

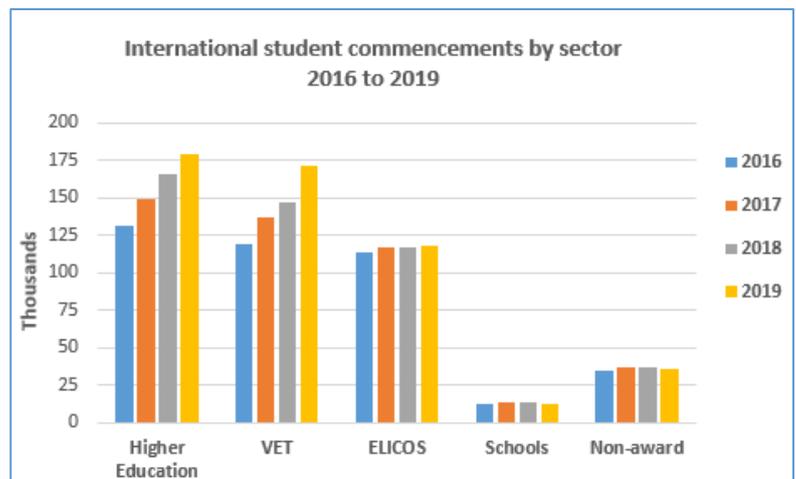


### End of Year Summary of International Student Data 2019

In 2019, there were 956,773 enrolments generated by 758,154 full-fee paying international students in Australia on a student visa. This represents a 9.7% increase in enrolments on 2018 compared with an average annual enrolments growth rate of 10.3% per year over the preceding five years. Commencements increased by 7.6% on 2018. This compares with the average annual commencements growth rate of 7.9% per year over the preceding five years.

#### Sector

The largest volume of enrolments and commencements in 2019 were in higher education (46.2% & 34.7% respectively) followed by VET (29.7% & 33.2%), ELICOS (16.4% & 22.8%) and the non-award sector (5.0% & 6.9%). Postgraduate research commencements increased by 2.4%, while other postgraduate commencements grew by 8.7% on 2018 figures. Bachelor degree commencements grew by 9.1% over the same period.



#### Nationality by sector

In the higher education sector, the top two source countries were China (37.3% of enrolments) and India (20.5%). In the VET sector India contributed the largest share of enrolments (15.9%) followed by Nepal (10.3%) China (8.5%) and Brazil (7.8%).

In the ELICOS sector, China was the largest source of enrolments (26.9%). Colombia was the next largest nationality (11.3% of enrolments), followed by Brazil (10.5%) and Thailand (5.8%). In schools, China was the largest source of enrolments (47.0%), followed by Vietnam (16.6%) and South Korea (5.3%).

In the non-award sector, more than a third (37.5%) of enrolments were students from China. The USA and the UK were a further 14.1% and 4.0% respectively.

Enrolments from China and the UK saw a drop of 6.9% and 7.3% respectively. Enrolments from the USA were up by 5.3%.

Sector	Enrolments				Commencements			
	2018	2019	Growth on 2018	Share of all sectors	2018	2019	Growth on 2018	Share of all sectors
Higher Education	398,140	442,219	11.1%	46.2%	165,593	178,744	7.9%	34.7%
VET	242,956	283,893	16.8%	29.7%	146,429	170,956	16.8%	33.2%
ELICOS	154,910	156,880	1.3%	16.4%	116,525	117,694	1.0%	22.8%
Schools	26,719	25,564	-4.3%	2.7%	13,055	11,952	-8.4%	2.3%
Non-award	49,842	48,217	-3.3%	5.0%	37,037	35,736	-3.5%	6.9%
<b>Total in Australia</b>	<b>872,567</b>	<b>956,773</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>478,639</b>	<b>515,082</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>The top 5 nationalities contributed 57.2% of Australia's enrolments in all sectors</b>					<b>Double-digit commencements growth in selected markets outside the top 5.</b>			
Nationality	2018	2019	Growth on 2018	Share of all nationalities	Nationality	2019	Growth on 2018	Rank
China	255,119	261,056	2.3%	27.3%	Colombia	21,868	21.5%	6
India	107,464	143,999	34.0%	15.1%	Philippines	13,991	90.8%	11
Nepal	51,943	69,365	33.5%	7.2%	Pakistan	10,000	26.5%	12
Brazil	40,633	40,918	0.7%	4.3%	Sri Lanka	8,065	24.9%	14
Vietnam	29,894	31,876	6.6%	3.3%	Saudi Arabia	4,192	54.8%	23
Other nationalities	387,514	409,559	5.7%	42.8%	Chile	4,323	11.5%	24
<b>All nationalities</b>	<b>872,567</b>	<b>956,773</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	Mongolia	3,750	23.6%	26

Source: Provider Registration and International Student Management Systems (PRISMS). The data on enrolments and commencements (including the data in this update) relate only to international students in Australia on a student visa.

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