



## Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) 2017 Report

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### What is SSAF?

From January 2012, Australian higher education providers began charging students a compulsory fee to support services and amenities of a non-academic nature. The Student Services & Amenities Fee (SSAF) is designed to improve non-academic services and amenities for students, such as recreational activities, employment assistance, financial or legal advice, child care, and food catering, through increased funding. It was introduced through the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities) Act 2011, which was passed by the Australian Parliament in October 2011.

### What can we spend SSAF on?

The Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities) Act 2011 specifies the services on which the funding can be applied, as outlined below. The Act also stipulates that the university must adhere to the Student Services, Amenities, Representation and Advocacy Guidelines which set benchmarks for student access to services such as health and welfare information, advocacy and orientation programs. The SSAF can be spent on the following services:

- providing food or drink to students on a campus of the higher education provider;
- supporting a sporting or other recreational activity by students;
- supporting the administration of a club most of whose members are students;
- caring for children of students;
- providing legal services to students;
- promoting the health or welfare of students;
- helping students secure accommodation;
- helping students obtain employment or advice on careers;
- helping students with their financial affairs;
- helping students obtain insurance against personal accidents;
- supporting debating by students;
- providing libraries and reading rooms (other than those provided for academic purposes) for students;
- supporting an artistic activity by students;
- supporting the production and dissemination to students of media whose content is provided by students;
- helping students develop skills for study, by means other than undertaking courses of study in which they are enrolled;
- advising on matters arising under the higher education provider's rules (however described);
- advocating students' interests in matters arising under the higher education provider's rules (however described);
- giving students information to help them in their orientation; and
- helping meet the specific needs of overseas students relating to their welfare, accommodation and employment.

The funding must not be spent on supporting a political party or the election of a person as a member of a political party at any level of government.

### How much SSAF was collected in 2017?

A full time student in 2017 paid a maximum of \$294. SSAF is calculated by load therefore part-time students do not pay the full amount. Please refer to the Payment Information page on the University's website to view details of who paid the SSAF in 2017.

Total SSAF collected in 2017 was **\$4,701,641**

### How was the SSAF spent in 2017?

A summary of the 2017 actual expenditure is provided in the table below. The amount allocated to each activity has also been provided for comparison of actual expense against the budgeted.

### 2017 SSAF Expenditure Summary

Area	Items	Amount in 2017 \$(AUD)
<b>Students Association</b>	Funding to support the operation of the University of South Australia Students' Association, USASA. USASA deliver the key functions of student representation and voice, student advocacy, support for social & academic clubs, off-campus social activities, student media and magazine.	1,525,500
<b>USASA Brekky Bar</b>	Funding to support the delivery of affordable breakfast bars across the university.	25,000
<b>USASA Small Grants</b>	Funding to promote vibrancy on campus, promote student engagement and enhance the overall student experience at UniSA.	25,000
<b>Student Engagement Activity (Uni-Wide)</b>	Funding to support the delivery of the university's Student Engagement strategy and the activities of the Student Experience Team who deliver the strategy and coordinate non-academic student experience activities across the university. Key activities include the delivery of all on campus events including wellbeing initiatives across multiple campuses of the university.	636,611
<b>Student Engagement Activity – Divisions</b>	Business School; Education, Arts & Social Science; Information Technology, Engineering & Environment; Communications & Marketing.	220,000
<b>Student Engagement Activity – Division Resourcing Internships/Placements</b>	Business School; Information Technology, Engineering & Environment; Education, Arts and Social Science	279,955



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<b>Students' flu vaccinations</b>		35,998
<b>Student Experience Projects</b>	Funding to support projects across the university, designed to enhance the student experience at UniSA.	275,843
<b>Careers Strategy</b>	Funding to further implement the key initiatives of Leadership and Volunteering in the Community including the services delivered by Careers Services.	677,182
<b>UniSA Sport</b>	Funding to support UniSA Sport and the delivery of the university's sport strategy including supporting student recreation and sport clubs, participation in university games events, delivery of on campus events and sport activities and generally promoting the benefits of sport and a healthy lifestyle.	203,896
<b>Whyalla Activity Fund</b>	Funding to support student experience events & activities at the Whyalla campus.	17,544
<b>Mt Gambier Activity Fund</b>	Funding to support student experience events & activities at the Mt Gambier campus.	15,763
<b>Student Grants</b>	Pool of grant funding to promote Student Engagement.	50,000
<b>Art &amp; Culture on Campus</b>	UniJam Initiative - promoting student art on campus and supporting student exhibitions in the West Bar Student Gallery.	35,000
<b>Better Orientation</b>	UniJam Initiative - improving Orientation Week through campus day events and orientation communications.	125,000
<b>Student Insurance</b>	Personal Accident Insurance for Students.	44,721
<b>Student Amenities &amp; Infrastructure</b>	Funding to support maintenance and operating costs of Magill Pool & Gym; City East Gym; Sports Centre Mawson Lakes and associated infrastructure projects.	254,824
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4,447,838</b>