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## Gap year offers a different kind of learning experience

The Sydney Morning Herald  
June 28 2010

Taking a break can allow students to engage with the world in new and challenging ways, writes James Harpur.

As our year 12 students approach the school holidays, thoughts of not-too-distant final year assessments and university placements loom large.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/gap-year-offers-a-different-kind-of-learning-experience-20100627-zc2y.html>

<http://bit.ly/c0sttS>

## **Maharey fears gender imbalance at university**

The Manawatu Standard, New Zealand  
June 30 2010

Boys may need a Boys Can Do Anything campaign to improve their attitudes toward academic achievement and tertiary education.

Full article:

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/manawatu-standard/news/3865392/Maharey-fears-gender-imbalance-at-university>

<http://bit.ly/9vj2Ar>

## **Learning fast but a long way to go**

The Australian  
June 30 2010

IT will take years before higher education in China poses a real threat to Australian universities.

AS a Chinese university administrator, I find myself slightly shocked, as well as bemused, by the message delivered by some influential people and the media that huge dedicated investment in higher education by China and India somehow constitutes a threat to Australia's higher education industry.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/learning-fast-but-a-long-way-to-go/story-e6frgjcjx-1225885866242>

<http://bit.ly/99PJlW>

## **10 Ways To Cut Campus Costs with Technology**

CampusTechnology.com  
June 2010

IT organizations at American colleges and universities are getting clever with cost cutting. Two IT leaders share some of the small, creative tactics they've used to save hundreds of thousands of dollars for their schools while actually managing to improve services for their constituents.

Full article:

<http://campustechnology.com/articles/2010/06/24/10-ways-to-cut-campus-costs-with-technology.aspx>

<http://bit.ly/bx5t5T>

## **Study Shows Future Leaders' Focus on Globalization and Sustainability**

CampusTechnology.com  
June 22 2010

A new multi-national study that asked college students the same questions asked of global CEOs found "similarities in terms of outlook on the new economic environment and how organizations should respond" but stark differences regarding globalization and sustainability.

Full article:

<http://campustechnology.com/articles/2010/06/22/study-shows-future-leaders-focus-on-globalization-and-sustainability.aspx>  
<http://bit.ly/bDNr9a>

## **Textbook rentals will give N.J. college students more options this fall**

NJ.com, New Jersey  
June 20 2010

For generations, college students have made the trek to the campus bookstore every semester to either buy new copies of their textbooks or hunt the shelves for used editions.

Starting this fall, students at many New Jersey colleges will have a third option: renting their books.

Full article:

[http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2010/06/many\\_nj\\_college\\_bookstores\\_to.html](http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2010/06/many_nj_college_bookstores_to.html)  
<http://bit.ly/drPJA8>

## **Panasonic helping MacQuarie University stay green**

Current.com.au  
June 28 2010

SYDNEY, NSW: Panasonic Australia has pledged to help the green cause by agreeing to donate \$690,000 to fund environmental research and public education as part of a new Macquarie University eco initiative.

Full article:

<http://www.current.com.au/2010/06/28/article/Panasonic-helping-Macquarie-University-stay-green/IAUFAYFVCQ.html>  
<http://bit.ly/c5OkKc>

## **Bill's delay puts more pressure on facilities**

Australian Financial Review  
June 28 2010

## **In Law Schools, Grades Go Up, Just Like That**

The New York Times  
June 21 2010

One day next month every student at Loyola Law School Los Angeles will awake to a higher grade point average.

But it's not because they are all working harder.

The school is retroactively inflating its grades, tacking on 0.333 to every grade recorded in the last few years. The goal is to make its students look more attractive in a competitive job market.

Full article:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/22/business/22law.html?ref=business&src=me&pagewanted=all>  
<http://nyti.ms/bXvDJu>

## How goes the higher education revolution?

University World News: Vin Massaro  
June 27 2010

The Oxford English Dictionary defines a revolution as a dramatic and wide-ranging change in the way something works. It is still not clear how Australia's higher education landscape might be changed fundamentally by the conservative blueprint designed by the 2008 Bradley report, but I suspect it will not approach the revolutionary effects of the Dawkins reforms begun in 1987 by then Labor Education Minister John Dawkins.

