

# SurviveLaw

Australian Law Student Satisfaction Survey

2013

Monash University

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## Demographics

Number of responses: 160

### Question 2: What degree program are you enrolled in?

**Table 1.2: Survey responses by Degree Program**

Degree Program	%	Responses
LLB	5.6%	9
LLB/Double Degree	73.1%	117
LLM	0.6%	1
JD	18.8%	30
Other	1.9%	3

### Question 3: What is your gender?

**Table 1.3: Survey responses by Gender**

Gender	%	Responses
Female	73.8%	118
Male	26.6%	41
Other	0.6%	1

### Question 4: Current year level of study in your law degree

**Table 1.4: Survey responses by Year Level of Study**

Year Level of Study	%	Responses
First	23.8%	28
Second	20.6%	33
Third	22.5%	36
Fourth	15.0%	24
Fifth	7.5%	12
Sixth or higher	10.6%	17

### Question 5: Current study mode

**Table 1.5: Survey responses by Current Study Mode**

Study Mode	%	Responses
Full-Time	95.0%	152
Part-Time	5.0%	8

**Question 6: Attendance mode**

**Table 1.6: Survey responses by Attendance Mode**

Attendance Mode	%	Responses
On campus	96.9%	155
Off campus/distance	1.3%	2
Mix of on campus and off campus/distance	1.9%	3

**Question 7: Are you a domestic or international student?**

**Table 1.7: Survey responses by Domestic or International Student**

Domestic/International	%	Responses
Domestic	96.3%	154
International	3.8%	6

**Question 8: Do you mainly study in a metropolitan, regional, remote or overseas area?**

**Table 1.8: Survey responses by Primary Study Location (metropolitan, regional, remote or overseas)**

Study Location	%	Responses
Metropolitan	98.1%	157
Regional	1.3%	2
Remote	0%	0
Overseas	0.6%	1

**Question 9: Are you working while studying?**

**Table 1.9: Survey responses by Employment Status**

Working while studying?	%	Responses
Yes, on average more than 37 hours per week	4.4%	7
Yes, on average fewer than 37 hours per week	76.3%	122
Yes, but only during university holidays	5.6%	9
No	13.8%	22

**Question 10: Are you currently working in a law-related job?**

**Table 1.10: Survey responses by Law-Related Employment Status**

Law-related job?	%	Responses
Yes	26.3%	42
No	73.8%	118

**Question 11: Do you intend to work as a legal practitioner after you graduate?**

**Table: Survey responses by Intention to Work as a Legal Practitioner**

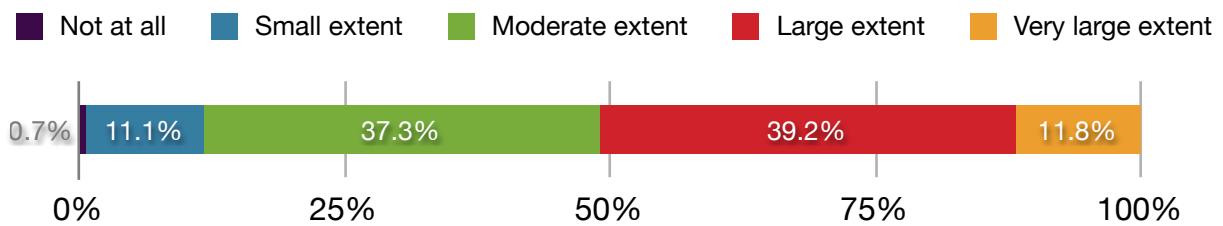
Do you intend to work as a legal practitioner?	%	Responses
Yes	61.3%	98
No	6.9%	11
Unsure	31.9%	51

# Part 2: Teaching

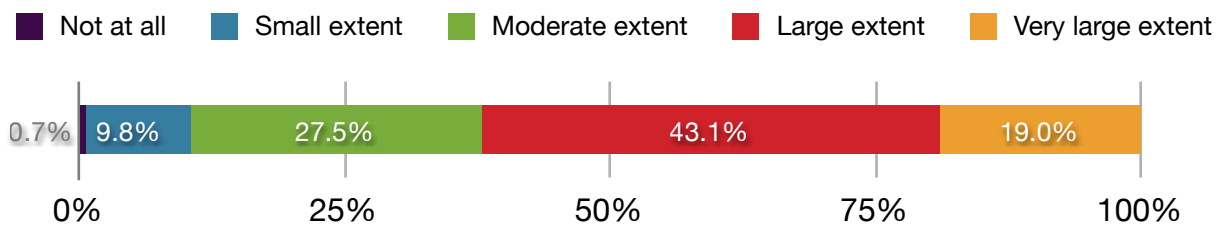
## Question 12: To what extent have your lecturers and tutors:

Responses: 153

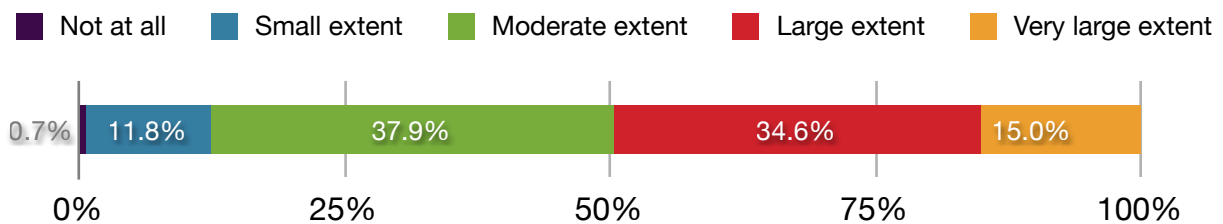
### a) Shown that they care about your learning outcomes?



