

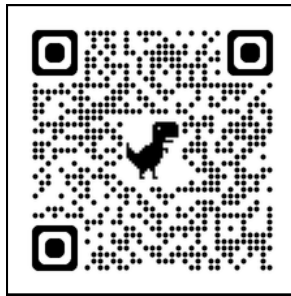
AlinHE.org Project 2026 Emerging Insights

10,000+ students' perspectives of AI and university experience.

AlinHE.org is a research collaboration between Monash University, Deakin University, The University of Queensland, and the University of Technology Sydney. Established in 2024, the project examines how students are using generative AI, how they understand its role in their learning, and what this means for higher education policy and practice.

The purpose of this work is to ensure that student voices are central to institutional responses to AI. The findings provide timely evidence to support university leaders as they consider how AI is reshaping learning, teaching, assessment, support, and the student experience.

This data snapshot draws on the 2026 survey. The 121 survey items explore students' experiences and perspectives on AI in higher education, including patterns of use, motivations, assessment practices, academic integrity, learning, AI fluency, and perceived impacts. The survey is ongoing at the time of this report and as a consequence, insights reported here may vary from final published results.



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2026 snapshot
10,237
student responses

73%
Undergraduate

75%
Age 18 to 24

58%
Women

29%
Language other than English at home

19%
First in family

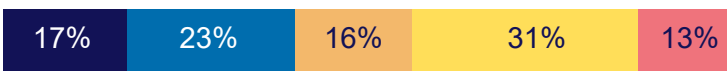
24%
Disability, health condition, or neurodivergent

Frequency of AI use for Study

2026 (N = 10237)

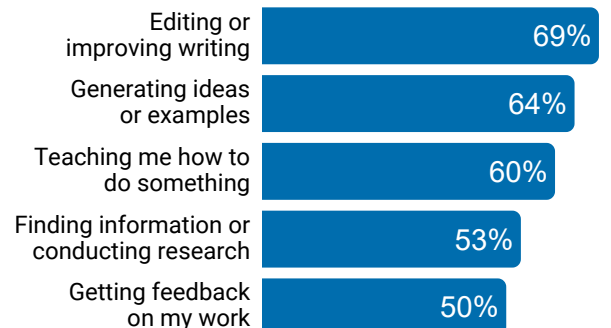


2024 (N = 8458)



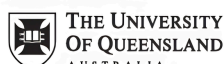
● Never used ● Less often ● Monthly ● Weekly ● Daily

Most common uses of AI

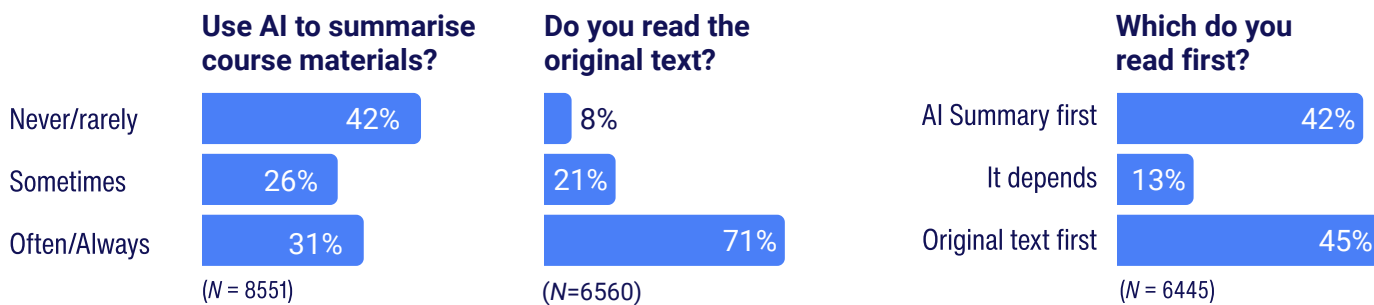


(N = 8570)

