



## GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021 DESTINATIONS REPORT

### Where our students are going.....

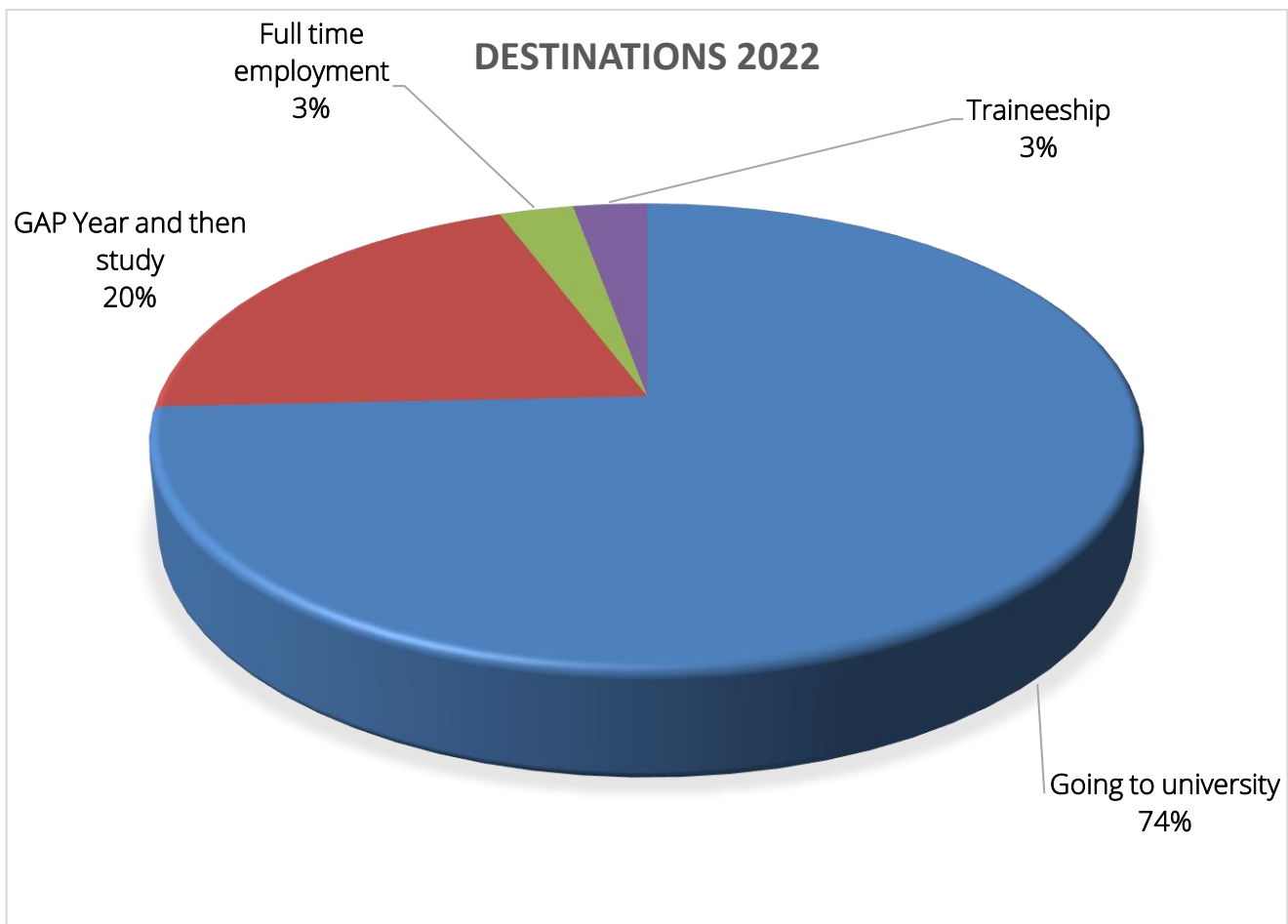
This report is focussed on the Year 12 Graduating Class of 2021 cohort. The data was obtained from a Destinations Survey sent out to all students in mid- January, after the January round of offers for university placement.

The student survey related to:

- Plans for 2022 - categorised into: further study, full time employment and a Gap year
- Plans for 2023- if they were taking a Gap year
- Type of study
- Institution of study

### Destinations

The destinations of our 2021 Year 12 cohort was obviously quite different from previous years due to the impact of Covid-19 and their aspirations to travel overseas and move interstate to study.



In 2022, 97% of the young women who completed Year 12 at Merici College in 2021 will continue in some form of recognised education and training in the year after they have left school, 2022, or after they have taken a Gap year.

Approximately 74% will go directly into further study at university (combination of university, CIT or a private

provider), while only 20% have decided to take a GAP year. This is up slightly from last year, which was 18% deciding to take a Gap year. In 2019, there were approximately 30% of the cohort taking a GAP year. The Gap year for the 2021 cohort is basically to find some sort of employment before they begin further study in 2022.

