



New College Communities Impact Report 2023

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The Best In University Living

Mission

We cultivate outstanding university campus communities of academic excellence and pastoral care, shaped by Christian faith and values, where every student can flourish.





Message from the Board Chair

In 2023, Professor Trevor Cairney and Mr Stephen Hodgkinson were honoured as Life Fellows for outstanding service to New College. During their distinguished tenures as Master and Board member respectively, they led New College through a significant expansion of its facilities and the establishment of the Postgraduate Village in 2009. They helped strengthen the College's ethos, its academic standing and influence, and its financial footing—all of which have been significant factors in New College's resurgence after COVID.

Their legacy of service and commitment continues today in the staff and the Board who give their time, skills and hearts to the mission of seeing our residents thrive. In August, the Board welcomed Mrs Susan Thorp (Professor of Finance at the University of Sydney Business School) as a director. It is a privilege to lead a great team of directors with varied and valuable experience who oversee and direct New College into the future.

I am delighted that both colleges returned to full occupancy for Term 1 2023 and we are in a position to look at forward growth. During 2024, the Board will be pursuing strategic initiatives to develop our properties, augment our resident services and expand our work in Advancement. Our goal is to reimagine the physical assets of both Colleges and to strengthen their core academic, pastoral, spiritual and social opportunities to meet the evolving living and learning needs of future students.

Advancement work is critical to achieving the College's mission. It entails active marketing to take advantage of both New College and UNSW's reputations to attract the top students and post-graduates. It involves effective communications to engage more alumni and friends committed to the College's purpose and outcomes. And it includes inviting financial support to expand the program of scholarships which are so important for maintaining diversity, opportunity and compassion as hallmarks of New College.

The Board wants to ensure that outstanding students from all walks of life are able to benefit from opportunities to contribute and thrive in a diverse, vibrant and caring New College community.

Our legacy will be to provide the best environment for the formation of character and leadership development for all future graduates. Whether they end up in industry, government service, the community sector or other, our purpose is to endow the brightest minds with capacity to look beyond themselves in contributing to a better world, and with spiritual insight to know God's love and the power of Jesus Christ to transform lives and communities.

We are incredibly thankful for the many ways our supporters generously demonstrate their support for College each year. From attending an event, to championing College to prospective families or donating a financial gift, people like you are investors together in the mission of New College.

Can I urge you to consider joining me in giving to a scholarship this year? Your gift will be the catalyst to launch a promising student on an exceptional educational and transformative pathway at New College that will set them up for life and future impact.

I hope you will be encouraged and delighted by the stories described in the following pages which are outcomes of the combined efforts of many faithful Board members, supporters, staff and residents. I thank you all for your contributions to the New College Communities in 2023.

**Mrs Janet Simpson, BSW, JP, MAICD
New College Alumna (1979-82)**





Message from the Master

In September 2023, Isabella Notarpietro excitedly let me know that she had been awarded the University Medal for Chemical Engineering. I subsequently learnt that she was joined by Annika Jorgensen (Paediatrics) and Samuel Pietsch (Economics). These awards are impressive in themselves but made even more noteworthy due to Isabella, Annika and Samuel's significant investment and leadership within the New College community during their time with us.

Similarly, there were a host of 2023 Ph.D. awardees from the Postgraduate Village. Amongst these were Jonathan Hopkins (Engineering), Aref Samadi (Photovoltaics) and Julia Wijaya* (Food Science and Technology). Again, Jonathan, Aref and Julia were significant leaders and contributors throughout the several years of their candidature. Some were my spatially-distant companions as we journeyed through COVID together.

I highlight these specific achievements to show how the great academic track record of our colleges continues from the past into the present. Further, these achievements are not made by people beavering away alone in isolation but reflect that holistic approach to university life that characterises great educational institutions.

Of course, success is not measured solely in university medals and doctorates. These colleges only fulfil their mission if every resident student benefits from the empowered learning and personal development that life in our colleges affords. Consequently, 2023 has been an exciting year with the arrival of Rev. Dr A.J. Culp. AJ comes to our communities with his family and a strong teaching track record. I look forward to his investment in our communities as he begins to frame strategies specific to each of the

sub-disciplines and levels of study that exist across our communities.

