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Students trade Sydney, Melbourne for NT

Sydney Morning Herald
January 20 2009

International university students are leaving Sydney and Melbourne in search of better lifestyles and work options in the north of Australia.

While universities nationwide are recording a drop in foreign enrolment, Charles Darwin University (CDU) appears to be bucking the national trend, according to its manager of international marketing Fiona Richards.

Full article:

<http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-national/students-trade-sydney-melbourne-for-nt-20090120-7174.html>

Businesses slash funds for ANU's O-Week

The Canberra Times
January 21 2009

The Australian National University Students' Association says the global financial meltdown is stopping Canberra business from supporting Orientation Week.

Association president Sham Sara said he was alarmed at the 50 per cent drop in the number of businesses sponsoring the event as well as the amount of funding they were able to contribute. The association raised just \$10,000, compared with \$60,000 last year.

Full article:

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/businesses-slash-funds-for-anus-oweeek/1412202.aspx>

Tougher times push up demand for university places

The Australian
January 21 2009

At least 29,300 applicants - the equivalent of a medium-sized campus - appear to have missed out on university places this year, according to early admission figures.

The release of first-round offers for 2009 has raised doubts about the university system's capacity to absorb a sharp rise in demand, prompted in part by the recession.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,24940068-12332,00.html>

When students miss out, Australia will pay the price

The Age
January 21 2009

HOW much does Australia value education? The short answer is less than almost any comparable nation. The annual high-stakes jostle for university places offers a stark reminder of how chronic underfunding by federal and state governments has crippled the liberating power of education and turned schools and universities into perpetuators of social and economic inequality.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/opinion/editorial/when-students-miss-out-australia-will-pay-the-price-20090120-7llg.html?page=-1>

Boom in Canberra's overseas enrolments

The Canberra Times
January 20 2009

International student enrolments in the ACT have shot up this year, as the global economic crisis makes Canberra a more financially competitive city to obtain a degree.

The University of Canberra has accepted 66 per cent more international students so far this year than it had at the same time last year, and vice-chancellor Professor Stephen Parker says the figures strengthen international education's place as the ACT's second-top export after government services.

Full article:

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/boom-in-canberras-overseas-enrolments/1411133.aspx?storypage=0>

South Australia's economy will grow despite Australia's slowdown: report

Australian Visa Bureau
January 19 2009

According to a report released by Access Economics, South Australia will continue to grow despite the rest of the country showing signs of recession, reports Adelaide Now.

The report predicts South Australia's economy would continue to grow by 2.3 per cent this financial year, by 2.9 in the 2009-10 financial year and by 3.8 per cent the year after.

Full article:

<http://www.visabureau.com/australia/news/19-01-2009/south-australia-predicted-economy-to-grow-despite-australias-downturn.aspx>

Record overseas student enrolment tipped

Adelaide Now
January 20 2009

SOUTH Australia is expected to host a record 30,000-plus international students by the end of the year, defying forecasts of falling numbers interstate.

While foreign students are reportedly pulling out of institutions interstate, the number enrolling in SA is outstripping the national rate.

Full article:

<http://www.news.com.au/adelaidenow/story/0,22606,24935899-2682,00.html>

Overseas tech student numbers up

The Australian
January 20 2009

THE number of foreign students seeking to study in Australia is shrinking as the realities of the economic downturn hit, but international demand for IT-related degrees continues to grow.

Training overseas students is Australia's third-biggest export business, raking in \$14.2 billion a year, but the lucrative trade could be facing a downturn as prospective students struggle to finance overseas education.

Full article:
<http://www.australianit.news.com.au/story/0,24897,24934483-15306,00.html>

Overseas students pull out

January 19 2009
The Australian

FOREIGN students have begun to pull out of Australia, in what could be the first sign of a softening in the \$14.2 billion-a-year overseas student industry.

Universities and other educators contacted by The Australian reported an increase in deferrals while forecasting a decline in lucrative international enrolments as prospective students struggle to finance overseas education.

Full article:
<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,24929813-601,00.html>

Universities pitch for an extra \$2.2bn in funding

The Australian
January 15 2009

UNIVERSITIES are urging Canberra to boost budget funding to the sector by about 20 per cent in a pre-budget proposal that would deliver an extra \$2.2billion.

While the May budget is set to be under pressure from falling tax revenue in the wake of the global financial crisis, universities are urging the Government to boost funding as a way of pump-priming the economy.

Full article:
<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,24914409-5013871,00.html>

ANU chief urges Rudd to pay for uni reforms

The Canberra Times
January 09 2009

The Rudd Government should commit to the findings of its review into higher education, even if it cannot immediately pay the almost \$6 billion price tag, Australian National University's vice-chancellor says.

But Professor Ian Chubb, who was in Britain when the Government received the Bradley review last month, said yesterday he had serious concerns about its proposal to move to student-centred or voucher-based funding.

Full article:

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/anu-chief-urges-rudd-to-pay-for-uniform-reforms/1403058.aspx?storypage=0>

Chinese-speaking Australian PM sparks Asian studies boom

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AFP

Australia's Mandarin-speaking leader Kevin Rudd has helped spark an increase in the study of Asian languages, with record numbers of students signing up for Chinese, a major university said Friday. "There has been a significant increase in students wanting to study Mandarin, probably reflecting that we have a prime minister that speaks Chinese," said Australian National University's Kent Anderson.

Full article:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iAren-QLnBtExB5RqhSsEjZorWFQ>

Unis specialise degrees to fill skills void

The Canberra Times
January 08 2009

Canberra's two main universities have unveiled new degrees to cater for increasing student demand for specialised courses.

The Australian National University and the University of Canberra say the courses also fill areas of skills shortage in the ACT and Australia.

Full article:

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/unis-specialise-degrees-to-fill-skills-void/1402155.aspx?storypage=0>

Price cap fits for now, says Denise Bradley

The Australian
January 07 2009

DENISE Bradley has rebuffed criticism over the decision by her higher education review to retain price caps, saying consideration of fee deregulation should be held over for second stage reforms.

"It is a question for the future, not for now," Professor Bradley told the HES, reiterating the review's concern the availability of income-contingent loans could encourage excessive fee increases.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,24897,24881151-12332,00.html>

The future is another country

The Economist
December 30 2008

A world of colleges without borders should benefit everyone, including students who stay at home

JUST a few decades ago, students at universities outside their home countries formed a tiny elite. Some gained scholarships with famous names like Rhodes or Fulbright; others were sent by governments, grooming them for top jobs in academia or public service. A few were born to cosmopolitan parents who searched for the best schooling money could buy.

Full article:

http://www.economist.com/world/international/displaystory.cfm?story_id=12863408