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Alarmed by statistics showing that one in five university students quit or change their course in their first year due to dissatisfaction, Rowan Kunz launched Uni Australia, a project developed to help high school students make a more informed decision about tertiary education options.

Uni Australia has reached out to tens of thousands of students at all universities across Australia since the project launched in July 2010. The aim: to ask university students to share their experiences about their course and broader tertiary experience, and to provide a resource for high school students to discover what university is really like from a student's perspective.

Drawing on his own experience of entering a course that did not equate to his expectations, Rowan felt compelled to try to help students make an informed choice about their future.

Rowan's website, [www.uniaustralia.com.au](http://www.uniaustralia.com.au), is the driving platform on which Uni Australia can reach out and educate young Australians. The site includes over 36,000 reviews, ratings and rankings for all 40 Australian universities and provides a comparison tool that allows students to discover how universities stack up across 12 diverse categories, including academics, facilities, and social and night life. More than 110,000 national and international students have used the website to make more educated decisions about university in Australia to date.

Rowan is looking forward to improving his leadership skills and building strong partnerships with universities and other stakeholders during his time in the Foundation for Young Australians' Young Social Pioneers (YSP) program, which offers twelve months of skills development, mentoring, intensive training and access to a global network of social innovators.

Rowan hopes his place in the program will help him develop his skill set through mentoring and training, along with guidance to create a long-term vision for Uni Australia.

"Uni Australia is already helping over 110,000 students, and I'm excited to start expanding what we do and who we can reach through participating in Young Social Pioneers," Rowan says.

