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EL English language	PATH Pathways	T&L Teaching and Learning
EMP Employability	PD Professional development	TNE Transnational education
LA Learning abroad	SCH Schools	VET Vocational education and training

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Conference schedule

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Tuesday 14 October 2025		Wednesday 15 October 2025		Thursday 16 October 2025		Friday 17 October 2025	
Time	What's on	Time	What's on	Time	What's on	Time	What's on
11:30 - 19:00	Welcome Desk open	08:00 - 17:30	Welcome Desk open	06:30 - 07:30	Acumen 5km walk/run (Main Foyer)	08:00 - 14:00	Welcome Desk open
12:00 - 14:30	Beginners Masterclass Guide to International Education Data (Pre-conference)	08:00 - 17:30	Speakers' Preparation Room open	08:00 - 17:30	Welcome Desk open	08:00 - 12:00	Exhibition open
12:00 - 14:30	Advanced Masterclass International Education Data (Pre-conference)	08:00 - 17:30	Sensory Room (Torrens Room)	08:00 - 17:30	Exhibition open	09:00 - 12:00	Braindate open (Main Foyer)
12:30 - 17:30	Speakers' Preparation Room open	08:00 - 17:30	Exhibition open	08:00 - 17:30	Sensory Room (Torrens Room)	09:00 - 10:00	3.1. Plenary International Education panel
14:30 - 19:00	Exhibition open	08:45 - 10:00	1.1. Plenary Opening keynote	08:00 - 17:30	Speakers' Preparation Room open	10:00 - 10:30	Morning tea
14:30 - 17:30	Braindate open (Main Foyer)	10:00 - 10:30	Morning tea - sponsored by IELTS	08:45 - 10:00	2.1. Plenary Town Hall	10:30 - 11:00	3.2. Plenary Performance
14:30 - 15:30	Orientation for first timers	10:30 - 11:30	1.2. Concurrent Sessions	10:00 - 10:30	Morning tea - sponsored by Allianz Partners Australia	11:00 - 11:45	3.3. Plenary Keynote
15:30 - 16:00	Afternoon Tea	10:30 - 17:30	Braindate open (Main Foyer)	10:30 - 11:30	2.2. Concurrent sessions	11:45 - 12:15	3.4 Closing Plenary
16:30 - 17:30	Plenary Opening incl. IEAA Awards Ceremony	11:30 - 11:40	Short break	10:30 - 17:30	Braindate open (Main Foyer)	12:30	Lunch (Foyer)
17:30 - 19:00	Welcome Reception - sponsored by Study Canberra	11:40 - 12:40	1.3. Concurrent Sessions	11:30 - 11:40	Short break	12:30	Conference close
		12:40 - 13:40	Lunch - sponsored by Ascent One	11:40 - 12:40	2.3. Concurrent sessions		
		12:50 - 13:20	Impact lunch (Fitzroy/Derwent Room)	12:40 - 13:40	Lunch		
		13:40 - 14:40	1.4. Concurrent session	13:00 - 13:30	IEAA AGM		
		14:40 - 14:50	Short break	13:40 - 14:40	2.4. Concurrent sessions		
		14:50 - 15:50	1.5. Concurrent sessions	14:40 - 14:50	Short break		
		15:50 - 16:20	Afternoon tea - sponsored by Kaplan	14:50 - 15:50	2.5. Concurrent sessions		
		16:20 - 17:20	1.6. Concurrent sessions	15:50 - 16:20	Afternoon tea		
		17:30 - 19:00	Happy Hour - sponsored by IELTS	16:20 - 17:20	2.6. Concurrent sessions		
				17:20 - 19:00	Free time		
				19:00 - 22:00	Conference Dinner - sponsored by aecc and LanguageCert		

Tuesday 14 October 2025

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11:30 - 19:00 Registration Desk open

12:30 - 17:30 Speaker's Preparation Room open

14:30 - 17:30 Braindate open (Main Foyer)

14:30 - 19:00 Exhibition open

Pre- Conference Sessions

Murray Room

Fitzroy/Derwent Room

Menzies Theatre

12:00 - 14:30 **0.1.1** Beginners Masterclass **0.1.2** Advanced Masterclass

Guide to International Education Data

International Education Data

Dr. Kirrilee (Kik) Hughes,
IEAA (Facilitator)

Lyndell Jacka,
University of Queensland (Facilitator)

