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University of Canterbury Announces Proposed Structural Changes

Voxy - New Zealand
August 31 2009

Today the University of Canterbury informed staff of proposed changes to the structure of its Senior Management Team, the group of executives which reports directly to the Vice-Chancellor.

It also announced a consultation period regarding proposed changes to the responsibilities of non-academic service units that support the University's core mission of teaching and research.

Full article:

<http://www.voxy.co.nz/national/uc-announces-proposed-structural-changes/5/22615>

University Snow Games delayed

The Otago Daily Times
August 31 2009

Bad weather yesterday closed Wanaka skifields and forced the postponement of the first day of events at the New Zealand University Snow Games.

Full article:

<http://www.odt.co.nz/your-town/wanaka/71906/university-snow-games-delayed>

Uni lecturers prepare to stop work in four states

The Brisbane Times
August 31 2009

UNIVERSITY lecturers across four states will meet this week to approve a national strike on September 16, after ballots of staff showed wide support for industrial action including marking bans that could disrupt exams.

Full article:

<http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/uni-lecturers-prepare-to-stop-work-in-four-states-20090830-f3zl.html>

International students 'need protection'

The Sydney Morning Herald
August 27 2009

A coalition of peak educators has called on the federal government to roll out a new safety campaign designed to protect vulnerable international students.

Full article:

<http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-national/international-students-need-protection-20090827-f0x9.html>

Curb vocational education rorts, says Denise Bradley

The Australian
August 27 2009

REGULATION of the state-based training sector is stuck in the 19th century and has failed to stop rorts and student exploitation by some private colleges, the head of the federal review into higher education has warned.

Denise Bradley said state-based regulators were too under-resourced and understaffed to handle the private providers, many of which were focused on making money out of students rather than educating them.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25987315-5013871,00.html>

ISSUES: Rollout of Digital Education Revolution in NSW schools; Youth Allowance; Award Modernisation

Press Conference Transcript: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
August 26 2009

JULIA GILLARD: Well can I say it's a great pleasure to be here today at Fairvale High School with my NSW colleague, Verity Firth and with our local Federal Member, Chris Bowen. We're here today to see the computer technology that students in New South Wales schools will be having rolled out through our Computers in Schools program.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article_090827_090256.aspx

Changes to Youth Allowance to assist gap year students

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
August 26 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today announced that following discussions at the Student Roundtable in Canberra, students who have taken a gap year and must move to attend university will be entitled claim independent status for Youth Allowance under the existing system until 30 June 2010.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/ministers/gillard/media/releases/pages/article_090826_083254.aspx

Issues: Youth Allowance

Interview Transcript: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
August 26 2009

KATE O'TOOLE: I'm well. Now is this change that was announced last night, this six month delay, an admission that you actually made a mistake with the start date initially?

JULIA GILLARD: What the Government's trying to do here and I think from my discussions with students, even as recently as the start of this week, people understand the direction of our reforms. Everybody knows an example of someone who lives in quite a wealthy family, lives at home but qualified for Youth Allowance. You know, families that earn \$200,000, \$300,000, and I think people understand that we can do better than that and we can have a fairer system than that. And so that's what the Government's been trying to achieve.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article_090827_093629.aspx

Gap-year students win delay on income support changes

The Sydney Morning Herald
August 26 2009

EDUCATION Minister Julia Gillard has bowed to pressure from country students and delayed a controversial element of Labors overhaul of the youth allowance, so that students who made plans based on the current rules will not be disadvantaged by the proposed changes.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/gapyear-students-win-delay-on-income-support-changes-20090826-eyca.html>

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Student leaders gather at Lincoln University

Press Release: New Zealand Union of Students' Associations
August 25 2009

Student representatives from Universities, Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics around the country are gathering in Christchurch this week for the New Zealand Union of Students' Associations (NZUSA) third national conference of the year, to be held on the 27-30 August at Lincoln University.