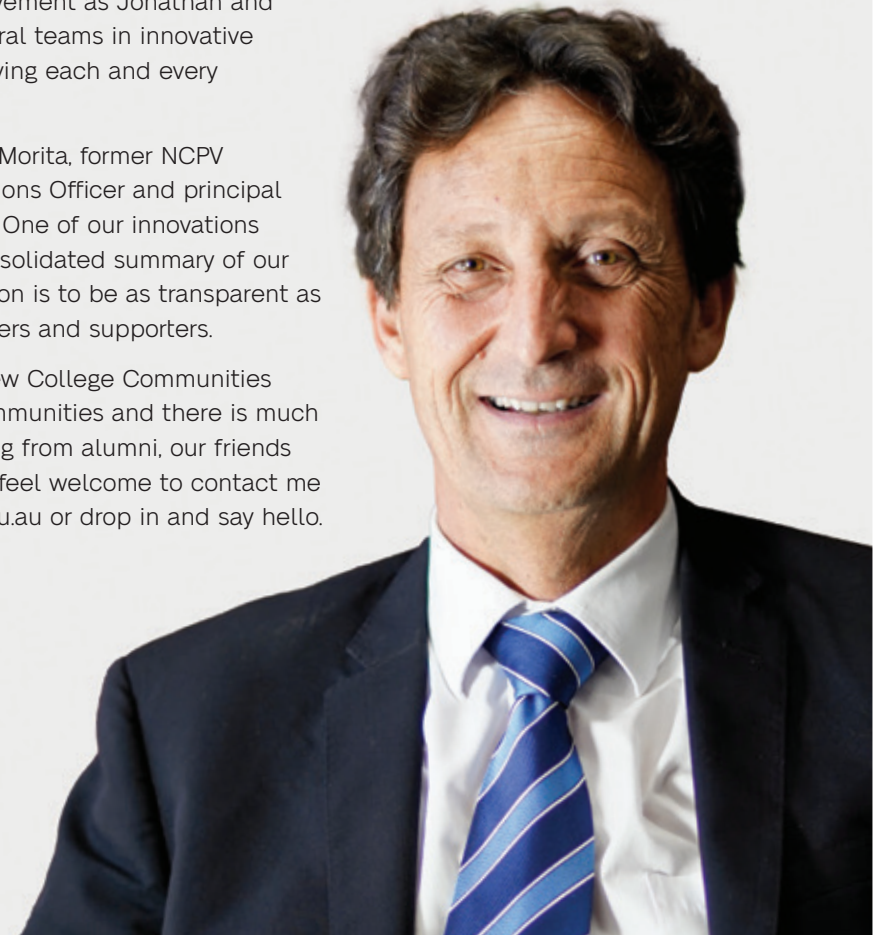
This is a public opportunity to thank our Deans of Residents, Jonathan Billingham and Edwina Hine, for their engagement with their respective communities. Each community saw increasing levels of student involvement as Jonathan and Edwina led their respective pastoral teams in innovative ways of reaching out to and involving each and every student member.

I would also like to thank Misako Morita, former NCPV Assistant Dean, now Communications Officer and principal contributor to this Impact Report. One of our innovations for this edition is to provide a consolidated summary of our financial performance. Our ambition is to be as transparent as possible with all of our stakeholders and supporters.

I trust that you enjoy the 2023 New College Communities Impact Report. They are great communities and there is much to celebrate. I always enjoy hearing from alumni, our friends and supporters, so please always feel welcome to contact me at b.peirson@newcollege.unsw.edu.au or drop in and say hello.

**Adjunct Professor
William L. Peirson**

* Some may remember a youthful Julia Wijaya as an undergraduate at New College in the 1990s.





2023 Summary in Numbers



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Number of new residents who joined our communities in 2023