### b) Been helpful and approachable?



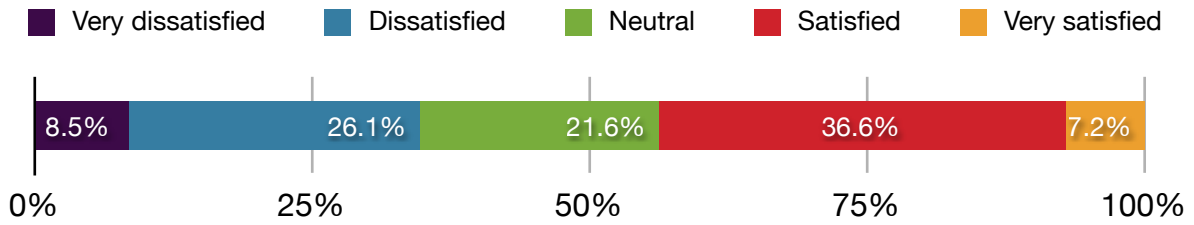
### c) Created an engaging learning environment?



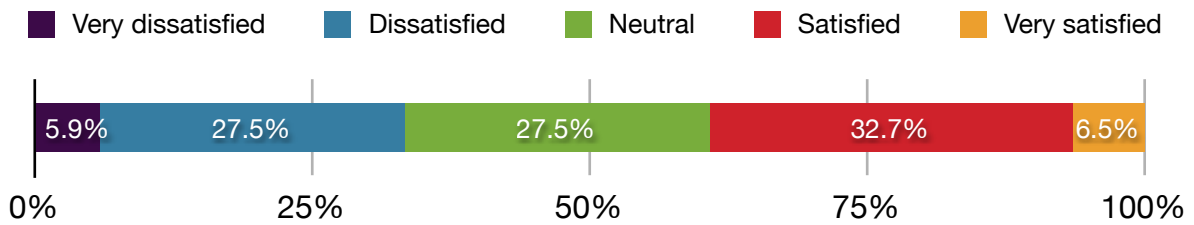
## Question 13: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 153