Full article:

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO0908/S00325.htm>

VSM Bill Will Set Students Free

ACT - New Zealand
August 20 2009

The drawing of my Education (Freedom of Association) Members Bill is the first step in liberating students from the flawed and out-dated law that forces them to join their local student association and steals their right to make their own decisions, ACT New Zealand MP Sir Roger Douglas said today.

Full article:
<http://www.act.org.nz/news/vsm-bill-will-set-students-free>

Voluntary Student Membership Bill Pulled From The Ballot

ACT - New Zealand
August 22 2009

This week a milestone was achieved in the battle to liberate students from Compulsory Student Membership (CSM) when - having languished there for three long years - ACT's Education (Freedom of Association) Members Bill was drawn from the Ballot.

Full article:
<http://www.act.org.nz/news>

The Nationals 'flip-flop' on VSU bill

August 23 2009
Australian Associated Press

I welcome the National party's public commitment to restoring student services on campus - even if this back flip comes a few days too late

Full article:
<http://livenews.com.au/news/the-nationals-flipflop-on-vs-u-bill/2009/8/23/217081>

Gillard to meet financially strapped students

The Australian
August 24 2009

JESS O'Callaghan, 18, is working four jobs but still does not qualify as financially independent under federal budget changes that have turned her university plans upside down.

Full article:
<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25971538-12332,00.html>

Minister listens to gap year student concerns

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
August 24 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today met with students from around Australia to discuss the Government's proposed changes to Youth Allowance.

Students, including many accompanied by their local MPs, attended from around Australia from the electorates of the Member for Eden Monaro Mike Kelly, Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom, Member for Corangamite Darren Cheeseman, Member for Ballarat Catherine King, Member for Bass Jodie Campbell, Member for Solomon Damian Hale, Member for Capricornia Kirsten Livermore and Member for Lyne Rob Oakeshott.

Full article:
http://www.deewr.gov.au/ministers/gillard/media/releases/pages/article_090824_162452.aspx

Minister listens while Pyne whines

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
August 24 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today called on the Shadow Education Minister Christopher Pyne to put aside politics to better represent his constituents who are planning to go to university.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/ministers/gillard/media/releases/pages/article_090824_135428.aspx

Canterbury students celebrate chance for choice

Press Release: Canterbury University Young Nationals
August 24 2009

Canterbury University Young Nationals' Chair Kristin White is welcoming the Education (Freedom of Association) Amendment Bill, which has been drawn from the Parliamentary Member's Bill Ballot.

Full article:

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/ED0908/S00076.htm>

Minister welcomes National Party's political flip-flop

Media Release: The Hon Kate Ellis MP
August 23 2009

At their national conference yesterday the National Party voted to support a compulsory services and amenities fee being levied on university students.

"I welcome the National Party's public commitment to restoring student services on campus - even if this back flip comes a few days too late," Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth Kate Ellis said.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Ellis/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090824_095848.aspx

Action Plan for Batchelor Institute to secure future

Media release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
August 21 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today announced that the Australian and Northern Territory Governments have taken steps to secure the future of the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education in the Northern Territory.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090821_161229.aspx

University life is not all just heads in books

The Age
August 21 2009

The student services bill's defeat hurts those it would have most helped.

THE defeat of the Student Services and Amenities Bill in the Senate this week is hugely disappointing because it denies affordable assistance to the very students whom the bill's opponents say they are protecting.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/opinion/university-life-is-not-all-just-heads-in-books-20090820-es0p.html?page=-1>

Funds-starved University of Ballarat services to suffer

The Brisbane Courier
August 20 2009

THE University of Ballarat has warned that its student services will continue to suffer after the Senate rejected the Federal Government's bid for a \$250 services and amenities fee for university students. Worth \$170 million, the proposed bill would have pumped funds back into student welfare and services stripped of funding after the introduction of the Howard Government's Voluntary Student Unionism legislation.

