



# Monthly Summary of International Student Enrolment Data<sup>1</sup> – Australia – YTD November 2014

As at year-to-date (YTD) November 2014, there were 583,714 enrolments by full-fee paying international students in Australia on a student visa. This represents a 12.3% increase on YTD November 2013 and compares with the average YTD November growth rate for enrolments of 5.4% per year over the preceding ten years.

There were 347,591 commencements in YTD November 2014, representing a 17.4% increase over the same period in 2013. This compares with the average YTD November growth rate for commencements of 6.1% per year over the preceding ten years.

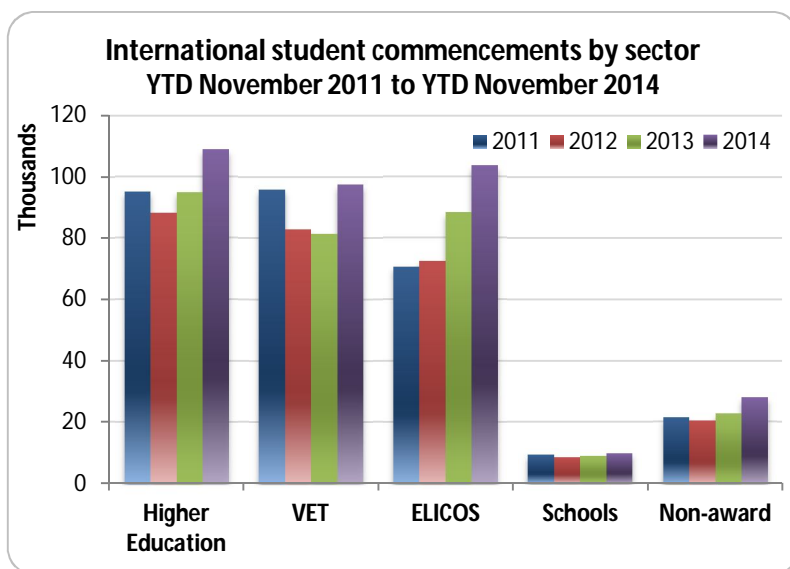
The largest volume of enrolments and volume of commencements at YTD November 2014 were in higher education (42.8% and 31.3% respectively). Enrolments and commencements in the sector increased by 8.6% and 14.7% respectively on 2013 figures for the same period. China and India accounted for 36.3% and 10.5% respectively of enrolments by students in higher education. Postgraduate research commencements in higher education increased by 9.9% and other postgraduate commencements grew by 19.9%. Bachelor degree level commencements also increased by 9.3% over the same period.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) accounted for 25.3% of total enrolments and 28.1% of total commencements. Enrolments and commencements in VET increased by 11.4% and 19.8% respectively on YTD November 2013. India had the largest share of total enrolments (18.8%) and of total commencements (17.6%). China accounted for the next largest share of enrolments with 8.9%, followed by the Republic of Korea (7.8%) and Thailand (6.9%).

English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) accounted for 22.9% of total enrolments and 29.8% of total commencements. Enrolments and commencements in ELICOS grew by 19.7% and 17.4% respectively on 2013 figures for the same period. China accounted for the largest share of enrolments (24.4%) and of commencements (24.1%) in ELICOS. Thailand and Brazil were the second largest nationalities for enrolments (8.5% each), followed by Vietnam (7.1%).

As at YTD November 2014, schools accounted for 3.2% of total enrolments and enrolments in schools increased by 3.9% on the same period in 2013. By nationality, China and Vietnam had the largest shares of enrolments (45.7% and 9.4% respectively).

Enrolments and commencements in non-award courses (which include study exchange and foundation programs) grew 22.6% and 23.1% respectively. China and the USA accounted for more enrolments than any other nationality (24.1% and 15.7% respectively). Commencements from China increased by 39.6% and commencements from the USA decreased by 0.5% on YTD November 2013 figures.



Sector	Enrolments			Commencements		
	YTD Nov 2013	YTD Nov 2014	Growth on YTD Nov 2013	YTD Nov 2013	YTD Nov 2014	Growth on YTD Nov 2013
Higher Education	230,270	249,988	8.6%	94,903	108,834	14.7%
VET	132,497	147,609	11.4%	81,417	97,503	19.8%
ELICOS	111,580	133,560	19.7%	88,313	103,647	17.4%
Schools <sup>2</sup>	17,740	18,424	3.9%	8,751	9,640	10.2%
Non-award	27,833	34,133	22.6%	22,716	27,967	23.1%
<b>Total in Australia</b>	<b>519,920</b>	<b>583,714</b>	<b>12.3%</b>	<b>296,100</b>	<b>347,591</b>	<b>17.4%</b>

The Top 5 nationalities contributed 51.1% of Australia's enrolments in all sectors					Double-digit increases in markets with over 8,000 enrolments (outside the top 5)			
Nationality	YTD Nov 2013	YTD Nov 2014	Growth on YTD Nov 2013	Share of all nationalities	Nationality	YTD Nov 2014	Growth on YTD Nov 2013	Rank
China	141,132	153,155	8.5%	26.2%	Brazil	21,645	26.8%	7
India	48,217	62,346	29.3%	10.7%	Nepal	17,921	27.2%	8
Vietnam	25,587	29,854	16.7%	5.1%	Pakistan	14,591	15.9%	10
Republic of Korea	27,056	27,588	2.0%	4.7%	Hong Kong	12,145	22.0%	12
Thailand	21,197	25,048	18.2%	4.3%	Philippines	10,602	21.1%	14
Other nationalities	256,731	285,723	11.3%	48.9%	Taiwan	9,998	24.3%	16
<b>All nationalities</b>	<b>519,920</b>	<b>583,714</b>	<b>12.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>				

<sup>1</sup> The Department of Education data on international student enrolments and commencements (including the data in this update) relate only to international students in Australia on a student visa.  
<sup>2</sup> Commencements in schools for the current reference period are not strictly comparable to earlier years due to recent changes to secondary school level courses at a single large provider.