National University	12.3%
3	James Cook University	9.5%
4	The University of New England	7.6%
5	Charles Sturt University	7.4%

Social media coverage and commentary has included:





[UNSW Gendered Violence Research Network](#) (Twitter)

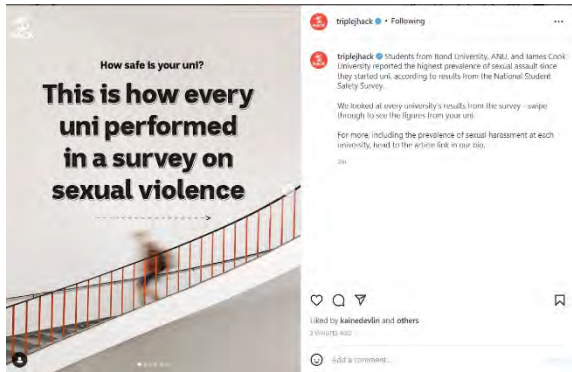
[Full Stop Australia](#) (Twitter)



[Sharna Bremner](#), End Rape on Campus Australia founder-director (Twitter)



<p>UNSW Gendered Violence Research Network @UNSW_GVRN · 3h ...</p> <p>@unsw apologises to victims as it releases #NSSS. Female students, transgender students, non-binary students, Pansexual, bisexual, gay or lesbian students, younger students were more likely to have experienced #sexualharassment #sexualassault.</p>  <p>abc.net.au "Distressing, disappointing": Universities Australia releases report into ... The head of Universities Australia has apologised to victims of sexual assault and harassment in university communities while releasing a ...</p>		
<p>Institute of Non-Violence (IONV) (Instagram)</p> 	<p>National LGBTQIA+/Queer Department of the National Union of Students (Twitter)</p> 	<p>Manmeet Singh, IONV Communications Manager (LinkedIn)</p> 
<p>Triple J Hack (Instagram)</p>		



How many students said they have been sexually assaulted since starting uni

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7	The University of Sydney	6.7%
8	The University of Newcastle	6.0%
8	University of Wollongong	6.0%
10	University of Tasmania	5.7%
11	The University of Melbourne	5.5%
12	Monash University	5.1%
13	Macquarie University	5.0%



University activity on social media has included:

<p>UNE, On-Campus Students page (Facebook)</p>	<p>UNE, VC statement on NSSS (YouTube) Note: unlisted video – 146 views</p>	<p>Edith Cowan University (Facebook) Note: comments have been limited and this is visible to followers</p>
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UNE On Campus Students
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REMINDER - VC BRIEFING THIS AFTERNOON
 National Student Safety Survey – briefing session with Vice Chancellor, Professor Brigid Heywood
 1645- 17:30, Austin Page College Dining Hall

Further to the email sent out to students yesterday from the Vice Chancellor, this information/briefing session is an opportunity for all on campus students to find out more about the survey and UNE's response.

UNE Vice Chancellor on the 2022 National Student Safety Survey
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Content warning: This video discusses the topics of sexual assault and sexual harassment.

University of New England Vice-Chancellor Brigid Heywood on the release of the National

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Edith Cowan University (ECU)
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Universities Australia has released the 2021 National Student Safety Survey results. Thank you to all of the students who participated in the survey. ECU acknowledges the lived experience of students who are victim-survivors of sexual assault and sexual harassment, and we know that more can always be done to help keep all students safe. We are committed to ongoing efforts to improve services, planning, policies, and University culture. We understand that conversations around... See more



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