



New Colombo Plan—delivers on diversity

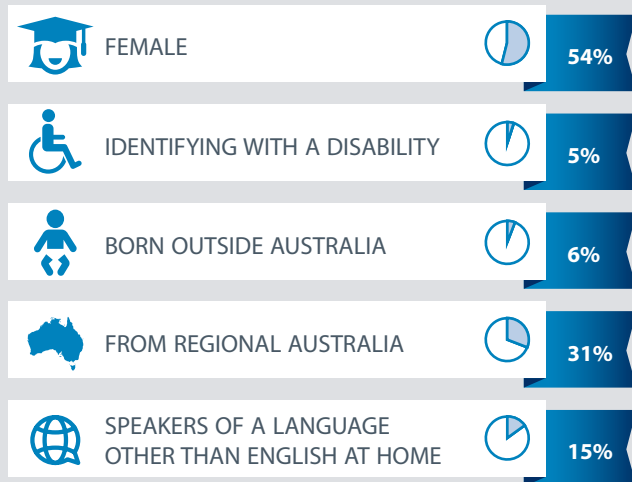
The New Colombo Plan encourages students from all disciplines and diverse socio-economic backgrounds to participate, including Indigenous Australians, people with disability, LGBTQI persons, and students from regional and remote areas.

New Colombo Plan achieves diverse student profile



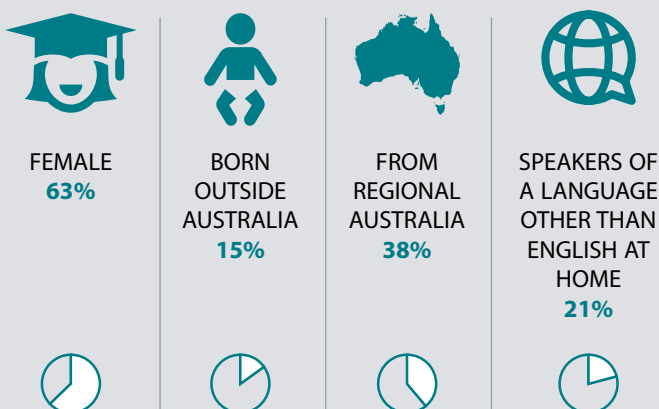
- > A clear picture of diversity emerged from questionnaires given to returning students by the Australian Survey Research Group in 2016–17.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE:



* sample of 127 returned scholars

MOBILITY GRANT RECIPIENTS ARE:



* sample of 3667 returned mobility students

The New Colombo Plan has measurably positive impact on diversity



According to Professor Kent Anderson, University of Western Australia, studies show that “the New Colombo Plan has a measurably positive impact on diversity such as encouraging a greater portion of low and medium socioeconomic students to study abroad.”

Scholarships



APPROXIMATELY ONE PER CENT OF SCHOLARS IN LAST FOUR ROUNDS HAVE IDENTIFIED AS BEING INDIGENOUS.

In 2017 the New Colombo Plan launched two initiatives to encourage greater participation by Indigenous students:

- > the introduction of the Indigenous Fellow Award for the top-ranked Indigenous scholar
- > the appointment of an Indigenous New Colombo Plan Alumni Ambassador.

Mobility Grants



- > Mobility Grants offer flexibility on the age range criteria to facilitate the involvement of Indigenous, regional and mature age students
- > Mobility grant selections are weighted 40 per cent in favour of projects targeting ‘student groups that would not otherwise have the opportunity to undertake a mobility experience.’