Full article:

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20100625181602129>  
<http://bit.ly/b8WlVn>

## Financing Higher Education Worldwide

InsideHigherEd.com  
June 24 2010

Who pays for higher education? Whether talking about the government role or the student responsibility, the question is controversial all over the world, and many policies are in flux. Financing Higher Education Worldwide, a new book from the Johns Hopkins University Press, surveys the globe for the trends and their implications. The authors are D. Bruce Johnstone, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor of Higher and Comparative Education Emeritus at...

Full article:

<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2010/06/24/worldwide>  
<http://bit.ly/aasp66>

## UTS receives \$25 million gift

Pro Bono News  
June 22 2010

The University of Technology Sydney (UTS) has received the largest ever philanthropic gift by an individual for a university building in Australia from Chinese businessman, Dr Chau Chak Wing.

Full article:

[http://www.probonoaustralia.com.au/news/2010/06/uts-receives-25-million-gift?utm\\_source=Not+for+Profit+News+Service&utm\\_campaign=be8d1a5a4a-NewsService\\_24June2010&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.probonoaustralia.com.au/news/2010/06/uts-receives-25-million-gift?utm_source=Not+for+Profit+News+Service&utm_campaign=be8d1a5a4a-NewsService_24June2010&utm_medium=email)  
<http://bit.ly/czdUZs>

## Australian Universities Jump On the Fund-Raising Bandwagon

The Chronicle of Higher Education  
June 23 2010

Once dismissed as an American phenomenon too crass to imitate, fund raising is being embraced by Australian universities as key to their success.

Full article:

<http://chronicle.com/article/Australian-Universities-Jump/66028/>  
<http://bit.ly/dsNkgo>

## **Rudd Government support for university research in Adelaide**

Media release: The Hon Kate Ellis MP  
June 23 2010

Member for Adelaide, Kate Ellis has welcomed the announcement that researchers at the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia will soon commence research on 14 new projects, thanks to funding from the Australian Government.

The University of Adelaide has been awarded over \$2.5 million and the University of South Australia will receive almost \$900,000 to contribute to the national research effort.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/ministers/ellis/media/releases/pages/article\\_100623\\_122840.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/ministers/ellis/media/releases/pages/article_100623_122840.aspx)  
<http://bit.ly/bbhQRz>

## **Tertiary funding focus flawed**

Stuff.co.nz  
June 23 2010

OPINION: As the vice-chancellor of Victoria University, I have the advantage of being able to see first-hand the potential of New Zealand's best and brightest. I also see first-hand the frustration of those who are not able to chase their dream and realise their potential.

Full article:

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/blogs/opinion/3844254/Tertiary-funding-focus-flawed>  
<http://bit.ly/c8sSd7>

## **Peter Coaldrake wary of CMU record**

The Australian  
June 23 2010

SOUTH Australia's financial support for US-based Carnegie Mellon University's Adelaide campus is coming under fresh scrutiny with Universities Australia chairman Peter Coaldrake warning that the results to date have been indifferent.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/peter-coaldrake-wary-of-cmu-record/story-e6frgcjx-1225882946864>  
<http://bit.ly/9GKhsu>

## **Disadvantaged by official criteria**

The Australian  
June 23 2010

"HIGH risk, low impact" is the epitaph to abortive political strategy.

It may also be the legacy of Labor's higher education revolution unless corrective action is taken to redress serious imbalances in its draft policy to improve university teaching and learning.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/opinion-analysis/disadvantaged-by-official-criteria/story-e6frgcko-1225882925455>  
<http://bit.ly/98EY4t>

## Overseas student market at risk

The Australian  
June 23 2010

THE threat to universities from a significant downturn in international students is real and immigration needs to better refine its visa integrity.

