JOINT MINISTERS’ COMMUNIQUE
DELIVERING FIRST CLASS INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND
TRAINING

Australia’s excellent reputation in international education and training will be enhanced by two initiatives agreed to today by all Ministers for Education and Training across Australia.

We are committed to upholding the quality of Australia’s international education, both within Australia and around the world. We have today:

- endorsed a Transnational Quality Strategy (TQS) which will protect and promote the quality of our education and training delivered in other countries; and
- agreed a new framework for our ESOS National Code, which applies to providers delivering education services to overseas students here in Australia.

These initiatives reinforce our shared commitment to supporting Australian education and training.

International education builds valuable international linkages and exchange in all fields of study, and broadens the opportunities and experiences available to our students. It also makes a significant contribution to Australia’s ability to attract qualified and skilled people to participate in our society and economy.

Today there are over 300,000 international students in Australia, with a further 100,000 students undertaking Australian courses in other countries. Education is Australia’s 4th largest export, directly contributing about $7.5 billion to the national economy.

Our agreement today meets the challenge of an increasingly dynamic international education environment. It will ensure that overseas students continue to receive a world class education from Australian institutions, both here and overseas.

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