

## **ACUMA Incorporated: International education news - May 2009**

- Statement - Attacks against Indian students in Melbourne
- Anger grows over Indian student bashings
- Houses of assaulted Indians burgled in Australia
- Australian Foreign Minister condemns attacks on Indian students
- Another Company Will Jump Into International-Student Recruiting
- Indian students to be briefed on Australian violence
- Economic crisis not dissuading students from studying abroad
- International education – its contribution to Australia
- IDP Education Expands Into United States
- Gillard to scrutinise rogue colleges
- More overseas students coming to Adelaide
- International education fair gets underway
- UOWD's "Study Abroad in Dubai" program spotlights Dubai as 'the most exciting city' for academic study
- Representative Of Australia's Curtin University To Meet Prospective Students
- NZ: Chinese numbers on the rise
- Our schools for scandal
- Overseas universities woo Chinese students
- AEI Study in Australia 2010 Briefings
- Fees rise for foreign students
- Aussie welcome
- Australia sets up helpline for Indian students after assaults
- Chinese tycoon Jan Shang worries universities
- Increased visa fees to fund embassy makeovers
- Overseas student group at centre of bullying claims
- Fees boost for Scots studying abroad
- Overseas students defy downturn to come to Australia
- Higher Education on the Move
- Government promotes the study of Asian languages in schools
- Uproar over face scan for foreign students
- Studying abroad grows in three trends
- Recruiting Agents at Chinese College Fair Pose as Translators

## **Statement - Attacks against Indian students in Melbourne**

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP  
May 28 2009

I am deeply saddened and shocked by the attack on a group of Indian students in Melbourne over the weekend and condemn it unreservedly. I would like to extend my sympathies to the victims of this callous attack.

I want to reiterate my statement before Parliament on Tuesday that the Australian Government will not tolerate victimisation and violence against international students.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article\\_090529\\_100619.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090529_100619.aspx)

## **Anger grows over Indian student bashings**

ABC News  
May 29 2009

A police officer from Victoria leaves for India this weekend on a mission to meet with students planning to visit Australia and to teach them how to stay safe.

The visit follows a recent dramatic upswing in the number of violent attacks against foreign students from the Indian subcontinent in the outer suburbs of Melbourne.

Full article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/05/29/2583942.htm?section=Australia>

## **Houses of assaulted Indians burgled in Australia**

Deccan Herald  
May 28 2009

The houses of four Indian students, who were brutally assaulted by a group of teenagers in Australia have been burgled, even as one of them battles for life at a hospital, an organisation of Indian students here has alleged.

Full article:<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/4919/houses-assaulted-indians-burgled-australia.html>

## **Australian Foreign Minister condemns attacks on Indian students**

AFP  
May 28 2009

MELBOURNE (AFP) — Australian Foreign Minister Stephen Smith condemned a wave of attacks on Indian students in Melbourne after the latest assault left a 25-year-old fighting for his life.

Indian student Sravan Kumar Theerthala was stabbed with a screwdriver early Sunday morning when a group of teenagers gatecrashed a party he was attending in the suburbs of Australia's second largest city.

Full article:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/AleqM5gyaONARR3ryzHgGON1oikMWDx-NA>

## **Another Company Will Jump Into International-Student Recruiting**

Chronicle of Higher Education  
May 27 2009

Los Angeles — The foreign-student-recruitment market just got a little more crowded as Hobsons, a major education-services company, announced today that it would begin to offer independent recruiting services to American colleges seeking to attract additional overseas students.

Full article:

<http://chronicle.com/news/article/6539/another-company-will-jump-into-international-student-recruiting>

## **Indian students to be briefed on Australian violence**

Radio Australia News  
May 28 2009

An Australian police officer is to travel to India to brief prospective foreign students about how to avoid street violence if they come to study in Australia.

Full article:

<http://www.radioaustralianews.net.au/stories/200905/2583333.htm?desktop>

## **Economic crisis not dissuading students from studying abroad**

VietNamNet.vn  
May 27 2009

Some academic counselling centres have reported two-fold increases in the numbers of students registering to study abroad, with English-speaking countries still at the top of lists of destinations.

Full article:  
<http://english.vietnamnet.vn/education/2009/05/849980/>

## **International education – its contribution to Australia**

Speech: The Hon Julia Gillard MP  
May 26 2009

International education has made a significant contribution to Australia. It has grown to now be our third largest source of overseas earnings, generating \$15.5 billion in 2008 and supporting more than 125,000 jobs. In 2008, nearly half a million students came to Australia. It is the lead sector in terms of export earnings in Victoria and the second largest in New South Wales.

Full article:  
[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Speeches/Pages/Article\\_090527\\_093411.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Speeches/Pages/Article_090527_093411.aspx)

## **IDP Education Expands Into United States**

EMediaWire.com  
May 26 2009

IDP Education today announced that the firm is entering the American higher education market, looking to place international students into American universities in Fall of 2010. Now in its 40th year, IDP has placed over a quarter of a million students into education institutions in Australia and is expanding its international student recruiting operation to the United States at a time that American universities need students.

