

# Engaging postgraduate students and supporting higher education to enhance the 21st century student experience.



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# Research Approach

1. Secondary Analysis
2. Engagement Breakfasts (8 States/Territories)
3. Interviews and Focus Groups





# Engagements with postgraduate students and staff

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
<b>Breakfasts</b>	<b>26</b>			<b>67</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>215</b>
<b>Interviews</b>	5	9	6	4	6	5	6	5	46
	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Focus Groups</b>				3					3
		<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>29</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Totals</b>	5	9	6	7	6	5	6	5	49
	<b>31</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>307</b>

n = number of staff

**n = number of students**



# Emerging Themes

- a. Diversity of students and experience
- b. Need to support first-year experience
- c. Dichotomous emotive experience (Stress & Exhilaration)
- d. Frustration with being treated as second-tier
- e. Desire for consistency within and between universities
- f. Need to make simple matters simple
- g. Employability (within and beyond universities)



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