



# Monthly Summary of International Student Enrolment Data<sup>1</sup> – Australia – YTD May 2015

As at year-to-date (YTD) May 2015, there were 448,661 enrolments by full-fee paying international students in Australia on a student visa. This represents an 11.0% increase on YTD May 2014 and compares with the average YTD May growth rate for enrolments of 5.1% per year over the preceding ten years.

There were 182,618 commencements, in the YTD May 2015 representing an 8.6% increase over YTD May 2014. This compares with the average YTD May growth rate for commencements of 6.1% per year over the preceding ten years.

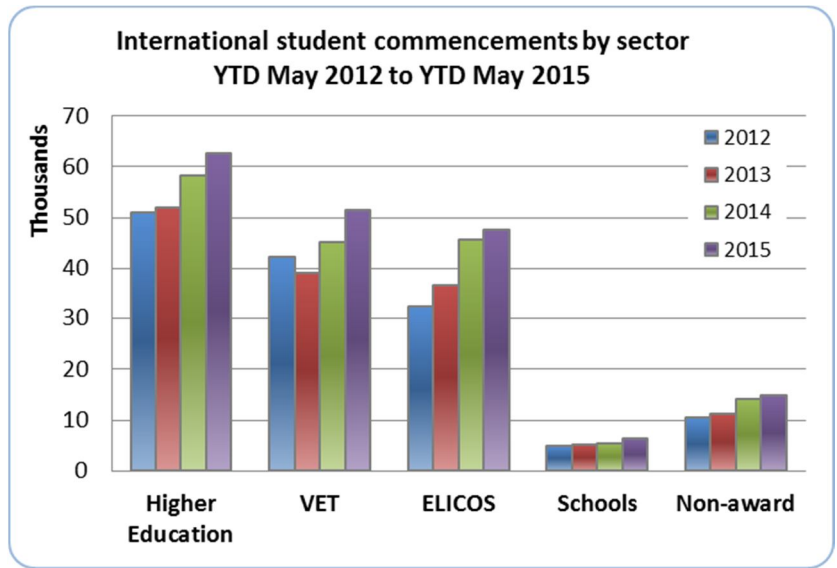
The higher education sector had the largest share of enrolments at 48.6% in the YTD May 2015. Enrolments and commencements increased by 9.4% and 7.6% over the same period in 2014. China and India accounted for 35.4% and 11.7% respectively of enrolments by students in higher education. In YTD May 2015, post-graduate research commencements declined slightly by 1.9%, while other post-graduate commencements in higher education grew by 2.8% over the same period in 2014. Bachelor degree level commencements also increased, by 15.7%.

The VET sector accounted for 24.6% of total enrolments and 28.2% of total commencements respectively. Enrolments in the sector increased by 15.7% and commencements grew by 13.7% on YTD May 2014 figures. India had the largest share of total enrolments (17.5%) in YTD May 2015. The Republic of Korea and China had the next largest shares of VET enrolments with 8.3% and 8.1% respectively.

The English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) sector accounted for 18.1% of total enrolments and 26.0% of total commencements in YTD May 2015. Enrolments and commencement increased by 7.6% and 4.2% respectively on the same period in 2014. China accounted for the largest cohort of enrolments and commencements in ELICOS with shares of 24.9% and 22.1% respectively. Brazil was the next largest nationality for ELICOS enrolments with 8.4%, followed by Thailand and Colombia (8.2% and 6.8% respectively).

In YTD May 2015, the schools sector accounted for 3.5% of total enrolments and commencements respectively. Enrolments for the sector grew by 12.5% and commencements by 19.3% on YTD May 2014 figures. Asia contributed 87.5% of enrolments and 82.3% of commencements. By nationality, China had the largest share of enrolments in schools accounting for 49.6%, followed by Vietnam and the Republic of Korea at 9.3% and 7.3% respectively.

Enrolments and commencements in the non-award courses (such as exchange and foundation programs) increased by 15.9% and 6.2% respectively. China (30.2%), USA (13.5%) and Brazil (10.6%) accounted for more enrolments in non-award courses than any other nationality. Commencements from China and the USA increased by 32.1% and 4.8% respectively and commencements from Brazil decreased by 19.2% on 2014 figures.



Sector	Enrolments			Commencements		
	YTD May 2014	YTD May 2015	Growth on YTD May 2014	YTD May 2014	YTD May 2015	Growth on YTD May 2014
Higher Education	199,272	217,908	9.4%	58,104	62,493	7.6%
VET	95,450	110,421	15.7%	45,212	51,408	13.7%
ELICOS	75,335	81,065	7.6%	45,550	47,469	4.2%
Schools <sup>2</sup>	14,123	15,891	12.5%	5,343	6,372	19.3%
Non-award	20,174	23,376	15.9%	14,006	14,876	6.2%
<b>Total in Australia</b>	<b>404,354</b>	<b>448,661</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>168,215</b>	<b>182,618</b>	<b>8.6%</b>

The Top 5 nationalities contributed 51.4% of Australia's enrolments in all sectors					Double-digit increases in markets with over 4,000 enrolments (outside top 5)			
Nationality	YTD May 2014	YTD May 2015	Growth on YTD May 2014	Share of all nationalities	Nationality	YTD May 2015	Growth on YTD May 2014	Rank
China	107,568	121,218	12.7%	27.0%	Nepal	14,175	15.5%	8
India	39,735	49,863	25.5%	11.1%	Pakistan	11,672	17.2%	10
Vietnam	21,154	21,494	1.6%	4.8%	Taiwan	8,312	32.9%	14
Republic of Korea	19,395	19,635	1.2%	4.4%	Italy	5,760	33.4%	19
Malaysia	17,421	18,555	6.5%	4.1%	Sri Lanka	5,055	17.3%	20
Other nationalities	199,081	217,896	9.5%	48.6%				
<b>All nationalities</b>	<b>404,354</b>	<b>448,661</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>				

<sup>1</sup> The Department of Education and Training 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> 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.