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2026 JCU Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) Expenditure Plan – UPDATED 06.10.26

The Student Consultation period was conducted from **Monday 1 September to Sunday 14 September 2025.**

The estimated SSAF income for 2026 is forecast at $3.8 million. SSAF reserves will be utilised to account for additional expenditure.

Proposed by	Bid Identifier	Project/Activity	2026 Total SSAF Allocation
JCU	Orientation and Engagement	The Student Communications and Engagement (SCE) Team coordinates the delivery of student-focused communication and engagement initiatives for JCU current students across Townsville and Cairns Campuses, and in conjunction with teams based in satellite campuses in Mount Isa and Mackay. The 2026 Orientation and Engagement Annual Plan provides an overarching strategy and operational plan, to deliver a Student Orientation and Onboarding experience across 5 major intakes in 2026 - 2 Semesters, 3 Trimesters, 6 Carousels, and includes an external orientation product. SCE delivers a suite of student events each year focused on wellbeing, cultural and academic preparation activities for all year levels including: Harmony Day, RU OK? Day, Mental Health Week.	$ 250,000.00
JCU	Communications and Engagement Team (Human Resources)	Salaries for 3x HEWL 6 Student Communications and Engagement Advisors and 20x HEWL 2 Casual General Assistants. The ongoing SSAF-funded Student Communications and Engagement Advisor roles oversee the planning and execution of Orientation and Engagement activities.	$ 462,718.00
JCU	Student Academic Integrity Ambassador Program	The Student Academic Integrity Ambassador Program is a Peer-to-Peer Program. Student leaders are trained and supported to promote ethical scholarship across campus. Ambassadors host workshops, peer discussions, and creative campaigns to educate students about academic honesty, citation practices, and research integrity. Includes salaries for 4x Student Academic Integrity Ambassadors.	$ 25,000.00
JCU	Learning Advisor (UG and PG)	Salary for 1x HEWL 8 Learning Advisor. The Specialist Learning Advisors aim to develop successful learners through authentic and relevant engagement with the demands of their chosen field of study. Learning Advisors provide academic support and development for pathways, undergraduate and postgraduate students. The core focus is the provision of expert learning support that has proven benefits in terms of retention, engagement and achievement for the diverse student cohort at JCU, at both the undergraduate and postgraduate level.	$ 172,533.00
JCU	Learning Centre Breakfast "Breakfast and Buddies"	The Learning Centre pop-up breakfast is a Peer-to-Peer Program which offers students a welcoming, informal way to connect with peer leaders and to academic support services. Includes salaries for 4x HEWL 2 staff.	$ 15,000.00
JCUB	Student Engagement and Support	To foster engagement and support within the JCU Brisbane student community through events and activities and provision of dedicated support.	$ 345,120.00
JCU	Careers and Employability (Human Resources)	Salaries for 1.4 FTE Career Development Advisors to facilitate a range of supportive activities to enhance employability and career opportunities.	$ 220,000.00
JCU	AccessAbility	Salaries for 1.5 FTE HEWL 8 AccessAbility Advisors. A comprehensive program of support to provide students access to free, confidential, timely and necessary disability supports.	$ 234,000.00
JCU	Essential Study Skills (regional sites)	Interactive regional site workshops developing student skills in finding information, academic writing, referencing and academic integrity.	$ 10,700.00
JCU	Recreation Reading, Play and Connection in the Library	Creating a library space designed for relaxation, entertainment and reading non-study materials, such as fiction books, graphic novels etc.	$ 60,000.00
JCU	Creating Calm: Reducing Noise Travel in Mabo Library	A pilot project to implement sound baffling solutions in a section of the Townsville Library to improve the study experience.	$ 80,000.00
JCU	Healthy Snacks and Drinks for Students (Study Vac and Exams) in the Library	Provision of healthy study snacks and hot drinks for students studying in the Townsville and Cairns libraries during each Study Vacation and Exam Period.	$ 10,000.00
JCU	International Student Orientation, Events and 24/7 Support Service	A suite of inclusive events across Townsville and Cairns campuses supporting International students' transition, wellbeing, and engagement. Includes salaries for 15x HEWL 2 Casual International Student Buddies.	$ 250,000.00
External	Inter College Music Competition	The Inter College Music Competition (ICMC) is an annual celebration of talent and community spirit, bringing together residents from JCU Halls of Residence.	$ 12,500.00
External	JCU Health Bulk Billing	This contribution allows JCU Health to continue offering bulk billing, allowing no out of pocket costs to JCU students (face to face on Townsville campus and telehealth).	$ 250,000.00
JCU	Mackay Student Engagement	This project aims to strengthen social connection and peer support among Mackay-based students.	$ 30,000.00
JCU	JCU Student Village (on campus Townsville, Cairns)	Creating a regular event time and space for all students to meet their peers, connect with the university community, learn about and utilise peer learning. Includes salaries for 4x Casual Peer Leaders.	$ 25,000.00
JCUSA	JCU Student Association Campus Connect	JCUSA's key focus is to deliver a variety of services to all students and embrace diversity. Events and services increase student engagement, generate a sense of belonging to the JCU community and provide relevant and timely information to the student cohort. - Representation & Elections - Student Council honorariums and operating - Advocates, Media, Sport & Recreation, Operations - wages & operating - Orientation Week - Free Breakfasts - Wellbeing Initiatives - Clubs and Societies subsidies - Gym equipment - Online/ Regional Program Development	$ 2,260,000.00
JCU	Estate and Estate Services Multi Project	The Estate and Estate Services Directorate will allocate $210K for sporting field maintenance in Cairns and Townsville, $40K to continue the Community Gardens initiative, and utilize $99,620 roll over of unspent 2025 funds to deliver Accessible furniture and Cairns D1 home room furniture.	$ 349,620.00
JCU	DVCE Discretionary Program	This project establishes a discretionary fund to support SSAF-aligned initiatives that fall outside existing project scopes or require top-up.	$ 30,000.00
JCU	Indigenous Education and Research Centre (IERC) Student Support Programs	The IERC supports JCU's commitment to diversity through programs that empower Indigenous students. Initiatives include community lunches, healthy food access, hygiene support, ambassador leadership, external student engagement, study materials, and participation in the 2025 Indigenous Nationals. These programs build connection, wellbeing, and academic success across JCU's Indigenous student community.	$ 80,000.00
JCU	Wellbeing Program and Support Line	A comprehensive program of support to provide students access to free, confidential and timely mental health supports which include counselling and an after hours University Crisis Line service. Includes salary for 1x HEWL 7 Wellbeing Counsellor.	$ 187,500.00
JCU	Graduate Research School (GRS) Higher Degree Research Student Support	Funding support for HDR students including orientation activities, peer-to-peer networks, professional development workshops and conferences, participation in the 3MT competition, and networking opportunities. Includes salaries for HEWL 2 HDR Student Ambassadors.	$ 50,000.00
JCU	Academy Divisional Office	This project provides professional and wellbeing support for HDR students, fostering connection, community, and career readiness through activities which are complimentary to GRS planned events.	$ 50,000.00
ORIGINAL TOTAL FOR JCU			**$ 3,209,371.00**
ORIGINAL TOTAL FOR JCUSA			**$ 2,260,000.00**
ORIGINAL TOTAL FOR OTHER PROJECT PROPOSERS			**$ 262,500.00**
TOTAL ORIGINAL SSAF ALLOCATION			**$ 5,731,871.00**
ADJUSTED TOTAL 06.10.26			**$ 5,459,691.00**