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The following information is provided as required by the Commonwealth Government through the Australian Education Regulation 2013. The information provided relates to the 2024 academic year.

#### CONTEXT

University Senior College ("USC") is an independent secondary school with a strong learning culture driven by passionate and inspirational teachers. Founded in 2002, USC has grown to become one of the most significant feeder schools to the university sector in South Australia.

USC is an adult learning environment for Years 10 to 12 students that has access to The University of Adelaide's facilities. Students at USC are challenged to become creative critical thinkers, building skills in resilience and innovation.

USC graduates are ready to succeed at University, and become leaders in their field.

#### **USC MISSION**

TO INSPIRE, EMPOWER AND NURTURE LIFELONG LEARNING.

#### **USC VALUES**

MUTUAL RESPECT, TRUST AND INTEGRITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY

#### **USC GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES**

USC graduates are:

- Empowered, resilient and ready to succeed in their chosen fields and in the world beyond school.
- Effective communicators, collaborators, and leaders.
- Innovative, divergent, and critical thinkers.
- Empathic, ethical and globally minded citizens.

### TEACHER STANDARDS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Teachers at USC are passionate, committed and specialised in their field. They are experienced teachers who can inspire their students to fulfil their potential and press the boundaries of their knowledge.

Teaching staff must be registered with the Teachers Registration Board and comply with ongoing requirements and training. Further information on academic qualifications is contained in the 2024 Annual Report which can be viewed online at the USC website at

https://usc.adelaide.edu.au/about-us/ reports#annual-reports



#### **WORKFORCE COMPOSITION**

Including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Composition

| FTE (Full time equivalent) | 2024 | 2023 |
|----------------------------|------|------|
| Teaching Staff             | 40.5 | 38.6 |
| Non-Teaching Staff         | 11.6 | 13.0 |
| Student / Teacher Ratio    | 11.7 | 12.2 |

The above staff numbers do not include any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

#### STUDENT ATTENDANCE AT THE SCHOOL

| YEAR    | Attendance Rate for 2024 |
|---------|--------------------------|
| Year 10 | 93%                      |
| Year 11 | 94%                      |
| Year 12 | 95%                      |

#### A DESCRIPTION OF HOW NON-ATTENDANCE IS MANAGED BY THE SCHOOL

Parents and students are informed that regular attendance at all mentoring sessions, classes, tutorials and lectures is fundamental to student success, achievement and positive wellbeing. Regular attendance supports students to develop positive relationships with their peers and with USC staff and assists in student academic achievement.

All teaching staff are asked to complete their class roll within the first 25 minutes of class. An automatic SMS is sent to parents of students who have an unexplained absence at the 30-minute mark of the lesson. Rolls are altered to show students who have arrived late to assist in accurate information being sent to parents. School administration staff will also telephone parents to inform them of student absences.

If a student has ongoing absences, the student and parent will be required to meet with the Dean of Student Experience, and/or another member of the school leadership team to discuss the absence and determine steps forward to support the student to return to full attendance.



### PARENT, STUDENT AND TEACHER SATISFACTION WITH THE SCHOOL

All data collected by the school on parent, student and teacher satisfaction is considered by the school leadership team and the school governing council. This data informs the school strategic plan, master plan and business plan, ongoing improvement across all areas of the school and professional learning for staff.

#### SCHOOL INCOME Broken down by funding source

| Total school income for 2024            | \$13,021,605 |
|---|--------------|
| Other private sources                   | 481,411      |
| Fees, charges and parent contributions  | 5,720,383    |
| State Government recurrent funding      | 1,468,060    |
| Australian Government recurrent funding | 5,351,751    |
| Funding sources for 2024                | Income \$    |

#### **POST-SCHOOL DESTINATIONS**

| Destinations                  | 2024 Graduates  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| The University of Adelaide    | 62              |
| University of South Australia | 36              |
| Flinders University           | 33              |
| Interstate universities       | 14              |
| Deferred university course    | 14              |
| Other courses and educational | institutions 10 |
| Working                       | 2               |

### SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION OUTCOMES

| Percentage of Year 12 students with an ATAR of 99 or above                             | 6%   |
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| Percentage of Year 12 students with an ATAR of 98 or above                             | 11%  |
| Percentage of Year 12 students with an ATAR of 95 or above                             | 20%  |
| Percentage of Year 12 students with an ATAR of 90 or above                             | 42%  |
| A Band grades as a percentage of all grades  | 85%  |
| Percentage of Year 12 students attaining a Year 12 certificate                         | 100% |
| Percentage of Year 12 students<br>studying a Headstart or Extension<br>Studies subject | 19%  |
| Number of A+ grades  | 110  |
| Number of SACE Merits  | 34   |
| Number of Headstart and Extension<br>Studies High Distinctions                         | 37   |
| Number of Headstart and Extension<br>Studies Distinctions                              | 15   |
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