



Student Experience Survey Results Report

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This report contains information about
Adelaide Central School of Art's results
from the national QILT Student Experience Survey (SES)

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ABOUT ADELAIDE CENTRAL SCHOOL OF ART

Adelaide Central School of Art is an independent not-for-profit tertiary provider of visual arts education located in South Australia. It was established in 1982 and became an accredited Higher Education Provider in 1998.

The School employs eminent contemporary artists, writers and curators to deliver a studio-based teaching program that cultivates sophisticated practical skills, underpinned by intensive conceptual investigation.

Adelaide Central School of Art provides a learning environment committed to small class sizes and one-on-one interaction with lecturers. It is celebrated for its welcoming community spirit and collegiate atmosphere of shared initiative, discovery and support.

The School offers a three year Bachelor of Visual Art and a one year Bachelor of Visual Art (Honours) program. More information: <http://www.acsa.sa.edu.au/home/>

ABOUT THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE SURVEY (SES)

The SES is conducted each year by the Social Research Centre for the Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) [website](#). It is the only comprehensive survey of current higher education students in Australia.

The SES is designed to collect information that will help both higher education institutions and the government improve teaching and learning outcomes, and reports on multiple facets of the student experience. The survey is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

In 2017, around 148,000 undergraduate students and 58,000 postgraduate coursework students from Australian universities and non-university higher education institutions (NUHEIs) participated in the SES. The findings were released on 16 May 2018.

More information: <https://www.qilt.edu.au/about-this-site/student-experience>

SUMMARY – 2017 Student Experience Survey Results

Data sourced from Student Experience Survey Results 2017. Information supplied by the Social Research Centre

- A. Out of 22 selected* Australian institutions that offer an undergraduate visual art degree within the Study Area of Creative Arts, Adelaide Central School of Art placed:
- 1st for Overall Quality of Educational Experience
 - 1st for Teaching Quality
 - 1st for Student Support
 - 3rd for Skills Development
 - 6th for Learner Engagement

*NOTE: Refer Table 2 on Page 5 for results, comparisons and peers selection rationale

- B. Out of 57 Australian institutions (22 NUHEI and 35 universities) that offer undergraduate degrees in the Study Area of Creative Arts^, Adelaide Central School of Art placed:
- 3rd for Overall Quality of Educational Experience
 - 2nd for Teaching Quality
 - 2nd for Student Support
 - 6th for Skills Development

^NOTE: This study area includes Music & Performing Arts, Art & Design. This includes detailed areas of study including Fine Arts, Photography, Graphic Arts and Design Studies, Textile Design and Fashion Design, Music, Drama and Theatre Studies, and Dance.

- C. Out of 95 Australian institutions (54 NUHEI and 41 universities) that offer undergraduate degrees and participated in the 2017 SES, Adelaide Central School of Art placed:
- 5th in Australia for Overall Quality of Educational Experience
 - 5th in Australia for Teaching Quality
 - 2nd in Australia for Student Support

TABLE 1 – Summary and Comparisons of Indicators Overall and for A. B. and C.

Data sourced from Student Experience Survey Results 2017. Information supplied by the Social Research Centre

Indicator	National Average %	School's Result %	Place out of 22 selected institutions (A)	Place out of 57 Creative Arts institutions (B)	Overall place Australia-wide out of all 95 institutions (C)
Overall Quality of Educational Experience	79.3	93.7	1 st	3 rd	5 th
Teaching Quality	80.9	96.0	1 st	2 nd	5 th
Student Support	72.2	94.2	1 st	2 nd	2 nd
Skills Development	81.0	87.7	3 rd	6 th	16 th
Learner Engagement	64.1	71.9	6 th	18 th	21 st
Learning Resources	84.1	78.0	15 th	31 st	62 nd

GRAPH 1 – Comparison of Adelaide Central School of Art Results with National Average
Data sourced from Student Experience Survey Results 2017. Information supplied by the Social Research Centre

