





# WELCOME TO THE 2023 MBA ALUMNI INSIGHTS REPORT

"After compiling the results of the 2023 MBA Alumni Insights Survey, the entire Australian Institute of Business (AIB) team and I are thrilled to learn of the outstanding achievements of our former students.

As an organisation committed to providing people with greater access to education and delivering real-world learning experiences that can be immediately applied at work, it brings me great pride to see our graduates achieve ongoing success in their careers.

In navigating postgraduate study, many of whom worked full-time and maintained busy schedules throughout, our graduates demonstrated exceptional drive and resilience. They've shown outstanding adaptability and innovation while advancing their careers in a rapidly evolving business world, which is a testament to their enhanced business acumen, confidence and dedication to achieving their goals. It's my privilege to share with you the findings of this report."

#### **Warren Hebard**

Chief Executive Officer
Australian Institute of Business

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# THE AIB COMMUNITY IN AUSTRALIA

Supported by a global community of over 20,000 graduates and students.

# AIB's global community

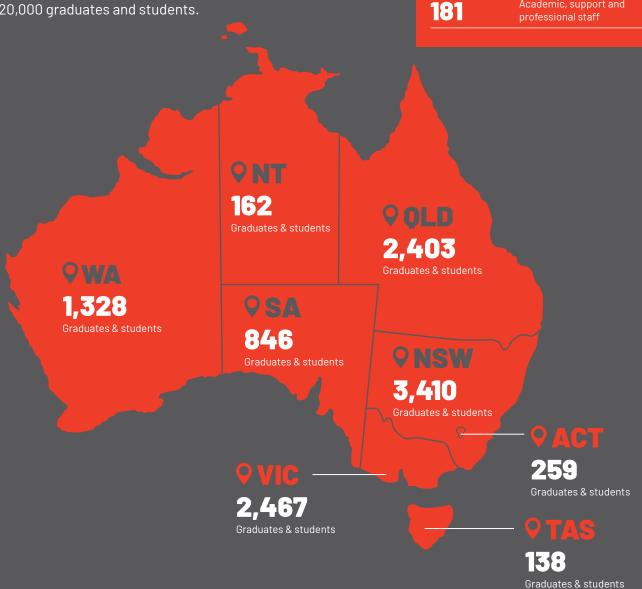
24,170 Business school qualifications have been awarded globally

16,207 Business school graduates globally

12,885 MBA graduates globally

3,824 Students currently studying with AIB

Academic, support and



11,000 +

Graduates and students in Australia

8,183

Business school graduates in Australia

2,830

Students in Australia

Note: All graduate, student and academic head-count numbers provided on this page were true as of 14 February, 2024.



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responses unless otherwise stated.

All dollar amounts in this report appear in AUD\$ unless

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# AUSTRALIAN ALUMNI INSIGHTS AT A GLANCE

# The MBA career impact







Applied the MBA in their job or business

Said the MBA increased their confidence

Said the MBA enhanced their strategic thinking

#### Who our Alumni are



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AVERAGE AGE



61%

DIDN'T HAVE A DEGREE PRIOR TO THEIR MBA



92%

HAVE 10+ YEARS' WORK EXPERIENCE



**59%** 

HAVE 20+ YEARS' WORK EXPERIENCE

# 

19%

Embarked on a career change since the MBA

13%

Started a business during or after their MBA

#### What our Alumni do

57% ARE IN MANAGEMENT ROLES

**79%** OVERSEE STAFF IN THEIR ROLES

21% ARE BUSINESS OWNERS

13% ARE IN EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

# MBA graduate earnings

\$42,000

Is the average increase in annual salary since undertaking the MBA

\$161,000

Is the average salary of MBA graduates in Australia

Received a salary increase since starting the MBA

### Opinion of AIB

96%

Found studying online with AIB flexible

**95%** 

Are glad they did their MBA with AIB

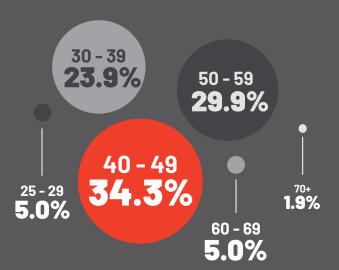


# OUR RESPONDENTS

#### Age







#### **Enrolment** criteria met

52.2%

Over 5 years' work experience with 3+ years in management

**13.5**%

An Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree and relevant work experience

