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Financial Inclusion Action Plan Statement of Commitment

A Message from UNSW

The UNSW 2025 Strategy sets an aspiration for UNSW Sydney to be a global leader of change and innovation. Our vision is to make a positive impact globally and, through our grand challenges program, to systematically identify, explore and address the challenges facing society. One of our strategic priorities is to engage with government, industry and the community to translate our research to advance social progress and economic prosperity.

I am delighted that UNSW Sydney is joining the Trailblazer group of organisations committing to an enterprise wide Financial Inclusion Action Plan (FIAP).

One of our key objectives over the next few years is to develop student

access and support activities that position UNSW to not only admit and support students of diverse backgrounds, but to prepare those students for life beyond UNSW. Our commitment to developing a FIAP provides another opportunity to introduce a scalable program that has a tangible positive impact on the financial resilience and hence the longer term wellbeing of our student population.

At the time of committing ourselves to the FIAP Trailblazer group of companies our student population numbers were close to 60,000. As a learning institution, we place a high emphasis on work integrated learning and preparing our students to be resilient citizens beyond their studies. Our FIAP is designed to have maximum impact on those

students' financial awareness not only throughout their period of study but also as future UNSW alumni in the international community.

Joining the FIAP Trailblazer organisations is an important step for UNSW Sydney. An impressive list of companies have committed themselves to better support customers, clients and staff, and many of these companies have senior and executive leadership who are alumni of UNSW.

Professor Ian Jacobs
President and Vice-Chancellor

Our Commitment

It is with great pleasure that UNSW Sydney commits to developing and launching a Financial Inclusion Action Plan by December 2017.

The FIAP provides UNSW a framework to further provide equitable access and support to all students and stakeholders irrespective of their background or status. We look forward to developing and launching the FIAP and continuing to have a positive influence on the financial resilience and long term wellbeing of our students.

Action areas	Our commitment
Products & Services	We are committed to ensuring that admission to UNSW and ongoing support throughout study is available to all students irrespective of their background. UNSW will work towards an early identification model to provide proactive financial education and support for all students as well as continue to assist students who are facing financial hardship.
Capabilities, Attitudes & Behaviours	We will continue to enhance students' financial capabilities and literacy by leveraging and streamlining existing initiatives across the University as well as creating new opportunities to support and educate students. Experienced staff will provide independent and confidential financial advice and mentoring throughout the University lifecycle for those in need.
Awareness & Understanding of Culture and Diversity	UNSW is committed to having our student and staff profile better reflect the demographics of our society. We have appointed 'champions' from across the University who will lead and inspire our equity, diversity and inclusion agenda. These 'champions' will work with representatives from diversity groups to drive the agenda for equity and inclusion. As part of this approach to equity we aim to overcome the barriers that often hinder the financial inclusion and resilience of vulnerable groups. We aim to increase the awareness of new and existing support services available to students including financial hardship support and assistance.
Economic Participation & Status	We aim to not only provide equitable support to all students while studying, but prepare them for life beyond University by building their capacity to gain employment and contribute meaningfully to their future communities. Enhancing financial capabilities will enable them to make informed decisions and increase the economic status of vulnerable groups in our society as well as increase their overall wellbeing.

UNSW Sydney would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Good Shepherd Microfinance and the FIAP Partnership Group on the FIAP Program.

We look forward to developing our FIAP in 2017, in collaboration with Good Shepherd Microfinance, the Centre for Social Impact, EY and the Australian Government.



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