

Orange Agricultural College and the Faculty of Rural Management

Advice from the University of Sydney Office of General Counsel [Sarah Heesom on instruction from Richard Fisher, General Counsel]:

1.1 Former students of the Orange Agricultural College – are not 'graduates' of the University of Sydney.

In my opinion, former students of the Orange Agricultural College who received an award from the College or from the University of New England are not 'graduates' of the University of Sydney. Although, pursuant to subsection 2(b) of the Act¹ they became 'graduates' for the period during which the College (and subsequently the Faculty) was part of the University, they are no longer persons who have received an award from a former institution (or its predecessor) that has 'become a part of the University'. In my view, taking into account that it is drafted in the present tense, subsection 2(b) of the Act is intended to capture only those persons who received an award from a former institution (or its predecessor) that remains a part of the University.

1.2 Former students of the Orange Agricultural College and the Faculty of Rural Management - are 'graduates' of the University of Sydney

Former students of the Orange Agricultural College and the Faculty of Rural Management who received an award from the University of Sydney are 'graduates' pursuant to subsection 2(a) of the Act.

1.3 Students enrolled at the time of the transfer who subsequently successfully completed an approved Faculty of Rural Management course of study at the Orange campus - are 'graduates' of the University of Sydney

Students enrolled at the time of the transfer who subsequently successfully completed an approved Faculty of Rural Management course of study at the Orange campus were entitled to the appropriate award conferred in the name of the University of Sydney. Accordingly, any such students are 'graduates' of the University of Sydney pursuant to subsection 2(a) of the *University of Sydney Act*.

Lis Bergmann, Sept 2009

¹ *University of Sydney Act* 1989 (as amended)