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NorthTec International Student Barometer Success

Voxy - New Zealand
September 28 2009

NorthTec's results in the NZITP International Student Barometer for 2009 show that NorthTec's international students are more satisfied than their counterparts in other institutions in 45 of the 56 aspects of international student life included in the survey.

Full article:

<http://www.voxy.co.nz/national/northtec-achieves-outstanding-result-latest-international-student-satisfaction-s/5/25397>

International students: a \$100 billion business?

University World News
September 27 2009

"It is good for the economy" has been one of the public policy mantras for supporting the inflow of international students since the 1980s. Sure, there were lots of other reasons. At the national level, international students were important strategically and diplomatically - fostering global engagement and cross cultural understanding, promoting freedom and democracy and easing tensions between neighbouring countries.

Full article:

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090925022811395>

Uniting Malaysians in Melbourne

New Straits Times - Malaysia
September 27 2009

THE weather isn't promising. Whichever way the day pans out, aspiring community builder Mohamed Izhar Moslim will take heart over what he gets out of it.

This time next year, Izhar will be back in Kuala Lumpur. But this morning in Melbourne's Southbank, he will have cause to be proud, knowing that he has contributed to reinforcing the sense of community of Malaysians in the city.

Full article:

http://www.nst.com.my/Current_News/NST/articles/22boey20/Article/index_html

\$14m plan to entice Indian students

The Bendigo Advertiser
September 28 2009

SKILLS and Workforce Participation Minister Jacinta Allan has launched a scholarship program and met students and teachers in India during a mission to ensure the future of Victoria's multi-million dollar international education sector.

Ms Allan and Premier John Brumby travelled to India last week in the wake of several violent and racially motivated attacks on Indian students in Melbourne.

Full article:

<http://www.bendigoadvertiser.com.au/news/local/news/general/14m-plan-to-entice-indian-students/1634347.aspx>

Bailing out recession-hit overseas aspirants

The Business Standard - India
September 28 2009

Many international institutions and governments are keen on offering scholarships to Indian students this year.

Aparna Dutta had applied for a loan to fund her plans of studying in Melbourne last season. However, the amount sanctioned from the bank was not enough to cover her fees and expenses. She then applied for a scholarship for 2010 and now plans to use both the loan and scholarship money along with a part-time job of 20 hours to pay for her tuition fees and living expenses.

Full article:

<http://www.business-standard.com/india/news/bailing-out-recession-hit-overseas-aspirants/371436/>

Korea, China in uni's sights

The Border Mail
September 25 2009

CHARLES Sturt University is turning its attention to students from South Korea and China as Indian students shun Australian education providers after attacks on Indians in Melbourne. This year the first group of seven South Korean undergraduate students arrived on campus at Albury-Wodonga to begin a bachelor of business program.

Full article:

<http://www.bordermail.com.au/news/local/news/general/korea-china-in-unis-sights/1634017.aspx>

Students add the human dimension to Asia boom

The Sydney Morning Herald
September 25 2009

AUSTRALIANS born in China or India are about twice as likely as the rest of the population to hold a university degree, new figures show.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/students-add-the-human-dimension-to-asia-boom-20090924-g4s8.html>

Oz leader makes friendly pitch

The Times of India
September 24 2009

After the series of attacks recently on Indians living in Australia, few were surprised as John Brumby, the Prime Minister of Victoria, Australia, started his India tour with a visit to St Stephen's College on Thursday. In a bid to win the confidence of prospective students for Australian universities, he responded to their apprehensions regarding safety with the assurance that his government will soon start a new international students care service. It will enable international students to get 24X7 support and assistance.

Full article:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/city/delhi/Oz-leader-makes-friendly-pitch/articleshow/5052894.cms>

Australia's Brumby Says Victoria Safe for Overseas Students

Bloomberg
September 24 2009

Australia's Victoria state is safe for overseas students, Premier John Brumby said, after attacks threatened to dent a lucrative education industry.

Full article:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601091&sid=aQ0rmDwlaGNY>

Vietnam, other nations look to U.S.-style community colleges

USA Today
September 25 2009

The words of a song about Kien Giang Community College here say it was created to meet "the pressing expectations of the motherland." But school founder Do Quoc Trung, who co-wrote the song, says he wants his students to know college can enrich them, too.

Full article:

http://www.usatoday.com/news/education/2009-09-23-vietnam-community-college_N.htm

Registrations to weed out unscrupulous, review says

The Canberra Times
September 24 2009

International students need better consumer protections while education service providers are likely to come under a registration crackdown to weed out unscrupulous practices, according to the preliminary findings of a Government review of overseas student legislation.