**a) The quality of the feedback that you receive on assessments?**

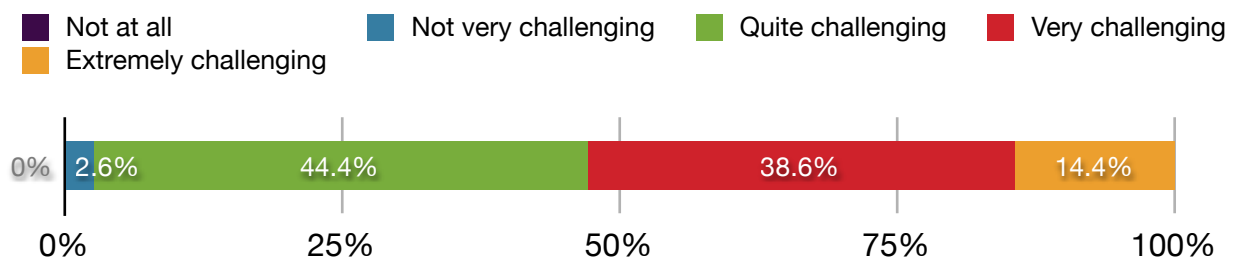


**b) the timeliness of the feedback that you receive on assessments?**



**Question 14: How challenging have you found your assessments?**

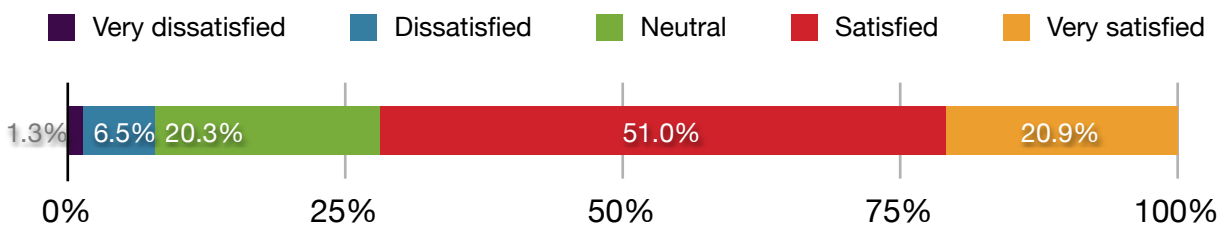
Responses: 153



**Satisfaction Rating: Teaching**

**Question 15: Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of teaching at your law school?**

Responses: 153



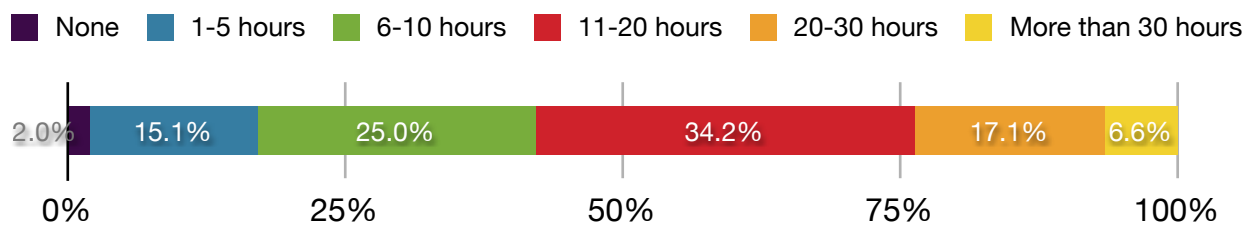
**Responses**

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
2	10	31	78	32

# Part 3: Study

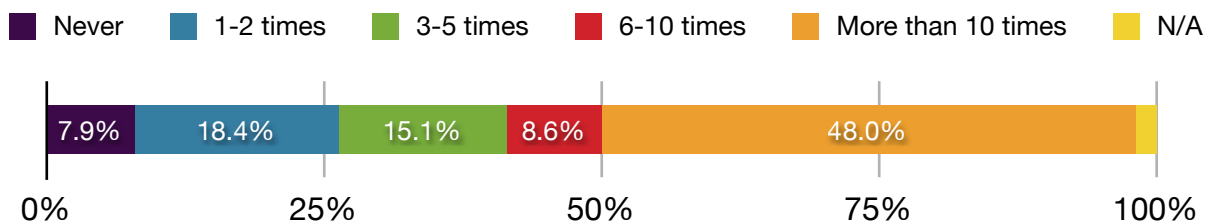
**Question 16: During semester, how many hours do you spend studying (including preparing for class) each week?**

Responses: 152



**Question 17: How often do you visit your law school/university library (as opposed to using online library resources) in a typical semester?**

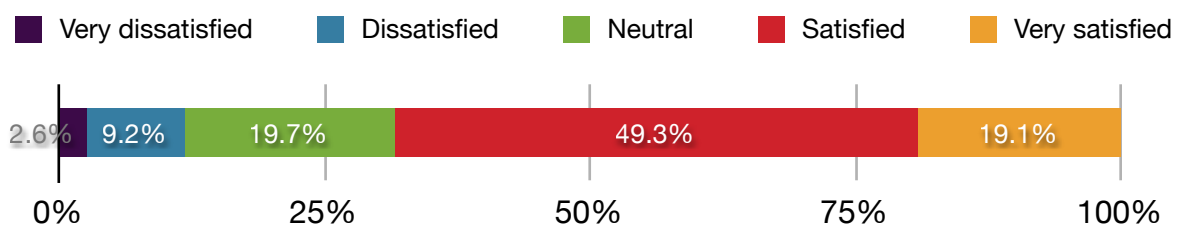
Responses: 152



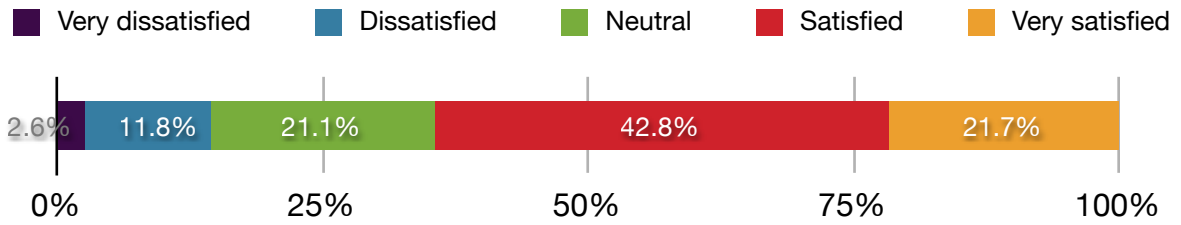
**Question 18: How satisfied are you with:**

Responses: 152

**a) The range of elective subjects available?**



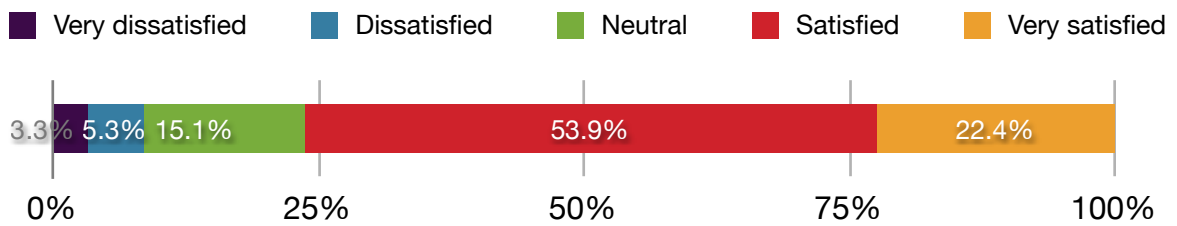
**b) The online resources available to support your study, such as study forums?**