Full article:

<http://www.thecourier.com.au/news/local/news/general/fundsstarved-university-of-ballarat-services-to-suffer/1602116.aspx>

Minister to meet with students on Youth Allowance

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
August 20 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, has today announced that she will meet with students from around Australia to discuss the proposed changes to Youth Allowance at Parliament House on Monday.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090821_073514.aspx

National Party abandons regional students

Media Release: The Hon Kate Ellis MP
August 20 2009

The National Party has been caught out blatantly making things up in a desperate attempt to justify their sell out of regional students in the Senate this week.

National Party Senators failed to support the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities and Other Measures) Bill 2009 which aimed to rebuild important student services and amenities on regional campuses.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Ellis/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090821_074007.aspx

Brewer to lead gap year study

Taranaki Daily News - New Zealand
August 20 2009

Kiwi school leavers could soon be signing up for a gap year with a twist.

Lazy days on far-flung beaches could be traded for time in the military or planting trees if a voluntary national service (VNS) scheme is developed.

Full article:

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/taranaki-daily-news/news/2769698/Brewer-to-lead-gap-year-study>

Overseas students to rally for better deal

The Sydney Morning Herald
August 20 2009

THOUSANDS of overseas students will march in Sydney to intensify international pressure on the Federal and State governments over violence and unscrupulous operators in the higher education sector.

The students, with university representatives and Indian and Chinese community members, want the street march next month to build on overseas media coverage of their grievances, concerning safety, accommodation, visas, transport concessions and shonky institutions.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/overseas-students-to-rally-for-better-deal-20090819-eqlc.html>

Coalition fails Australian students

Media Release: The Hon Kate Ellis MP
August 18 2009

Australian students will pay the price of the Liberal and National Parties' decision to vote down the Government's Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities and Other Measures) Bill 2009 today.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/ministers/ellis/media/releases/pages/article_090818_145313.aspx

Senate blow to services

The Australian
August 19 2009

NATIONALS Senate leader Barnaby Joyce has been accused of selling out regional students after the Coalition yesterday voted against a bill that would have forced university students to pay \$250 a year to help fund campus services.

The defeat of the legislation, worth more than \$170 million a year, would have helped to pay for sport, health, counselling, child care and other services hit by the Howard government's introduction of voluntary student unionism.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25948775-12149,00.html>

Monash moves to 'cluster' faculties

The Australian
August 19 2009

MONASH University's new vice-chancellor Ed Byrne is to cut administration costs with anew "cluster" model for faculties and introduce tighter academic performance measures to drive efficiency and quality improvements.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25948080-12332,00.html>

Curtin University wants Medical School at Bentley campus

PerthNow
August 19 2009

CURTIN University of Technology has announced a proposal to establish a medical school to help address local and international health and workforce needs.

According to a 2006 World Health Organisation report, there is a global shortage of 4.3 million health care professionals. A 70 per cent increase in healthcare professionals is required to rectify this shortage.

Full article:

<http://www.news.com.au/perthnow/story/0,27574,25951369-2761,00.html>

Policy on unfunded students crystal clear

Electronic bulletin: New Zealand Vice Chancellor's Committee
August 18 2009

With many media outlets now running stories on university enrolment pressures, a recent media release by Tertiary Education Minister Anne Tolley succinctly states the Government's position: "Under the capped funding system introduced in 2008, any funding response to enrolment pressure is managed through each Budget process. The current policy limits unfunded students to 3% of an institution's total funding, to manage student loans and allowances costs."

Full article:

<http://www.nzvcc.ac.nz/node/429>

Unis and students decry fee failure

The Age
August 18 2009

University students may have to go without vital campus services after the Senate voted down a federal government plan to charge them annual fees, student groups and universities say.

Labor's proposal to allow universities to charge students up to \$250 a year for sporting, cultural, welfare and advocacy services was defeated on Tuesday in the Senate after Family First senator Steve Fielding refused to back the change.

Full article:

<http://news.theage.com.au/breaking-news-national/unis-and-students-decry-fee-failure-20090818-eoci.html>

Student services and amenities underpin the university experience

Media release: Universities Australia
August 17 2009

Universities Australia today calls on the Federal Senate to ensure the availability of quality student support services and amenities at Australia's universities, through passage of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities, and Other Measures) Bill 2009.

