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## Overseas students are as good as gold

The Sydney Morning Herald  
November 30 2009

EDUCATION helped to prop up the NSW economy by generating \$6.4 billion for the state despite revelations of shonky colleges and violent attacks on Indian students.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/overseas-students-are-as-good-as-gold-20091129-jyve.html>

## Collapse spreads around global village

University World News  
November 29 2009

News spreads fast in the global village created by the World Wide Web. And bad news always travels that much more quickly than any other kind - as the Australian government found to its likely cost this month when a Chinese-owned company called the Global Campus Management Group that ran a series of vocational education colleges in Melbourne and Sydney for foreign students suddenly shut its doors and went into voluntary liquidation.

Full article:

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20091127122608266>

## High schools lose foreign students as fees, fears rise

The Age  
November 29 2009

VICTORIAN high schools have suffered an unexpected drop in enrolments by foreign students, prompting new fears for the state's \$4 billion international education industry.

Full article:  
<http://www.theage.com.au/national/high-schools-lose-foreign-students-as-fees-fears-rise-20091128-iy0n.html>

## 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/>

## 50 students receive "Australia Asia Endeavour Award"

ChinaView.cn  
November 25 2009

Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on Wednesday announced 50 of the best and brightest university students from Australia and Asia have received the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Endeavour Award.

Full article:  
[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-11/25/content\\_12538135.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-11/25/content_12538135.htm)

## Private college system a fiasco in need of a fix

The Age  
November 24 2009

Even as the rot in international education is laid bare, the Victorian Brumby Government would like us to believe the problems with private colleges are restricted to a handful of small, fly-by-night operators. Rubbish.

Full article:  
<http://www.theage.com.au/opinion/society-and-culture/private-college-system-a-fiasco-in-need-of-a-fix-20091123-ixi3.html>

## 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)

## **Huge expansion in overseas campuses**

University World News  
November 22 2009

A rapidly growing number of universities across the world are establishing branch campuses in other countries. In fact, the number has almost doubled to 162 in the past three years alone and has jumped eight-fold since 2002. Although the US continues to dominate with its offshore campuses scattered around the globe, more countries have become involved as hosts and providers.

Full article:

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20091120103411843>

## **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-20091118-1ml8.html>

## **Australian Education International (AEI) website revamped**

DEEWR  
November 18 2009

Australian Education International (AEI) provides leadership across all levels of government and industry to support the sustainable development of a world-class and globally connected international education and training system in Australia.

Full article:

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/International/Pages/default.aspx>

## **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>

## **Takeover plan support**

The Australian  
November 18 2009

A POSSIBLE federal takeover of failed state powers over private colleges has been backed by peak overseas student and migration bodies.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/takeover-plan-support/story-e6frgcjx-1225798891161>

## **Indian enrolment in US varsities slows down**

Daily News & Analysis - India

November 17 2009

Half the institutions of higher learning in the United States have recorded a drop in the number of Indian students enrolling with them this fall, thanks to the global economic slowdown and worries about H1N1 influenza.

Full article:

[http://www.dnaindia.com/academy/report\\_indian-enrolment-in-us-varsities-slows-down\\_1312683](http://www.dnaindia.com/academy/report_indian-enrolment-in-us-varsities-slows-down_1312683)

## **Study in Australia exhibition returning to Hanoi**

The Saigon Daily - Viet Nam

November 16 2009

The Australian Vocational and Higher Education 2009 will be held in Hanoi on Nov. 21 and Ho Chi Minh City the next day, the Australian Consulate General in the city has announced.

Full article:

<http://www.saigon-gpdaily.com.vn/Education/2009/11/76082/>

## **Colleges looking to 'globalize'**

MySanAntonio.com - United States

November 15 2009

Tasked with turning around declining enrollment in St. Mary's University's MBA program, new dean Tanuja Singh knows she can't count solely on American students, a pipeline that will start to thin as the baby boom "echo" moves into adulthood.

Full article:

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/70144432.html>

## **52 Filipino postgraduate students off to Australia for scholarships**

The Business Mirror - Philippines

November 15 2009

Australia awarded scholarship to another batch of 52 Filipino professionals, 33 of them for different postgraduate studies in various Australian universities.

Full article:<http://businessmirror.com.ph/home/regions/18522-52-filipino-postgraduate-students-off-to-australia-for-scholarships.html>

## **RM55m in Aussie scholarships for Asian students**

The Malaysian Insider

November 15 2009

Australia's Prime Minister Kevin Rudd speaks at Apec CEO Summit in Singapore yesterday

Australia has unveiled an A\$18 million (RM55 million) scholarship aimed at building a new generation of regional leaders.