27.7%

A Bachelor's Degree and relevant work experience

6.6% Previous postgraduate

qualification

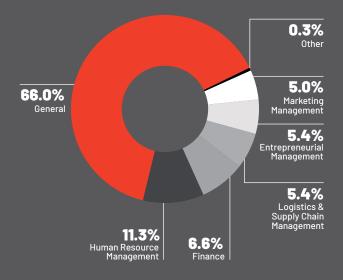
## **Global locations**



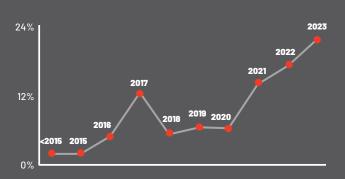
#### **Top cities**



#### **MBA** specialisations



#### Year graduated

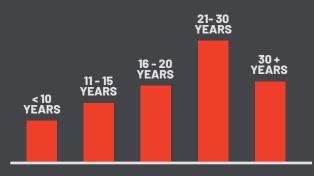




# THE PROFESSIONAL PROFILE OF ALUMNI IN AUSTRALIA

# Work experience





#### **Top industries**

Manufacturing, Transport and Logistics	10.1%
Mining, Resources & Energy	9.1%
Government & Defence	8.8%
Financial Services, Banking, Accounting	8.2%
Healthcare & Medical	8.2%
Information & Communication Technology	7.2%
Education & Training	5.7%
Construction	<b>3.8</b> %
Consulting & Strategy	<b>3.8</b> %
Not-For-Profit	3.1%

#### **Direct reports**



#### Top professions

Executive Management	12.6%
Operations	10.4%
Consulting & Strategy	8.8%
Sales & Business Development	6.3%
Financial Services, Banking & Accounting	5.7%
Manufacturing, Transport and Logistics	5.7%
Project Management	5.0%
Administration	3.8%
Education & Training	3.8%
Information & Communication Technology	3.8%
Mining, Resources & Energy	3.5%
Government & Defence	3.1%

#### Top job roles

		9.7%	8.2% 5
29.6%	21.7%	3 8.8%	6.6% 4.7%
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- Senior Manager
- Manager
- Team Leader

- 4 Director
- Self-Employed
- C-Suite

7 Coordinator



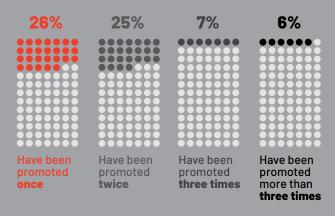
# CAREER GROWTH WITH THE MBA

**AUSTRALIA** 

97%

Have applied the MBA in their job or business

## MBA graduates are promoted at work



# Top enhanced skills and capabilities from studying the MBA



# Top career outcomes achieved post MBA



## 21% are business owners. Of those:

49%

Started a business during or after their MBA **38%** 

Were business owners before their MBA 13%

Owned a business before their MBA and started another during or after

# 94% said the MBA increased their confidence. Confidence increased in these areas:





Note: Salaries which were reported in CAD\$ were converted to AUD\$ for global reporting purposes. The conversion rate on November 6, 2023 of 1CAD=1.1248AUD was used (exchange-rates.org). Salary data has been rounded to the nearest thousand.



\*The Australian Institute of Business (AIB) is Australia's largest provider of MBAs. Source Ready, B. (2023) Domestic Enrolments Surged During COVID After International Students Locked Out, MBA News. Available at: MBA News.