This report was focussed on the Year 12 Graduating Class of 2015 cohort. The data was obtained from a Destinations Survey sent out to all students in mid-late January, after the main round offers for university placement.

The student survey related to:

- Plans for 2016 - categorised into further study, full time employment and a Gap year
- Plans for 2017- if they were taking a Gap year
- Type of study
- Institution of study

### Destinations

In 2016, 93.5% of young women who completed Year 12 at Merici College in 2015 will continue in some recognised form of education and training in the year after they left school, 2016, or after they have taken a GAP year.

Approximately 70% will go directly into further study at university (combination of Further Study and half cohort of Full Time Employment/Further Study), CIT or a private provider, while 18% have decided to take a GAP year. In most cases, the students are working to fund their travel overseas. This is down on last year’s cohort when 23% decided to take the year off study. All students undertaking a GAP year will enter into further study in 2017.

6% have moved into full-time employment or are still looking for work in the Public Service. In addition 3.5%, or 5 students, are working full-time and studying either this year, or next. The majority of these students are employed in the Career Starter Program with the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

### What are they doing this year?

- **Further Study**: 67%
- **GAP Year**: 18%
- **Full Time Employment/Further Study**: 4%
- **Traineeship**: 5%
- **Full Time Employment**: 6%
The majority of students who have begun further study, or who intend to begin further study next year, have chosen to study in the ACT.

24 students are studying at Australian National University, which is up from 18 students last year. 2 of these students are actually studying across tertiary institutions with Australian Catholic University, completing a Bachelor of Secondary Education with their chosen degree at ANU.

21 students are studying at Australian Catholic University, which has increased slightly from 18 students last year.

The Year 12 graduates from 2014 and 2015 studying at the University of Canberra have remained at 45, which is 38% of last year’s cohort.

Merici has had 3 students enrol at UNSW, University of Wollongong and Charles Sturt University. 2 students have enrolled at the University of Sydney, with one of them choosing to live on campus.

The ‘Other’ category includes 5 students who have enrolled in further study relating to Dance and Acting at NIDA, WAAPA, NAISDA Dance College and Australian College of Physical Education. Individual students have enrolled in the Australian Business Academy, Academy of Interactive Entertainment, RMIT, Victoria University, Deakin University, Sunshine Coast University and AIPT.
A significant number of students studying at a tertiary institution are completing a Business related degree, which includes Commerce, Economics, Finance, International Relations, International Business and Advertising. Quite a number of the students have chosen to undertake a double degree in these areas.

A similar number of students studying Science covered a broad range including Biomedical Science, Psychology, Medical Science, Environmental Science and the new degree at the University of Canberra, the Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science. Again, quite a number of students have chosen to combine Science with another degree.

The interest in Criminology and Justice Studies was significant this year, with students studying these courses at ANU, UC and Charles Sturt University.

Studies in Education was up from last year’s numbers, with 15 students choosing to study teaching compared with 12 from the 2014 cohort, with the majority undertaking Primary Education study.

Nursing as a singular degree, or combined with Paramedicine saw an increase in enrolments from 5 to 11 students over the past two years.

The ‘Other’ category included Bachelor of Curatorship, Bachelor of Prosthetic Make-Up and Hair, Bachelor of Social Work and an independent unit of study in Russian.