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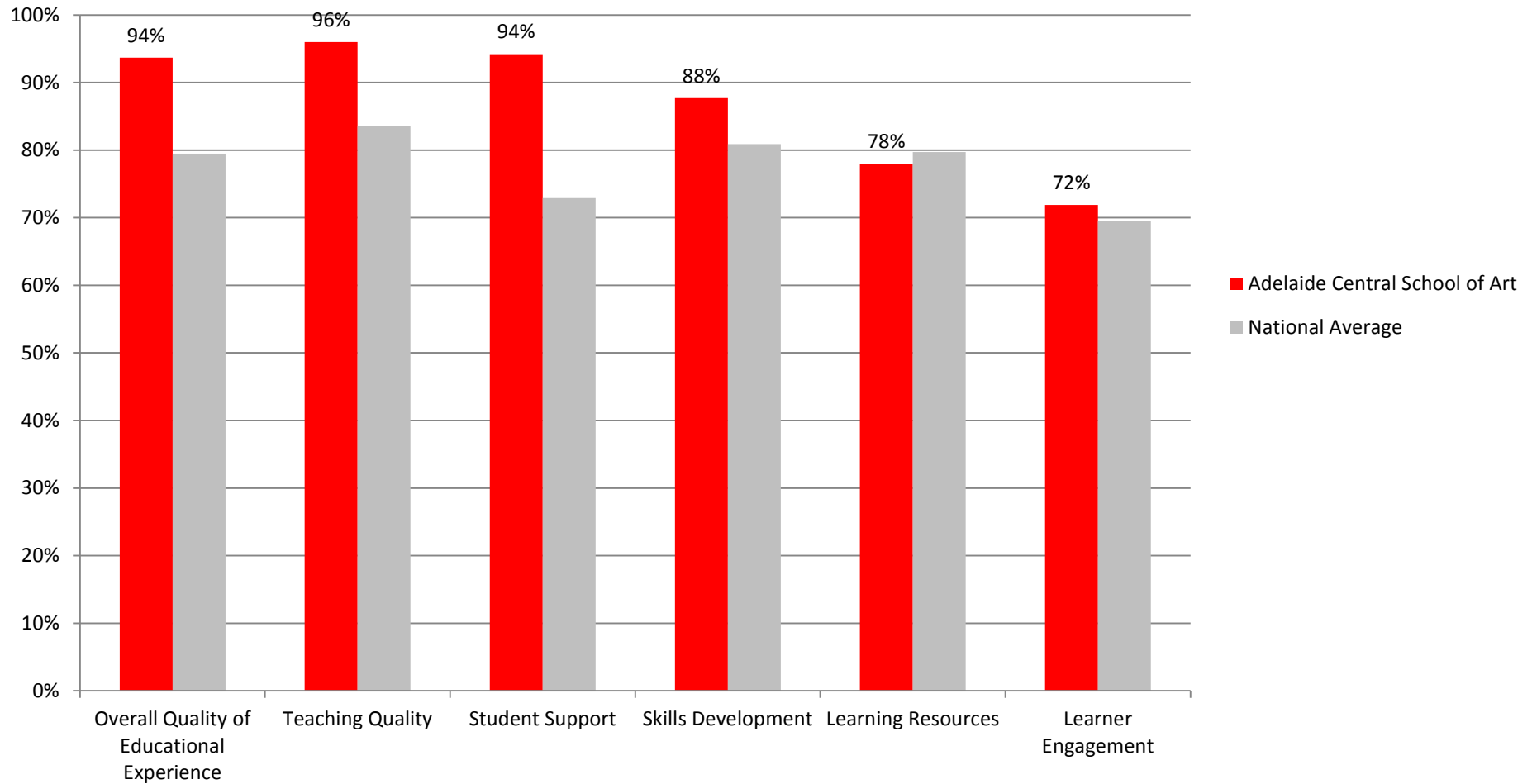


TABLE 2 – Comparison of Selected Institutions Offering Undergraduate Creative Arts Courses

Data sourced from Student Experience Survey 2016 and 2017. All information sourced from www.qilt.edu.au