Full article:  
<http://www.emediawire.com/releases/2009/5/prweb2460584.htm>

## **Gillard to scrutinise rogue colleges**

WA Today  
May 26 2009

THE Federal Government has promised to crack down on rogue colleges that teach foreign students, warning that Australia cannot afford to let them damage the reputation of its \$15 billion international education industry.

Full article:  
<http://www.watoday.com.au/national/gillard-to-scrutinise-rogue-colleges-20090526-bm3s.html?page=-1>

## **More overseas students coming to Adelaide**

Independent Weekly  
May 27 2009

South Australia's education sector has defied the economic downturn with international student enrolments up 24 per cent in the first quarter this year.

Full article:  
<http://www.independentweekly.com.au/news/local/news/general/more-overseas-students-coming-to-adelaide/1524674.aspx>

## **International education fair gets underway**

Times Of India  
May 26 2009

CHENNAI: US acting consul general Frederick Kaplan inaugurated a two-day international education fair in the city on Monday. Universities from UK, Ireland, Singapore, Australia and the US have set up stalls at the event being held at Hotel Park Sheraton. The universities provided students a host of options to choose from in different academic streams including engineering, science, management, arts and media programmes.

Full article:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Chennai/International-education-fair-gets-underway/articleshow/4577255.cms>

## **UOWD's "Study Abroad in Dubai" program spotlights Dubai as 'the most exciting city' for academic study**

PressReleaseNetwork.com  
May 25 2009

The University of Wollongong in Dubai (UOWD) launched a unique 'Study Abroad in Dubai' program that allows undergraduate students from all over the world to study in Dubai for a full semester, combining study with adventure and cultural understanding.

Full article:

[http://www.pressreleasenet.com/newsroom/news\\_view.phtml?news\\_id=2857](http://www.pressreleasenet.com/newsroom/news_view.phtml?news_id=2857)

## **Representative Of Australia's Curtin University To Meet Prospective Students**

BruDirect.com, Brunei  
May 23 2009

Bandar Seri Begawan - A Representative from Australia's Curtin University will be in the Sultanate next week to meet prospective students keen on furthering their studies in the land "Down Under".

Full article:

<http://www.brudirect.com/DailyInfo/News/Archive/May09/23/nite19.htm>

## **NZ: Chinese numbers on the rise**

University World News  
May 24 2009

The ongoing impact of past declines in the number of Chinese students has masked a rebound in enrolments by new international students in New Zealand's universities this year while increasing numbers of Chinese continue to flood into Australian universities.

Full article:

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090521175856790>

## **Our schools for scandal**

WA Today  
May 22 2009

Spring Street this week bowed to pressure to crack down on rogue training colleges, but how did Australia arrive at a situation where countless overseas students are being fleeced by offshore agents and unscrupulous local private college operators?

THE biggest shock for Ajay when he arrived in Melbourne from India was the discovery that Flinders Street Station was not the college where he would be studying his cookery course. A wily education agent in India had shown him a photo of the grand train station and spun a story about how it was one of Melbourne's finest colleges. The likelihood is the agent was contracted by an Australian college to recruit students on its behalf.

Full article:

<http://www.watoday.com.au/national/our-schools-for-scandal-20090522-bic6.html?page=-1>

## Overseas universities woo Chinese students

China Daily  
May 21 2009

The University of Melbourne is hoping to foster more exchanges and closer cooperation with Chinese students and academics, said Professor Glyn Davis, vice-chancellor of the institution, during a visit to China.

Full article:

[http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2009-05/21/content\\_7913542.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2009-05/21/content_7913542.htm)

## AEI Study in Australia 2010 Briefings

Australian Education International  
May 21 2009

AEI Study in Australia 2010 National Briefings is a sector support initiative under the Australian Government's Study in Australia 2010 drive.

The one-day sessions provide briefings on policy issues, consultations on key areas of work including the Study in Australia 2010 initiatives, and information sharing on market access, current data and trends, research, the regulatory environment, qualification recognition, scholarships, the international student experience and more.

Half-day workshops on ESOS National Code Best Practice will take place on the day before or after the main briefings.

<http://www.aei.gov.au/AEI/Events/SIA2010nationalbriefings.htm>

## Fees rise for foreign students

Otago Daily Times, New Zealand  
May 18 2009

Sarah Todd Fees for international students at the University of Otago will increase by as much as 21.7% next year, after staff said its existing prices did not match its reputation for quality tuition and degrees.