Full article:

http://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au/content.asp?page=/news/media_releases/2009/uniaus_media_11_09.htm

Govt will depend on cross-bench to pass student fees

LiveNews.com.au
August 17 2009

It appears another federal government plan, this time to slug university students with annual fees of up to \$250, will hang on the vote of Family First senator Steve Fielding.

An upper house vote on Labor legislation allowing universities to charge students up to \$250 a year for sporting, cultural, welfare and advocacy services is expected on Tuesday.

Full article:

<http://livenews.com.au/news/govt-will-depend-on-crossbench-to-pass-student-fees/2009/8/17/216494>

Coalition fails Australian students

Media Release: The Hon Kate Ellis MP
August 18 2009

Australian students will pay the price of the Liberal and National Parties' decision to vote down the Government's Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities and Other Measures) Bill 2009 today.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Ellis/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090818_145313.aspx

Students fees set for defeat

The Australian
August 17 2009

A FEDERAL Government plan to slug university students with annual fees of up to \$250 is facing certain defeat after Family First senator Steve Fielding and the Nationals flagged they would not support it.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25944665-12377,00.html>

Student loan costs set to rocket

The Otago Daily Times
August 17 2009

The economic recession will be a "double whammy" for the Government's massive student loan scheme, a University of Otago academic says.

The number of loans would rise as people unable to find work chose to study instead, and loan repayments would slow as employment options for graduates shrank, Associate Prof Paul Hansen, of the department of economics, said.

Full article:

<http://www.odt.co.nz/on-campus/university-otago/70043/student-loan-costs-set-rocket>

Mount Gambier develops learning focus

The Border Watch - Mount Gambier
August 17 2009

Work has begun to ensure Mount Gambier can cope with the attraction of up to 150 students per year from outside the region, including overseas.

Tenison Woods College is already at the forefront of attracting students, particularly from China and Taiwan, but the trend is expected to broaden over the coming years as capacity increases at TAFE and university campuses.

Full article:

<http://www.borderwatch.com.au/archives/3949>

Finances tight for universities - New Zealand

University World News

August 16 2009

New Zealand's universities have reported their poorest financial performance in five years but it appears that worse is to come.

Full article:<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090813171154823>

To break bread with a president

The Otago Daily Times

August 15 2009

Before too long, University of Otago first year student Matthew Anderson could be sitting down for lunch with several world leaders, including United States president Barack Obama. "It's pretty overwhelming, to be honest. It's not something I had been expecting," Mr Anderson said this week.

Full article:

<http://www.odt.co.nz/on-campus/university-otago/69825/to-break-bread-with-a-president>

TechnologyOne bags \$8m in contracts

The Australian

August 14 2009

BUSINESS software provider TechnologyOne has won five new contracts worth a combined \$8 million in the tertiary education sector in the last month.

The Brisbane-based company provides software solutions to more than half of the higher education sector in Australia, as well as key educational institutions in New Zealand. It is also making inroads into the sector in Britain.

Full article:

<http://www.australianit.news.com.au/story/0,24897,25928389-15306,00.html>

Cairns bids for student summit

The Cairns Post

August 14 2009

CAIRNS is vying with Brisbane and the Gold Coast to host an international conference that would put studying in the tropics on the radar of 50 countries.

Full article:

http://www.cairns.com.au/article/2009/08/14/58215_local-news.html

Review to bring overseas study industry to account

The Age
August 14 2009

THE \$15.5 billion international education industry is likely to shrink as shonky operators face their "day of reckoning", says the head of a Federal Government review into its future.

Former Liberal MP Bruce Baird, who has been charged with overhauling an industry beset by months of turmoil with violent attacks against students and allegations of corruption, said a contraction was possible over the short term, although he declined to speculate on the size.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/review-to-bring-overseas-study-industry-to-account-20090813-ejv8.html>

International Youth Day 2009

Media Release: The Hon Kate Ellis MP
August 12 2009

In an address to the National Press Club today, the Minister for Youth Kate Ellis released a snapshot of the upcoming inaugural State of Australians Young People Report.