All of the 14 students deciding to have a break from study this year, will commence further study in 2023.

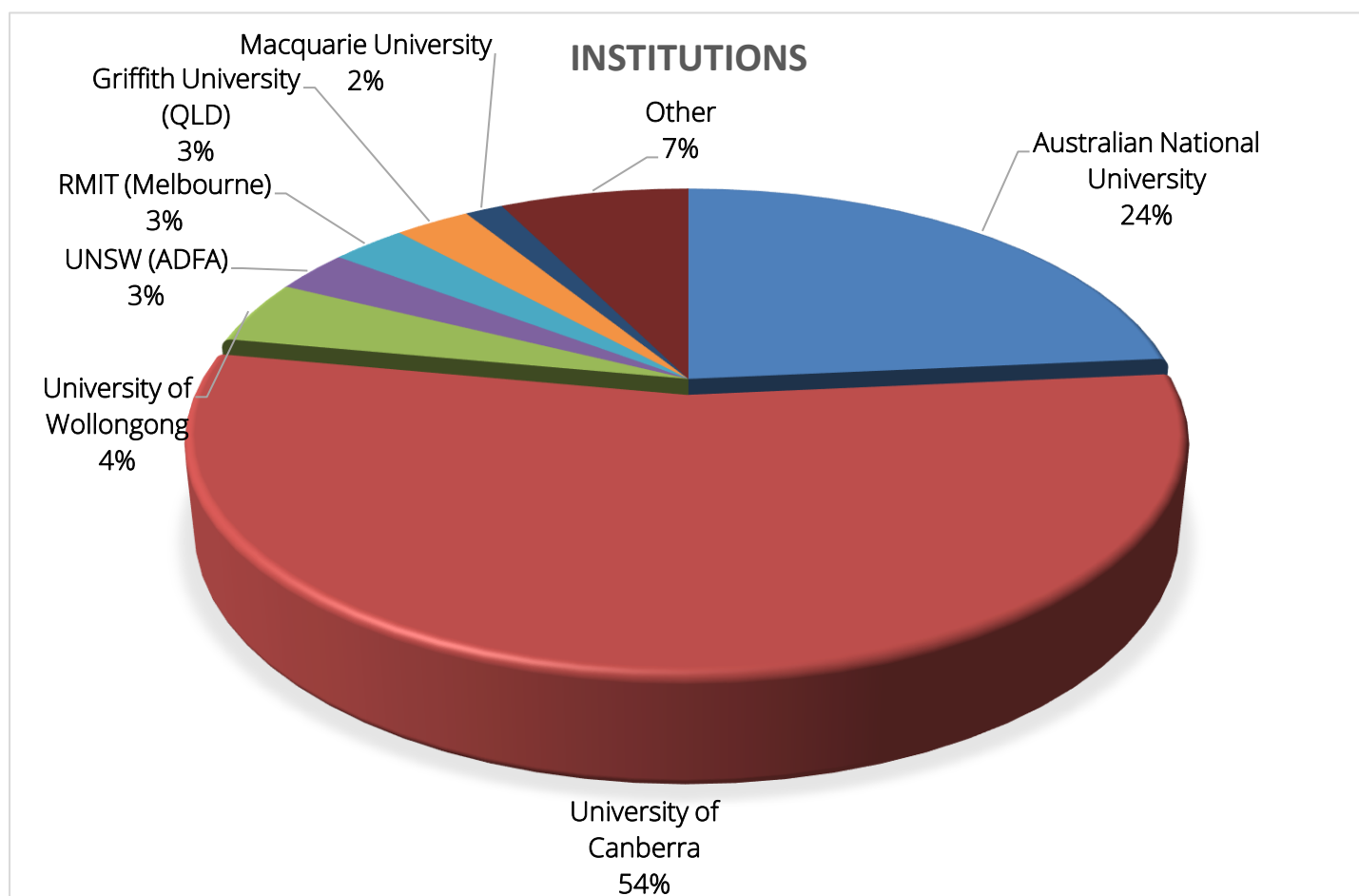
3% have moved into full time employment or are looking for employment, mainly in the Public Service. Students choosing to study interstate has increased from 3% in 2021 to approximately 12% in 2022 and this was primarily due to the easing of Covid restrictions. Those students have chosen to study at the University of Wollongong, RMIT (Melbourne), Deakin University, Macquarie University and Griffith University (QLD).

As a result of this 24% of students are studying at Australian National University, which is up by 2.5% on the previous year.

There has been a small increase of 3.5% of our students attending the University of Canberra this year. Nearly 55% of our graduating students will study at the University of Canberra.

Merici College has 2 students enrolled at the RMIT (Melbourne), 2 at the University of NSW campus at ADFA and 2 at Griffith University (QLD).

The 'Other' category includes Australasian Beauty Training Academy, Charles Sturt University, Canberra Institute of Technology, Macquarie University and Deakin University. One of our IB students has chosen to study overseas at the University of East London completing a Sound and Audio Engineering degree.