These measures will ensure legitimate students aren't being caught in the crackdown.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/overseas-student-market-at-risk/story-e6frgcjx-1225882948204>

<http://bit.ly/cZLKcQ>

## Sector calls for government to kill visa bill

The Australian  
June 23 2010

PhD candidate Umut Ozguc is afraid she will have to leave Australia under proposed visa changes.

STUDENTS and universities fear the consequences of residency changes.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/sector-calls-for-government-to-kill-visa-bill/story-e6frgcjx-1225882950106>

<http://bit.ly/bZo7Tq>

## On track to deliver world-class tertiary learning for all

The Australian  
June 19 2010

It is misleading to suggest the government has ignored Bradley's advice on higher education.

THE Rudd government was elected with an ambitious agenda and central to that agenda was our education revolution.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/opinion/on-track-to-deliver-world-class-tertiary-learning-for-all/story-e6frg6zo-1225881266123>

<http://bit.ly/9JWPtz>

## Pledge to exempt Oz elite from new standards body

Times Higher Education  
June 17 2010

The Australian opposition is proposing to exempt the country's elite Group of Eight (Go8) universities from the country's new quality and standards agency for the higher education sector.

Full article:

<http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=26&storycode=412036&c=1>

<http://bit.ly/bEFBul>

## **ANU students to get cheap accommodation**

The Sydney Morning Herald  
June 15 2010

Struggling students will benefit from more than 1000 affordable rental apartments to be built in Canberra during the next two years.

Full article:

<http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-national/anu-students-to-get-cheap-accommodation-20100615-yc51.html>

<http://bit.ly/cKtkmr>

## **Triple hit to sector costs \$400m**

The Australian  
June 16 2010

AUSTRALIA has lost more than \$400 million in the fallout from last year's attacks on overseas students, the Rudd government's escalating crackdown on dodgy private colleges and the high Aussie dollar.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/triple-hit-to-sector-costs-400m/story-e6frgcjx-1225880085085>

<http://bit.ly/9sPBuu>

## **Unis face skill loss to ageing academics**

AAP via the Sydney Morning Herald  
June 15 2010

Universities have made a strong recovery from the global financial crisis but NSW's ageing academics are posing another threat, the auditor-general says.

Full article:

<http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-national/unis-face-skill-loss-to-ageing-academics-20100615-ycl4.html>

<http://bit.ly/cUqqTq>

## **NZ says okay to mobile phones in classrooms**

The Herald Sun  
June 14 2010

MANY Australian schools ban mobile phones, but they could become standard classroom tools in New Zealand.

Full article:

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/world/nz-says-okay-to-mobile-phones-in-classrooms/story-e6frf7lf-1225879250565>

<http://bit.ly/95stM9>

## **Infrastructure money put back in the pot**

The Australian  
June 10 2010

IN a surprise about-face, the federal government has restored \$200 million in previously stalled tertiary education infrastructure money from the Education Investment Fund.

In November last year Treasury cut back the value of the current round from \$550 million to \$350 million as it "recalibrated" stimulus spending amid concerns over inflation.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/infrastructure-money-put-back-in-the-pot/story-e6frgcjx-1225878082656>

<http://bit.ly/9oTsb0>

## **'Death knell' for overseas students**

The Australian  
June 11 2010

UNIVERSITIES and colleges have condemned the Rudd government for seeking new powers to nullify the residency applications of potentially thousands of former overseas students, labelling it "the kiss of death" for the \$18.6 billion industry.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/death-knell-for-overseas-students/story-e6frg6nf-1225878156303>

<http://bit.ly/9UHB5O>

## **Keynote Address: 'Australia's Productivity Challenge: A Key Role for Education'**

Speech transcript: The Hon Julia Gillard MP  
June 10 2010

Good morning everyone.

Thanks to my kind hosts – the John Curtin Institute of Public Policy – for this opportunity.