The Report will highlight the issues that impact on young people and also provide key statistics about the current generation of Young Australians.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Ellis/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090813_080656.aspx

Matter of Public Importance

Speech: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
August 12 2009

Can I say first and foremost: I think Australians deserve a better standard of debate about the most important issue of education.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Speeches/Pages/Article_090813_122035.aspx

US is poised to stop worrying and embrace overseas agents

The Times Higher Education - United Kingdom
August 13 2009

World's largest offshore recruiter may cast off doubts as market heats up, writes Phil Baty

The US is poised to seize an even greater share of the lucrative international student market as its universities wake up to the potential of using overseas recruiting agents.

Full article:

<http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=26&storycode=407739&c=1>

Govt committed to student unionism reform: Ellis

LiveNews.com.au
August 12 2009

The federal government has vowed to push ahead with proposed laws that would allow universities to charge students up to \$250 a year for services.

Full article:

<http://livenews.com.au/news/govt-committed-to-student-unionism-reform-ellis/2009/8/12/215951>

Universities may turn students away

The New Zealand Herald
August 12 2009

Universities may have to turn students away from popular degrees in arts and commerce if the Government does not let them lift their student numbers.

Steve Maharey, the vice-chancellor of Massey University told the Herald the university was at least 5 per cent up on last year's enrolments which had exceeded expectations.

Full article:

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10590189

Crackdown on student recruitment

The Australian
August 12 2009

THE failure of the states to properly regulate the troubled college sector is putting at risk the \$15 billion export education industry and the federal government should consider a takeover, according to former immigration minister Philip Ruddock.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25916022-12332,00.html>

Days numbered for schools of scandal

The Sydney Morning Herald
August 11 2009

Only two export industries - coal and iron ore - are bigger earners for the Australian economy than international education, which contributes about \$15 billion each year. Nearly half a million students come to study every year. They live here, work here and pay taxes. They contribute to our multicultural society while they gain skills and knowledge to take home.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/opinion/days-numbered-for-schools-of-scandal-20090810-efjf.html>

University job cuts signalled

The Otago Daily Times - New Zealand
August 11 2009

Job cuts and the closure of some programmes are likely as the University of Otago tries to trim its budget ahead of a significant drop in Government funding from 2011.

In an email sent to more than 3000 staff at the weekend, Vice-chancellor Prof Sir David Skegg announced he had established a task force of senior academic and financial managers to oversee cost-cutting across all departments over the next 18 months.

Full article:

<http://www.odt.co.nz/on-campus/university-otago/69219/university-job-cuts-signalled>

Abuse of course rules traps foreign students

The Brisbane Times
August 11 2009

UNIVERSITIES are among higher education providers exploiting an Australian law to keep international students in courses they want to abandon, a legal expert has found.

Full article:

<http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/abuse-of-course-rules-traps-foreign-students-20090810-efn3.html>

Universities help fund student job scheme

University World News
August 09 2009

Despite ongoing complaints about inadequate government funding, New Zealand's universities have agreed to find \$4 million (US\$2.66 million) to provide research-related jobs for students during the Southern Hemisphere summer.

Full article:

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090807094942815>

Tsunami of students stretches uni budgets

New Zealand Herald
August 10 2009

University budgets are at breaking point as young people unable to find work flock to tertiary study, a senior education leader says.

Derek McCormack, vice chancellor of the Auckland University of Technology, says all eight of the country's universities risk being inundated by "a tsunami of students".

Full article:

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10589738

Students must do hard stuff - academic

New Zealand Herald
August 10 2009

New Zealand should stop encouraging school and tertiary students to do what they enjoy and push them to do "the hard stuff", a Massey University academic says.

Full article:

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10589772

Research universities and Australia's place in world

University World News
August 09 2009

I'm clocking up my 15th year as a vice-chancellor and it's now 23 years since I first became a deputy vice-chancellor. That's close to quarter of a century at the pointy end of our higher education sector - and that was in four very different universities. My 23 years have seen a lot of changes - some of them good, some not so good.