3

Number of University Medals awarded to residents in 2023

184

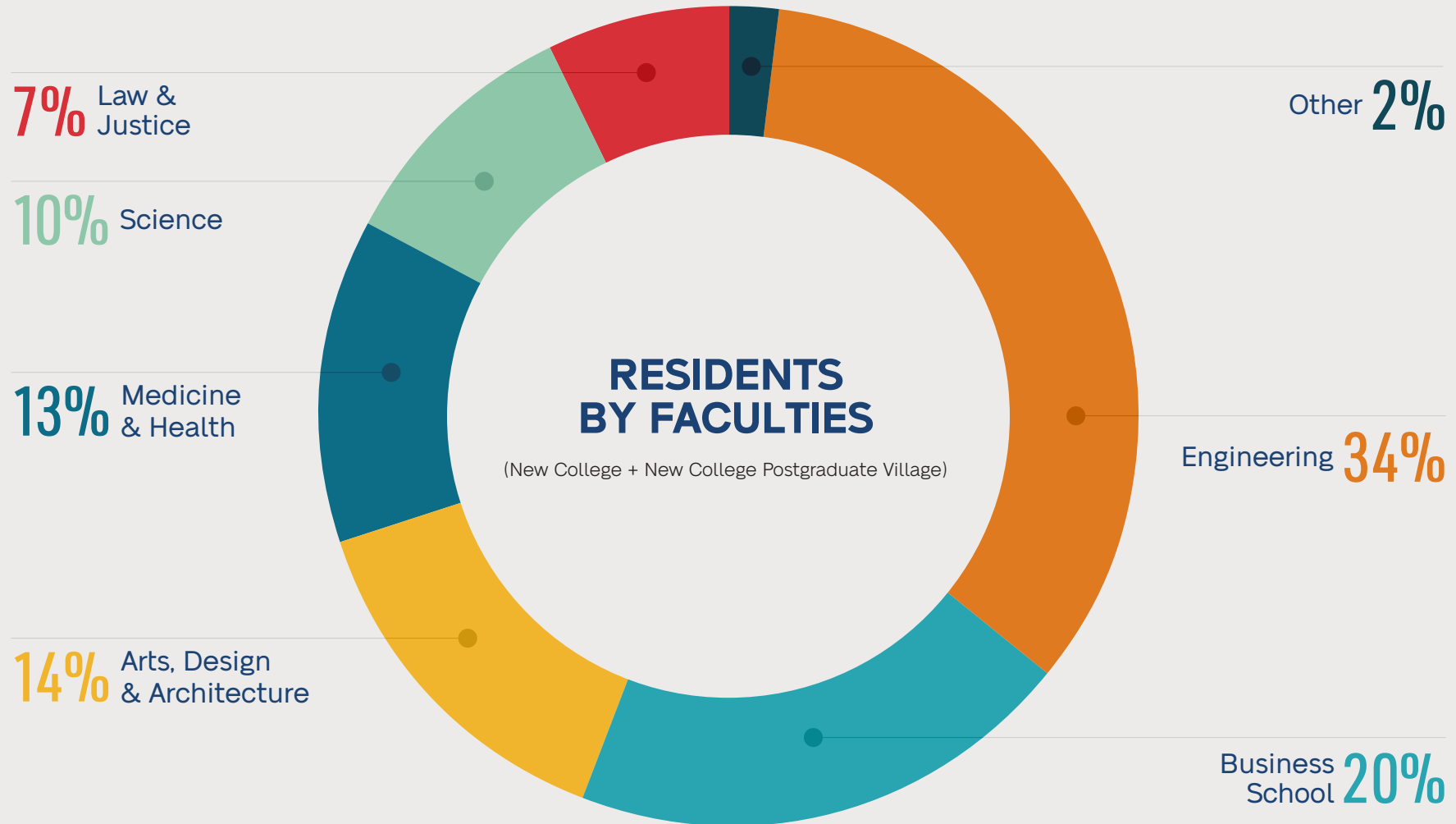
Number of postgraduate residents (Masters + PhD) in 2023

