



## GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023 DESTINATIONS REPORT

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

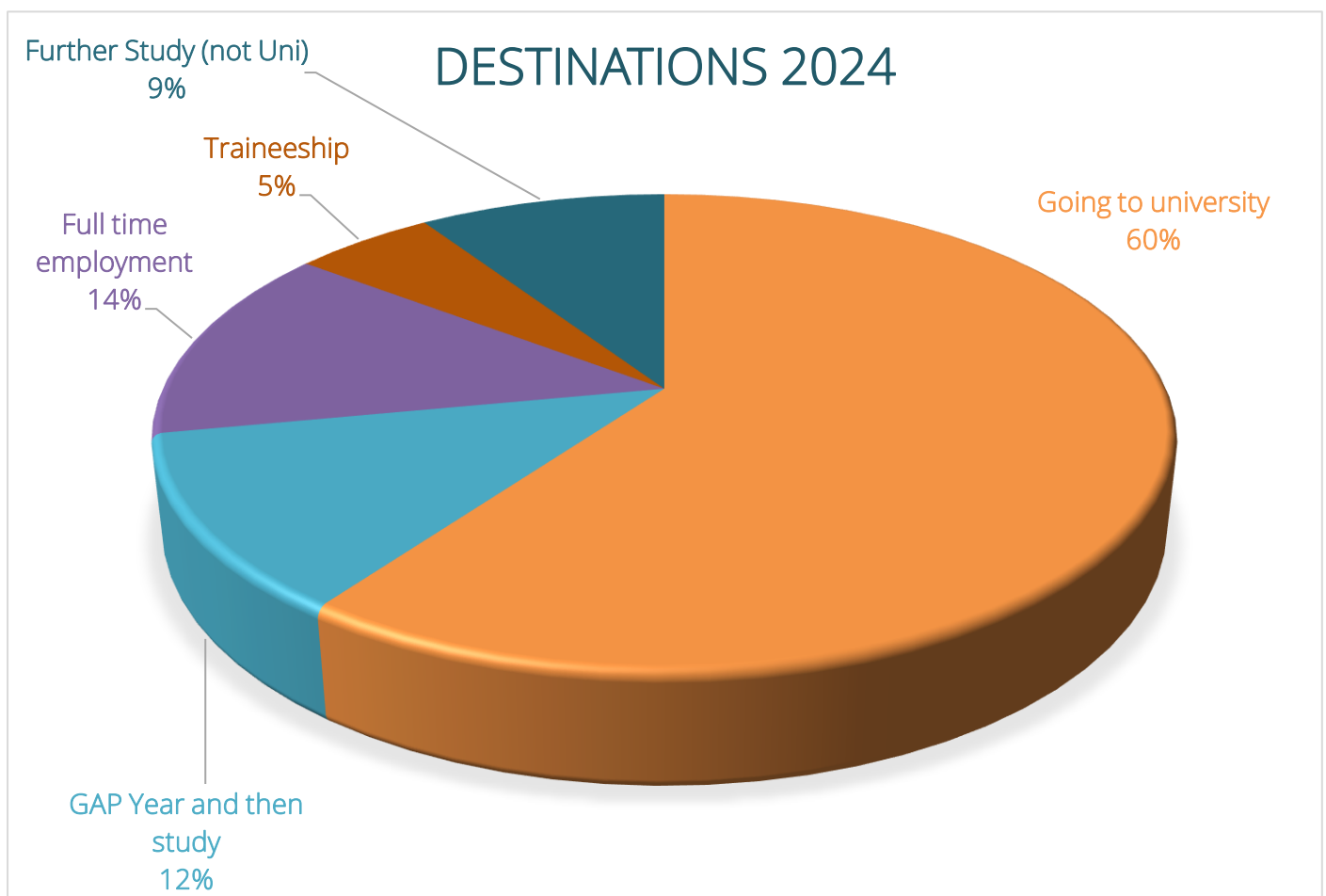
This report is focussed on the Year 12 Graduating Class of 2023. The data was obtained from a Destinations Survey sent out to all students in December – mid January, after the January round of offers for university placement.

The student survey related to:

- Plans for 2024 - categorised into: further study, full time employment and a Gap year
- Plans for 2025- if they were taking a Gap year
- Type of study
- Institution of study

### Destinations

The destinations of our 2023 Year 12 cohort was obviously quite different from previous years due to the impact of Covid-19 and overseas travel opening up.



In 2024, 87% of the young women who completed Year 12 at Merici College in 2023 will continue in some form of recognised education and training in the year after they have left school 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 12% have decided to take a GAP year. This is down quite a bit from last year, which was 27% deciding to take a Gap year.