Full article:

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=2009080709323641>

Massey fights against bill

Manawatu Standard - New Zealand
August 08 2009

Massey University's student union is joining the fight against a Parliament bill that could spell an end to student associations.

Along with other student unions around the country, the Massey University Student Association (MUSA) said membership to student associations should remain compulsory.

Full article:

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/2732855/Massey-fights-against-bill>

Law Students prepare for 2009 Annual Conference

Scoop - New Zealand
August 07 2009

More than sixty of New Zealand's top law students will descend upon Wellington over the first week of September for the New Zealand Law Students' Association's (NZLSA) annual conference.

Full article:

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/ED0908/S00028.htm>

Decision time looms for crucial services and amenities fee legislation

Media Release: Acuma Incorporated and Australian University Sport
August 11 2009

Thousands of professional providers of sport and student services across Australia's university campuses will be watching closely the progress in the Senate of the Government's proposed amendment to the Higher Education Act. This amendment allows for the introduction of a services and amenities fee in support of a range of essential campus services.

Australian University Sport (AUS) CEO Don Knapp commented: "It has been sad to see so many vital sport and student services struggle, or be wound up altogether as a result of voluntary student unionism legislation introduced by the previous Government. Excessive collateral damage was caused to crucial sporting and student services, when in fact the target was compulsory unionism."

"It is important to highlight that the proposed Services and Amenities Bill includes no element of compulsory unionism. It is designed to deliver the restoration of vital sporting activities and services for students, such as club sport, University Games, counseling, pastoral care and support programs for international students. There is a risk that the debate about the Bill will get bogged down in less relevant, outdated political point scoring, and that would be very disappointing," Mr Knapp said.

Australasian Campus Union Managers Association (ACUMA) Vice President Tom O'Sullivan added: "Important programs which expand the students' university experience will continue to be lost. These developmental and leadership opportunities improve students' graduate employability skills. It is important to recognize that Universities' support for non-academic services will be under increasing pressure as investment returns contract and the institutions themselves face tighter financial circumstances."

AUS and ACUMA have spearheaded a lengthy industry campaign to highlight the need for a reintroduction of a fee for services Bill and to encourage its final passage. "Our research findings have been unchallenged as to the negative impacts of VSU legislation on the university sport and student-services sector. We truly believe that if common sense prevails we will get a positive result," added Knapp.

The Student Services and Amenities Bill is listed for debate in the Senate this week.

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Australia India Institute to strengthen international ties

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
August 07 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today announced the Australian Government will provide more than \$8 million to fund a new Australia India Institute at the University of Melbourne.

Full article:
http://www.deewr.gov.au/ministers/gillard/media/releases/pages/article_090807_124408.aspx

Liberal to lead review of education industry

The Sydney Morning Herald
August 08 2009

AN OVERHAUL of the \$15.5 billion international education industry will be announced by the Federal Government this morning after months of turmoil including violent attacks against students and allegations of corruption.

Full article:
<http://www.smh.com.au/national/liberal-to-lead-review-of-education-industry-20090807-ecyz.html>

Bruce Baird to head up international students review

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
August 08 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today announced that former Federal Member for Cook, The Hon Bruce Baird, will head up a review into international education in Australia.

Mr Baird will review the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act and report back to the Government with changes designed to ensure Australia continues to offer world class quality international education in this challenging and changing environment.

Full article:
http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090810_073524.aspx

Colleges Recognised For Supporting International Students

Voxy - New Zealand

August 06 2009

Two North Island colleges have been recognised with a prestigious International Education Excellence Award in the category of Excellence in Student Support by industry body Education New Zealand.

Full article:

<http://www.voxy.co.nz/national/colleges-recognised-supporting-international-students/5/20371>

University Aims To Create International Leaders

Voxy - New Zealand

August 06 2009

Education New Zealand has awarded Victoria University of Wellington an International Education Excellence Award for Innovation in International Programme for their new internationalisation programme, the Victoria International Leadership Programme (VILP).