34

Number of residents we have supported with scholarships in 2023



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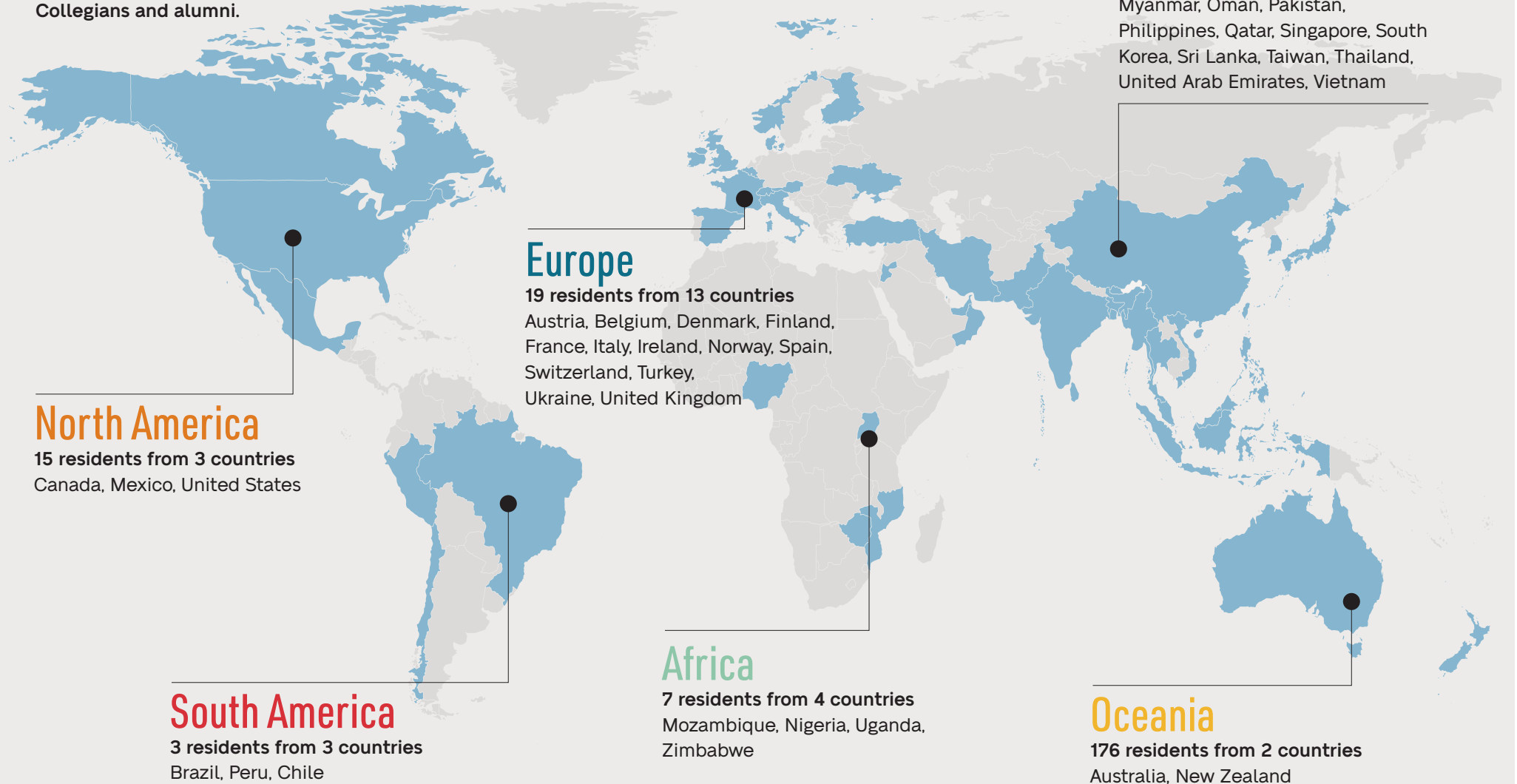


The New College Communities are committed to supporting and encouraging academic excellence and the highest academic standards at the University of New South Wales.



RESIDENTS IN 2023 JOINED OUR COMMUNITIES FROM 49 COUNTRIES

As the world moves toward a global community, New College continues to evolve, expanding our reach and influence around the world through our Collegians and alumni.



North America

15 residents from 3 countries
Canada, Mexico, United States

South America

3 residents from 3 countries
Brazil, Peru, Chile

Europe

19 residents from 13 countries
Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Ireland, Norway, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom

Africa

7 residents from 4 countries
Mozambique, Nigeria, Uganda, Zimbabwe

Asia

436 residents from 24 countries
Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Macau, Malaysia, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam

