



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

As at year-to-date (YTD) September 2015, there were 585,846 enrolments by full-fee paying international students in Australia on a student visa. This represents a 10.2% increase on YTD September 2014 and compares with the average YTD September growth rate for enrolments of 5.7% per year over the preceding ten years.

There were 318,704 commencements in YTD September 2015, representing a 7.9% increase over the same period in 2014. This compares with the average YTD September growth rate for commencements of 6.9% per year over the preceding ten years.

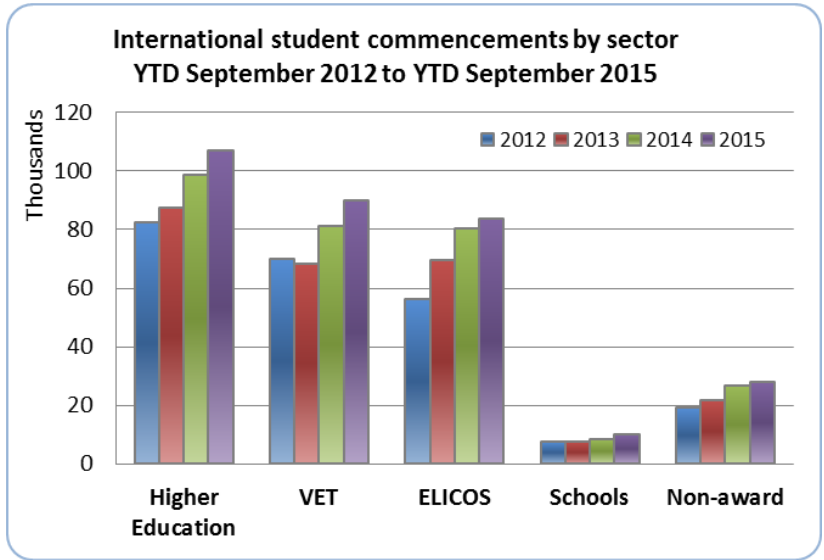
The higher education sector had the largest share of enrolments at 44.9% in YTD September 2015. Enrolments and commencements in the sector increased by 9.6% and 8.4% respectively on 2014 figures for the same period. China and India accounted for 36.1% and 12.5% respectively of enrolments by students in higher education. Post-graduate research commencements declined by 4.8%, while other post-graduate commencements in higher education grew by 4.4% over the same period in 2014. Bachelor degree level commencements also increased by 17.2% on the YTD September 2014 figures.

The VET sector accounted for 25.5% of total enrolments and 28.2% of total commencements. Enrolments and commencements in the sector increased by 13.7% and 10.7% respectively on the YTD September 2014 figures. India contributed the largest share of total enrolments (17.4%) in YTD September 2015. The Republic of Korea accounted for the next largest share of VET enrolments at 8.2%, followed by China and Thailand at 8.1% and 7.7% respectively.

The English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) sector accounted for 20.1% of total enrolments and 26.3% of total commencements in YTD September 2015. Enrolments and commencements increased by 6.8% and 4.6% respectively over the same period in 2014. China contributed the largest shares of ELICOS enrolments and commencements of 24.5% and 22.8% respectively. Brazil was the next largest nationality for ELICOS enrolments with 9.0%, followed by Thailand (8.3%) and Colombia with 7.0%.

In YTD September 2015, the schools sector accounted for 3.3% of total enrolments and 3.2% of total commencements. Enrolments and commencements in the sector grew by 13.2% and 18.1% respectively on YTD September 2014 figures. Asia contributed 83.8% of enrolments and 77.0% of commencements. By nationality, China had the largest share of enrolments in schools accounting for 49.7% followed by Vietnam and the Republic of Korea at 8.7% and 6.4% respectively.

Enrolments and commencements in the non-award courses (such as exchange and foundation programs) increased by 10.7% and 4.3% respectively. China (28.3%), USA (15.4%) and Brazil (6.9%) accounted for more enrolments in non-award courses than any other nationality. Commencements from China and the USA increased by 35.0% and 3.9% respectively and commencements from Brazil declined by 52.4% on 2014 figures.



Sector	Enrolments			Commencements		
	YTD Sept 2014	YTD Sept 2015	Growth on YTD Sept 2014	YTD Sept 2014	YTD Sept 2015	Growth on YTD Sept 2014
Higher Education	240,046	263,076	9.6%	98,882	107,160	8.4%
VET	131,326	149,371	13.7%	81,093	89,804	10.7%
ELICOS	110,018	117,505	6.8%	80,226	83,909	4.6%
Schools <sup>2</sup>	17,282	19,571	13.2%	8,504	10,040	18.1%
Non-award	32,815	36,323	10.7%	26,647	27,791	4.3%
<b>Total in Australia</b>	<b>531,487</b>	<b>585,846</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>295,352</b>	<b>318,704</b>	<b>7.9%</b>

The Top 5 nationalities contributed 51.0% of Australia's enrolments in all sectors					Double-digit increases in markets with over 8,000 enrolments (outside top 5)			
Nationality	YTD Sept 2014	YTD Sept 2015	Growth on YTD Sept 2014	Share of all nationalities	Nationality	YTD Sept 2015	Growth on YTD Sept 2014	Rank
China	137,614	155,885	13.3%	26.6%	Nepal	17,885	11.3%	8
India	55,779	65,853	18.1%	11.2%	Pakistan	14,611	12.9%	10
Vietnam	27,173	27,216	0.2%	4.6%	Hong Kong	14,342	11.2%	11
Republic of Korea	24,953	25,558	2.4%	4.4%	Taiwan	11,667	33.0%	13
Thailand	22,235	24,333	9.4%	4.2%	Italy	8,025	29.0%	19
<i>Other nationalities</i>	<i>263,733</i>	<i>287,001</i>	<i>8.8%</i>	<i>49.0%</i>				
<b>All nationalities</b>	<b>531,487</b>	<b>585,846</b>	<b>10.2%</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.