



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

As at year-to-date (YTD) May 2011, there were 417,332 enrolments by full-fee international students in Australia on a student visa. This represents a 9.1% decline on the same period in 2010.

There were 159,381 commencements in YTD May 2011, representing a 6.0% decline over the same period in 2010 and contrasts with an average YTD May growth rate for commencements since 2002 of 7.0% per year.

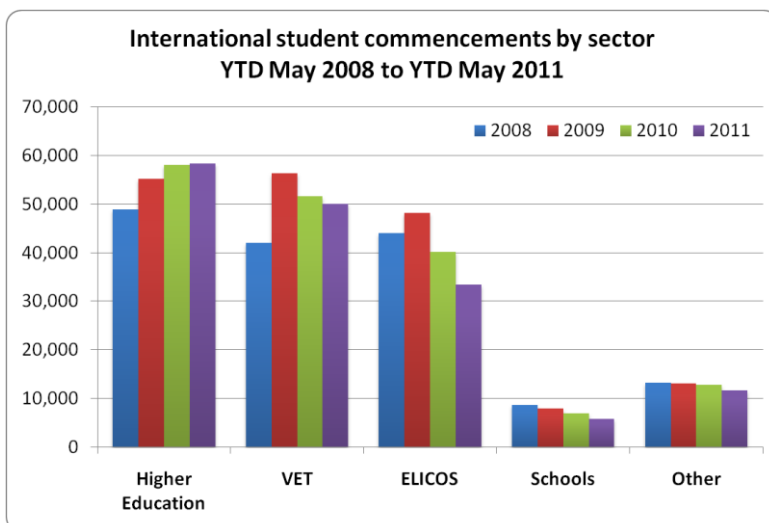
In May 2011, the Higher Education sector ranked first by volume of enrolments. The sector recorded growth of 2.3% in enrolments. By enrolments volume, the two largest source countries were China (39.6%) and Malaysia (8.0%). "Management and Commerce" was the most popular broad field of education with 49.6% of enrolments. The next most popular fields were "Engineering and Related Technologies" and "Health" with 9.0% and 8.0% of enrolments respectively. In YTD May 2011, enrolments and commencements at the under-graduate level of study were up by 6.1% and 5.0% respectively on YTD May 2010. Post-graduate research enrolments and commencements were up by 13.7% and 3.6% respectively over the same period.

The Vocational Education and Training sector (VET) ranked second by volume of enrolments and by volume of commencements. Enrolments and commencements at YTD May 2011 fell by 18.8% and 2.9% respectively on the same period in 2010. India had the largest share of total enrolments (33.3%) and of total commencements (27.8%). China was the next largest source country by enrolments with 10.7%, followed by Thailand with 6.6%. "Management and Commerce" was the largest broad field of education in VET with 48.2% of enrolments and 56.3% of commencements. Enrolments and commencements in this field grew 11.4% and 31.1% respectively. "Food, Hospitality and Personal Services" ranked second however, enrolments in this field declined by 48.2% and commencements by 46.0%. "Society and Culture" was the third largest broad field of education and recorded a 29.1% decline in enrolments and an 6.0% decline in commencements.

The English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) sector ranked third by volume of enrolments and by volume of commencements. Enrolments declined by 19.8% and commencements declined by 16.5% compared with the same period in 2010. China was the largest ELICOS market with a 28.8% share of enrolments and 26.5% of commencements. Chinese enrolments and commencements declined, by 25.1% and 23.2% respectively.

The Schools sector ranked fifth by volume of enrolments and of commencements. Enrolments declined by 13.4% and commencements by 16.9% in the reporting period. Asia contributed 88.9% of enrolments and 82.5% of commencements. China and the Republic of Korea were the two largest source countries in the sector, accounting for 44.0% and 15.3% of enrolments respectively. However, commencements from both source countries at YTD May 2011 declined; China by 20.8% and the Republic of Korea by 24.3%.

Enrolments in courses such as exchange and foundation programs, included in the Other sector declined by 8.3%. The sector also experienced an 9.0% decline in commencements in the reference period. The largest source countries by volume of enrolments were China (28.1%) and the USA (21.1%). The YTD May 2011 enrolments from both source countries declined by 12.5% and 1.1% respectively.



Sector	Enrolments, Year-to-date			Commencements, Year-to-date		
	YTD May 2010	YTD May 2011	Growth on YTD May 10	YTD May 2010	YTD May 2011	Growth on YTD May 10
Higher Education	199,136	203,766	2.3%	58,104	58,373	0.5%
VET	150,333	122,034	-18.8%	51,607	50,098	-2.9%
ELICOS	70,038	56,198	-19.8%	40,096	33,481	-16.5%
Schools	20,288	17,569	-13.4%	6,939	5,763	-16.9%
Other <sup>2</sup>	19,374	17,765	-8.3%	12,820	11,666	-9.0%
<b>Total in Australia</b>	<b>459,169</b>	<b>417,332</b>	<b>-9.1%</b>	<b>169,566</b>	<b>159,381</b>	<b>-6.0%</b>

### The Top 5 nationalities contributed 56.9% of Australia's enrolments in all sectors

Nationality	YTD May 2010	YTD May 2011	Growth on YTD May 10	Share of all nationalities
China	126,115	122,636	-2.8%	29.4%
India	77,145	54,420	-29.5%	13.0%
Republic of Korea	25,363	22,415	-11.6%	5.4%
Malaysia	20,238	19,753	-2.4%	4.7%
Vietnam	18,952	18,424	-2.8%	4.4%
Other nationalities	191,356	179,684	-6.1%	43.1%
<b>All nationalities</b>	<b>459,169</b>	<b>417,332</b>	<b>-9.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### Double-digit changes in source countries with over 4,500 enrolments (outside top 5)

Nationality	Growth on		
	YTD May 2011	YTD May 2010	Rank
Thailand	15,283	-11.7%	6
Nepal	13,413	-19.2%	7
Pakistan	6,726	17.5%	14
Colombia	5,723	-12.9%	15
Sri Lanka	5,105	-17.6%	17
Bangladesh	4,619	-10.5%	18

<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).