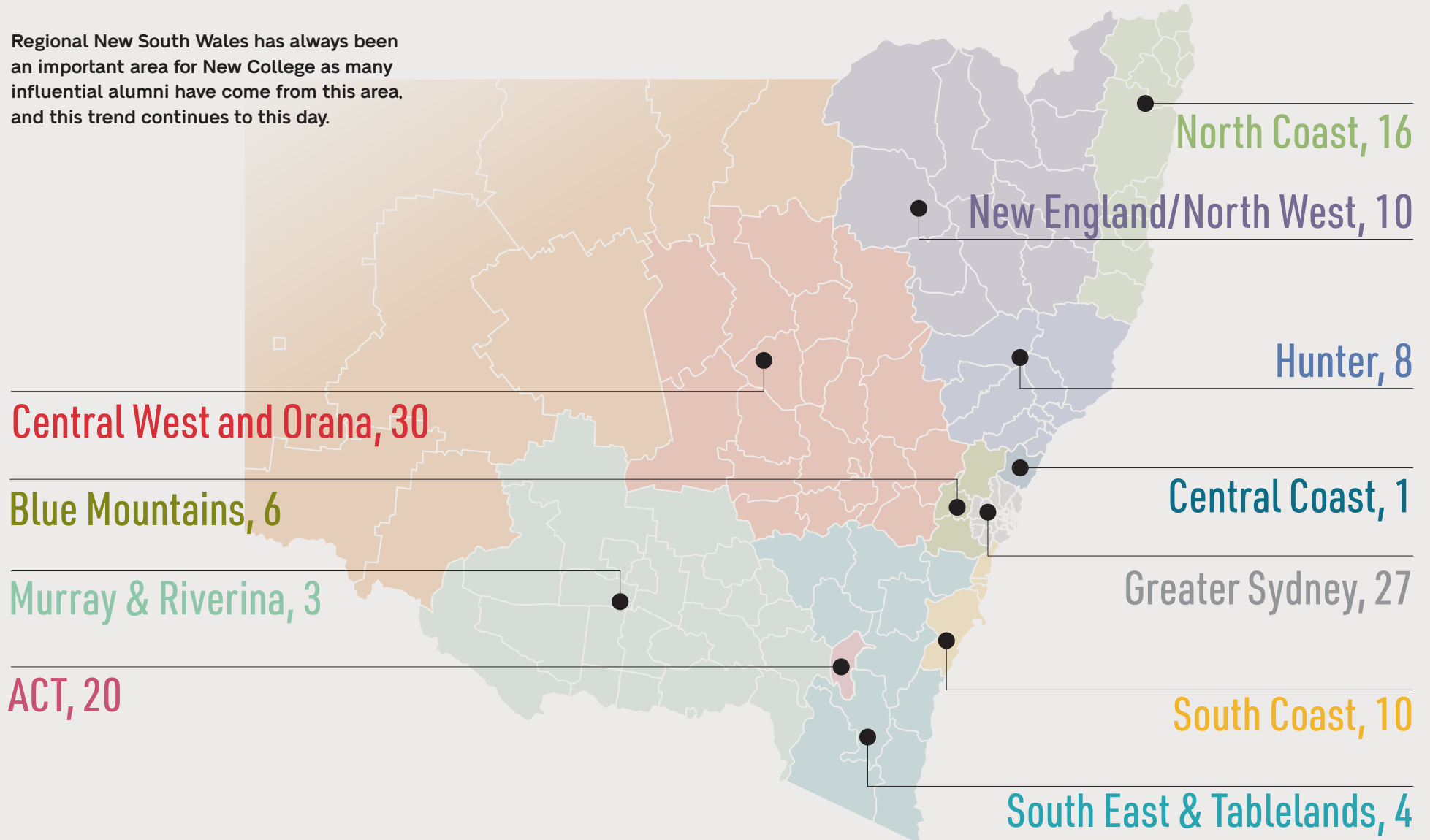
Oceania

176 residents from 2 countries
Australia, New Zealand



RESIDENTS IN 2023 JOINED OUR COMMUNITIES FROM NSW AND ACT

Regional New South Wales has always been an important area for New College as many influential alumni have come from this area, and this trend continues to this day.





2023 Year in Review: Alumni Achievement

Scott Parlett – New College (NC) 2006-2010, New Collegian of the Year 2007, Sports Director 2008, and New College Postgraduate Village (NCPV) 2012-2016, Senior Resident 2013-2014

In July 2023, with over 18 years of extensive knowledge, experience and qualifications in working in the higher education sector, Scott started his new journey as the Director of Nura Gili, Centre for Indigenous Programs. Nura Gili is the UNSW student-facing program dedicated to recruiting and supporting Indigenous students in their studies at UNSW.

Reflecting on nearly a decade spent living on campus at UNSW, he cherishes the diverse experiences and lifelong friendships forged during his time here. Transitioning from a shy country kid to a confident individual, Scott believes UNSW and New College Communities empowered him to find his voice through academic pursuits, sports, and campus involvement.