I congratulate you on the reputation that you have built as a centre of learning in public policy and administration.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Speeches/Pages/Article\\_100610\\_130719.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Speeches/Pages/Article_100610_130719.aspx)

<http://bit.ly/aCRH4U>

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

Media release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP  
June 09 2010

Today, Ministers met at the Central Institute of Technology in Perth. Established in 1900, it is one of Western Australia's oldest training institutions. The Institute is also one of the largest in Western Australia, offering around 400 courses to some 25,000 students annually.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article\\_100610\\_143329.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_100610_143329.aspx)

<http://bit.ly/aiITnZ>

## Otago University VC resigns

NZPA via Yahoo News  
June 09 2010

Otago University vice chancellor Professor David Skegg has resigned after almost seven years in the role.

Full article:

<http://nz.news.yahoo.com/a/-/top-stories/7371318/otago-university-vc-resigns/>

## Proximity not sole participation factor

The Australian  
June 09 2010

GAVIN Moodie's piece analysing data from a recent Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations report concludes that "locating higher education campuses in regional areas does not increase local participation much" ("Regional argument won't hold", HES, June 2).

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/letters/proximity-not-sole-participation-factor/story-e6frgcox-1225877159582>

## Labor rapped for failed promises

The Australian  
June 09 2010

UNIVERSITIES are entering the run-up to the next federal election in a worse position than they were in ahead of the 2007 election in terms of the public debate, according to Universities Australia executive director Glenn Withers.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/labor-rapped-for-failed-promises/story-e6frgcjx-1225877153449>

## Rudd Government Secures Future of Batchelor Institute

Joint Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP, The Hon Warren Snowdon MP, The Hon Dr Chris Burns  
June 08 2010

Minister for Education Julia Gillard today announced that the Australian Government would provide funding to ensure the sustainability of the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE).

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article\\_100608\\_135913.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_100608_135913.aspx)

## More poor make university

The Age  
June 07 2010

MORE students from poor families are attending university, with figures showing almost half of the public school graduates studying at university this year are from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/more--poor-make--university-20100606-xn9s.html>

## **New wave of welcoming ways**

The Australian  
June 07 2010

MELBOURNE universities are trialling mentoring and other programs to help international students meet their local counterparts.

Professor Simon Marginson at the University of Melbourne welcomes the initiatives, but warns they will only work if there is protracted engagement between students.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/new-wave-of-welcoming-ways-20100604-xk93.html>

## **New Zealand: Universities raise entry requirements**

University World News  
June 06 2010

Some of New Zealand's eight universities are raising their entry requirements to try to control student numbers.

The universities have found themselves in a difficult position since the recession struck because it prompted more people to seek a university education. But the government has made no change to its strict limits on enrolments.

Full article:

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20100605062603949>

## **Student drop hits economy**

The Australian  
June 06 2010

TOUGH new immigration rules for foreign students are hitting Australia's economy, with more than 125,000 fewer international students expected to come in the next 12 months, costing more than 31,000 jobs nationwide.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/student-drop-hits-economy-20100605-xly1.html>

## **ANU vice-chancellor Ian Chubb to retire**

NineMSN.com.au  
June 04 2010

Ian Chubb has won high praise from students, graduates and peers following an announcement he is to retire as Australian National University's vice-chancellor next year.

Full article:

<http://news.ninemsn.com.au/national/1064208/anu-vice-chancellor-ian-chubb-to-retire>

## **Funding gap to hit ANU's global university ranking**

The Australian  
June 05 2010

THE highly rated Australian National University is likely to fall in global university rankings as China and Europe pour more money into higher education, its outgoing vice-chancellor, Ian Chubb, has warned.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/funding-gap-to-hit-anus-global-university-ranking/story-e6frg6nf-1225875703351>

## **From Taboo to Hot Topic**

InsideHigherEd.com

June 01 2010

In higher education, change rarely happens quickly. Not so when it comes to hiring overseas agencies -- paid by the college in the form of per-student commissions -- to recruit international students. Two years ago the topic was taboo, and few colleges would publicly admit to the practice, which is illegal under U.S. law when it comes to recruiting American students.

