

'Talk About It' survey 2015

Purpose of the Survey

The 'Talk About It' survey aims to gather information about the experiences of women university students in Australia. It will look at accommodation, safety, services, and challenges that face women enrolled in tertiary education institutions. This survey is run by the Women's Department of the National Union of Students.

When and how the survey will be run

WHEN: 3rd August - 6th September, 2015

WHERE: online. The survey is currently closed, but the link can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/talkaboutit2015>

Content and changes from previous survey

This survey deals with personal questions about negative experiences. Answering some of the questions may be upsetting for some women. There will be information provided at the beginning of the survey about the national crisis line, which is staffed after hours. If students feel distressed they can contact the crisis line for counselling.

There are 54 questions, which fall under the following headings:

- General information
- Background information
- Student services and support
- Representation and campus life
- Transport
- Sexual Harassment
- Physical mistreatment
- Sexual Assault
- Reporting
- Other

Advice was sought regarding the questions from a trauma specialist and sexual assault counsellor who works for National Sexual Assault and Domestic Family Violence Counselling Services Australia. Changes have been made to the previous questions to use the most appropriate and professional language in the survey, to minimise distress and to obtain the

most accurate information. The overall number of questions has been reduced from previous surveys to maximise the number of full responses that we receive. There are additional background questions.

Materials

Soft copies of posters, leaflets and graphics for social media will be circulated shortly.

Campus roll-out

Promote through:

- All-student email via your student organisation or the university
- Student organisation website, facebook and twitter
- Posters
- Distributing or displaying leaflets at stalls, special events, collective meetings, BBQs, cafes, guild/ union front desks