**Satisfaction Rating: Study**

**Question 19: Overall, how satisfied are you with the study experience at your law school?**

Responses: 152



**Responses**

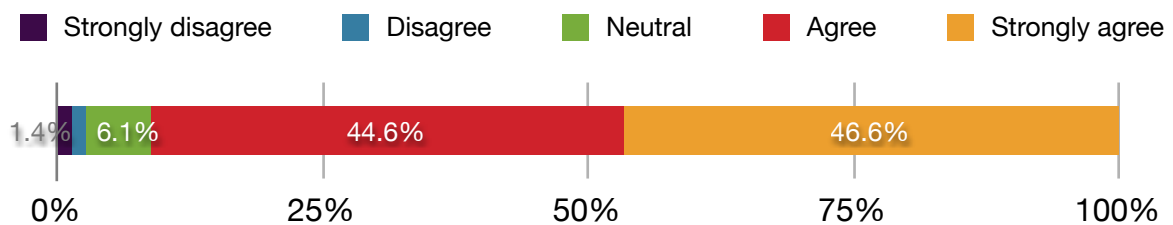
Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
5	8	23	82	34



# Part 4: Careers

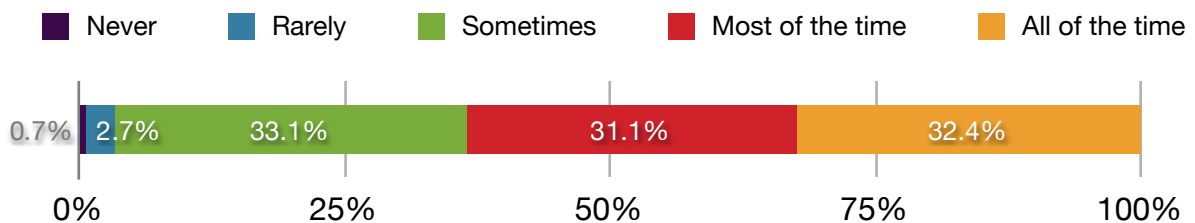
## Question 20: I believe my law school is highly regarded by employers.

Responses: 148



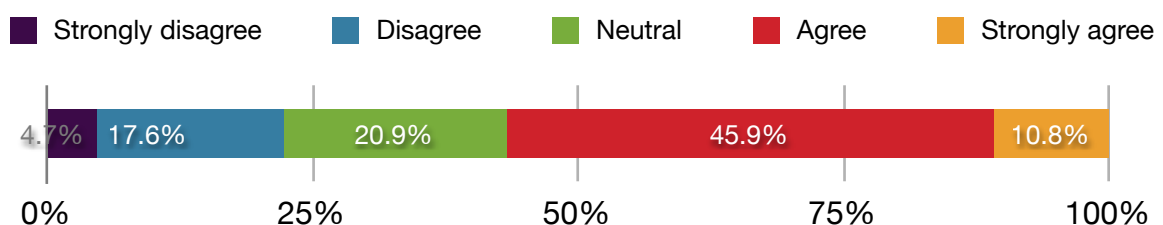
## Question 21: How often do you feel stressed about finding a relevant job after you graduate?

Responses: 148



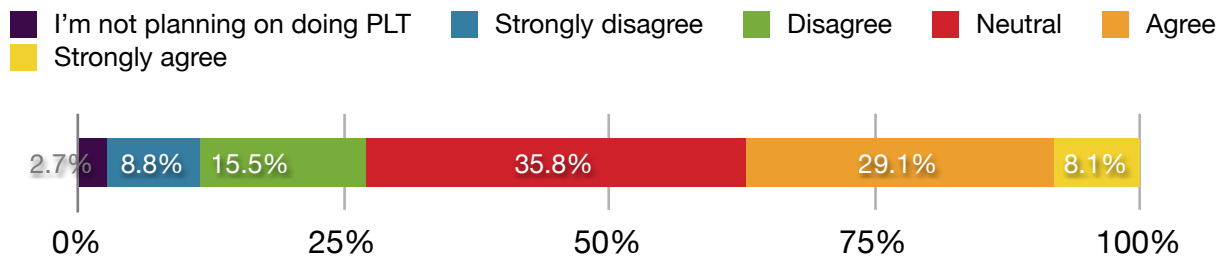
## Question 22: My law school provides sufficient information about work experience/employment opportunities.

Responses: 148



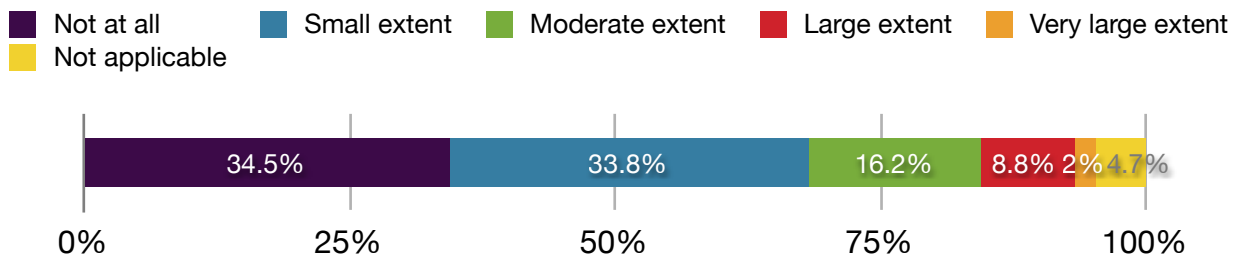
## Question 23: I have access to sufficient information about my practical legal training (PLT) options for when I finish my degree.