Full article:

<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2010/06/01/agents>

## **A New Regulatory Agency Raises Concerns Among Academics in Australia**

The Chronicle of Higher Education

May 31 2010

To help oversee what some see as an confusing higher-education system, Australia is setting up a new agency to regulate the country's colleges and universities. But academics and other officials involved agree that much work needs to be done to balance the need for improved oversight with the demand that universities not be subject to a "one size fits all" approach.

Full article:

<http://chronicle.com/article/A-New-Regulatory-Agency-Raises/65733/>

## **Extra curricular funding for Coffs**

The Coffs Coast Advocate

April 12 2010

COFFS Coast schools, community groups and businesses have the chance to share in more than \$5 million in prize money thanks to a new initiative, Schools First.

Full article:

<http://www.coffscostadvocate.com.au/story/2010/04/12/extra-curricular-funding-benefit-coffs-students/>

## **American Colleges Look to Private Sector for Global Recruiting**

The Chronicle of Higher Education

May 30 2010

The University of South Florida wants to become a globally known university. But with just 1,800 foreign students out of about 47,000, the university's Tampa campus is far from international.

Full article:

<http://chronicle.com/article/American-Colleges-Look-to/65717/>

## **Mr Lowan Sist, CEO of Melbourne University Student Union Ltd, departs**

ACUMA Incorporated

June 2010

CEO of University of Melbourne's MU Student Union Ltd, Mr Lowan Sist, moves on

Mr Lowan Sist, long-time Chief Executive Officer of MU Student Union Ltd at Australia's University of Melbourne, has announced his intention to move on from the position.

Lowan's contribution to the student experience at Melbourne University included successfully navigating a course for the Union through the implementation of Voluntary Student Unionism legislation, and the post-VSU landscape.

From 2004 to June 2010, Lowan Sist developed and revised all organisational policy and procedures, and implemented a strategic and operational plan, which included an environmental sustainability plan for the Union.

Additionally, Lowan guided the development of retail spaces, retail planning and student-focused space development. In the course of his activities as MUSUL CEO, Mr Sist has developed the respect of peers within the university, University of Melbourne students and the MUSUL Board.

MU Student Union have been a long-term participant in ACUMA Incorporated's activities in the Australasian campus service industry and, under Lowan's guidance, in 2005 hosted ACUMA's annual conference dinner event.

ACUMA Incorporated would like to congratulate Lowan Sist on his achievements during his time at the University of Melbourne, and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

<http://acumainc.blogspot.com/2010/06/ceo-of-university-of-melbournes-mu.html>  
[http://www.acuma.org.au/resource\\_library/media\\_releases/lowan\\_sist\\_ceo\\_musul.htm](http://www.acuma.org.au/resource_library/media_releases/lowan_sist_ceo_musul.htm)  
<http://bit.ly/cg7kRt>

#### **Australasian Association of Campus Activities (AACA): 2010 national student competitions**

National Campus Band Competition launched:	<a href="http://www.aaca.net.au/ncbc">http://www.aaca.net.au/ncbc</a>
National Campus Film Festival launched :	<a href="http://www.aaca.net.au/ncff">http://www.aaca.net.au/ncff</a>
National Campus Art Prize launched :	<a href="http://www.aaca.net.au/ncap">http://www.aaca.net.au/ncap</a>
National Campus DJ Competition launched :	<a href="http://www.aaca.net.au/ncdj">http://www.aaca.net.au/ncdj</a>

#### **ACUMA Incorporated: Items in the press - monthly round-ups**

- Higher education news
- International issues in education, and items affecting international students
- Technology developments of relevance to campus services

[http://www.acuma.org.au/resource\\_library/in\\_the\\_press/](http://www.acuma.org.au/resource_library/in_the_press/)