Before assuming his current role, Scott served as School Manager and Lecturer, Indigenous Strategies in Design, School of Design at Queensland University of Technology. He specialises in teaching contemporary Indigenous design perspectives, fostering cultural awareness dialogues among staff, and addressing hidden barriers in learning, teaching, research, and community engagement.

His time at UNSW and Colleges wasn't just focused around sports and socials. The opportunities the Colleges provided

to volunteer and make a change were impactful for him, and he credits their support as the driving force behind his decision to apply to become Director of Nura Gili.

As Director, he is dedicated to collaborating with the leadership team to create a place of cultural inclusion and safety for Indigenous students, as well as a deep sense of belonging and connection to Indigenous communities that is built upon respect for all. He endeavours to develop aspirational programs and unique pathways that go beyond conventional norms, encouraging innovative thinking, addressing real-world challenges, and shaping future leaders. The programs he creates at Nura Gili facilitate full connection to culture, hands-on learning experiences, and extend beyond the standard classrooms.

“New College (and New College Postgraduate Village) is more than a residential college. It’s home away from home. It’s family and lifelong friendships! Reflecting on all the opportunities and doorways the university and college provided me has guided me to where I am today.”





2023 Year in Review – Academic Achievement



3 University Medals



6 New College Academic Prizes

Kyler Blackburn Lila Pearce
Jeffrey Hui Rhys Johnston
Kevin Jin Robert McColl



17 PhD Recipients



6 New College Postgraduate Village Academic Prizes

Zi Ting Tan Yelyzaveta Andrych
Shree Baskar Aida Payab
Lionel Pek Daniel Robbins



44 UNSW Academic Prizes

We welcomed Rev. Dr AJ Culp in the new role of Dean of Studies in June 2023. As well as supporting our senior pastoral teams, Dr Culp is tasked with significantly developing our already strong tutoring programs, taking a primary leadership role in the New College Lectures and the Centre for Christian Apologetics, Scholarship and Education (CASE).



Our sincere thanks to Associate Professor Wah Guan Lim (NC 2002-2006) for his contribution as Fellow of New College Postgraduate Village (2019-2023). We congratulate Associate Professor Lim on his appointment to the Transcultural Chinese Theatre Program at National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan.



2023 Year in Review – Christian Leadership Impact



Dr Greg Clarke – NC 1987-1989 and Director of the Centre for Christian Apologetics, Scholarship and Education (CASE) 2003-2007.

In September 2023, alumnus Dr Greg Clarke was appointed as the CEO of The Leprosy Mission Australia. Greg has been grateful for his opportunities at New College to engage in creative, educational, and philanthropic endeavours, which have then been his primary motivations throughout his career.

“New College made me inquisitive about other people, especially people different to me. It also taught me a lot about how to be a Christian in the wider world, when you leave your home and have to ‘own’ your own beliefs and behaviour.”

Greg has held various other leadership positions in academic and intellectual institutions such as the Centre for Public Christianity and the Macquarie Christian Studies Institute, gaining experience in both educational and business management domains. During the pandemic, he served as CEO of the Australian Institute of Music, drawing upon his background to lead the institution through the difficult COVID period.

His tenure as CEO of Bible Society Australia was particularly fulfilling as he realised that his sweet spot as a leader is developing strategy to morph established institutions into a better shape for flourishing today. He finds satisfaction in problem-solving, improving people’s situation in life and making valuable contributions, viewing his impact on others as a privilege and a meaningful aspect of his work.

“I felt honoured to have another opportunity (after Bible Society) to lead a venerable Christian organisation with a clear understanding of its role. Within our lifetime, leprosy will be eliminated from the world after 4000 years of terror and suffering. That’s an amazing moment at which to become part of the story!”



Greg receiving a signed U2 album cover as a farewell gift upon completing his tenure as CASE Director in 2007.



2023 Year in Review – Formal Dinners

We welcomed inspiring guests to encourage our young people to engage with issues that will be significant for their future leadership roles.

