

# STUDENT HANDBOOK 2024





We provide local students with the space and tools they need to achieve their study dreams



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Graduate Diploma in Divinity  
Morling College



**We begin by acknowledging Ngarigo/Ngarigu Country – an important place to many Aboriginal peoples – the birthplace of rivers.**

Country in our (Aboriginal) way of understanding things is more than just the dirt under our feet, although that is an important part of Country too. Country is the landscapes (high country, swamplands, mountains, plains, and deserts), the animals (from the microscopic to the colossal), the vegetation (grasses, trees, bushes, vines, and flowers), the rocks (from pebbles to mineral deposits), the waterways (puddles, rivers, creeks, and oceans), the seasons (many more than just four), the weather (the sunshine, winds, storms, and dry periods), and the stories (the ancient through to the contemporary).

In acknowledging Country we assert our reliance on Mother Earth for all things (shelter, sustenance, and beauty to satisfy the soul). We equally affirm our respect for the Elders (experts in their cultural ways and holders of the knowledge and stories that are embedded in this place), for their enduring custodianship.

**Adam Gowen**

**Wiradjuri, connections to Yuin Country, culture, and community  
Centre Manager, CUC Southern Shoalhaven**



# WELCOME

The CUC Snowy Monaro (CUCSM) team are pleased to welcome you. We believe the future of an aspiring student should not be determined by where they live so we have provided you with a space and resources to help you achieve your goals.

We acknowledge the generous support of the Australian Government who fund CUCSM as part of Regional University Study Hubs program. The Program aims to improve access to tertiary education for regional and remote students.

The Australian Government provide CUCSM with further funding under the Regional Partnerships Project Pool Program (RPPPP). This Program aims to support collaborative outreach projects that enable the higher education aspirations of students in regional and remote Australia, including those who may be experiencing cumulative disadvantage. For more information about how we are achieving this, please look for our Common Ground program information on the CUC Snowy Monaro website.

Also recognising the importance of tertiary education for regional students, CUCSM receives generous funding from the NSW Government and are supported by Snowy Monaro Regional Council.



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Education**





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SUPPORTING OUR  
LOCAL STUDENTS  
SINCE 2013

737   
STUDENTS  
over 11 years

448   
UNIVERSITY  
COURSES  
have been studied by our students

3.5% ABORIGINAL OR  
TORRES STRAIT  
STUDENTS

& 119 OTHER  
over COURSES

CUC SNOWY  
MONARO 

Cooma and Surrounds  
has 3.6% people identifying as  
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ABS, 2021)  
3.5% of CUC Snowy Monaro students identify  
as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

31% students were  
FIRST IN FAMILY  
TO STUDY AT UNI  
2013 - 2024

Our students  
have studied  
with **41** DIFFERENT  
UNIVERSITIES

& **117** TOTAL  
over PROVIDERS

# OUR TEAM



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# OUR CENTRE

CUC Snowy Monaro is a clean, and well equipped Study Centre that:

- Allows student access between 5am – 2am
- Is open for registered student access every day of the year
- Is a safe space with CCTV and security lighting
- Has a quiet open plan group study area as well as private study spaces
- Has dual screened communal computers
- Provides free and fast WIFI
- Allows free printing, scanning and photocopying of study related materials
- Has teleconferencing facilities
- Provides exam services including room bookings and exam supervisors
- Has academic and administrative support services for students
- Kitchen that stocks free hot drinks and snacks
- Provides plenty of off-street parking



*The guest WIFI password is located in each room*

# REGISTRATION

All students who use CUC Snowy Monaro's facilities and/or services must register as a student. General data collected during the registration process will be used by CUCSM when reporting to our funders, applying for further support or for promotional purposes. No personal information will be shared without prior consent.

You must be a current student with a higher educational institution to register. We welcome any adult student who are studying any course, through any provider and for any period of time.

Students under the age of 18 years are welcome, however, do have restricted access to the Centre. These restrictions will be discussed upon your registration and can also be found in the student policies.

