



AIEC 2017 Fact Sheet

Name: 31st Australian International Education Conference 2017 (AIEC 2017)

Location: Hobart, Australia

Venue: Hotel Grand Chancellor

Dates: 10-13 October 2017

Website: www.aiec.idp.com

AIEC Co-hosts

The Conference is jointly presented by the International Education Association of Australia (IEAA) and IDP Education.



Social media

Hashtag #aiec2017

Twitter @AIEC

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YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/aiecvids>

Blog <http://aieconf.wordpress.com/>

LinkedIn

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=28025>

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About AIEC

The Australian International Education Conference (AIEC) is the major opportunity each year for international education practitioners, teaching staff, researchers, policy makers and other stakeholders to learn about major industry trends and development and to network with Australian and international colleagues. The conference attracts experts from all education sectors, including English language, schools, higher education and vocational education and training, as well as government representatives, NGO staff and private providers.

Who attends?

The conference attracts national and international education experts in a number of sectors, including English language, schools, university and vocational education, as well as media, government and public and private sectors. On average, 15 per cent of attendees come from overseas. About two thirds of Australian attendees are from NSW and Victoria.

The conference in Hobart is expected to attract approximately:

- 1100 attendees
- 25 exhibitors
- 200 speakers

For details, please visit www.aiec.idp.com/who-attends

Key dates (2017)

Call for proposals opens	16 January
Call for proposals closes	1 March
Registration opens	1 June
Early bird registration ends	1 August
Conference workshops	10 October
Conference roundtable	10 October
Conference	11-13 October

Theme for 2017

Embracing Diversity

Few sectors reflect the excitement and the challenges of diversity in the way that international education does. In international education, diversity is already the norm. It is what we do.

Our industry provides the opportunity for people to better their lives through an international education. We do this by facilitating the movement of diverse peoples across national borders to engage with diverse ideas and foster meaningful and productive encounters between 'strangers'. We are at the forefront of global geographies of encounter; this benefits our students, institutions and communities in both destination and home countries.

We seek to nurture skilled and committed global citizens, who understand, embrace and successfully navigate differences in the workplace and their communities, who will solve global challenges and who, most importantly, will forge a global civic culture of mutual respect and partnership out of difference.

Today, however, the global and political environment is shifting, with different national agendas, clash of ideologies, the rise of nationalism, new migration policies, refugee crises and increasing social inequalities. In this new environment, how do we navigate the new realities and socio-political landscapes? How can we continue to communicate the positive and important contribution of diversity to the wider community?

AIEC 2017 will explore this landscape in all its variety by embracing our 'diversities'. Whether it be people, cultures, languages, places, partnerships, education sectors, pathways, delivery models, approaches to learning and teaching or careers and employment, we will look critically at what we are achieving. Crucially, we will also look at what more we can do to sustain diversity as a core value and maintain our diverse and thriving international education sector.

Program

AIEC 2017 will feature:

- 5 plenary sessions (including opening and closing ceremonies)
- 50-60 concurrent sessions
- 10 workshops
- 1 international research roundtable
- e-posters
- 1 trade exhibition on all three days of the conference
- social events on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Preliminary schedule is available on the website here: www.aiec.idp.com/program-schedule

Registration and accommodation

Registration for AIEC 2017 will be available from 1 June 2017. Special accommodation discount rates will be available at a number of hotels near the venue. For further details, please visit the website at www.aiec.idp.com

Sponsorship and exhibition

Sponsorship, exhibition and advertising opportunities are available. To download the prospectus, please visit the website www.aiec.idp.com/sponex or contact the conference organisers for more information.

Newsletter

To receive regular conference news and information about website updates, please register your interest by signing on to our AIEC news mailing list.

See latest news and past newsletters at www.aiec.idp.com/media-latest-news.

AIEC Committee

The conference is supported by a joint IDP Education and IEAA Steering Committee.

The members of the committee for AIEC 2017 in Hobart are:

- **Melissa Banks**, Vice-President, IEAA
- **James Bennett**, Key Account Manager, NSW/QLD/ACT/NT, IDP Education
- **Janelle Chapman**, Director, TAFE Queensland International, TAFE Queensland; and Vice President, IEAA
- **Phil Honeywood**, Executive Director, IEAA
- **Lyndell Jacka**, Head of Research, IDP Education
- **Brian Smith**, Stakeholder Engagement Manager, IDP Education
- **Josephine Williams**, Conference and Events Leader, IDP Education
- **Chris Ziguras**, Associate Professor, RMIT; and President, IEAA

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