Full article:

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/registrations-to-weed-out-unscrupulous-review-says/1632416.aspx>

U.S. college recruiters find growing market overseas, in Vietnam

USA Today
September 24 2009

Besides the brochures, application forms and give-away trinkets spread on the table in front of her, Claudia Colnar keeps a U.S. map handy. Inevitably, "Where's Wyoming?" is the first question she'll get when recruiting Vietnamese students to her community college.

Full article:

http://www.usatoday.com/news/education/2009-09-23-vietnam-college-fair_N.htm

Hepi: voucher-style funding is not the answer

Times Higher Education - UK
September 24 2009

A "voucher" system for funding higher education would cause more problems than it would solve, a report published this week by the Higher Education Policy Institute says.

Full article:

<http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=26&storycode=408318&c=1>

Canadian universities focus sights on international students

The Vancouver Sun
September 23 2009

OTTAWA — Across Canada, universities are under pressure to grow, but with stagnating or dwindling numbers of high school graduates at home, schools are increasingly looking overseas.

Full article:

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/Canadian+universities+focus+sights+international+students/2024411/story.html>

Baird Review releases issues paper

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
September 23 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today welcomed the release of an issues paper as part of the Baird Review of the legislation that governs international students in Australia.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090923_110553.aspx

International frogs boiling in melting pot

The China Daily
September 19 2009

Some 547,000 overseas students help to create a 15.5 billion-Australian-dollar annual industry for Australia. But the country's third-largest export, following only coal and iron ore exports, is under threat by a re-emergence of racist attitudes against international students.

Full article:

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/bizchina/2009-09/19/content_8711908.htm

More Asian Universities Cast a Net for Foreign Students

The New York Times
September 18 2009

Attending a university overseas has long been an aspiration for many Chinese.

"My father said 'Why do you want to stay in China? Open your mind, look at the world,'" said Bao Qianqian, 25.

Full article:

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/19/world/asia/19iht-study.html?pagewanted=1&_r=1

Indian student visa requests decline

The Age
September 19 2009

FEWER Indians are applying to study in Australia, immigration officials have admitted, in more worrying signs for the nation's \$15 billion international education industry.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/indian-student-visa-requests-decline-20090918-fvf5.html>

More 'curry bashing' in Australia

The Malaysian Insider
September 17 2009

Four Indians were brutally kicked and beaten by a group of Australians in the eastern Melbourne suburb of Epping last Saturday.

Full article:

<http://www.themalaysianinsider.com/index.php/world/37894-more-curry-bashing-in-australia>

Asian students lived three to a bed

The Australian
September 17 2009

A KOREAN education agent has been implicated in the running of a two-storey Brisbane suburban home that was housing up to 37 foreign students.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,24897,26084753-601,00.html>

Raid finds 37 people living in single Brisbane house

The Brisbane Times
September 16 2009

Thirty-seven students have been found living in a single house in Brisbane's south.

The shock discovery at Sunnybank Hills was made as part of a series of council raids on properties across the city in a bid to curb residential overcrowding.

Full article:

<http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/queensland/raid-finds-37-people-living-in-single-brisbane-house-20090916-fq0u.html>

Students air concerns over education to Australia's government

Radio Australia News
September 16 2009

A group of students have aired their concerns about Australia's education sector to the country's deputy prime minister, Julia Gillard.

The 31 students, from 19 countries were chosen to take part in a roundtable discussion at Parliament house in Canberra.

Full article:

<http://www.radioaustralianews.net.au/stories/200909/2687601.htm?desktop>

Issues: International Students Roundtable, Parliamentary Standards, BER

Transcript: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
September 15 2009

JULIA GILLARD: I'm joined here this afternoon with two representatives of the International Students Roundtable which has been meeting since Sunday to provide a voice for international students to the Australian government. I'm here joined by Manish and Kusum who have been elected as the leaders of this Roundtable. We've brought 31 international students together from around the country. There are representatives from every continent, from universities, from vocational education and training, we have students who are studying PhDs, who are studying at an undergraduate level, who are studying vocational education and training qualifications, we asked them to come together to provide a voice for international students to the federal government and indeed to state and territory governments through the Council of Australian Governments Process.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article_090916_123849.aspx

Gillard kicks off student roundtable

The Age
September 14 2009

Parents with children studying in Australia have every right to be concerned by a spate of attacks on Indian students, says federal Education Minister Julia Gillard.

But Ms Gillard has stressed the government is taking action to ensure the wellbeing and safety of all international students.