Approximately 15% of students studying at a tertiary institution are completing a business related degree, which includes Commerce, Politics, International Relations, International Business and and Marketing. Quite a number of students have chosen to undertake a double degree in these areas.

18% of students studying Science have enrolled in a broad range of degrees, including Biomedical Science, Psychology, Environmental and Medical Science. Again, quite a number have chosen to combine Science with

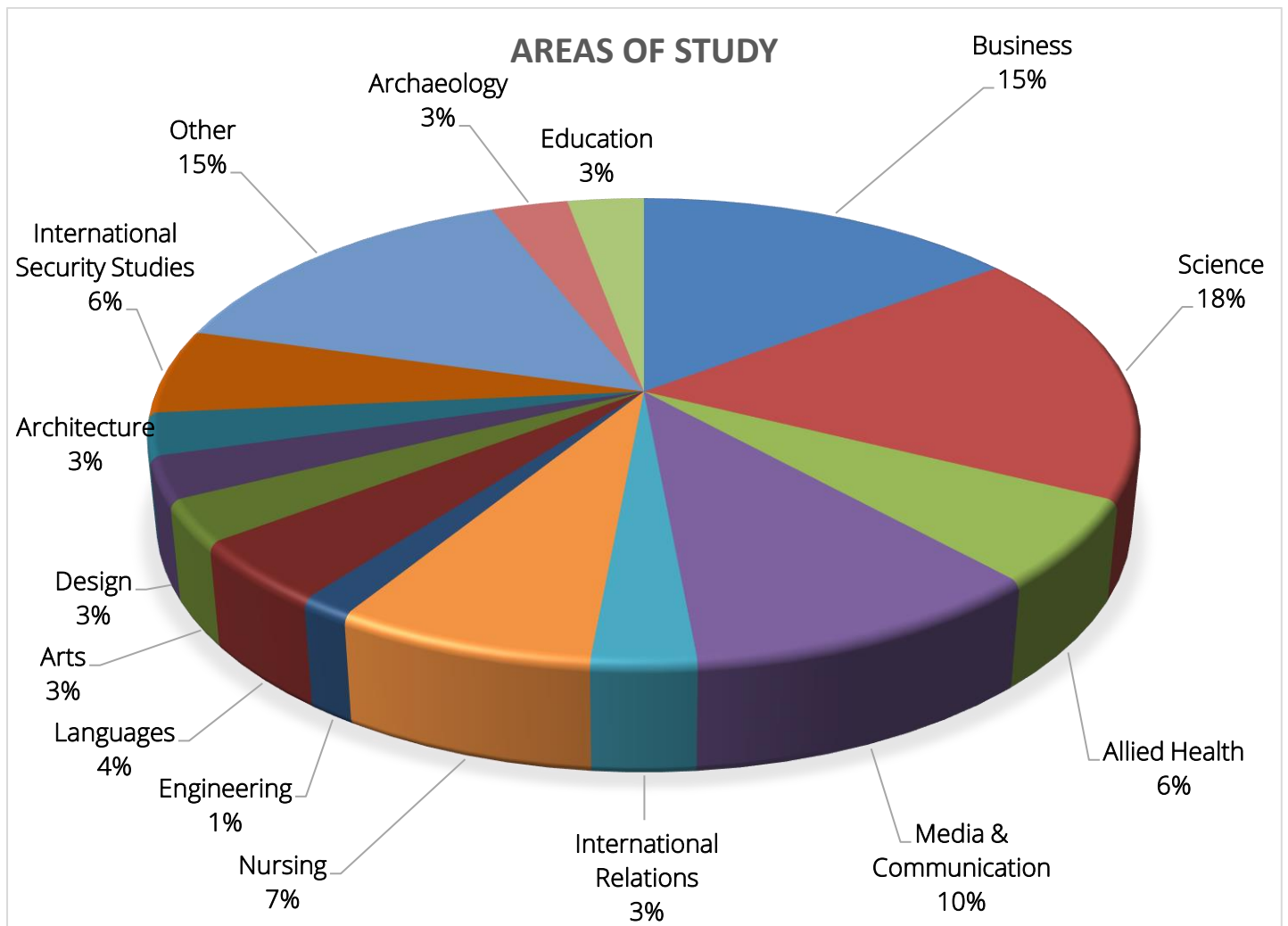
another degree.

Students choosing to studying either Primary or Secondary Education is down from last year by 6%, with only 3% of our students choosing to study Education at ACU or UC.

The biggest change has been in the field of Nursing. Students choosing to study Nursing decreased by 9%, to 7% this year.

The Media and Design area of study proved to be quite popular with 10% choosing these courses.

The students choosing to study a Bachelor of Arts have usually combined with another degree.



The field of study in the 'Other' category includes Agriculture, Beauty, Pharmacy, Information Technology and Fashion.

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