Full article:

<http://www.voxy.co.nz/national/university-aims-create-international-leaders/5/20370>

'Tertiary high school' will be world's first

New Zealand Herald

August 04 2009

The (NZ) Government has approved fast-track funding and a law change for a world-first "tertiary high school" in Manukau.

The new school at the Manukau Institute of Technology's Otara campus will take 80 to 100 students a year to start training from year 11 towards technical and vocational qualifications.

Full article:

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/tertiary-education/news/article.cfm?c_id=341&objectid=10588539&ref=rss

Students paid well to recruit for uni

The Australian

August 05 2009

CENTRAL Queensland University students are being offered inducements including iPods, laptops and even airfare and accommodation packages valued up to \$4000 for recruiting fellow students from overseas.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25884519-2702,00.html>

Economic contribution of foreign students

University World News

August 05 2009

Western countries that attract hundreds of thousands of foreign students each year often claim they contribute billions to their national economies. The US, for example, is said to generate US\$15.5 billion a year from overseas students studying in its colleges and universities while the most often quoted figure

for Australia is A\$15.5 billion (US\$13 billion) and in New Zealand it is US\$2.1 billion. But a paper published exclusively on the University World News website today demonstrates how inaccurate such claims can be unless the calculations take account of a range of factors, including the income students earn while working in the country where they are studying.

Full article:

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090802100845675>

Call for bids in the Australian Government's \$550 million investment in universities

Joint Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP and the Senator The Hon Kim Carr
August 04 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, and Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Kim Carr, today announced that universities may now bid for a share of \$550 million in funding to improve infrastructure for the benefit of students and the environment.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090804_144901.aspx

Uni streamlines global procurement

The Australian
August 04 2009

HOW does an organisation save at least half a million dollars without spending a cent?

The brains trust at Sydney University seems to have cracked the code, and it wasn't a convoluted process.

Full article:

<http://www.australianit.news.com.au/story/0,24897,25876767-5013040,00.html>

Universities request meeting with Indian minister

ABC News
August 03 2009

Australian universities are keen to meet the Indian Foreign Minister about a sharp drop in the number of overseas students wanting to study here.

Full article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/08/03/2644405.htm?section=australia>

Unis facing 'perfect storm' before Rudd funds arrive

The Australian
August 03 2009

UNIVERSITIES are facing a financial crisis triggered by the faltering \$15.5 billion market for international students, the loss of millions of dollars in investment income and the axing of a full-fee program for domestic students worth more than \$116 million.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25873101-2702,00.html>

Organise Multiracial Activities Call To M'sian Students Abroad

Bernama - Malaysian National News Agency
August 02 2009

Malaysian students overseas have been advised to organise activities of a multiracial nature involving all Malaysian communities.

Malaysian International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed, who made the call, said many activities organised by these students were confined to certain groups.

Full article:

<http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v5/newsgeneral.php?id=429735>

India to Foreign Colleges: Set Up Campus Here

Time Magazine
July 31 2009

For decades, foreign universities have been an integral part of India's higher education. Whiz kids across the country with the financial means have left for highly regarded global universities to study. Many never return, taking both their tuition money and their talent overseas. More than 160,000 students are currently studying in schools in the U.S., Australia, Britain and elsewhere. Over 100,000 pack up and head to study abroad every year, spending \$7 billion on tuition and housing.

Full article:

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1913653,00.html>

Life of Brian: something Pythonesque in the growth of 'legitimate' degree mills

The Sydney Morning Herald
August 01 2009

In Monty Python's Life of Brian confusion and competition reign between the People's Front of Judea and the Judean People's Front, not to mention the Judean Popular People's Front and the Popular Front of Judea. Figuring out the legitimacy of each group and how they differ is nearly impossible.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/opinion/life-of-brain-something-pythonesque-in-the-growth-of-x2018legitimatex2019-degree-mills-20090731-e4gk.html>