Full article:

<http://www.odt.co.nz/on-campus/university-otago/56568/fees-rise-foreign-students>

## Aussie welcome

The Star Online, Malaysia  
May 17 2009

IT WAS a rather unusual sight as 55 students from Australia and a few from South Africa, Tanzania, Botswana and Kenya, milled around chattering excitedly at the Australian High Commissioner's residence recently.

Full article:

<http://thestar.com.my/education/story.asp?file=/2009/5/17/education/3832908&sec=education>

## **Australia sets up helpline for Indian students after assaults**

AFP

May 15 2009

MELBOURNE (AFP) — Authorities in Australia will launch a telephone helpline Friday for Indian students who have been the target of a wave of violent attacks in the southern city of Melbourne.

Victoria state police said the helpline, which will have operators who speak both Hindi and English, had been established after consultation with the local Indian community.

Full article:

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jfaD3h0vzL93mX\\_2Grz6LqI9Kk\\_Q](http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jfaD3h0vzL93mX_2Grz6LqI9Kk_Q)

## **Chinese tycoon Jan Shang worries universities**

The Australian

May 14 2009

A CHINESE tycoon who refuses to condemn the Tiananmen Square massacre has taken over the peak body of Australia's overseas students, the National Liaison Committee.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25476949-2702,00.html>

## **Increased visa fees to fund embassy makeovers**

The Australian

May 13 2009

FOREIGN students wanting to study in Australia will be forced to pay an extra 20 per cent for their entry permits after another hike in visa fees.

Humanitarian arrivals, tourists and temporary residents who were hit with visa fee increases last year have been spared further pain.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25470975-5013871,00.html>

## **Overseas student group at centre of bullying claims**

Sydney Morning Herald

May 09 2009

THE body representing international students is no longer welcome in the head offices of major Sydney universities and Australia's most powerful education bureaucrats.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/overseas-student-group-at-centre-of-bullying-claims-20090508-axzz.html?page=-1>

## **Fees boost for Scots studying abroad**

The Herald (UK)

May 07 2009

All Scottish university students taking part in overseas exchange programmes will have their fees paid for them from next year under Scottish Government plans.

Full article:

[http://www.theherald.co.uk/news/education/display.var.2506492.0.Fees\\_boost\\_for\\_Scots\\_studying\\_a\\_broad.php](http://www.theherald.co.uk/news/education/display.var.2506492.0.Fees_boost_for_Scots_studying_a_broad.php)

## **Overseas students defy downturn to come to Australia**

The Australian  
May 07 2009

THE \$15.5 billion export education boom continues to defy the global recession, showing record annual growth of 20.8 per cent in the number of international students in universities and vocational colleges for the key March enrolment period.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25440864-5013871,00.html>

## **Higher Education on the Move**

Inside Higher Ed (USA)  
May 06 2009

An estimated 2.9 million students worldwide are pursuing their educations outside their home countries, a 57 percent increase since 1999. At a round table discussion at the Institute of International's Education's Washington offices Tuesday, coinciding with the release of the institute's new book, Higher Education on the Move: New Developments in Global Mobility, participants discussed the implications of that figure and other trends and trajectories not only in student mobility, but in scholar and institutional mobility, as well.

Full article:

<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/05/06/mobility>

## **Government promotes the study of Asian languages in schools**

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP  
May 04 2009

Government promotes the study of Asian languages in schools  
The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today invited primary and secondary schools to apply for grants under the \$6.24 million Becoming Asia Literate: Grants to Schools program which opens today.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article\\_090504\\_104437.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090504_104437.aspx)

## **Uproar over face scan for foreign students**

WA Today  
May 02 2009

MELBOURNE colleges will consider the introduction of facial recognition technology at classroom doors in a bid to curb abuse of international student visas.

Many international students are required to attend at least 80 per cent of classes under education visas granted by the Federal Government. But TAFE teacher Gary Alexander said facial recognition technology was the only way to tackle rorting by foreign students seeking permanent residency in Australia.

Full article:

<http://www.watoday.com.au/national/uproar-over-face-scan-for-foreign-students-20090502-aquu.html>

## **Studying abroad grows in three trends**

People's Daily Online, China  
April 30 2009

According to statistics the current market for Chinese studying abroad has shown growing trends in three areas, more self-financed, more classified and more schools and majors available to choose from.

Self-financed students have become the majority

Full article:

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6648966.html>

## **Recruiting Agents at Chinese College Fair Pose as Translators**

American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers  
April 30 2009

A number of American universities have issued complaints against a college fair co-sponsored by the Institute of International Education (IIE) in Hangzhou, China. According to fair attendees, the translators hired to work with Americans participants were actually student recruiting agents for Edushanghai International Company Ltd., which bills itself as a provider of "counseling services" to Chinese students who want to study overseas.

Full article:

[http://www.aacrao.org/transcript/index.cfm?fuseaction=show\\_view&doc\\_id=4282](http://www.aacrao.org/transcript/index.cfm?fuseaction=show_view&doc_id=4282)