Full article:

<http://news.theage.com.au/breaking-news-national/gillard-kicks-off-student-roundtable-20090914-fnct.html>

Language the key for foreign high school students in Australia

ABC Radio Australia
September 14 2009

There are concerns about a lack of support for international students in Australia's high schools, who may face difficulties breaking through cultural and language barriers.

Some students say attending high school in Australia makes for an easier transition to university, but they may need extra help improving their English language skills.

Full article:

<http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/connectasia/stories/200909/s2685129.htm>

Good Practice Guide to assist international colleges

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
September 14 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today said that details of the best performing international college providers will be made available so that all colleges can learn from best practice.

Ms Gillard was speaking at the opening of the two-day International Student Roundtable which began at Parliament House in Canberra this morning.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090914_161619.aspx

Opening of International Student Roundtable at the Senate Alcove, Parliament House

Speech: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
September 14 2009

Thank you, Lisa, for that introduction and for the welcome to country.

Can I start by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land on which we meet, and in the spirit of reconciliation pay my respects to elders, past and present.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Speeches/Pages/Article_090914_161956.aspx

An educational insight

The Star - Malaysia
September 13 2009

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin was in Perth, Western Australia, recently to meet Malaysian students and gain a better understanding of the education system there.

MALAYSIAN students in Perth will soon get to feel more at home if the Government's plan to set up a Malaysia Hall there were to go through.

Full article:

<http://thestar.com.my/education/story.asp?file=/2009/9/13/education/4587504&sec=education>

Mahindra Satyam pulls out of \$75 mn project in Australia

LiveMint.com - The Wall Street Journal
September 12 2009

IT firm Mahindra Satyam has pulled out of the proposed \$75 million project that would have created a software hub at Deakin University in Australia, says a media report.

Full article:

<http://www.livemint.com/2009/09/12002351/Mahindra-Satyam-pulls-out-of.html?h=B>

Private college let me down, says sick student

The Australian
September 14 2009

A MELBOURNE private college has been accused of callous disregard for a pregnant international student suffering from malaria by not granting her a deferment, while continuing to take fees when she was too sick to attend class.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,26068671-5006785,00.html>

More allegations against Australian education providers emerge

ABC Radio
September 08 2009

As Australia continues its efforts to restore its dented international reputation as an education provider, more damaging allegations against private colleges have emerged. International students say they were forced to pay in advance for courses which, in the end they never received, when their colleges suddenly closed.

Full article:

<http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/connectasia/stories/200909/s2679605.htm>

Colleges 'threatened to deport' foreign students

ABC News
September 07 2009

More damaging allegations have emerged against Australian private colleges, dealing a blow to the Federal Government's efforts to repair the image of the international education sector.

Full article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/09/07/2679100.htm?section=australia>

New claims of international student rorts

The Australian
September 07 2009

FRESH allegations of corruption have been levelled against private college operators, further damaging Australia's reputation as a destination for international students.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,26039788-12377,00.html>

Deakin India research initiative

The Times of India
September 07 2009

To strengthen its research activities and partnerships in India, Deakin University, Australia, recently announced the launch of the Deakin India Research Initiative (DIRI).

Full article:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/education/Deakin-India-research-initiative/articleshow/4979931.cms>

Teen gangs target students

The Australian
September 07, 2009

TEENAGE gangs are targeting vulnerable overseas students, according to national police statistics that show the average age of the attackers is just 16 -- with some as young as 13.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,26036212-5013404,00.html>

New Zealand Education Fair in Sri Lanka

The Daily Mirror - Sri Lanka
September 07 2009

The New Zealand Education Fair concluded successfully at the Hilton Residence on Sunday, August 30. The event showcased New Zealand's educational opportunities and the high standards of tertiary education available at premier institutions in New Zealand.

Full article:

http://www.dailymirror.lk/DM_BLOG/Sections/frmNewsDetailView.aspx?ARTID=60589

Gillard vows to stop 'shonky' Indian agents

September 01 2009
ABC News

Education Minister Julia Gillard says some of the problems surrounding international students have been caused by overseas education agents and she has vowed to put a stop to it.

Full article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/09/01/2673668.htm?section=australia>

Australia Addresses Indian Students' Fears

The Wall Street Journal
September 01 2009

A top Australian official began a tour of India to publicize fresh measures to protect foreign students, after a string of violent incidents against Indians that has threatened to dent Australia's multibillion dollar international-education industry.

Full article:

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB125172967379672609.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

Gillard told to act on rogue colleges

The Age
September 01 2009

EDUCATIONAL institutions should be subjected to stringent regulation to prevent exploitation of Indian students by rogue agencies, India's Education Minister last night told Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/gillard-told-to-act-on-rogue-colleges-20090831-f5aa.html>