	Date	Speaker
Commencement	15 Feb	Commodore Anthony Klenthis CSC, RAN (NC 1983-1985) , Director General Workforce Design
Lent	8 Mar	Professor David Cohen , former President of the UNSW Academic Board and the member of the UNSW Council 2017-2023, New College Board Member 2008-present
Easter	12 Apr	Dr Rachael Kohn AO, FRSN , former producer and presenter at ABC Radio National (1992-2018)
Pentecost	31 May	Professor Trevor Cairney OAM , former Master (2003-2016) and Life Fellow of New College Communities, University Life Fellow of UNSW, Honorary Professor of Education at University of Sydney
Trinity	5 July	Jennifer Mar Young (NC 1993-1994) , Executive Director, Community Partnerships at Aboriginal Affairs NSW
Scientia	2 Aug	Associate Professor Rebecca McKetin (NC 1988-1990) , National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre at UNSW
Foundation	13 Sept	Mr Caleb Champion (NC 2019-2021, NCPV 2022) , former Assistant Dean of NCPV, Grand Masters Contestant on LEGO Masters in 2022 & 2023
Michaelmas	4 Oct	His Excellency Vasyl Myroshnychenko , the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Ukraine to Australia





2023 Year in Review – Flagship Activities



'The Fool and the Heretic' symposium on 17 March 2023 at New College



New College Lectures 'A Christian Critical Theory?' by Associate Professor Christopher Watkin on 10-12 October 2023 at New College





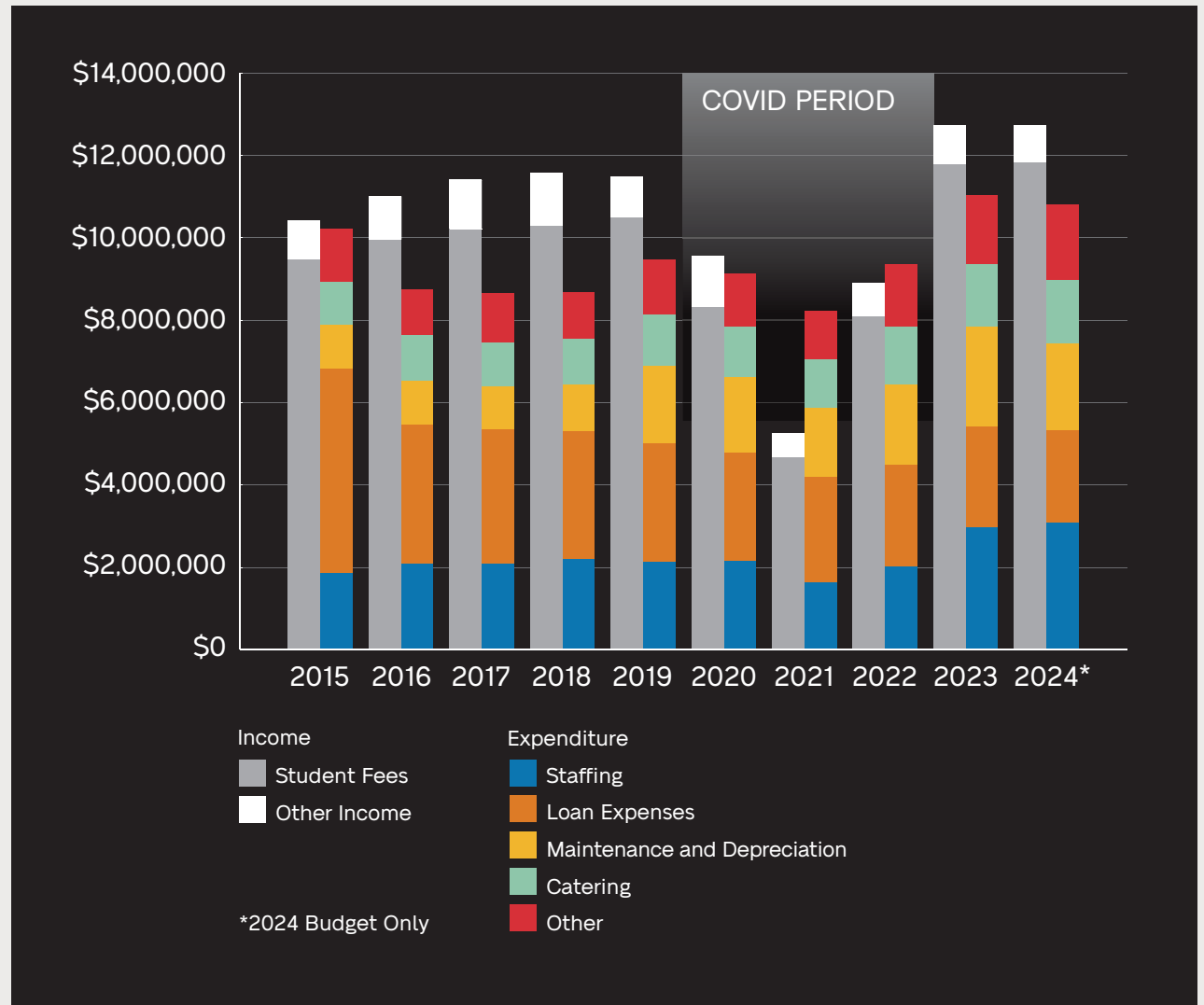
Financial Management

Our approach to financial management has been developed over 55 years and especially the last 20 as we have significantly expanded our operations.

