

# Media Release



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## Notre Dame releases results from nationwide universities survey

The University of Notre Dame Australia welcomes the release today of the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) report on sexual assault and sexual harassment at Australian universities.

The report highlights the results of a survey conducted last year among the country's 39 universities, and includes the views of students on Notre Dame's three Campuses – In Sydney, Fremantle and Broome.

The survey comprised an integral part of the Respect.Now.Always campaign, a long-term initiative by Universities Australia.

The overarching goal of Respect.Now.Always is to ensure that students and staff feel safe from sexual assault and sexual harassment, and that institutions continue to promote a culture of safety and respect on all University Campuses.

The campaign examines best practice approaches to cases of sexual assault and sexual harassment in Australia and overseas, to ensure the most well informed and comprehensive response by the higher education sector.

Notre Dame, alongside all other members of Universities Australia, undertook to publically release its own institutional report, a copy of which can be found at [www.nd.edu.au/ahrc-report](http://www.nd.edu.au/ahrc-report).

The results from Notre Dame reflect our status as a National university with campuses in each of Fremantle, Broome and Sydney. The results are not disaggregated by location.

Notre Dame Vice Chancellor, Professor Celia Hammond said the University's participation in the survey reflects its longstanding efforts to keep improving policies and support services to keep students safe.

"Notre Dame is fully committed to taking those steps needed to prevent sexual assault and sexual harassment on campus and ensuring that the support, services and processes we provide to students who have been impacted by sexual assault or sexual harassment are excellent, visible and accessible," said Professor Hammond.

"We recognise that what we have done thus far is not the end or completion of this task, rather, we will need to undertake regular review, continued consultation with students, staff and experts to ensure that we achieve the excellence we seek."

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