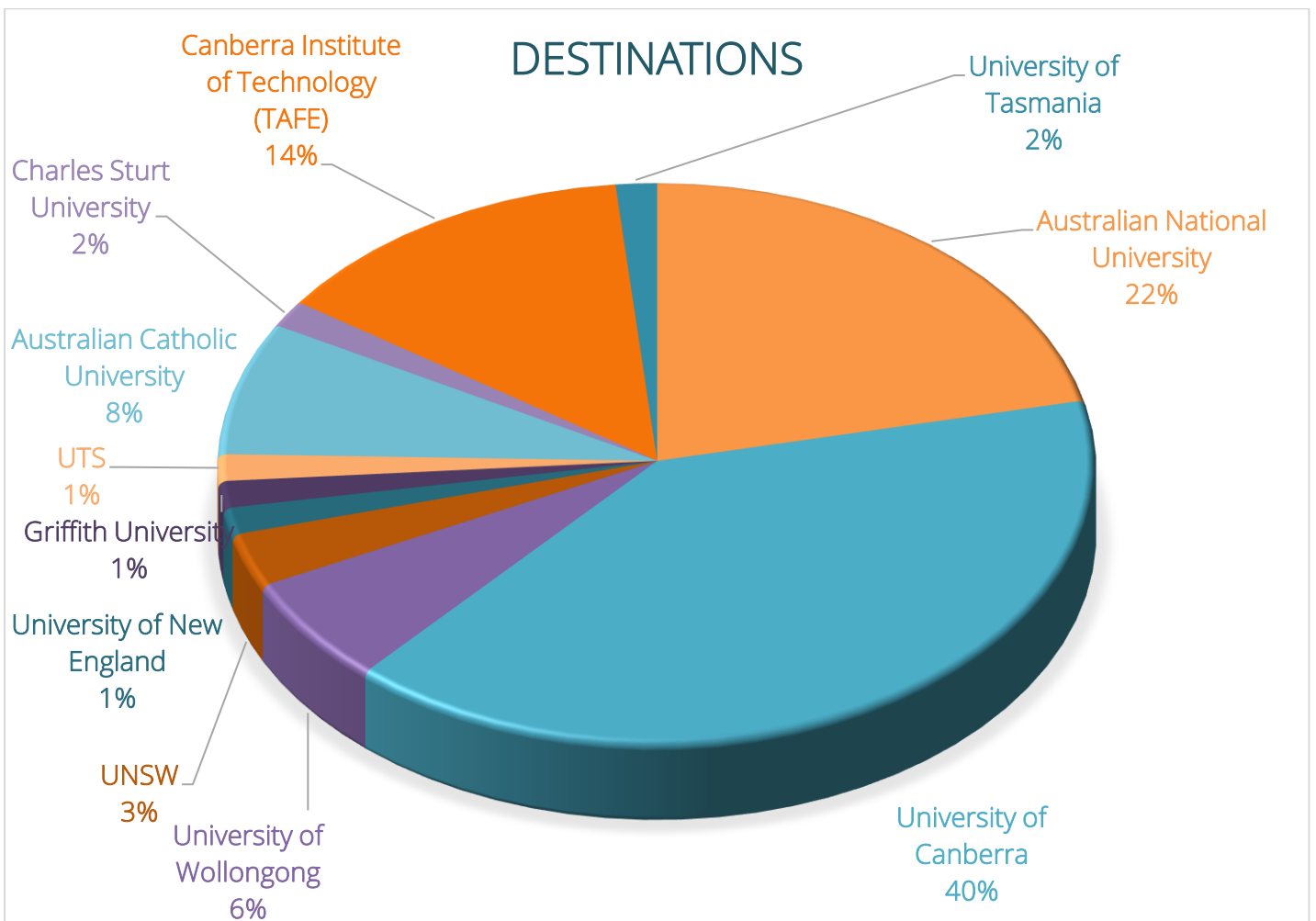
12% have moved into full time employment or are looking for employment, mainly in the Public Service.

Students choosing to study interstate has increased by 9% in 2023 to approximately 18% in 2024. Those students have chosen to study at the University of Wollongong, Australian Catholic University ( Brisbane), University of New South Wales, University of Technology ( Sydney) , Griffith University (QLD), University of New England, University of Tasmania and Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga.

As a result of this 22% of students are studying at Australian National University, which is the same as the previous year.

There has been a decrease of 10% of our students attending the University of Canberra this year. 40% of our graduating students will study at the University of Canberra. 8% of the cohort have chosen to study at Australian Catholic University.

