Statistics Newsletter Summary

Enrolment Summary 1995-1997

- Total enrolments in TAFE NSW in 1997 were 424,450, an increase of 7,131 or 1.7% over 1996 and of 13,404 or 3.3% over 1995.
- Total Equivalent Full-Time Students (EFTS) in TAFE NSW in 1997 were 121,161, an increase of 1,133 or 0.9% over 1996 and of 2,715 or 2.3% over 1995. (see explanatory notes).
- The main area of enrolment growth from 1995 to 1997 was in the Community Services, Health, Tourism and Hospitality Educational Services Division (up 24.3%) with a corresponding growth in EFTS of 13.9%. There has also been a 38.3% increase in TAFE PLUS enrolments but these are off a small base. There has been a decrease in enrolments (2.3%) and EFTS (5.3%) in Construction and Transport over the 3 year period from 1995 to 1997.
- There has been an increase in enrolments of 1.6% from 1995 to 1997 in the higher qualification courses. These are Diploma, Associate Diploma, AQF Graduate Certificate, AQF Diploma and AQF Advanced Diploma courses.
- The proportion of female enrolments has remained constant at 46.5% from 1995 to 1997. The proportion of female EFTS has increased from 48.4% in 1995 to 48.5% in 1997.
- Enrolments in Trade Courses (Stream 3212) increased by 1.3% from 44,716 in 1995 to 45,282 in 1997 with a corresponding increase in EFTS of 3.0% from 15,736 in 1995 to 16,211 in 1997.
- Enrolments in Country Area colleges increased by 5.2% from 1995 to 1997. They account for 41.9% of total enrolments in 1997.
- Enrolments in the Open Training and Education Network (OTEN) increased from 27,487 in 1995 to 31,298 in 1997, an increase of 13.9%.
- There has been a increase of 1.2% from 1995 to 1997 in the under 25 years' age group. There has been a corresponding increase of 5.3% in the 25-49 years' age group.
- In 1997, NESB enrolments accounted for 20.5% of total enrolments. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders accounted for 3.1% of enrolments and students with disabilities accounted for 5.1% of enrolments.