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Online networking has fresh face

Australian Financial Review

June 29 2009

<http://www.afr.com/home/viewer.aspx?EDP://20090629000031294236§ion=education&title=Online+networking+has+fresh+face>

Students Voice Opinions Over Best Universities

PR Web - UK

June 29 2009

The university comparison website Whatuni.com has released results for the Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2009 (see file attached). Based on the opinions expressed by over 7,000 current student reviews and divided across ten categories from best for accommodation to best for courses and lecturers, these awards represent the views of today's 'consumer students'.

Full article:

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<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2009/06/prweb2582654.htm>

Indian Court Asks Government to Protect Students Overseas

Bloomberg
June 29 2009

India's Supreme Court asked the government to take steps to ensure the safety and freedom of its students in Australia and other countries.

Full article:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601081&sid=adGBBaHi3Rtk>

Fraud More Reason For Voluntary Student Association Membership

Press Release: ACT New Zealand
June 29 2009

ACT New Zealand Deputy Leader Heather Roy today reiterated her call for student association membership to be made voluntary, following an article in the 'Press' newspaper that a woman has been jailed for 22 months after defrauding the Christchurch Polytechnic Students' Association (CPSA) of \$175,000 - \$125,000 of which was unrecoverable.

Full article:

<http://www.act.org.nz/news/fraud-more-reason-for-voluntary-student-association-membership>

Crisis call for campus security

The Australian
June 24 2009

A US-style mandatory campus crime reporting regime is needed to overcome a deep-seated avoidance of debate about student safety, an expert has warned.

As universities and private colleges sought to deflect responsibility for the crisis, Monash University's Chris Nyland called on the Senate inquiry into the treatment of overseas students to consider whether the US Clery Act should be introduced in Australia.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25679330-12332,00.html>

Student systems upgraded

The Australian
June 23 2009

CURTIN University of Technology, Flinders University and Bond University have introduced a new student management system to help staff cope with mid-year enrolments.

Full article:

<http://www.australianit.news.com.au/story/0,24897,25672481-24169,00.html>

New Zealand: Tertiary study more affordable

University World News
June 21 2009

Years of restrictions on fee rises mean New Zealand's tertiary education system is now more affordable for students than it was at the start of the decade, a new study shows.

Full article:

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090618195635703>

Uni-research institute merger abandoned (NZ)

University World News
21 June 2009

Cost, risk and the economic recession have combined to sink a proposed merger between a university and a government-owned research institute. New Zealand's smallest university - land-based industry specialist Lincoln University - announced earlier this year it would seek to merge with AgResearch, a Crown research institute specialising in agricultural research.

Full article:

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090618194833585>

Maori must reach standards for open access

Stuff.co.nz
June 18 2009

Maori Affairs and Associate Education Minister Pita Sharples says he wants Maori to have free access to universities but only if they pass a course showing they have reached required standards.

Full article:

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/2510506/Call-to-open-university-access-for-Maori>

Appointment of new CEO of Skills Australia

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
June 17 2009

The Minister for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Julia Gillard is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Robin Shreeve as the new Chief Executive Officer of Skills Australia.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090617_134743.aspx

Student residency regulated

The Australian
June 17 2009

OVERSEAS students face unprecedented levels of regulation aimed at cracking down on the rampant permanent residency market, according to peak university, government and academic authorities.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,24897,25646327-12332,00.html>

OECD Teaching and Learning International Survey

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
June 16 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today welcomed the release of the 2008 OECD Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS) report.

TALIS was conducted in 23 countries and provides the first internationally comparable data on conditions affecting teachers in schools.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090616_190327.aspx

Overseas visitors staying longer in SA, worth \$600m

Adelaide Now
June 14 2009

OVERSEAS visitors are staying longer and spending more per visit, helping push their annual spending in South Australia close to \$600 million.

Full article:

<http://www.news.com.au/adelaidenow/story/0,22606,25636719-2682,00.html>

Concern over axing of scholarships

Otago Daily Times
June 15 2009

Tertiary student leaders and the New Zealand Vice-chancellors Committee are concerned about the recent axing of three Government-funded tertiary student scholarships, in order to "save" \$98 million. Committee officials stated recently that students had been "denied study opportunities" and that scholarships had taken a "massive hit" through the cutting of the Step Up, Bonded Merit and Top Achiever doctoral schemes.