# STUDENT SUPPORT

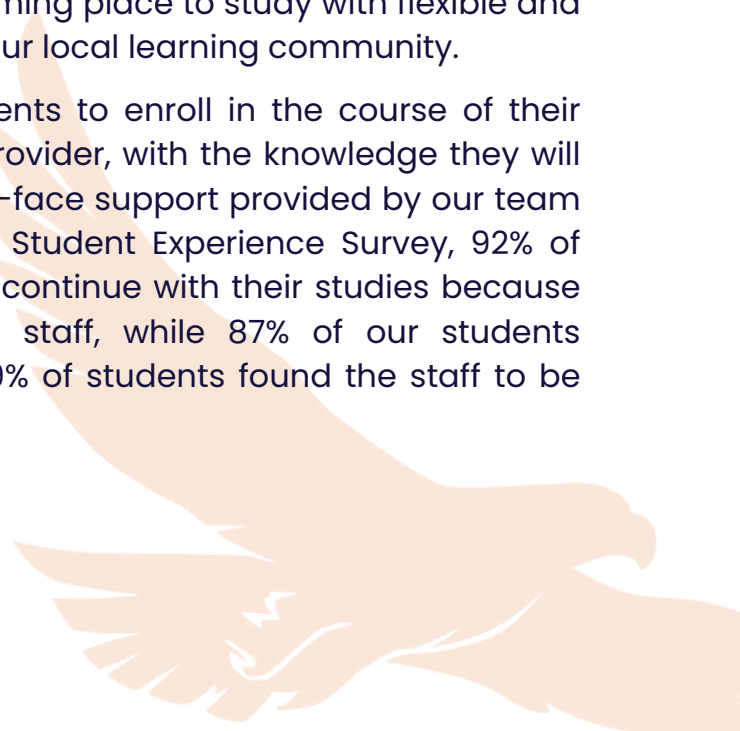


Our students choose to study a diverse range of courses from over 40 different Australian universities and many other education or training providers. We even have a small number of international students who have moved to our Region to be a part of the Snowy Hydro 2.0 Scheme.

CUC Snowy Monaro (CUCSM) has responded to our local student needs and established an innovative model that can support any student studying any course through any educational or training provider. The wrap-around model for student support provides face-to-face academic, well-being, technological, and administrative support in addition to what each student's university already provides. These extra layers of support are crucial for many students who study with us.

Regional and online students, often from low SES backgrounds or being the first in their family to pursue higher education, face higher attrition risks. This is compounded by caring responsibilities they may have. We aim to overcome these barriers by offering a free and welcoming place to study with flexible and personalised face-to-face support within our local learning community.

Our Study Centre aims to empower students to enroll in the course of their choice from any educational or training provider, with the knowledge they will be supported locally. The focus on face-to-face support provided by our team is highly valued by students. In the 2022 Student Experience Survey, 92% of students indicated they are more likely to continue with their studies because of the help they received from CUCSM staff, while 87% of our students experienced a sense of belonging, and 99% of students found the staff to be very or extremely helpful.





# OUR NETWORK

CUC Snowy Monaro is part of a well-established Country Universities Centre (CUC) network. This network provides local solutions across Eastern Australia.

Successful regional development is led by local communities and aligned with regional strengths. The Country Universities Centre (CUC) model is designed and developed by regional people for regional people and their communities to provide equitable access to education. It is both a grassroots and agile model.

Each Centre is owned, governed, and driven by its local community through an independent Board of Directors. This framework provides for place-based learning solutions. Each CUC can respond quickly to the unique higher education challenges and needs of local communities.



"I feel extremely lucky to have found CUCSM as studying as a regional student comes with many challenges. The Centre has made it far easier to continue my study from my home town"

