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## Shows promise - rating the revolution

The Age  
November 30 2009

With billions of dollars pouring into education, can we expect real change? By Caroline Milburn.

EVERY school, tertiary institution and preschool in Australia is about to be hit by radical change. This year's federal budget and the economic stimulus packages have cranked the Government's education reform agenda into life.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/shows-promise--rating-the-revolution-20091129-jyzu.html>

## Let internet replace journals

The Australian  
November 25 2009

HE who pays the piper usually also gets to hear the tune. Not so when it comes to academic publishing. Those who pay for scientific research have to pay again to read the results. This practice is ripping off taxpayers at the expense of a few international publishers. But for how much longer?

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/opinion-analysis/let-internet-replace-journals/story-e6frgcko-1225803425489>

## Coast is a melting pot

The Sunshine Coast Daily  
November 26 2009

WE are a mixed bunch on the Sunshine Coast.

About 50,000 residents were not born in Australia and with Queensland's number of international migrants booming, that number is set to rise.

Full article:

<http://www.sunshinecoastdaily.com.au/story/2009/11/26/coast-is-a-melting-pot/>

## Uni results hit by work ban

ABC News  
November 25 2009

The Tertiary Education Union says students of the University of South Australia will not suffer because of a ban on passing semester results onto university management.

Full article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/11/25/2752715.htm>

## Students losers as Coalition continues war in Senate

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP  
November 24 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today said that students will now be the real losers as the Coalition and Family First Senator Steve Fielding selfishly denied 150 000 students scholarships in 2010.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article\\_091125\\_074943.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_091125_074943.aspx)

## **PayPal at Bond University**

The Australian  
November 25 2009

EDUCATION has joined the eBay age as Bond University becomes the first Australian university to allow students to use the online payment system PayPal to cough up their fees.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/paypal-at-bond-university/story-e6frgcjx-1225803438492>

## **Forged University Qualifications Seized**

Voxy.co.nz - New Zealand  
November 24 2009

A police enquiry into the availability of forged tertiary education documentation in Auckland has been the subject of a number of media reports in recent days. According to a police statement the documents include forged degrees, diplomas, academic records and other supporting documentation.

Full article:

<http://www.voxy.co.nz/national/forged-university-qualifications-seized/5/31197>

## **Nationals urged to vote for university services**

Media Release: The Hon Kate Ellis MP  
November 23 2009

The Minister for Youth Kate Ellis today urged the National Party to support the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities) Bill 2009 in the House of Representatives.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Ellis/Media/Releases/Pages/Article\\_091124\\_085530.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Ellis/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_091124_085530.aspx)

## **Issues: Youth Allowance; Pay Equity**

Transcript - ABC AM Interview: The Hon Julia Gillard MP  
November 23 2009

TONY EASTLEY: The Government will also try this week to get changes to the Youth Allowance through the senate. The Government has rejected most of the amendments put forward by the Opposition so far and is putting the Bill back before the Upper House. The Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Julia Gillard is speaking with the chief political correspondent, Lyndal Curtis.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article\\_091123\\_114956.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article_091123_114956.aspx)

## **Landmark decision on national regulator**

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP  
November 20 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today welcomed a landmark decision by the majority of State and Territory Education Ministers to support the formation of a new, independent national regulator for the vocational education and training sector.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article\\_091120\\_190808.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_091120_190808.aspx)

## **Communiqué for the Ministerial Council for Tertiary Education and Employment (MCTEE) Meeting**

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP  
November 20 2009

Today, Ministers meeting at MCTEE agreed to strengthen the tertiary education sector and its capacity to meet Australia's future demands for a highly skilled workforce. Ministers agreed on key reforms and structures to improve the quality and integrity of Australia's tertiary education sector and agreed to steps to mitigate the current economic climate. Australia is one step closer to a stronger more inter-connected tertiary sector as a result of today's Ministerial Council.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article\\_091120\\_172558.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_091120_172558.aspx)

