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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>

Leaving nothing to chance

The Star, Malaysia
January 18 2009

Making the right choice was the major concern of visitors who thronged The Star Education Fair 2009.

ANY parent will gladly go the extra mile for the sake of her children's education. This was the case at the 21st Star Education Fair 2009 last weekend, as parents and students from around the country flocked to the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

Full article:

<http://thestar.com.my/education/story.asp?file=/2009/1/18/education/3003349&sec=education>

Qualified for Australia and beyond

The Sunday Times, Sri Lanka
January 17 2009

Unique collaboration brings TAFE NSW courses to Sri Lanka

CFL in collaboration with Technical and Further Education New South Wales (TAFE NSW), International College of Education (ICE) and Next School of Business will provide Australia Diploma to Degree courses in Sri Lanka. These courses will be delivered under strict compliance requirements and students will be awarded with identical qualifications as their Australian counterparts

Full article:

<http://www.sundaytimes.lk/090118/Education/eu612.html>

Studying and Living in Singapore

The Sunday Times, Sri Lanka
January 17 2009

Singapore is a premier education hub which offers students an international perspective and diversity of options, in an environment that is inspiring and conducive to education.

Full article:
<http://www.sundaytimes.lk/090118/Education/eu608.html>

Asia University for Women: magic in the making

The Japan Times
January 11 2009

Perhaps it is only fitting in this time of dismal economic news that Bangladesh, a country known principally for natural disasters and human misery, provides an inspiring and uplifting story to relieve the gathering gloom.

Full article:
<http://search.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/fl20090111x2.html>

South Korean Students Turn Away From U.S. Amid Financial Crisis

Chronicle of Higher Education
January 10 2009

The global economic slump and financial crisis are clobbering South Korean students' hopes of studying in the United States and other high-priced destinations, The New York Times reported today, citing the plummeting value of the South Korean won against the U.S. dollar as a key factor.

Full article:
<http://chronicle.com/news/article/5774/south-korean-students-turn-away-from-us-amid-financial-crisis>

Global Financial Crisis Upends the Plans of Many South Koreans to Study Abroad

New York Times
January 09 2009

SEOUL, South Korea — Seo Ji-won was supposed to have been in Sydney, Australia, by now, pursuing her dream of a doctoral degree and higher-paying jobs. Instead, the 26-year-old South Korean engineering graduate remains home in Seoul, working part time at a coffee shop, largely because of forces beyond her control.

Full article:
http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/10/world/asia/10students.html?_r=1&ref=world

Vietnam seeks strengthened ties with Australia

VietNamNet
January 08 2009

The Vietnamese government and people will try their utmost to further strengthen the multi-faceted relationship with Australia, particularly in the fields of economics, trade, investment and education.

Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung made this statement during a reception for the Speaker of Australia's House of Representatives, Harry Jenkins, in Hanoi on January 7.

Full article:
<http://english.vietnamnet.vn/politics/2009/01/822739/>

Chinese-speaking Australian PM sparks Asian studies boom

AFP

January 8 2009

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>

Kaplan takes stake in Vietnam school

Washington Business Journal

January 07 2009

The Washington Post Co., relying less on its faltering publishing business and more on its profitable education division, has acquired a stake in a Vietnamese English language school.

Full article:

<http://www.bizjournals.com/washington/stories/2009/01/05/daily50.html>

New destinations emerge as attractive options for students

Wall Street Journal

January 07 2009

New Delhi: The US, which grants around 80,000 visas every year to Indian students, is still the prime destination for Indians looking at education abroad. But over the past few years, as India seeks to do business with the rest of the world, newer destinations such as Ireland, Germany, Taiwan and Hong Kong are emerging as attractive options for Indians to study overseas.

Full article:

<http://www.livemint.com/2009/01/07223002/New-destinations-emerge-as-att.html>