

Diversity at La Trobe

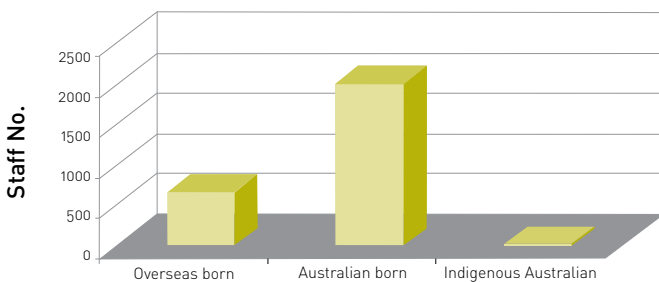
The La Trobe community includes academic and general staff and students from diverse national, ethnic and language origins. The following data were obtained from the La Trobe University Management Information Unit, August 2007.

The La Trobe Staff Community in 2007

In March 2007 we had a total of 2675 staff,

- 667 staff members were born overseas from 81 different countries;
- 2008 staff were born in Australia, representing a range of cultural heritages, including 12 Indigenous Australians.

La Trobe Staff 2007



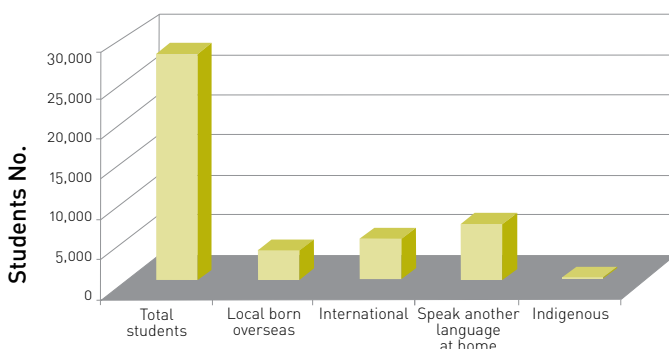
The La Trobe Student Community in 2007

In March 2007 we had a total of 26,500 students.

- 3179 local students were born overseas from 129 countries of origin;
- 4608 international students, representing 105 different countries of origin;
- 6460 of our students spoke a language other than English at home covering 105 different languages;
- 82 Indigenous students.

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La Trobe Students 2007



Diversity at a Glance

From the 2006 Australian Census: www.abs.gov.au
 – accessed 4/9/2007

Australia has a unique history that has shaped the diversity of its peoples, their cultures and lifestyles today. Three major contributors to Australia's demographic makeup are:

- a diverse indigenous Australian population;
- a British colonial past;
- extensive immigration from many different countries and cultures.

Today, Australia is one of the most culturally and linguistically diverse populations in the world.

People

- Australian population is around 21 million;
- Victoria's population in December 2006 was 5,165,400;
- 24% of persons in Victoria were born outside Australia;
- approximately 2.4% Australian are Indigenous;
- 0.6% of Victoria's resident population are Indigenous.

Language

- 26% of residents spoke a language other than English at home;
- the most common languages other than English spoken at home were: Italian, Greek, Vietnamese, Cantonese, and Mandarin;
- over 200 languages are spoken in Australia (not including Indigenous languages);
- over 60 indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

Religion

- 61% of Victorians identified as Christian;
- 7% of Victorians practice religion other than Christianity;
- 2.7 % of Victorians practiced Buddhism;
- 0.9 % of Victorians practiced Hinduism;
- 1.5% of Victorians practiced Islam;
- 0.8 % of Victorians practiced Judaism;
- 20% of Victorians do not identify with any religion.