Responses: 148



**Question 24: To what extent have you used career support services at your university?**

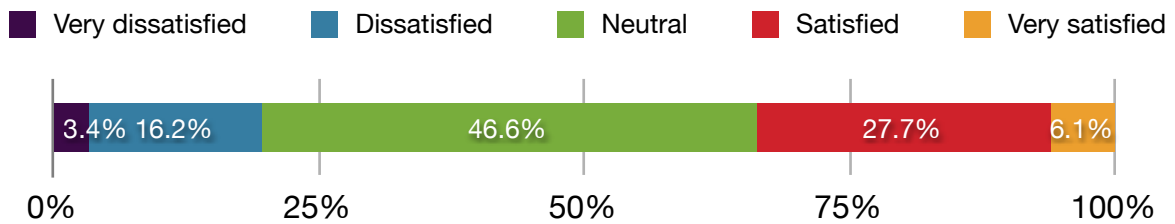
Responses: 148



**Satisfaction Rating: Careers**

**Question 25: Overall, how satisfied are you with the level of career support provided at your law school?**

Responses: 148



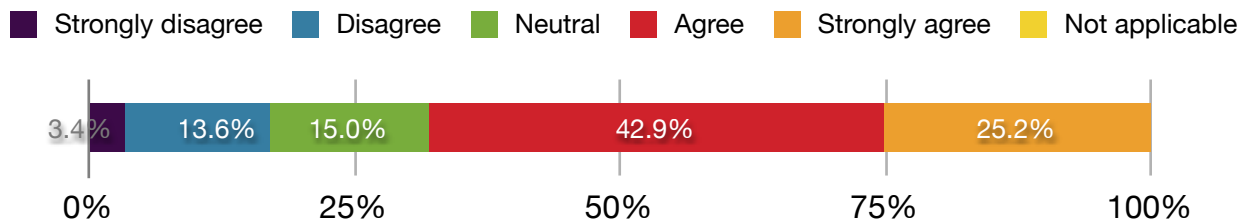
**Responses**

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
5	24	69	41	9

# Part 5: Campus Life

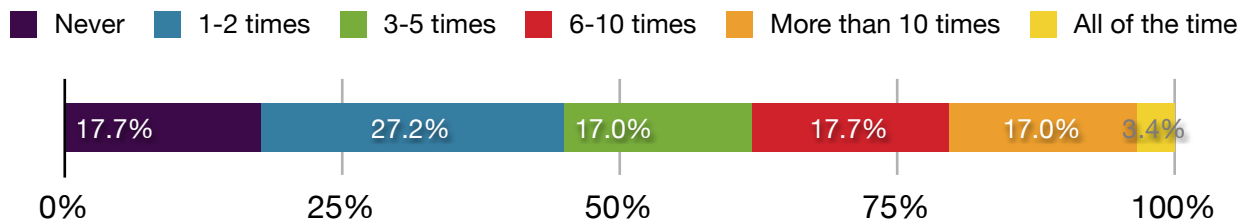
## Question 26: I enjoy spending time on campus at my law school

Responses: 147



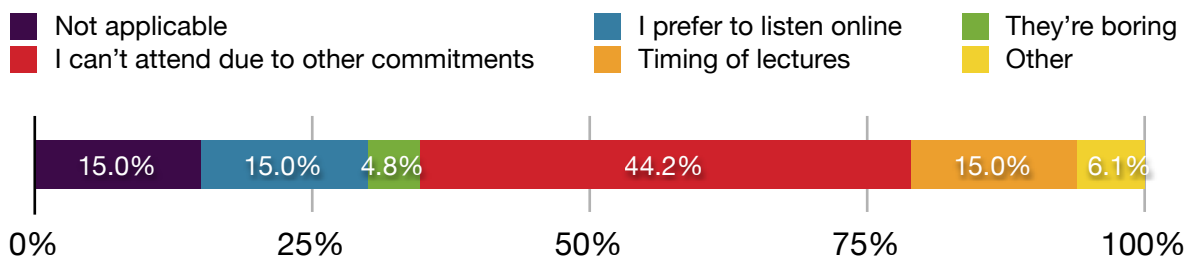
## Question 27: How often do you skip lectures in a typical semester, other than as a result of illness?

Responses: 147



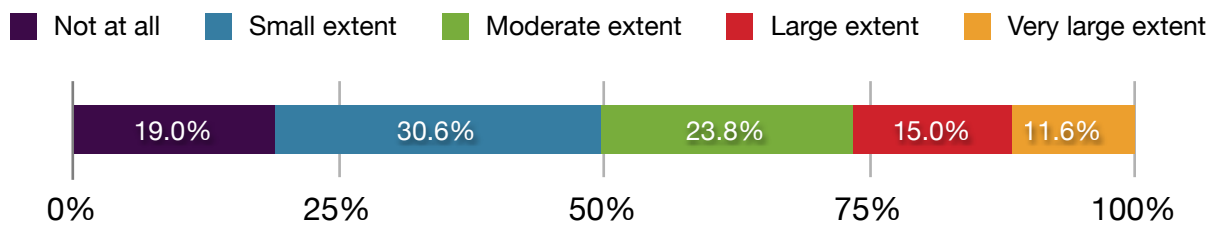
## Question 28: What is your main reason for skipping lectures?

Responses: 147



## Question 29: To what extent have you taken part in extra-curricular activities such as legal competitions, social events and clubs at your law school?