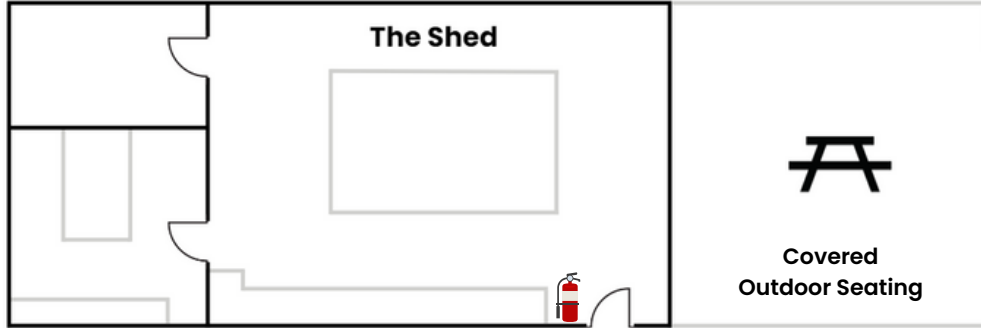


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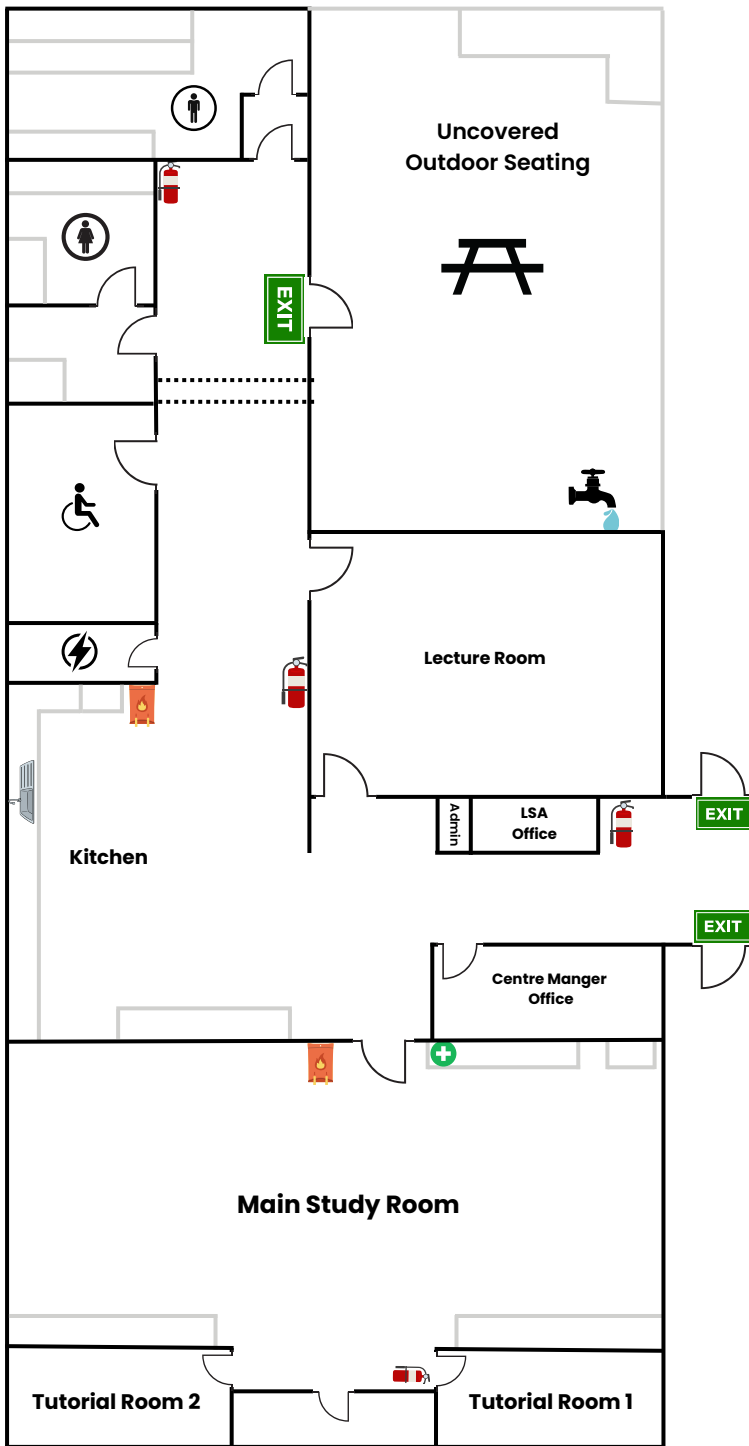
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# EVACUATION DIAGRAM



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- ### Key
- Fire Blanket
  - Fire Extinguisher
  - Outdoor Water
  - First Aid
  - EXIT Exit Door
  - Electrical Room
  - Outdoor Seating
  - Disability Parking
  - Parking

**Contacts**  
Emergency Services  
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Cooma Fire Station  
6453 4763

Cooma Hospital  
6455 3222

Driveway

**ASSEMBLY AREA  
ACROSS  
THE ROAD  
(Bombala St)**



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**SCAN HERE!**



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