## **States call on the Coalition to pass the Government's Youth Allowance Bill**

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP  
November 20 2009

All State and Territory Education and Training Ministers have called on the Federal Opposition to pass the Government's Youth Allowance changes.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article\\_091120\\_151354.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_091120_151354.aspx)

## **Cuts will cost British universities their international reputations**

The Guardian - United Kingdom  
November 20 2009

Financial crisis beckons as public spending cuts loom and universities face intense competition from overseas

Full article:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2009/nov/20/spending-cuts-funding-universities>

## **Can the law keep up with technology?**

CNN  
November 17 2009

In a case that would have been impossible even five years ago, bad-girl rocker Courtney Love is being sued for libel by a fashion designer for allegedly slamming the woman on Twitter.

Full article:

<http://www.cnn.com/2009/TECH/11/12/law.technology/>

## **Dodgy colleges may face spot fines**

The Age  
November 19 2009

VICTORIAN education authorities would get the power to randomly search private colleges and issue on-the-spot fines against dodgy operators, under a State Government proposal designed to safeguard the international student market.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/dodgy-colleges-may-face-spot-fines-20091118-impl8.html>

## **Coalition denies 150,000 Australian Students scholarships in 2010**

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP  
November 17 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today said the Coalition had ignored the pleadings of the entire Higher Education sector and student groups and denied potentially thousands of students the opportunity to afford to go to University.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article\\_091118\\_085004.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_091118_085004.aspx)

## **Wipro bags Australian university contract**

The Times of India  
November 18 2009

Australia's University of Canberra, which awarded an outsourcing contract to Wipro in May earlier this year, plans to bring down its operational costs by up to 40 per cent over next three to four years, and focus better on its core business of teaching and research.

Full article:

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/infotech/ites/Canberra-varsity-sees-value-in-IT-outsourcing/articleshow/5241380.cms>

## **Guide to rights useless, students say**

The Sydney Morning Herald  
November 18 2009

A COLOURFUL 46-page guide on consumer rights for overseas students has been attacked as a useless waste of money by a foreign student support group.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/guide-to-rights-useless-students-say-20091117-ikf8.html>

## **Issues: Youth Allowance**

Press Conference Transcript: The Hon Julia Gillard MP  
November 16 2009

JULIA GILLARD: Can I start by saying I'm joined this morning by the Vice Chancellor of the Australian National University, Ian Chubb. Obviously Ian is a representative of our Group of 8 Universities.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article\\_091117\\_100959.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article_091117_100959.aspx)

## **Sports talent 'hot spots' being studied**

The Sydney Morning Herald  
November 16 2009

Researchers are attempting to uncover the why behind Wagga Wagga - the NSW country town that has produced a swag of sporting champions.

Full article:

<http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-sport/sports-talent-hot-spots-being-studied-20091116-ii4k.html>

## **Uni guild refutes damning report**

The Sunshine Coast Daily  
November 16 2009

THE new president of the University of the Sunshine Coast's student guild has challenged claims by the National Union of Students that the university is among the nation's worst for student welfare.

Full article:

<http://www.sunshinecoastdaily.com.au/story/2009/11/16/uni-guild-refutes-damning-report/>

## **Rudd pledges \$18m for foreign student scholarships**

ABC News  
November 14 2009

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has announced \$18 million for a new Australian International Scholarship program, during a speech at the National University of Singapore.

Full article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/11/14/2742745.htm>

## **Experts agree – Coalition should support Youth Allowance changes**

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP  
November 16 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today joined with prominent vice chancellors and student union groups to call on the Coalition to pass the Youth Allowance legislation currently before the Senate and benefit 150,000 students across Australia.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article\\_091116\\_110318.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_091116_110318.aspx)

## **Integration of Australian Technical Colleges into Victorian Education & Training System**

Joint Media Releases: The Hon Julia Gillard MP & the Hon Bronwyn Pike MP  
November 13 2009

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article\\_091113\\_145406.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_091113_145406.aspx)

## **No pay rise, no exam results for students at Murdoch**

WA Today  
November 13 2009

Overseas and external students at a Perth university will have their results withheld, as lecturers launch their latest round of industrial action in a push for more pay.

