



# Monthly Summary of International Student Enrolment Data<sup>1</sup> – Australia – YTD January 2011

As at year-to-date (YTD) January 2011, there were 282,429 enrolments by full-fee international students in Australia on a student visa. This represents a 10.9% decline on the same period in 2010 and contrasts with the average YTD January growth rate for enrolments since 2002 of 9.4% per year.

There were 29,854 commencements in YTD January 2011, representing an 8.3% increase over the same period in 2010 and compares with an average YTD January growth rate for commencements since 2002 of 9.8% per year.

These data should be interpreted with caution as the majority of commencements in the first half of any year are normally recorded in February and March.

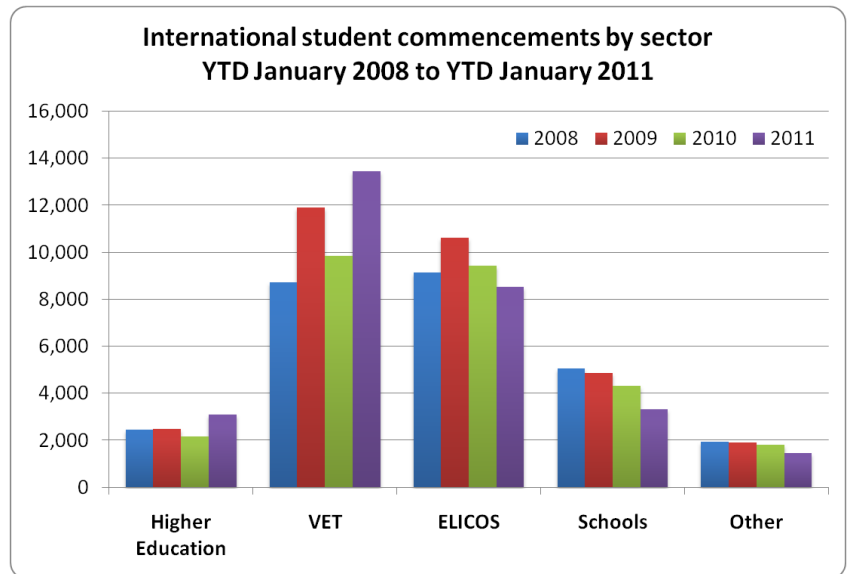
In January 2011, the Higher Education sector ranked first by volume of enrolments and fourth by volume of commencements. The latter ranking is expected to change as more students commence university studies in February and March. The sector recorded growth of 0.1% in enrolments and 43.7% in commencements. By enrolments volume, the two largest markets were China (38.2%) and Malaysia (7.9%). In January 2011, enrolments and commencements at the under-graduate level of study were up by 3.8% and 93.5% respectively on January 2010 figures. Also, post-graduate research enrolments and commencements were up by 14.4% and 12.5% respectively over the same period.

The Vocational Education and Training sector (VET) ranked second by volume of enrolments and first by volume of commencements. Enrolments fell by 21.7%, but commencements grew 36.8%. India had the largest share of total enrolments (34.7%) and of total commencements (24.8%) in January 2011. China was the next largest source country by enrolments with 10.1%.

The English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) sector ranked third by volume of enrolments and second by volume of commencements. Enrolments declined by 20.3% and commencements declined by 9.6% compared with the same period in 2010. China was the largest ELICOS market with a 30.8% share of enrolments and 26.7% of commencements. Chinese enrolments and commencements declined, by 24.5% and 18.4% respectively.

The Schools sector ranked fourth by volume of enrolments and third by volume of commencements. Enrolments declined by 12.9% and commencements by 23.2% in the reporting period. Asia contributed 89.3% of enrolments and 79.5% of commencements. China, the largest market in the sector, accounted for 44.3% of commencements however, commencements from China declined by 23.2%.

Enrolments and commencements in courses such as exchange and foundation programs, included in the Other sector both declined by 12.5% and 19.4% respectively. The largest markets by volume of enrolments were China (43.8%) and USA (5.7%). Enrolments from both markets declined, China by 12.7% and the USA by 8.7%.



Sector	Enrolments, Year-to-date			Commencements, Year-to-date		
	YTD Jan. 2010	YTD Jan. 2011	Growth on YTD Jan. 10	YTD Jan. 2010	YTD Jan. 2011	Growth on YTD Jan. 10
Higher Education	143,147	143,296	0.1%	2,146	3,084	43.7%
VET	108,532	85,003	-21.7%	9,841	13,458	36.8%
ELICOS	39,286	31,330	-20.3%	9,439	8,533	-9.6%
Schools	17,676	15,392	-12.9%	4,328	3,324	-23.2%
Other <sup>2</sup>	8,465	7,408	-12.5%	1,806	1,455	-19.4%
<b>Total in Australia</b>	<b>317,106</b>	<b>282,429</b>	<b>-10.9%</b>	<b>27,560</b>	<b>29,854</b>	<b>8.3%</b>

The Top 5 nationalities contributed 58.2% of Australia's enrolments in all sectors					Double-digit increases & decreases in markets with over 4,000 enrolments (outside top 5)			
Nationality	YTD Jan. 2010	YTD Jan. 2011	Growth on YTD Jan. 10	Share of all nationalities	Growth on			
					Nationality	YTD Jan. 2011	YTD Jan. 2010	Rank
China	84,808	83,103	-2.0%	29.4%	Thailand	10,103	-11.4%	6
India	60,301	39,896	-33.8%	14.1%	Nepal	9,456	-26.1%	7
Republic of Korea	16,892	14,953	-11.5%	5.3%	Japan	4,672	-11.0%	12
Malaysia	14,336	13,572	-5.3%	4.8%	Pakistan	4,370	12.0%	13
Vietnam	12,784	12,783	0.0%	4.5%				
Other nationalities	127,985	118,122	-7.7%	41.8%				
<b>All nationalities</b>	<b>317,106</b>	<b>282,429</b>	<b>-10.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>				

More information is available at: <http://aei.dest.gov.au/AEI/MIP/Statistics/Default.htm>

<sup>1</sup> AEI data on enrolments and commencements (including the data in this update) relate only to international students in Australia on a student visa.

<sup>2</sup> 'Other' includes Foundation, Bridging and Enabling courses plus other courses that do not lead to a qualification under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).