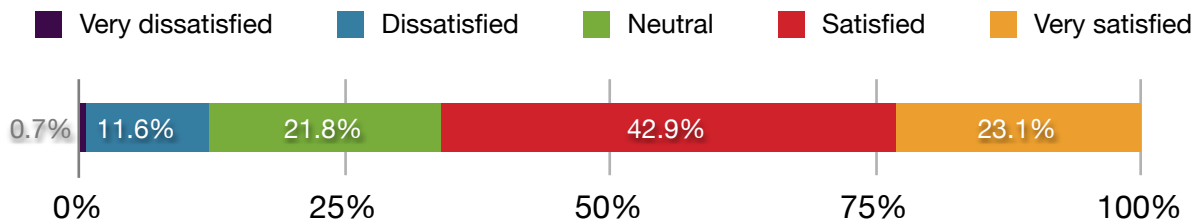
Responses: 147



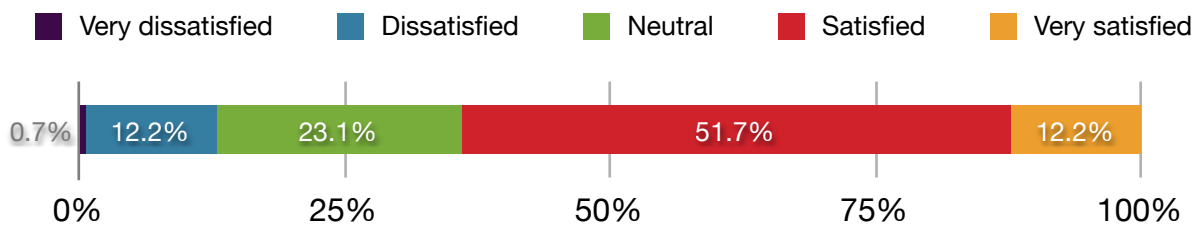
**Question 30: How satisfied are you with:**

Responses: 147

**a) the range of extra-curricular activities available at your law school?**



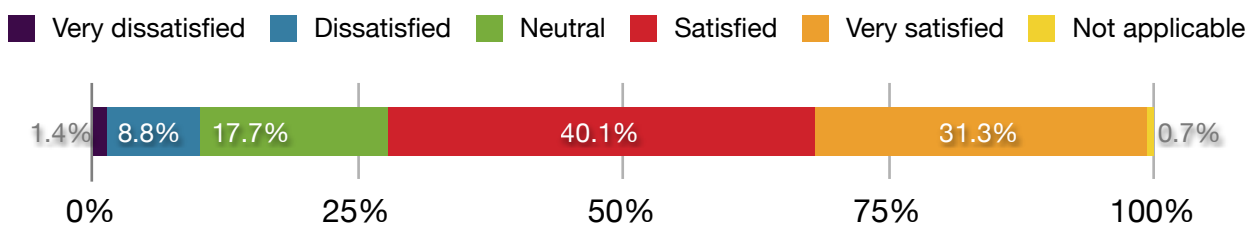
**b) learning facilities at your law school, such as lecture halls and classrooms?**



**Satisfaction Rating: Campus Life**

**Question 31: Overall, how satisfied are you with campus life at your law school?**

Responses: 147



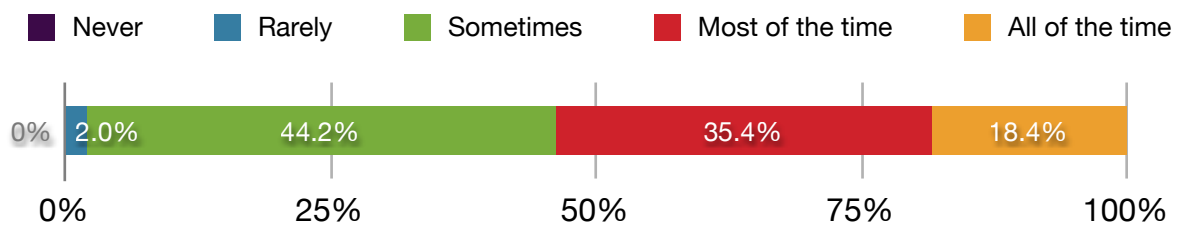
**Responses**

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied	N/A
2	13	26	59	46	1

# Part 6: Wellbeing

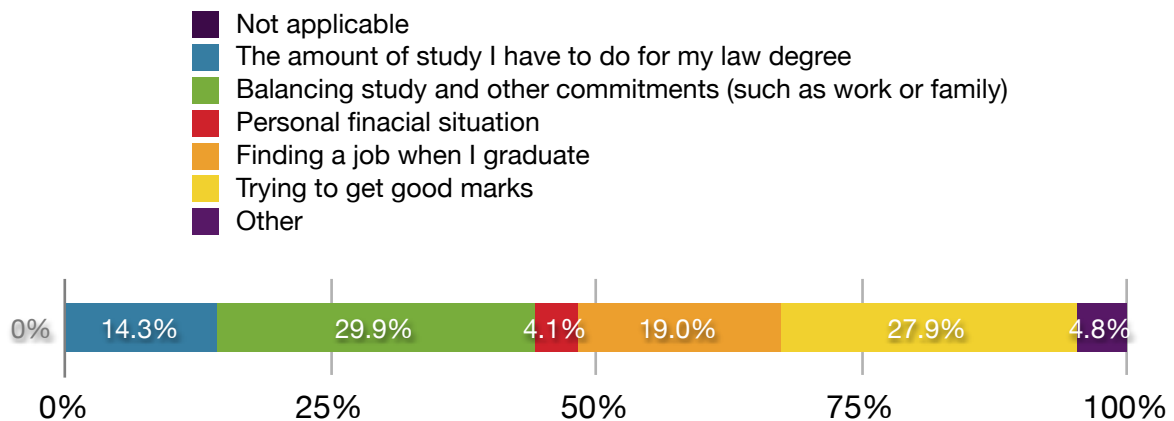
## Question 32: How often do you feel stressed at law school?