Full article:

<http://www.watoday.com.au/wa-news/no-pay-rise-no-exam-results-for-students-at-murdoch-20091113-idmp.html>

## **University makes software move on plagiarism**

The Otago Daily Times  
November 12 2009

Plagiarism detection software is about to be introduced at the University of Otago.

A working party set up last year to investigate options had decided to introduce a programme called SafeAssign, academic and international deputy vice-chancellor Prof Gareth Jones said.

Full article:

<http://www.odt.co.nz/on-campus/university-otago/81749/university-makes-software-move-plagiarism>

## **Student concern over interest on loans proposal**

Stuff.co.nz - New Zealand  
November 11 2009

Student leaders are calling for common sense and a collective approach to funding the tertiary sector after an academic suggested the Government charge interest on student loans.

Full article:

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/3050978/Student-concern-over-interest-on-loans-proposal>

## **Strategy submission emphasises secondary-tertiary interface**

New Zealand Vice-Chancellor's Committee  
November 10 2009

Greater emphasis is required on the secondary-tertiary interface, according to the NZVCC submission on the Government's Draft Tertiary Education Strategy 2010-2015. On the strategy priority of more young people gaining degrees, the Committee suggests that more attention should be given to the importance of improving the interface – "a key issue for universities". The submission says the draft strategy is silent on this issue "yet a particular block to young people advancing successfully from secondary to degree-level study is the lack of continuity between secondary school and university".

Full article:

<http://www.nzvcc.ac.nz/node/452>

## **Benefits to the individual stressed**

New Zealand Vice-Chancellor's Committee  
November 10 2009

The personal benefits of university education are a theme in a number of the individual university submissions on the Draft Tertiary Education Strategy 2010-2015. One notes that a section of the draft makes passing mention of the enrichment of life that education can provide, "but this is the merest lip service as the rest of the document deals with education as a way of increasing economic performance, with meeting the needs of learners as a secondary commitment". The contribution to economic performance would be enhanced by ensuring participation and achievement in tertiary education by as many people as possible.

Full article:

<http://www.nzvcc.ac.nz/node/452>

## **Australia needs skilled workers not more uni graduates**

The Sydney Morning Herald  
November 11 2009

Much has been made of the fact that Australia has escaped the worst of the global financial slowdown over the past year but there remains a critical challenge to its long-term economic stability.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/opinion/society-and-culture/australia-needs-skilled-workers-not-more-uni-graduates-20091110-i7i7.html>

## **Students shame inadequate uni support**

The Australian  
November 10 2009

THE National Union of Students has named and shamed universities that it claims are failing to adequately support independent student representation and the student experience, warning prospective students to be wary of them.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/students-shame-inadequate-uni-support/story-e6frgcjx-1225796214732>

## **Thomas disputes criticisms of uni**

The Sunshine Coast Daily  
November 10 2009

UNIVERSITY of the Sunshine Coast vice-chancellor Professor Paul Thomas hit back yesterday at claims that the university is ignoring its obligations to student welfare.

Full article:

<http://www.sunshinecoastdaily.com.au/story/2009/11/10/thomas-denies-uni-has-abandoned-students/>

## **Sydney University the best for student experience: union survey**

The Sydney Morning Herald  
November 10 2009

THE University of Sydney has been rated the best in Australia for the quality of its student experience.

The National Union of Students rated universities based on five factors, including campus culture, availability of independent advocacy services and student representation.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/sydney-university-the-best-for-student-experience-union-survey-20091109-i5gl.html>

## **Canberra urged to rethink uni funds**

The Age  
November 10 2009

MELBOURNE University vice-chancellor Glyn Davis says a new tertiary education regulator must also hold the Federal Government to account.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/canberra-urged-to-rethink-uni-funds-20091109-i5dx.html>

## **Navitas' MOU with Charles Darwin Uni**

WA Business News  
November 09 2009

Education services provider Navitas has secured a memorandum of understanding with Charles Darwin University, enhancing the company's global presence to develop further educational programs.