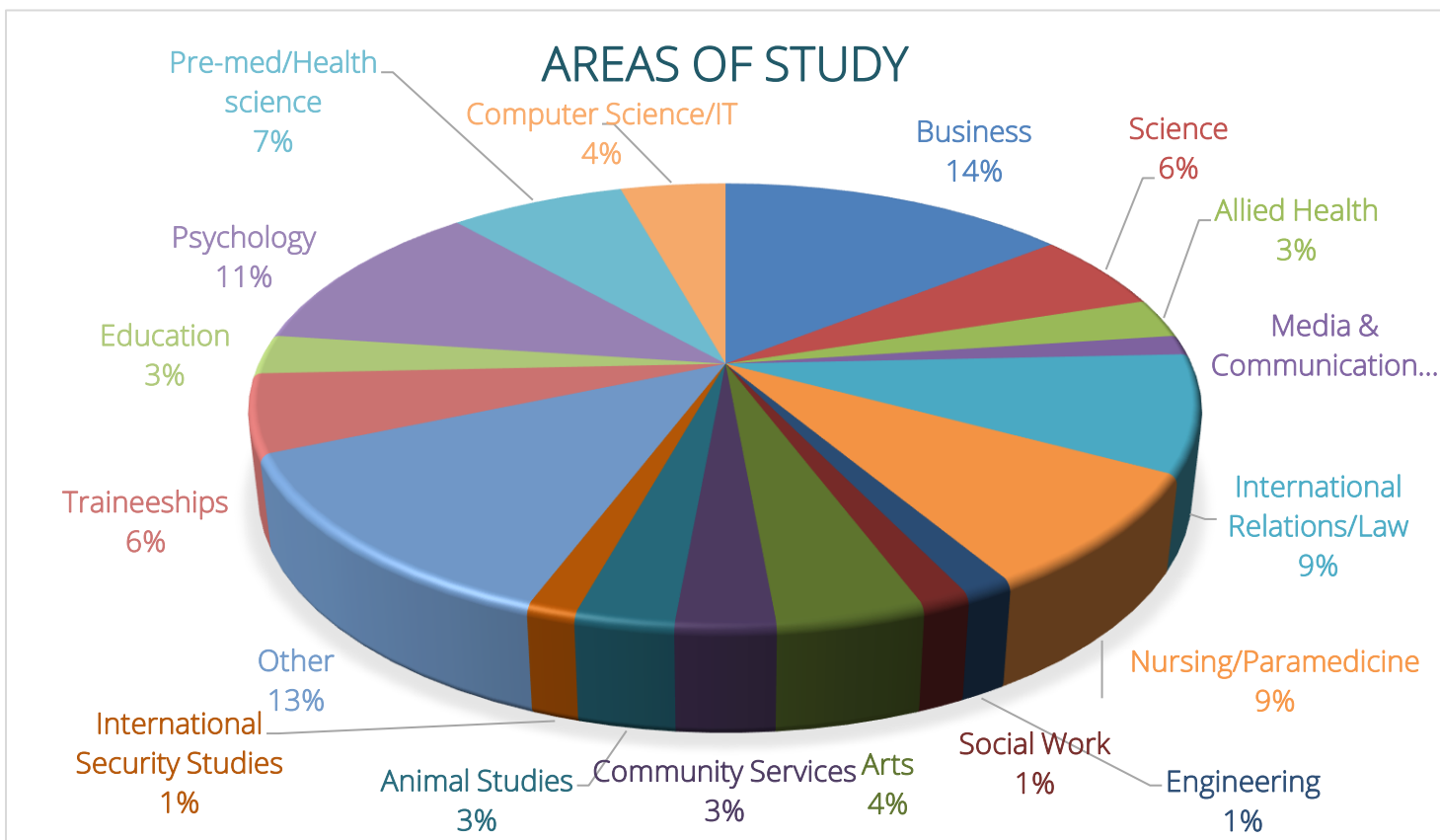
Merici College has 4 students enrolled at the University of Wollongong, 2 at the University of NSW and 1 student choosing to study at the University of Tasmania.



The graph below includes single and double degrees. 13 students have chosen to undertake a double degrees in 2024 and 2025.

Approximately 14% of students studying at a tertiary institution are completing a business related degree, which includes Commerce, Politics and International Business .

6% of students studying Science have enrolled in a broad range of degrees, including Biomedical Science, Radiation Science , Environmental and Medical Science. Again, quite a number have chosen to combine Science with another degree.



Students choosing to studying either Primary, Secondary Education or Education Support is down from last year by 2%, with 3% of our students choosing to study Education at ACU or UC.

Nursing has numbers have increased with 9% studying it this year.

Psychology has proven to be very popular with 11% choosing to study it at either UC or ANU.

The 'Other' category includes Design, Architecture, Building & Construction, Languages, Statistics, Pharmacy, Performance/Theatre and Tourism Management.

Students undertaking Traineeships are in the area of Agriculture, Commercial Cookery, Hairdressing and Child Care

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