Responses: 147



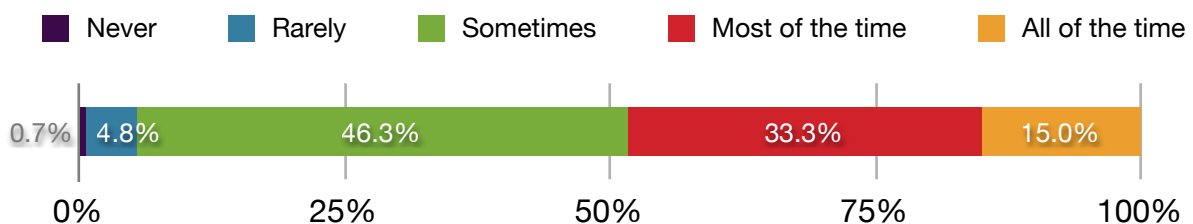
## Question 33: Which of the following causes you the greatest amount of stress?

Responses: 147



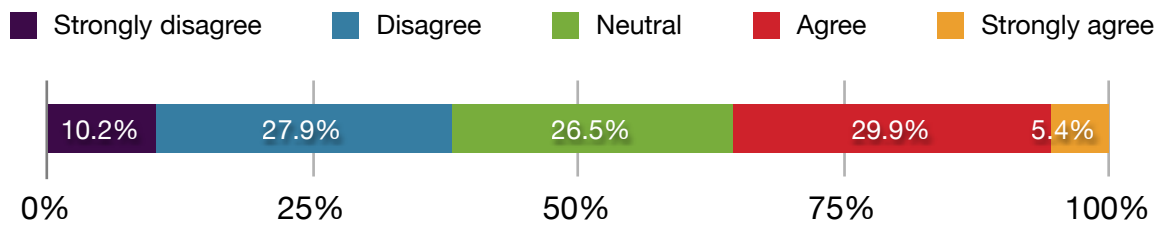
## Question 34: How often do you feel overwhelmed by your workload at law school?

Responses: 147



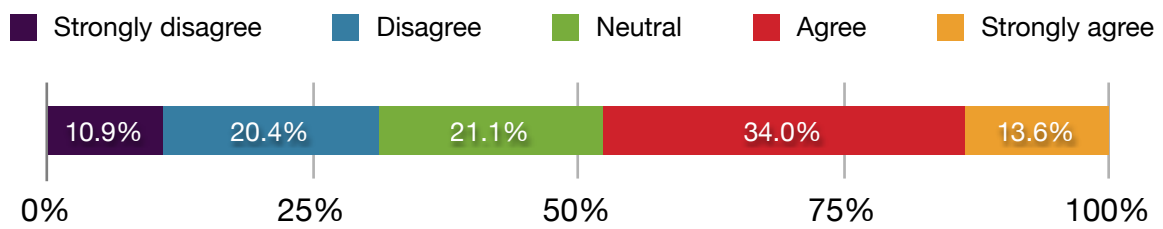
**Question 35: I would feel comfortable seeking support from law school staff if I was anxious, depressed or struggling psychologically.**

Responses: 147



**Question 36: I would feel comfortable seeking support from other law students if I was anxious, depressed or struggling psychologically.**

Responses: 147

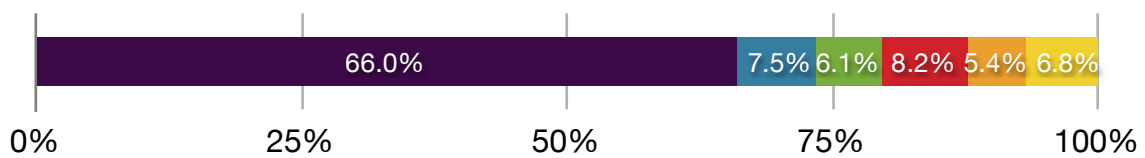


**Question 37: To what extent have you used university provided:**

Responses: 147

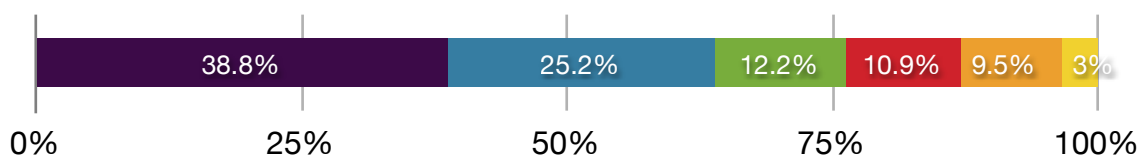
**a) Counselling**

■ Not at all   
 ■ Small extent   
 ■ Moderate extent   
 ■ Large extent   
 ■ Very large extent   
 ■ Not applicable



**b) Peer mentoring**

■ Not at all   
 ■ Small extent   
 ■ Moderate extent   
 ■ Large extent   
 ■ Very large extent   
 ■ Not applicable

