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## NEW UNIVERSITY RATINGS REVEAL WHERE FEDERATION LEADS THE WAY

- Federation University ranked number one nationally for first in family enrolments
- Federation ranked number one in Australia for Overall Education Experience in Engineering & Technology and Law & Paralegal fields
- Top university in Victoria for social equity and undergraduate starting salary

The 2024 <u>Good Universities Guide</u> ratings have revealed that Federation University Australia maintains its position as the top university nationally for first in family enrolments, while also leading numerous higher education categories both nationally and across the state.

For the sixth consecutive year, Federation has been rated the number one university in Australia for First-Generation Student Enrolments, with 54 per cent of the University's cohort being the first in their family to take the step into higher education.

With a core purpose of transforming lives and enhancing communities, Federation also maintained its number one ranking in Victoria for undergraduate starting salary, and social equity for students.

The 2024 results also highlighted Federation's strength in certain disciplines, with the University being ranked number one in Australia for Overall Education Experience for undergraduates in Engineering and Technology – from which three engineering courses will be delivered at Federation's Berwick Campus for the first time in 2024 – and Law & Paralegal Studies, the ranking testament to Federation's lauded Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice course.

Federation also ranked number one in Victoria for Overall Education Experience in the following fields; Health Services and Support, Rehabilitation, and Science and Mathematics.

The 2024 rankings are testament to the ongoing implementation of the Federation Co-operative Education Model which makes students work and world ready through direct connection to employers, paid placements, career preparation and workplace skill development.

## Quotes attributable to Federation University Australia Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Duncan Bentley

"Access and inclusion are critically important for our young people to achieve their goals, and we're enormously proud to be the number one university in Australia for first generation student enrolments and number one in Victoria for social equity and undergraduate starting salary."

"This year we supported students with a record number of scholarships, empowering them to succeed in their studies and thrive in their local communities and as we continue to implement our co-operative education model, we're giving students a real head start in their chosen profession."

## **About Federation University Australia**

With a history spanning over 150 years, Federation University Australia is Victoria's premier regional dual-sector university with campuses located in Ballarat, Berwick, Gippsland and Wimmera. From 2018-2023 Federation ranked number one in Australia for first-generation



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student enrolments. In a first for Australia, the globally recognised co-operative education model will be embedded across all Federation programs from 2025.