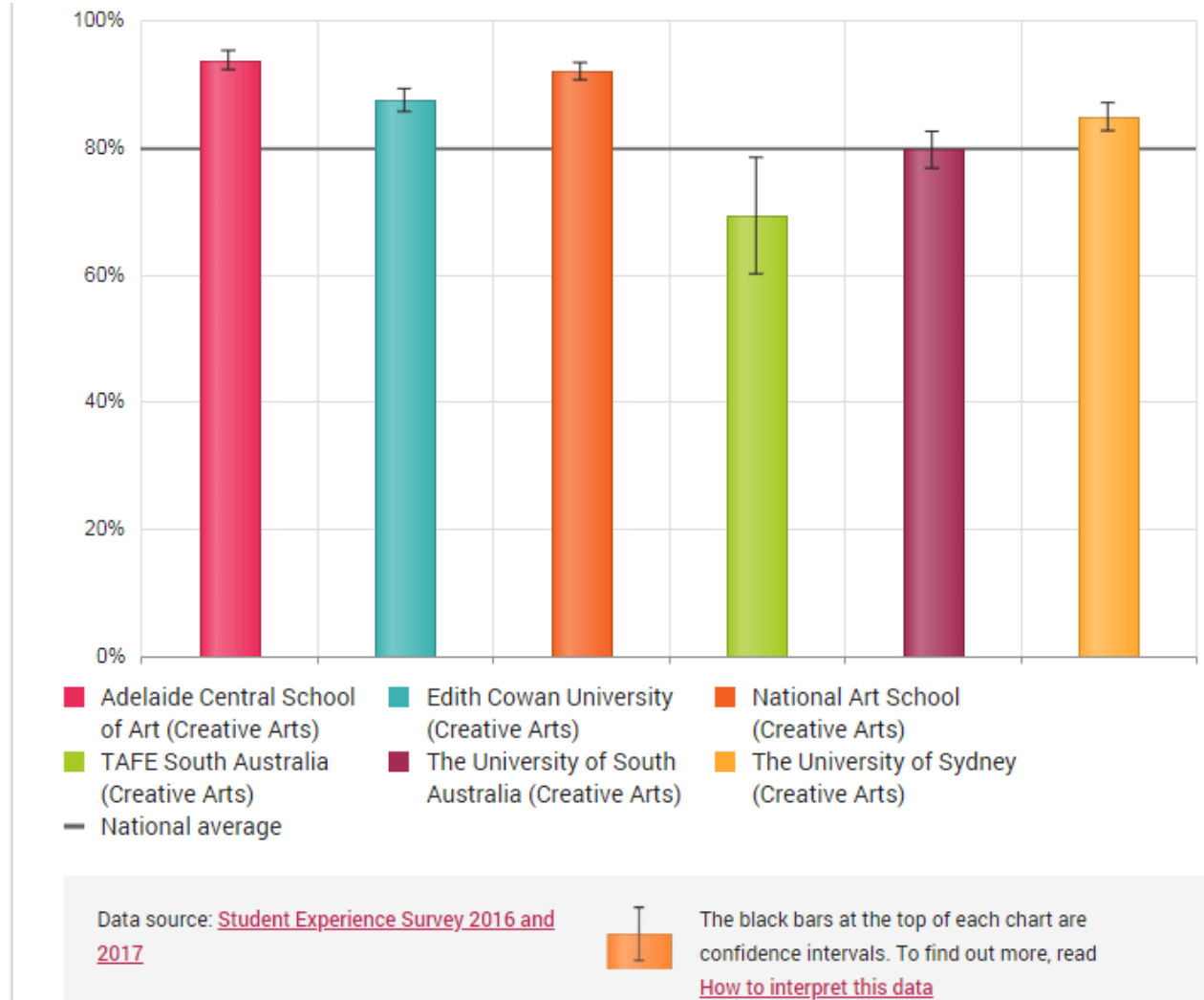
Institution Name	Overall Quality of Educational Experience	Teaching Quality	Learner Engagement	Learning Resources	Student Support	Skills Development
Adelaide Central School of Art	93.7	96.0	71.9	78.0	94.2	87.7
National Art School	91.9	93.6	82.1	90.6	89.1	89.6
Edith Cowan University	87.4	89.1	71.0	78.2	77.8	86.0
The University of Sydney	84.8	88.9	67.7	85.1	67.5	80.5
Monash University	84.2	87.9	70.3	77.5	74.9	82.4
University of Wollongong	84.2	89.0	76.8	87.6	79.0	88.6
Flinders University	83.2	85.7	71.9	86.0	76.5	82.2
Deakin University	83.0	85.6	67.6	88.6	76.1	81.9
RMIT University	81.1	83.1	72.8	83.3	68.7	81.7
The University of Melbourne	80.0	84.6	71.8	77.1	65.4	81.2
University of South Australia	79.6	81.5	62.3	82.0	73.0	75.1
Griffith University	79.4	84.2	72.9	78.9	75.6	82.7
Queensland University of Technology	79.3	82.7	67.2	89.2	73.7	80.2
Federation University Australia	78.3	81.9	72.8	76.9	74.9	80.9
University of Canberra	78.1	83.6	63.4	82.8	71.3	80.2
Southern Cross University	77.1	85.3	67.3	88.9	78.8	80.0
University of Tasmania	75.4	81.5	64.0	68.4	65.0	73.0
The Australian National University	74.0	82.5	67.3	82.2	66.1	76.4
TAFE SA - Adelaide College of the Arts	69.2	76.9	64.1	52.6	71.9	82.1
University of New South Wales	67.0	74.7	61.7	78.4	62.7	71.6
^Charles Darwin University	-	-	-	-	-	-
^Curtin University	-	-	-	-	-	-
*North Metropolitan TAFE WA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