Full article:

<http://www.wabusinessnews.com.au/en-story/1/76552/Navitas-MOU-with-Charles-Darwin-Uni>

### **New paths to the halls of higher learning**

The Sydney Morning Herald

November 09 2009

New paths to the halls of higher learning

Once a low HSC score would have prevented entry to university but that no longer has to be the case, writes Ainslie MacGibbon.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/new-paths-to-the-halls-of-higher-learning-20091108-i3ke.html>

### **Warning as students targeted by scam**

The Otago Daily News

November 07 2009

The University of Otago is warning students looking for flatmates next year about a foreign scam that has already relieved two unsuspecting people of several hundred dollars.

Full article:

<http://www.odt.co.nz/on-campus/university-otago/81144/warning-students-targeted-scam>

### **Visa fees rejigged for students**

The Sydney Morning Herald

November 09 2009

International students crippled by a spate of college foreclosures this year will be exempt from paying \$540 visa fees to stay on in Australia as the country resets its immigration intake to attract the people it needs.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/visa-fees-rejigged-for-students-20091108-i3k3.html>

### **Overseas students hit by Australia college closure**

Reuters India

November 06 2009

Australia's image as a top destination for foreign students suffered another setback on Friday after four bankrupt colleges closed, leaving more than 2,000 students stranded.

Full article:

<http://in.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idINIndia-43729820091106?pageNumber=2&virtualBrandChannel=0&sp=true>

### **Gender gap widens among university graduates**

New Zealand Herald

November 05 2009

Two-thirds of bachelor degrees last year went to women, the highest figure on record in New Zealand.

Women have outnumbered men in the tertiary sector for more than a decade, but a new Ministry of Education report shows the number of men who finish bachelor degrees is falling.

Full article:

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=10607333](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10607333)

### **Third Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council appointed**

Joint Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP & Senator the Hon Kim Carr

November 05 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, and the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Kim Carr, today announced the appointment of the third Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/ministers/gillard/media/releases/pages/article\\_091105\\_163924.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/ministers/gillard/media/releases/pages/article_091105_163924.aspx)

### **Education export plan stalls**

The Mercury

November 04 2009

PLANS to turn education into one of Tasmania's top export industries have been hit by the global financial crisis.

Steady growth in the sector earlier this decade has slowed almost from the moment the plans were unveiled.

Full article:

[http://www.themercury.com.au/article/2009/11/04/107625\\_tasmania-news.html](http://www.themercury.com.au/article/2009/11/04/107625_tasmania-news.html)

### **Prince's gaffe: Earl says death boosted adventure scheme**

The Sunday Times - United Kingdom

November 01 2009

The Earl of Wessex sparked controversy last week by suggesting the death of a schoolboy may have attracted more young people to the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) award scheme. The prince, who quit the Royal Marines because the training was too arduous, made the comments on a trip to Australia when asked about David Iredale, 17, who died three years ago after getting lost on an unsupervised bush walk. Iredale had thought the walk would count towards his DofE award. Referring to....

Full article:

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/article6897954.ece>

### **New Zealand: University attracts investors with bonds**

University World News

November 01 2009

In a nation with a weak tradition of philanthropy to universities, the University of Canterbury has launched an innovative scheme to raise funds - a bond issue that gives investors the opportunity to donate to the university.

Full article:

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20091030111007929>

### **HSC exam cheats call on hi-tech help**

The Sunday Telegraph

November 01 2009

- Students swap cheating tips on the web
- Storing notes in mobiles, MP3 players
- Students caught cheating given zero marks

Full article:

<http://www.news.com.au/story/0,27574,26286672-421,00.html>

## **Education revolution fails grade**

The Age

November 02 2009

FINNISH students top all international tests, New York's charter schools have helped disadvantaged students succeed and England has brilliant programs that allow specialist schools. But these are not lessons the Rudd Government is heeding. The much-vaunted "education revolution" is heading for failure because it has not adopted key strategies that international experience tells us are important for success.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/opinion/society-and-culture/education-revolution-fails-grade-20091101-hrjv.html>

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