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**Marketing Fundamentals** 

# Marketing Fundamentals: Telling the UniSA Story

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**SA News** 

UniSA hosts global space mission to challenge minds of all ages

# **Code of Practice: Marketing the University**

- 1. Communications and marketing refers to the range of processes that facilitates communication between the University and prospective clients, staff, customers and stakeholders. These processes support the 'telling of the UniSA story' in a way that meets strategic objectives. Communications and marketing are customer-focused and informed, and therefore are deeply integrated into University strategy and planning.
- 2. Communications and marketing materials refer to advertising; public relations; publications; sponsorship; digital advertising and communications; websites; media liaison; presentation materials such as displays; events; merchandise and signage; and any other published promotional communications designed to generate interest in and engagement with the University. In this context, communications and marketing materials does not refer to ongoing and routine management and operational communications.





"The Romans were less prolific than the Gauls, shorter than the Germans, weaker than the Spanish, not as rich or as astute as the Africans, inferior to the Greeks in technology and in reason applied to human affairs.

What they had was the ability to get organised."

Vegetius.

The Preface to the UniSA marketing plan 1997

Getting
Organised:
Marketing as
Engineering

## **Planning framework**

University Communications and Marketing Strategy (2020-25)

CORPORATE DIRECTION ALIGNED TO E25

Product Marketing Plans (2019–21) Strategic Corporate Communications Plan (2019–21) STRATEGIC PRIORITIES, TARGETS, OBJECTIVES – TRIENNIAL

Annual Campaign Plan Digital Roadmap Domestic Student Recruitment Outreach Plan CMK Unit Operational Plan

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY WORKPLANS – ANNUAL



#### **OUR BLUEPRINT**

UniSA operates in a competitive environment where reputation, name and images are highly valuable assets. Consistent and appropriate branding and communications support a strong corporate image and public recognition of the University's profile and achievements. The UniSA Blueprint provides guidance for the effective reproduction and use of the University's brand assets.



Marketing, and Communications/
Engagement
Strategy 20182025

Strategic Priorities



Showcase UniSA's major and strategic programs as a foundation for great careers



Lift the association between brand UniSA and quality, relevant, research nationally and internationally



Build industry and business awareness of UniSA's expertise, precincts and partnership capacity



Showcase and promote UniSA's cultural contribution, thought leadership and community engagement

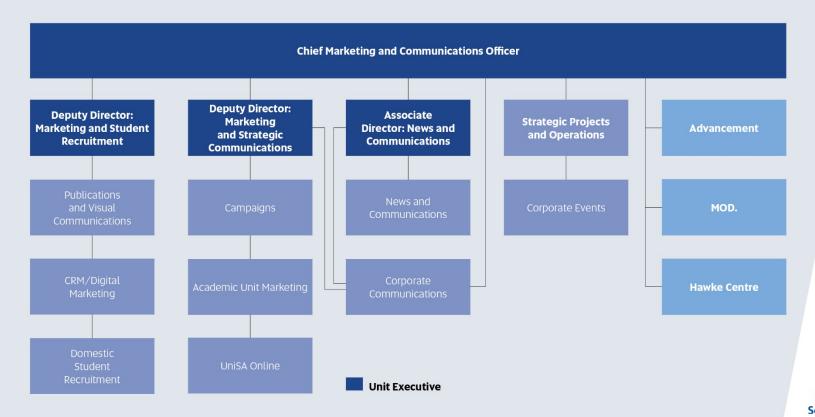


Cultivate and support our organisation's enterprising culture



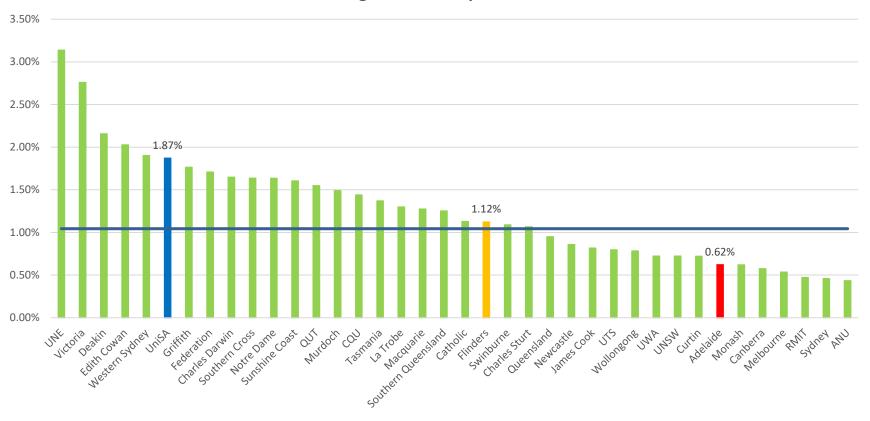
Continue to develop a professional and capable communications and marketing community.