NOTES:

The 22 Institutions are selected from the 57 who participated in the SES in 2017 that offer undergraduate visual arts courses (according to our online research) in the Study Area of Creative Arts. These providers (4 x NUHEI and 18 x universities) were selected for benchmarking purposes as graduates from these institutions were selected to participate in PICA's *Hatched National Graduate Exhibition 2018* www.pica.org.au/show/hatched-2018/ We believe this is an indicator of quality on a national scale. (*North Metropolitan TAFE WA had one graduate selected for PICA's *Hatched* however did not participate in the SES. ^Two institutions of this 22 recorded fewer than 25 responses so no data is available for comparison.)

GRAPH 2 – Comparison of Overall Quality of Educational Experience for Selected Institutions in the Study Area of Creative Arts

Data sourced from Student Experience Survey 2016 and 2017. All information sourced from www.qilt.edu.au



The institutions compared are:

- Adelaide Central School of Art
- Edith Cowan University
- National Art School
- TAFE SA (Adelaide College of the Arts)
- University of South Australia
- University of Sydney (Sydney College of the Arts)

Rationale for institution selections:

- a) National Art School, Edith Cowan University, and the University of Sydney placed 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively for Overall Quality of Educational Experience behind Adelaide Central School of Art (See Table 2)
- b) National Art School is the only other accredited, not-for-profit, single-focus art school in Australia
- c) TAFE SA and the University of South Australia are the only other institutions that offer a Bachelor of Visual Art in South Australia

TABLE 3 – Comparison of All Quality Indicators for Educational Experience for Selected Institutions in the Study Area of Creative Arts

Data sourced from Student Experience Survey 2016 and 2017. All information sourced from www.qilt.edu.au

	Adelaide Central School of Art	Edith Cowan University	National Art School	TAFE South Australia	The University of South Australia	The University of Sydney	National Average
Overall quality of educational experience ⓘ	93.7% (92.2% - 95.2%) 254 responses	87.4% (85.6% - 89.2%) 556 responses	91.9% (90.6% - 93.3%) 459 responses	69.2% (60.1% - 78.4%) 39 responses	79.6% (76.7% - 82.5%) 353 responses	84.8% (82.6% - 87.0%) 440 responses	79.5%
Teaching quality ⓘ	96.0% (94.9% - 97.2%) 253 responses	89.1% (87.4% - 90.8%) 549 responses	93.6% (92.4% - 94.9%) 456 responses	76.9% (68.6% - 85.3%) 39 responses	81.5% (78.7% - 84.4%) 352 responses	88.9% (86.9% - 90.9%) 433 responses	83.5%
Learner engagement ⓘ	71.9% (69.2% - 74.7%) 253 responses	71.0% (68.5% - 73.4%) 551 responses	82.1% (80.2% - 84.1%) 459 responses	64.1% (54.6% - 73.6%) 39 responses	62.3% (58.7% - 65.8%) 350 responses	67.7% (64.8% - 70.6%) 440 responses	69.5%
Learning resources ⓘ	78.0% (75.1% - 80.9%) 227 responses	78.2% (75.8% - 80.6%) 509 responses	90.6% (89.1% - 92.2%) 438 responses	52.6% (42.5% - 62.8%) 38 responses	82.0% (79.1% - 84.8%) 338 responses	85.1% (82.8% - 87.4%) 415 responses	79.7%
Student support ⓘ	94.2% (92.7% - 95.7%) 242 responses	77.8% (75.3% - 80.3%) 478 responses	89.1% (87.4% - 90.8%) 422 responses	71.9% (61.2% - 82.5%) 32 responses	73.0% (69.3% - 76.6%) 296 responses	67.5% (64.2% - 70.8%) 369 responses	72.9%
Skills development ⓘ	87.7% (85.8% - 89.7%) 253 responses	86.0% (84.1% - 87.9%) 544 responses	89.6% (88.0% - 91.1%) 450 responses	82.1% (74.5% - 89.6%) 39 responses	75.1% (72.0% - 78.3%) 350 responses	80.5% (78.0% - 83.0%) 425 responses	80.9%

L/N - Low numbers – The number of survey responses are **too low** to display

N/A - Data **not available** for this study area or institution

Data source: [Student Experience Survey 2016 and 2017](#)

[How to interpret this data](#)

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