Full article:

<http://www.odt.co.nz/on-campus/university-otago/61104/concern-over-axing-scholarships>

Crackdown on education providers in wake of student attacks

The Australian
June 12 2009

PROTESTS in the wake of attacks on international students have forced a national quality crackdown on education and training providers to shore up the reputation of Australia's \$15.5 billion education export industry.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25625761-12332,00.html>

International Student Safety and Welfare

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
June 12 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today welcomed the collaborative approach agreed by education and training Ministers to improve the international student experience in Australia and announced a number of initiatives to promote and protect their welfare.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090612_124412.aspx

Student entrepreneurs band together

ScienceBusiness.net (UK)
June 11 2009

A new national organisation has sprung up to represent university enterprise societies and spread the entrepreneurial spirit to campuses across the UK.

The formation of the National Consortium of University Entrepreneurs (NACUE) has happened at a speed appropriate to the Digital Age, taking only seven months from idea to launch.

Full article:

<http://bulletin.sciencebusiness.net/ebulletins/showissue.php3?page=/548/art/14049&ch=1>

Six urban polytechnics leave ITPNZ

TEU, New Zealand
June 11 2009

Unitec, MIT, Wintec, WelTec, CPIT and Otago Polytechnic have decided to cancel their memberships of Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics of New Zealand (ITPNZ), according to an announcement by the peak body earlier this week. If effected, the withdrawals will take place ending in December, after a six month notice period.

Full article:
<http://www.teu.ac.nz/?p=2792>

International students: Unrest, travel concession proposal

ABC Sydney
June 11 2009

Unrest has continued for the third night in a row in Sydney's west involving Indian students angry about violent attacks.

Full article:
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/06/11/2594928.htm?site=sydney>

Call for student tax - not fees

BBC News
June 10 2009

Students are calling for the abolition of tuition fees and their replacement with a graduate tax.

The National Union of Students (NUS) has traditionally opposed paying for university in any way.

At the moment, students in England and Northern Ireland are liable for charges of up to £3,225 a year and universities are lobbying for an increase.

Full article:
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/education/8092977.stm

Australia being left behind on Asian languages

ABC Radio Australia
June 11 2009

A leading expert on international relations says Australia risks being left behind, unless it acts on improving the bilingual skills of its young.

Professor Michael Wesley of the Asia Institute at Griffith University says Australians risk being stuck in dated jobs and industries of the 20th century, unless it embarks on a multi-billion dollar Asian language literacy plan, within a generation.

Full article:
<http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/connectasia/stories/200906/s2595231.htm>

Moves to safeguard Indian students

June 10 2009
The Australian

UNIVERSITIES Australia last night put its faith in "strong law enforcement" as part of a 10-point action plan on student safety, while vigilante-like groups of Indian students have formed in Melbourne and Sydney in response to fresh attacks on their compatriots.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25612283-12332,00.html>

Universities Australia Action Plan for Student Safety

Media Release
June 09 2009

Universities Australia has adopted a ten point action plan for student safety from recommendations developed by the Deputy and Pro Vice-Chancellors (International) from Australian universities, as part of a meeting convened by Universities Australia in Canberra on June 4 and 5. The plan emphasises strong law enforcement plus necessary complementary actions.

Full article:

http://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au/content.asp?page=/news/media_releases/2009/uniaus_media_09_09.htm

Indian Students Targeted in Melbourne Attacks

Bloomberg
June 09 2009

Jaya Sankar, 22, an Indian student studying in Melbourne, watched as his friend was stabbed in the head with a screwdriver, putting him in a coma. Now, Sankar's parents want him to quit his studies and return home.