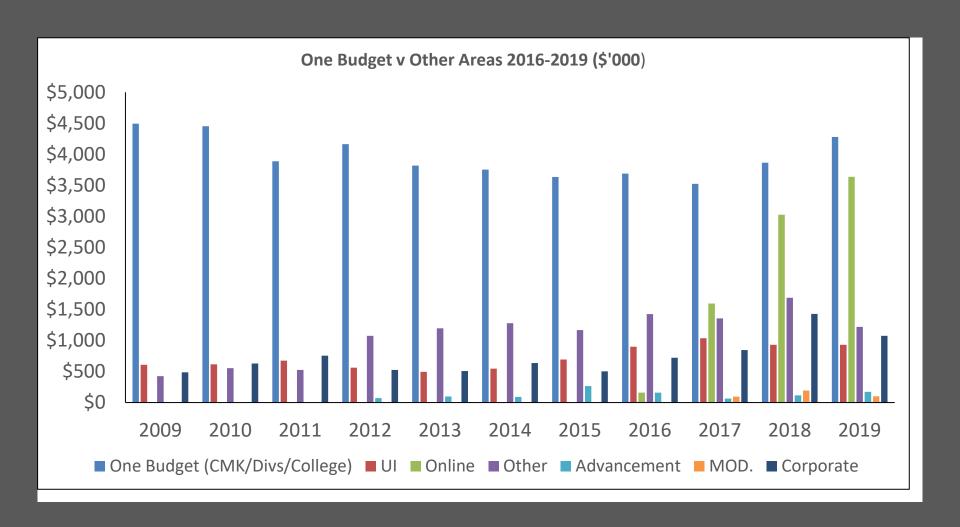
## **Operational support**











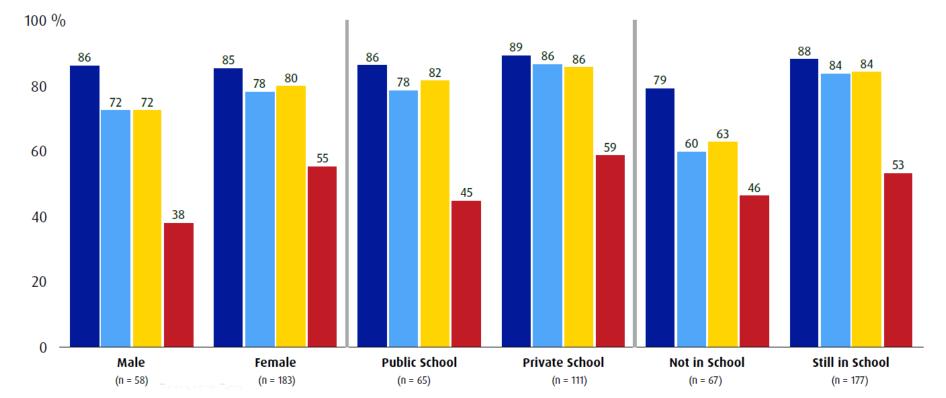
Getting
Organised: The
message is the
medium

# **Unprompted Brand Awareness Overall**

Male vs Female, Public vs Private School, and SL vs NSL



## UniSA has the highest unprompted awareness among all groups



# Perceptual map

## **Excluding TAFE**

A convenient campus location

While each university is closer to some attributes than others, all universities are close to the centre and are generally seen as similar by the general public.

UniSA is not connected to relevant research or having high fees, which is also shown in brand image analysis.

