State & Territory updates 2014

Australian Capital Territory

- Mr Damien McCartin - Head of John XXIII College (replacing Mr Steve Foley, now Head, St Leo’s, UQ)
- Mr Jamiyl Mosely – Head of Burton & Garran Hall (from Rider University, New Jersey, replacing Mr Keith Conley, now Principal, University Hall UWA)
- Review 2013 – formation of new Division of Student Life, combining former Divisions of Residential & Campus Communities and Student Services
- Heads of ANU Halls report to the Registrar (Student Life) – PVC Student Experience – DVC (A)
- 60% students come from outside the ACT (50% undergraduates); 40% undergraduates accommodated in ANU Halls, College & Lodges
- Aim to have 50% of outside ACT students live in UC accommodation
- UniLodge and Campus Living are main providers of UC accommodation
- Uncertainty about future of Arscott House – only catered accommodation

- Need for closer connection amongst accommodation providers for Canberra universities?
- Ms Linda Mathey, ACU Director of Student Success, appointed new Registrar (Student Life) ANU from November 10 (replacing Dr Laura-Anne Bull, now PVC Student Engagement & Equity at University of South Australia)
New South Wales

University of New England

- UNE has just completed the building of 211 Apartment style accommodation. Named Wright College and situated on the site of the former Wright College, the first section of the building was opened at the beginning of the second Trimester of 2014. The building is now completed and will be fully operational from the beginning of 2015.
- The UNE Residential System has been reviewing the level of its fees and the services offered in the traditional Colleges, and will make some considerable changes in 2015 to meet a changing and challenging market.
- It is expected that a new Catering Contract will also be in place for 2015.
- The University has recently appointed a new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Annabelle Duncan.

Sydney

- Significant expansion of student accommodation, over 800 beds via the conversion of the Queen Mary nurses home; and 200 beds via a new studio style building.
- A number of the Sydney Colleges have either expanded in recent years or are planning expansion.
- The Senate of the University of Sydney requested a presentation on the Sydney Colleges. The Sydney Heads compiled data on the Colleges and showed the value-add of the Colleges to the University.
Queensland

- Mr Steve Foley – Head of St Leo’s College replacing Brother Vince Skelly as Rector of 10 years
- Chapter President for 2015 is Rev. Dr James Rigney replacing Adjunct Professor Iyla Davies
- The University of Queensland Chapter meets monthly and often invites a guest from UQ to speak on matters such as teaching and learning, facilities, accommodation. In 2014 Nanette Kay, Principal Duchesne College, hosted the annual social event that brought together senior executive from the University, Presidents and Chairs of Councils and Boards as well as Heads of Colleges. The Queensland Heads have been hosting this event for about eight years and it is a very effective means of relationship building.
- In October, the group of Heads planned and executed a Strategy Day to focus on and plan for 2015.
- A significant student housing precinct is being planned by UQ and will increase the accommodation offering by 800 in 2018. Other similar projects are planned in future years.

South Australia

- After nearly seven years as the Principal of Lincoln College, Ms Rebecca Pannel retired and Ms Linda Bastick has been appointed as the Chief Executive.
- A new head of Aquinas College has been appointed to start in 2015, Brother Paul Gilchrist, replacing Brother John Furlong who has been in the position of Acting Head for 2014.
- Ms Helen Fletcher has resigned from her long standing role as Dean of Flinders Housing and Mr Paul Tosh has been appointed the Acting Dean.
- The SA chapter meets every second month and in June.
- St Ann’s College hosted the VCs and DVCs from all three universities for lunch and good discussion.
The SA chapter was pleased to be able to host the National Conference at the Intercontinental Hotel in Adelaide which was opened by South Australia’s new Governor, His Excellency, The Hon Hieu Van Le AO. Dinners were held St Ann’s and St Mark’s Colleges and a tour of Aquinas College.

Victoria

- Dr Elizabeth Hepburn IBVM, Principal of St Mary’s College, retired in January and her Deputy, Dr Paul Gallagher has been Acting Principal for 2014. A new Head and the first lay Principal of the College was announced in October. He is Associate Professor Darcy McCormack, who is currently employed in the School of Business at ACU, Melbourne.
- After 11 years of distinguished service by Associate Professor Jane Munro AM, International House has appointed a new Head of College, Dr Deborah Seifert, who will commence her position in January 2015. Many members will remember Deborah from her years as Head of University College.
- The Melbourne Heads farewelled Reverend Professor Andrew McGowan, Warden of Trinity College in the middle of this year. Andrew leaves Trinity to take on the position of Dean and President of the Berkeley Divinity School and a Professor of the Yale Divinity School. Mr Campbell Bairstow, previously Dean and Deputy Warden, is currently Provost.
- An announcement was made in September by the Whitley College Council that the Residential College would close at the end of 2016. After a great deal of negative feedback this decision was placed in abeyance while the Council consult with stakeholders. Staff and students are awaiting a plan for how this will occur and in what timeframe. The Warden, Margie Welsford, is grateful for the support of her colleagues at Melbourne and around Australia.
- At the beginning of the year, the University of Melbourne’s Vice-Chancellor, Professor Glyn Davis released the University of Melbourne Accommodation Paper, a paper proposing to supply 2,000 beds by 2020.