Full article:

<http://themalaysianinsider.com/index.php/world/43472-rm55m-in-aussie-scholarships-for-asian-students->

## **An African venture**

The Age  
November 16 2009

Tomorrow, the world...well, not quite. Global expansion has not always been a winning strategy for Australian universities, though Ed Byrne cannot disguise his optimism for a project unfolding across the Indian Ocean.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/an-african-venture-20091113-ie67.html>

## **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>

## **New ANZ Scholarships Enhance Links Between NZ And Singapore**

Voxy.co.nz - New Zealand  
November 13 2009

A new ANZ scholarship student exchange between New Zealand and Singapore was announced today, aimed at enhancing business and education connections between the two countries.

Full article:

<http://www.voxy.co.nz/national/new-anz-scholarships-enhance-links-between-nz-and-singapore/5/30186>

## **Australia weights setting study bar**

The Guardian - UK  
November 13th 2009

A sharp fall in demand from Indian international students has pushed the Australian education industry to a long overdue turning point – one that, ironically, may ensure a more -robust future for the sector.

Full article:

<http://www.guardianweekly.co.uk/?page=editorial&id=1341&catID=18>

## **Australia proposes anti-violence laws**

The Times of India  
November 12 2009

New laws providing more teeth to the police to tackle street violence have been introduced in the Australian state of Victoria following a string of attacks, including on Indian students.

Full article:

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics/nation/Australia-proposes-anti-violence-laws/articleshow/5222167.cms>

## **China Issues Warning On Studying Overseas**

ChinaCSR.com  
November 13 2009

China's Ministry of Education has issued an early warning to Chinese who plan to study overseas and warns them to be careful when choosing private schools overseas.

Full article:

<http://www.chinacsr.com/en/2009/11/13/6562-china-issues-warning-on-studying-overseas/>

## **Monash University builds on links with India**

The Times of India  
November 12 2009

Construction of an innovative Research Academy in Mumbai is the latest development in the 50-year relationship between India and Monash University, Australia's largest higher education institution.

Full article:

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/news-by-industry/services/education/Monash-University-builds-on-links-with-India/articleshow/5221492.cms>

## **New visa measures to assist international students in Australia**

MigrationExpert.com  
November 10 2009

The Australian Government has announced new measures designed to assist international students who have been affected by the closure of their university or other education provider.

Full article:

[http://www.migrationexpert.com/Australia/Visa/australian\\_immigration\\_news/2009/nov/0/313/New\\_visa\\_measures\\_to\\_assist\\_international\\_students\\_in\\_Australia](http://www.migrationexpert.com/Australia/Visa/australian_immigration_news/2009/nov/0/313/New_visa_measures_to_assist_international_students_in_Australia)

## **Foreign students conned, says MP**

The Herald Sun  
November 10 2009

FOREIGN students should be banned from applying for permanent residency while they are still in Australia, says a Government MP

Full article:

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/national/foreign-students-conned-says-mp/story-e6frf716-1225795899754>

## **Lots of questions, no answers for angry students**

The Age  
November 10 2009

THEY came searching for answers but found only uncertainty. Hundreds of foreign students, mainly Indian and Chinese, packed into Melbourne Town Hall hoping the Federal Government, which had called the meeting, would explain why their colleges had collapsed and what the future now held.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/lots-of-questions-no-answers-for-angry-students-20091109-i5dd.html>

## **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>

## **Overseas students lack sex education: study**

Australia Network News  
November 05 2009

University staff have called for a national sex education strategy to help international students in Australia, after a study revealed they had an alarming lack of sexual knowledge.

Full article:

<http://australianetworknews.com/stories/200911/2734048.htm?desktop>

## **Australia Invites Young People to Come Out and Play and Work and Then Play Some More!**

Reuters  
November 03 2009

Special Deals Offered by STA Travel and V Australia; Students Can Travel and Work in Australia for Up to One Year

Are you 18-30 years old and looking for that next job or about to graduate and wondering what's next? If so, then look no further than Australia's work and play opportunities.

Full article:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/pressRelease/idUS207330+03-Nov-2009+PRN20091103>

## **Overseas students' alarming abortion rates**

Adelaide Now  
November 03 2009

ONE in three abortions at the Women's and Children's Hospital is performed on international students, University of Adelaide research has found.

Full article:

<http://www.news.com.au/adelaidenow/story/0,22606,26296194-5006301,00.html>

## **Newcastle uni students vulnerable**

The Herald  
October 31 2009

FEMALE international students feel the most vulnerable in and around the University of Newcastle but rural students, first-year students and smaller sized men also feel at risk, a study shows.

Full article:

<http://www.theherald.com.au/news/local/news/general/newcastle-uni-students-vulnerable/1664138.aspx>