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My Journey In2Uni

**UOW University Preparation Program (UPP): Engaging
Underrepresented Students in Higher Education**

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Introduction

Regional Campuses and Student Diversity: In2Uni

The In2Uni Program is designed: “To lift educational aspirations, build academic capacity and encourage students to explore the possibilities and opportunities beyond school”

The aims of In2Uni are to:

1. Develop, foster and sustain mutually beneficial collaborations and partnerships with key stakeholders;
2. Build aspirations of low SES communities and individuals towards Higher Education;
3. Build capacity to successfully navigate pathways to Higher Education; and
4. Strengthen relationships with parents and local communities to build an awareness and knowledge about Higher Education.



Yr 7&8
Enrichment program and presentation evening
2015 participants: 1,139



Kids In2Uni
2015 participants: 2,414

Uni4Certain
2015 participants: 66



Yr 11 Road to Success
2015 participants: 98
Yr 10 Future Finders
2015 participants: 2,678
Yr 10 UNIque Experiences
2015 participants: 786



Pathways
2014 participants: 164
Participating RTOs: 5

2015 participants: 382
Participating RTOs: 10



Learning Labs
2015 participants: 1,351



In2Uni Programs

In2Uni School Outreach Programs

In 2015, In2Uni worked with:

- 66 Primary Schools
- 36 High Schools
- 10,183 students

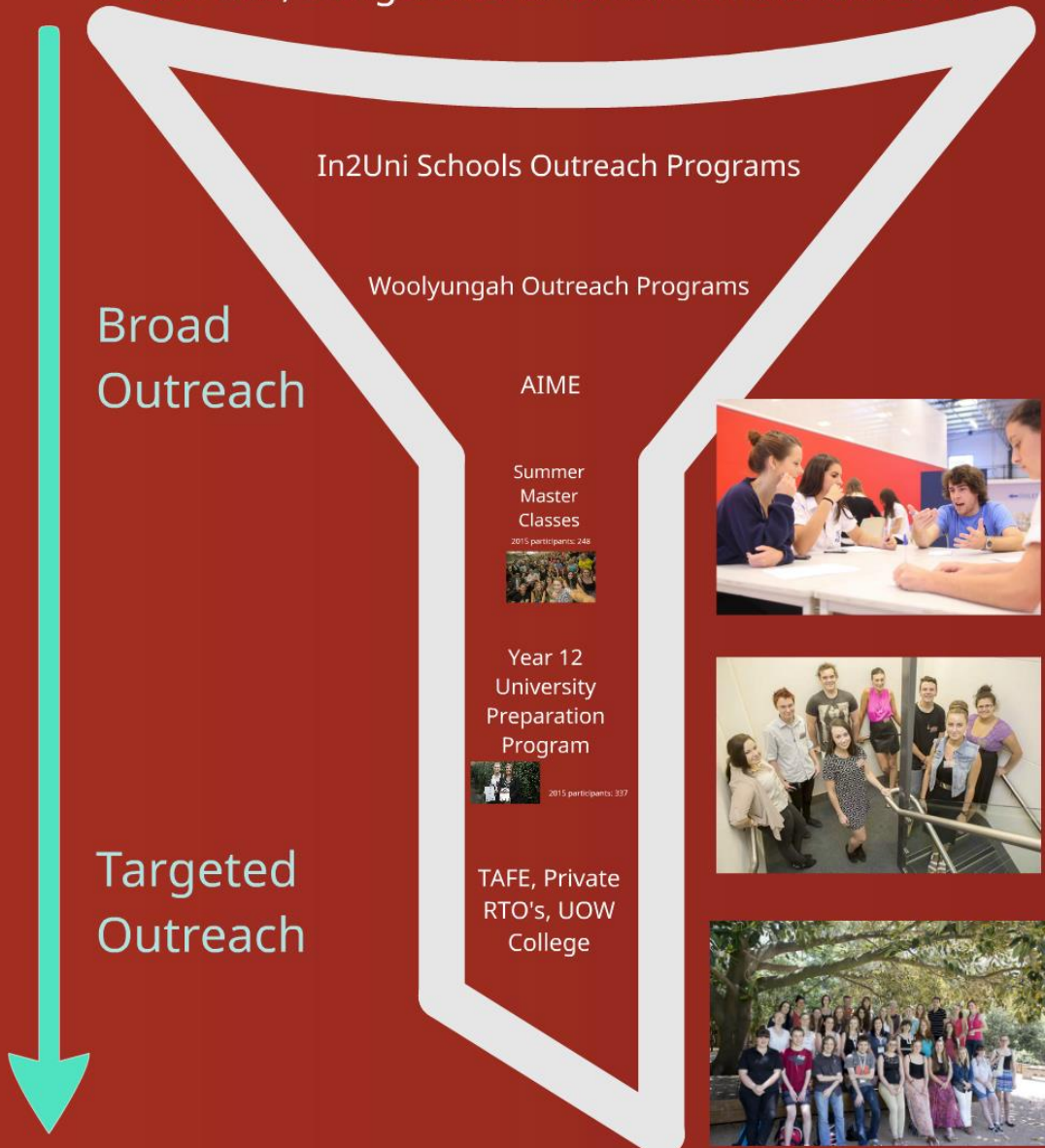
Number of participating Schools:

- Batemans Bay: 15
- Bega: 20
- Shoalhaven: 25
- Southern Highlands: 7
- Wollongong: 60

in schools from Eden to Northern Illawarra



Low SES, Indigenous & Rural/Remote Students



In2Uni Schools Outreach Programs

Woolyungah Outreach Programs

Broad
Outreach

AIME

Summer
Master
Classes

2015 participants: 248



Year 12
University
Preparation
Program



2015 participants: 337

TAFE, Private
RTO's, UOW
College



University Preparation Program

Target group: Under-performing Year 12 students from schools on the NSW South Coast and Southern Highlands from Eden to Wollongong



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What is it and how does it work?

The University Preparation Program is designed to give Year 12 students an advantage in their HSC. Over two school terms, students will receive assistance with their HSC subjects through an on campus study centre at one of UOW's campuses, have access to UOW resources including the library, and receive advice on study skills and mentoring to discuss their options after they finish high school.

On successful completion of the University Preparation Program, students will receive an admissions interview to the University of Wollongong.

Students will be expected to complete:

- 30 hours of tutoring across the 20 weeks, with a minimum of 24 hours tutoring required for successful completion of the program.

Face to face tutoring will be supplemented and supported by the following:

- Twenty on-line study skills and university familiarisation modules. Completion of all modules will be compulsory for successful completion of the program.
- Additional holiday activities e.g. mock exam day, mock interview day (note these activities will not count towards minimum 24 hour tutoring requirement)
- Online discussion boards monitored by mentors for ongoing study support



UPP in Practice

How do you administer and deliver that?

- Selection for UPP
- Co enrolment
- Communication with students and parents
- Electronic roll/scanner= attendance
- Privacy and data management
- Moodle
- Consistency, yet flexibility across locations
- Mentor training and management
- Super study days and Mock HSC exam
- Non In2uni Schools buy in
- Early Admissions



UPP: Review and Student Stories

Is it working? How do you know?

- 2015 an evaluation report was produced about UPP
- Key results: Objective and substantial improvements in outcomes for UPP students relative to the comparison population
- Students explained the impact of UPP in relationship to increasing in knowledge and understanding about options for the future
- Mentor relationship critical
- Insight into what next: Parent engagement and managing expectations- 2016 Parent Seminar Series
- This year we have just shy of 400 students across our locations



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Questions?



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