

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: MYTH-BUSTING

MYTH: If I report sexual assault and/or harassment, I'll lose my visa or my place at university...

This is not true. If you are an international student and you experience sexual assault or harassment, you will not lose your place at the ANU or your student visa if you decide to report your assault to the police or to a support service.

MYTH: I won't be able to afford support...

There is free and accessible support, advice and counselling services available to international students. These services range from free hotlines that provide over-the-phone support (i.e Lifeline, 1800RESPECT and the Canberra Rape Crisis Centre (CRCC) to in-person support such as ANU Counselling, Forensic and Medical Sexual Assault Care (FAMSAC), and the Dean of Students. For more information, please see our website at www.thestopcampaign.org.au/support-services, or contact us to support you to connect with professional services.

MYTH: My friends and family will find out if I report my assault...

If you're over 18, sexual assault support services will not confide your name, details or what happened to you to anyone, unless you give permission or there is an immediate risk of danger to you or another person. This includes your Head of Hall, ANU Counselling, any health services, local services such as FAMSAC and CRCC, and the Dean of Students. **You are in control.**

MYTH: There's no support or information available in my native language...

Support services provided on campus, locally and nationally provide support and reporting services for international students. As an international student, you are entitled to these services, just like a domestic student. If you'd like to talk to someone on campus, ANUSA and PARSA representatives (or other student services like the International Students Department) can provide information about your options and direct you to services that can support you in your own language.

Services that offer translation support include:

- **Translation and Interpreting Service (TIS)** - provides a free interpreting service for those who do not speak English.
- **Respect.gov.au** - provides resources in 19 other languages.
- **Lifeline** - provides support to those with hearing or speech impairments through the National Relay Service.