Full article:

http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601081&sid=aPsONvqy_SAs&refer=australia

Australia takes lead on bringing students into the 21st Century

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
June 08 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today announced that Australia will become a founding member for a new international multi-sector research project, the Assessment and Teaching of 21st Century Skills (ATC21S) project.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090609_101421.aspx

Campus revolution aims at producing all-rounders

The Australian
June 05 2009

THE elegant three-storey 1920s building in Melbourne's St Kilda Road is an unlikely place for a revolution. But inside the dean's office at the Victorian College of the Arts and Music, Sharman Pretty is preparing to unveil courageous plans for her institution's future.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25587530-16947,00.html>

Young lawyers, students slam overseas tax change

The Australian
June 05 2009

YOUNG lawyers and law students have hit out at a tax crackdown on overseas workers, saying the changes could close opportunities for them to gain foreign experience.

Major firms conceded privately this week that the changes, introduced in the budget and set to raise \$675 million over four years, would make them think twice before sending lawyers overseas to gain a taste of overseas offices or to work on short-term projects.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/business/story/0,28124,25588130-36418,00.html>

Investing in TAFE to support jobs today and jobs tomorrow

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
June 04 2009

Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today announced that the Rudd Government will invest \$200 million in the delivery of Better TAFE Facilities to support the jobs of today and the jobs of tomorrow.

60 TAFE institutes across Australia will receive grants of between \$2 million and \$8 million to upgrade and improve education and training infrastructure and support local jobs.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090604_113109.aspx

University of Auckland quits U21 Global

TEU (NZ)
June 04 2009

Auckland University has withdrawn from Universitas 21 Global - and presumably failed to recover its initial investment.

Full article:

<http://www.teu.ac.nz/?p=2690>

Universities Press For Investment Despite Budget Concern

NZVCC
May 28 2009

Universities, as major contributors to economic recovery and growth, will continue to argue their case for increased public investment despite worrying signs for university funding in the Budget.

Full article:

<http://www.nzvcc.ac.nz/node/409>

50-60% of students may opt for UK, Canadian varsities

The Business Standard
June 04 2009

Australia's "curry bashing" appears to have affected the education business. Educational counsellors, travel agents and industry observers say 50 to 60 per cent of students who had planned to apply for admissions this November to study in Australia are considering or are being guided to alternate destinations like the UK.

Full article:

<http://www.business-standard.com/india/news/50-60students-may-opt-for-uk-canadian-varsities/360054/>

Experts warn students' attacks may hit education market

The Hindu News Update Service
June 03 2009

Melbourne (PTI) Warning that the recent surge in attacks on Indian students in Australia could severely hit the USD 15 billion overseas student market, educationists here have said that urgent steps should be taken to address the issue and re-assure foreign students.

Full article:
<http://www.hindu.com/thehindu/holnus/000200906031609.htm>

China fear over safety of students

The Age
June 04 2009

THE future of the \$15.5 billion overseas student industry is under threat after the Chinese Government went public with concerns about violence against its students in Australia.

Battling to contain the damage arising from attacks on Indian students, university vice-chancellors fear Australia's third-largest export industry may face sanctions from the Chinese and Indian governments.

Full article:
<http://www.theage.com.au/national/china-fear-over-safety-of-students-20090603-bvpe.html>

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority

Joint Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP / Ministerial Council on Education, Employment Training and Youth Affairs
June 03 2009

Australian Education Ministers have today announced the membership of the new Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

Full article:
http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090603_143742.aspx

Info Tech Enrolment Booming At Universities In Australia

InformationWeek.com
June 01 2009

Several universities in Australia are reporting sharply higher demand for IT degrees just several years after the dot-com crash threatened to put the kibosh on info tech as a viable career. And it's particularly good to see these schools offering interdisciplinary programs that blend intense IT education with parallel immersion in commerce, science, medical, and legal curricula.

Full article:
http://www.informationweek.com/blog/main/archives/2009/06/info_tech_enrol.html;jsessionid=FRUTK CQLN3QG0QSNL0SKH0CJUNN2JVN

'Race' attacks spark Indian rally

BBC
May 31 2009

At least 2,000 Indian students and supporters have rallied in Australia to protest against violent attacks which they say are racially motivated.

In one of the recent attacks in Melbourne, a student was critically injured by a screwdriver.

Full article:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/8075855.stm>

New quality and standards watchdog

University World News

May 31 2009

As part of its 2009 budget statements, the Australian government announced its intention to create a Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency. This was the result of a recommendation from a review of higher education to create a single national regulatory body.

Full article:

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090528173222108>