Collaborators

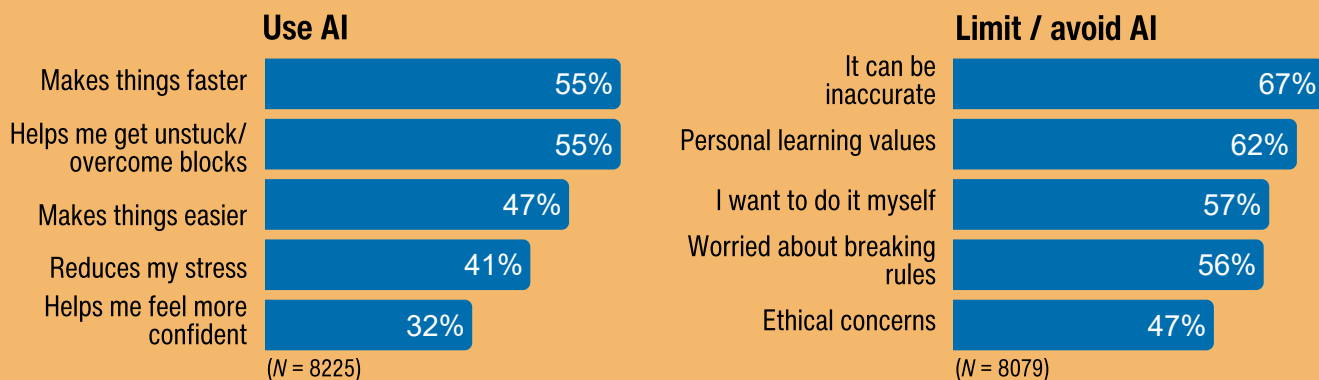


Glimpse into one use of AI: summarising course content



Of those students who use AI for their studies

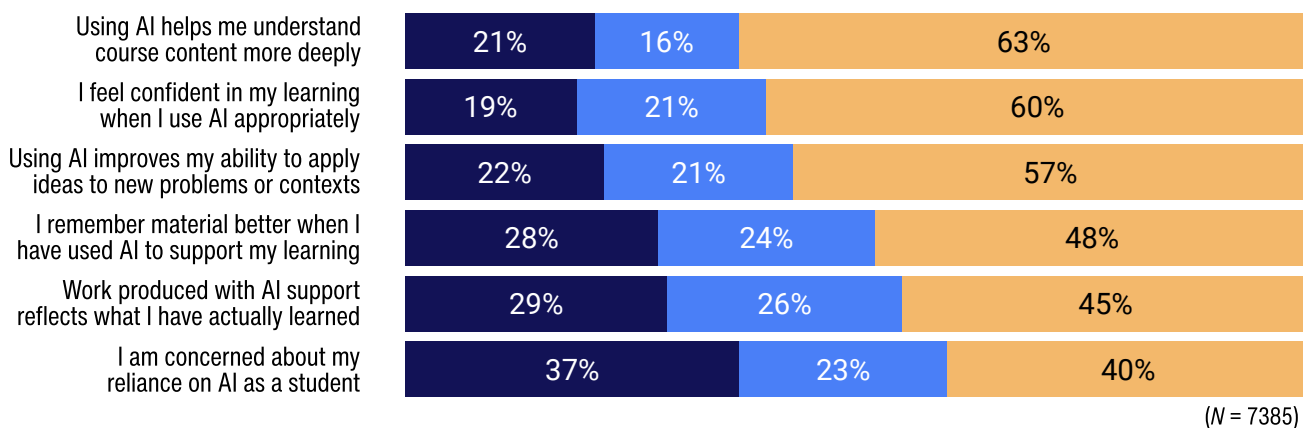
5 strongest reasons why students...



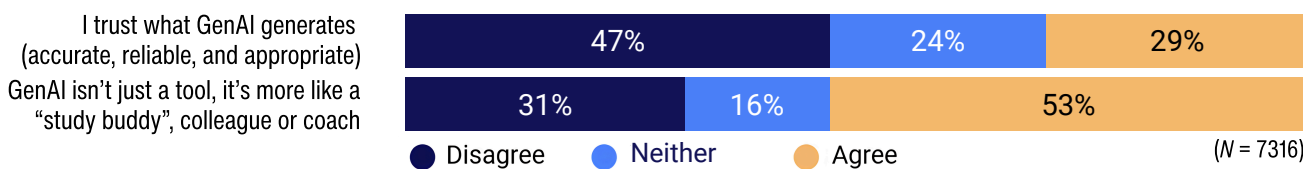
(Percentages show students selecting “a lot” or “a great deal” on a 5-point unipolar scale.)

Of those students who use AI for their studies

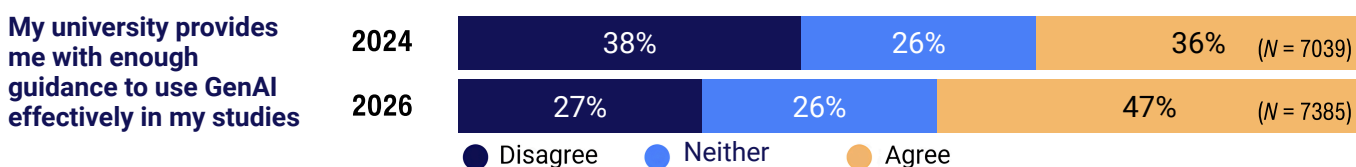
Students perceptions of AI and learning



Trust and relationship with AI



Of those students who use AI for their studies



Notes: Response numbers vary across items because not all students answered every question. The survey is ongoing at the time of this report, insights reported here may vary from final published results. AI was used to increase the resolution of some graphics.