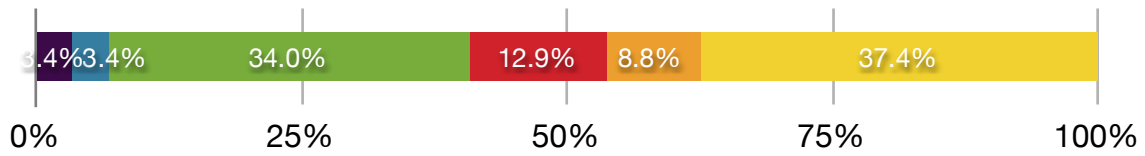


**Question 38: How satisfied are you with the:**

Responses: 147

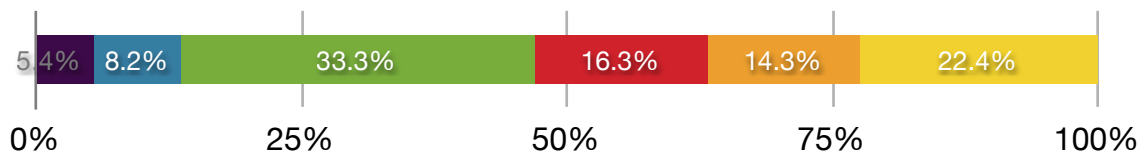
**a) Counselling**

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied Not applicable



**b) Peer mentoring**

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied Not applicable

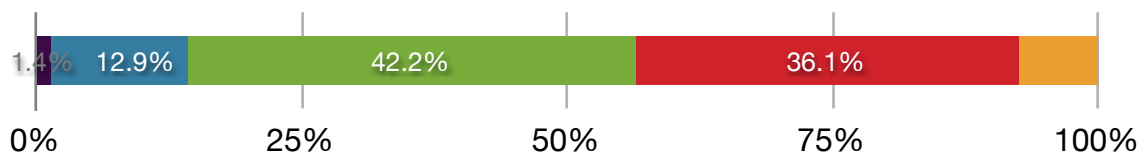


**Satisfaction Rating: Wellbeing**

**Question 39: Overall, how satisfied are you with your law school's support for your wellbeing?**

Responses: 147

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied



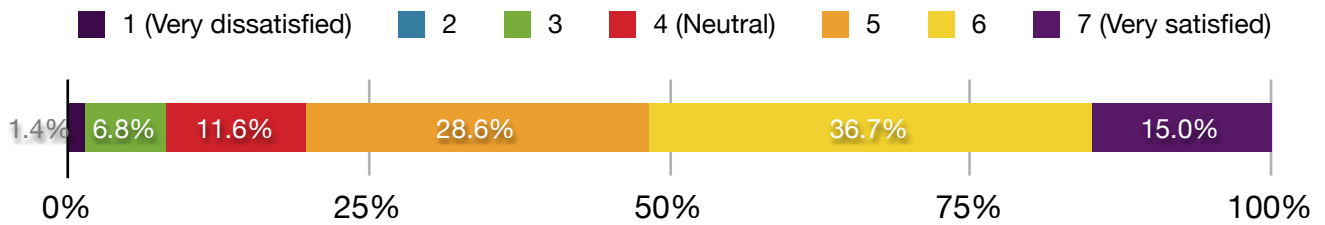
**Responses**

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
2	19	62	53	11

# Part 7: Overall Satisfaction Rating

## Question 40: How satisfied are you with your law school overall?

Responses: 147



Rating	%	Responses
<b>1 (Very dissatisfied)</b>	1.4%	2
<b>2</b>	0%	0
<b>3</b>	6.8%	10
<b>4 (Neutral)</b>	11.6%	17
<b>5</b>	28.6%	42
<b>6</b>	36.7%	54
<b>7 (Very satisfied)</b>	15.0%	22



# Part 8: Open Responses

## Overview

Part 8 of the ALSSS contained two non-compulsory questions giving students the opportunity to state in their own words what they liked best about their law school and what they would most like to see improved.

A selection of the responses received are included below. Email [contact@survivelaw.com](mailto:contact@survivelaw.com) for more information.

### **Question 41: What do you like best about your law school and why?**

- great reputation and elective choices
- Great teachers - truly exceptional practitioners.
- Castan Human Rights Centre, Reputation
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- The focus is on the material and thinking as a lawyer. Despite pressure from students to make it easier, lecturers stick to their guns with what may be harder but far more beneficial

### **Question 42: What about your law school would you most like to see improved and why?**

- Greater dialogue with the firms on clerkships and grad positions given Monash JD is run on a trimester-basis.
- more places to study, recorded lectures.
- More focus on skills that are used in practice - such as legal writing (letters, affidavits etc.) - Greater commitment to recording lectures. For financial reasons I've had to work 24-32 hours per week throughout my entire degree, and lecturers who refuse to record because "being a student is a full-time job" and for "pedagogical reasons" don't understand that financial pressures preclude me from being able to attend uni for all classes. This means I have to choose my subjects based on which ones are recorded and, for the rest, which ones can be fit into one or two days.
- Support for students from lecturers/tutors, an understanding that it is a difficult course and that students do have a variety of commitments.
- Greater access to volunteer and internship opportunities, support for students and clear understandings of career paths and course structures