Our overall objective is to ensure that our key stakeholders (students, their families, financial supporters, UNSW) all receive best value for their investment. Our approach is founded on three pillars:

1. Rigour in all of our accounting practices.
2. Transparency in all of our undertakings with our suppliers and clients.
3. A community ownership approach to the management of our services and facilities.

At the heart of this is a Christian concern for the most vulnerable. Amongst our supporters are generous donors towards a developing scholarship program. Also, by gently dealing with people in times of financial difficulty, dishonour of contract financial obligations have continued to remain at a remarkably low level. Partnership with our financial supporters during COVID yielded remarkable financial performance and subsequent recovery.

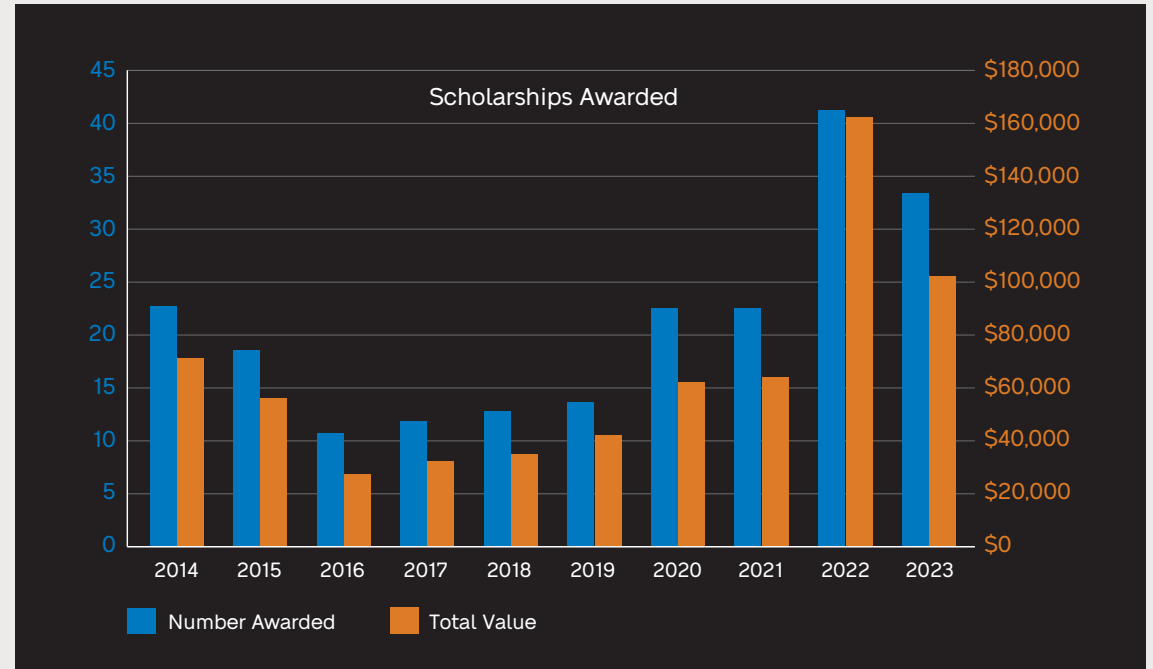




Thank you for your support

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our alumni, parents, and friends of the New College Communities who generously supported our scholarship programs. Your contributions enabled many students to take their place and make their mark in our communities.

Would you help a student to fulfill their ambition to study at UNSW and live within the New College Communities who could not, otherwise, afford to come? A financial gift towards our tax-deductible scholarship program can change a person's life and future.



“The scholarship has lifted such a great weight off my shoulders. Now I have time to get involved in various ministries and college activities, as well as participate in the community by playing netball and helping in an afternoon kids club.”

Sophie McCormick

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