

**LA TROBE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC BOARD**

**Data comparing first semester first year performance
with admission basis and ENTER Band**

Earlier versions of the spreadsheets have been produced and distributed to faculties by the Selection and Enrolment Committee since 1998.

The data on enrolments is provided primarily to flag where meaningful conclusions cannot be drawn from individual course data. When the “total enrolments” number is low, the success rates need to be considered with caution.

General observations on commencing enrolment numbers

1. Analysis by admission basis

- 55% of commencing students come from secondary education, 15% from TAFE and 23% from higher education providers. Details for each Faculty are in the shaded row labelled “Faculty Total”.
- There is considerable variation by course.
- Many courses have small enrolment totals.

2. Analysis by ENTER band

- Approximately 36% have ENTERS above 80, 65% have ENTERs above 70 and 87% have ENTERS above 60. Details for each Faculty are in the shaded row labelled “Faculty Total”.
- Typically students in a course cluster near the lower cut-off point.
- Students receiving special consideration are included.

General observations on success rates

A benchmark is provided by the 2006 Learning and Teaching Performance Fund data (not classified by discipline group). Raw pass rates for domestic commencing students ranged between 73.67 (University of Sunshine Coast) and 94.25(ACU). 3 universities scored under 80 and 5 (including Melbourne, Sydney, Queensland and UWA) over 90. La Trobe achieved 84.49 in that exercise.

1. Analysis by admission basis

- There are broadly similar outcomes for each of the major admission categories. Details for each Faculty are in the shaded row labelled “Faculty Total”.
- The Mature Age Special Entry number is unusually low: it was 89.6 in 2007 for example.
- Outcomes are slightly worse than 2007 (Higher Ed 84.7, Secondary 85.9, TAFE 81.1).
- There is considerable variation by course.

2. Analysis by ENTER band

- There is an increased pass rate with each increase in ENTER band, with a pronounced change between 50-60 (66.47) and 60-70 (81.93). Last year this was less pronounced (76.2 and 80.3). Details for each Faculty are in the shaded row labelled “Faculty Total”.
- Special consideration issues will affect low bands.
- For those with ENTERs over 80, our progress rates are similar to the results of Melbourne, Sydney, Queensland and UWA from the 2006 LTPF data.
- There is considerable variation by course.

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