Provides executive education
Good employment after
graduation

Good quality teachers and
lecturers

Offers workplace experience

Range/variety of courses

Good student support and service

Good campus culture

Good facilities

University of South Australia

of ADELAIDE

Having high fees

Conducts relevant research

Flinders is not viewed as having 'a convenient campus location'

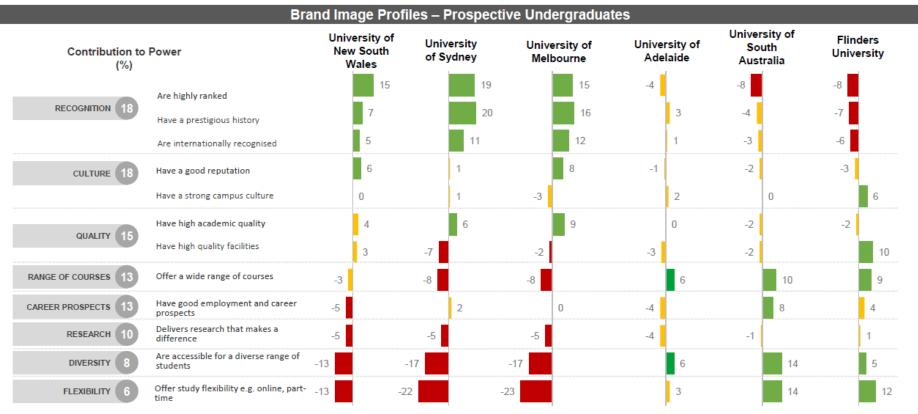
Flexible study options

Provides online educationIndustry

Produces work ready graduates

Amongst this set of Universities, the strengths of UofA and UniSA relate to the range of courses and being accessible to a range of students. UniSA alone - for its size - also is felt to offer good employment prospects and flexible study options.







Base : Undergraduate Sample





## **Message Strategy**



## **Our brand**

#### **OUR BRAND POSITIONING**

UniSA is Australia's University of Enterprise and is a challenger brand that represents "new quality".

UniSA was established to take higher education to the new professions of its time; providing students and industry with greater access to knowledge and applying this knowledge to the problems of today in ways traditional universities had not. The University's first stated mission was to 'educate professionals, create and apply knowledge and serve its community.'

This character comes from the origins of the University. Its antecedents were new institutions of higher education, created to bring new knowledge to emerging professions of the day.

As Australia's University of Enterprise, we're connected, innovative and we get stuff done.









## **Our communications framework**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2018-25**

Australia's University of Enterprise

#### **BRAND POSITION**

Challenger, rebel = "new quality"

#### BRAND ESSENCE AND CREATIVE PROPOSITION

Be unstoppable with the University of South Australia

#### **UNDERGRADUATE**

Your career starts when you start studying – it's your opportunity to be unstoppable.

### INTERNATIONAL

Exceed in a global university and further your career.

### **POSTGRADUATE**

Take your unstoppable career further, with the flexibility to make it work on your terms.

#### RESEARCH

Be unstoppable in pursuit of ideas and solutions that make a real impact.

## INDUSTRY PARTNERS

Create unstoppable partnerships with our people to find real solutions.

### **PEOPLE**

Unstoppable
people go further
in an enterprising
organisation where
your job title will not
limit your contribution
or career path.

#### **UNSTOPPABLE ENERGY**

Be fuelled by failure. Don't give up. Let your actions speak. Be clear in your purpose. Bend, don't break. Own your actions. Together, we find a way. Ask questions — and listen to the responses. Take another look. Do what you say you will.



# **Outdoor**

# Start your unstoppable career



Graduate career ready with Australia's University of Enterprise.

# Care for your future

Start your unstoppable career in **Nursing**.



Australia's University of Enterprise

Getting
Organised:
Integrated
marketing
communications

#### **FUTURE STUDENT**

#### **Matt Hopper** Future student



Story Matt is a student at Brighton High School He interested in studying something in the Health sciences field

























### Matt's activity

Year 10 High school visit by student liaison officer. Fills in a data card or a MvCareer Match assesment

Sees a UniSA Ad on a gaming website, he also'Likes' UniSA's Facebookpage and

Visits the UniSA Study Pillar and Health science discipline page. Is also served a retargeted ad on Social Media

Revisits the website. information is personalised based on previous browsing experience. Matt creates a personalised brochure comparing degrees. Matt's served details on scolarships that may suit his study interests.

See's a retargeted ad reminding him to Apply Now.

Does a Google Search for Study Health Sciences and receives organic and paid results

Visits the UniSA website to understand teh application process.

Date Sales

Calls the Future Student Enquiry team to ask further gues-

Applys through the SATAC website. Many of the fields are prepopulated from his interactions with UniSA.

Receives a personalised offer letter with information how to accept the offer and New Student infromation.

It may be glamorous, well-paid and exciting in marketing.

But somebody's got to do it.

