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Creating Impact: Lessons from Western Sydney University

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*Starting in Western Sydney,
our students will succeed,
our research will have impact and our
communities will thrive through our commitment
to excellence, sustainability, equity,
transformation and connectedness.*





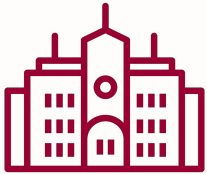
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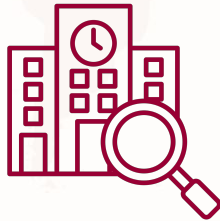
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(2023)



ESTABLISHED IN 1989



MULTI-CAMPUS INSTITUTION
BASED IN WESTERN SYDNEY



12 SCHOOLS + 6 RESEARCH
INSTITUTES



10,000+ INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
FROM 130 COUNTRIES



TOP 2%

OF UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE*

*Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2019-2023



47,200 STUDENTS 170 NATIONALITIES



FIRST IN FAMILY

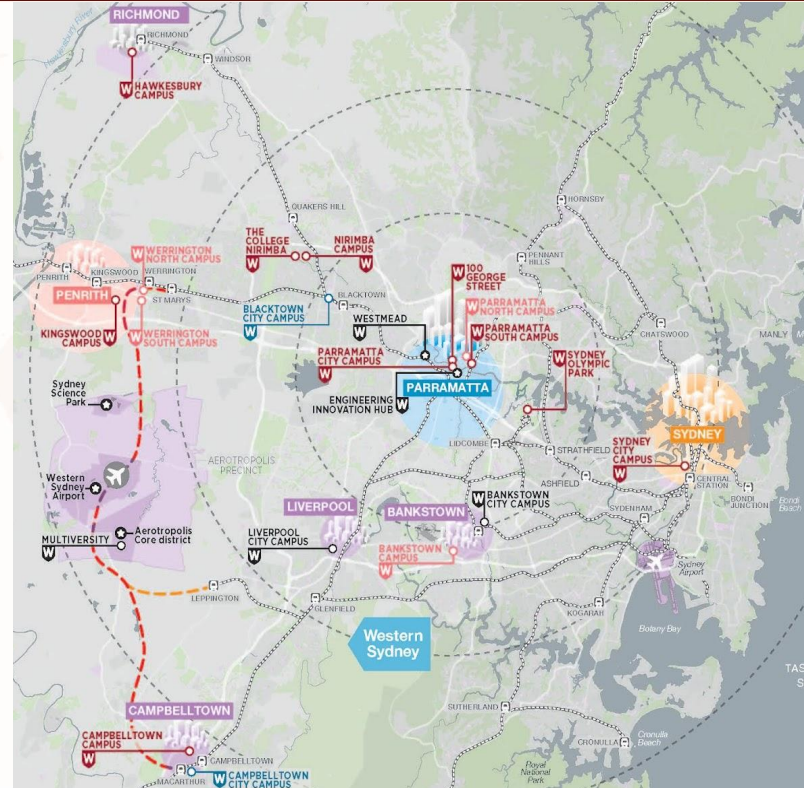




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OUR FOOTPRINT





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GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY



- 249,192 businesses
- Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport opens in 2026
- 3 of our campuses are within 30 mins of this airport
- Bradfield City - New city for Advanced Industries, logistics hub



- 3rd largest economy in Australia (behind Sydney and Melbourne)
- Metropolis of 2 cities (Western Parkland City and Central River City)
- 2.6 million residents – GWS population expected to grow by 3.2 million by 2036



- Delivering a lasting legacy to Greater Western Sydney through educational excellence, financial sustainability, economic stimulation and equal community opportunities





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UNI IN THE WORLD 2022 & 2023

TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT RANKINGS





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#1

IN THE WORLD
for
SDG 5 GENDER EQUALITY

#1

IN THE WORLD
for
SDG 12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION

#1

IN THE WORLD
for
SDG 17 PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOALS

#2

IN THE WORLD
for
SDG 6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

#2

IN THE WORLD
for
SDG 15 LIFE ON LAND





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PRIORITY STATEMENTS

Our nine interconnected priority statements have been developed to focus our actions for the decade to 2030.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Knowledges

Embrace Indigenous knowledges for pathways to sustainability and Caring for Country.

Regenerative Systems

Value biodiversity linking human wellbeing to environmental health.

Resilient Cities

Enable urban resilience and adaptive capacity in our region.

Climate Action

Step up efforts to support climate action in our region.

Partnerships

Collaborate with regional, national and international organisations across all sectors to deliver impact across these priority statements.

[2022 Sustainability Report](#)

[Digital Engagement Platform](#)

[WSU Decadal Strategy](#)

Justice

Activate environmental justice and social inclusion to tackle inequality in our region.

Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture

Promote agroecological principles for just food systems.

Ethical Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Harness the benefits of AI and automation in planning for sustainability.

Economic Transitions

Enact new visions for economic transitions through ethical economic and ecological relationships.





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AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES ACCORD

CONTEXT

- Designed to drive lasting and transformative reform in Australia's higher education system

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Dynamic and responsive; serving the national interest
- Meeting Australia's current and future skills needs
- Expanding opportunities to all
- Putting students at the centre
- Producing and using new knowledge
- Serving regional Australia
- Funding model





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