Keri Ramirez,
Studymove Australia

Jonathan Chew,
IEAA | Navitas

Aurora Velante,
IDP Education

Marie Clark,
Education New Zealand

Amy Godfrey,
Austrade

Chris Strods,
QS Quacquarelli Symonds

Helen Yang,
La Trobe University

14:30 - 15:30

0.2.1 Information session

Orientation for first time attendees

Elizabeth Lee-Finkelstein,
IEAA

15:30 - 16:00 Afternoon tea - Exhibition Hall

16:30 - 17:30 **0.3** Welcome Plenary

Royal Theatre

Welcome to Country

Richie Allan,
Ngunnawal Kamilaroi custodian

Welcome from IDP and IEAA

Tennealle O'Shannessy,
Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, IDP Education and

Prof. Ren Yi,
President, IEAA

IEAA Excellence Awards

Jonathan Chew,
Vice President, IEAA

Minister Keynote | Treasurer of the Australian Capital Territory

The Hon. Chris Steel MLA,
ACT Treasurer, Minister for Planning and Minister for Transport at ACT Government

17:30 - 19:00 Welcome Reception - Exhibition Hall - sponsored by Study Canberra

Wednesday 15 October 2025

8:00 – 17:30	Registration open
8:00 – 17:30	Speaker's Preparation Room open
8:00 – 17:30	Exhibition open
8:00 – 17:30	Sensory Room open (Torrens Room)
10:30 – 17:30	Braindate open (Main Foyer)

8:45 – 10:00 1.1. Plenary

Royal Theatre

MC and Host
Janice Petersen, Journalist and news presenter

Welcome to Canberra
Jumanah Abdelhamid, from Egypt, Year 11, Canberra Grammar School ACT
Ludovico Mucci, from Italy, Year 12, Canberra Grammar School ACT
Cherry (Yixin) Wang from China, Year 12, Canberra College ACT

Minster Keynote | Assistant Minister for International Education | Assistant Minister for Citizenship, Customs and Multicultural Affairs
The Hon. Julian Hill MP, Australian Government

Keynote | Changing our relationship with Change
Dr Gill Hicks AM MBE Hon. FRSA, Artist, published author, musician and award-winning director / producer

10:00 – 10:30 Morning tea - Sponsored by IELTS

10:30 – 11:30 1.2. Concurrent Sessions

Royal Theatre	Bradman Theatre	Menzies Theatre	Nicholls Theatre	Sutherland Theatre	Fitzroy Derwent	Murray Room	Swan Room
1.2.1 Panel	1.2.2 Presentation	1.2.3 Inspire	1.2.4 Panel	1.2.5 Panel	1.2.6 Café	1.2.7 Inspire	1.2.8 Panel
Politics, policy, and the future of international education- post 2025 Federal election (1452)	The Transnational Education landscape (1536)	Insights into AI and regional hubs	Perception vs reality: International students and the rising cost of living (1384)	Cultivating the conditions internationally to support system change in schools (1380)	Beyond rainbow flags: real DEI for international LGBTIQ+ students (1491)	Marketing insights	Shaping the New Colombo Plan – 2026 and beyond (1545)
Varsha Devi Balakrishnan, Voyage (Chair)	Danica Mosti, Department of Education (Chair)	Dr. Helen Yang, La Trobe University (Chair)	Helen Kronberger, Austrade (Chair)	Eliza Chui, The Lygon group (Chair)	Dr. Patrick Pheasant, LanguageCert (Facilitator)	Rhys Ryan, Porter Novelli (Chair)	Joshua House, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia (Chair)
<p>Melissa Banks, The Lygon Group</p> <p>Jonathan Chew, IEAA Navitas</p> <p>Luke Sheehy, Universities Australia</p> <p>The Hon. Julian Hill, MP, Assistant Minister for International Education</p> <p>MULTI</p>	<p>Jordan Qian, Department of Education</p> <p>Fiona Morris, Australian Government Department of Education</p> <p>TNE</p>	<p>10:30</p> <p>Harness AI powered system to transform admissions processes (1405)</p> <p>Lynn Hartney, INTO University Partnerships</p> <p>A&C</p> <p>10:45</p> <p>Bridging the gap: AI as a supportive tool for international students' academic integrity (1438)</p> <p>Ghazal Fatemi, Deakin University</p> <p>MULTI</p> <p>11:00</p> <p>Small-ish town, big win: shaking up international education with regional flair (1358)</p> <p>Dr. Yik Ren Teo, The University of Newcastle</p> <p>Prof. Jennifer Milam, University of Waikato</p> <p>BD&S</p> <p>11:15</p> <p>Q&A</p>	<p>Heidi Piper, Griffith University</p> <p>Jess Watkinson, Foodbank Queensland</p> <p>Joe Hernandez, Allianz Partners Australia</p> <p>STU EXP</p>	<p>Jason Bobis, SACE Board of South Australia</p> <p>Simone Fuller, Department of Education International Queensland</p> <p>Virginia Steele, SACE Board of South Australia</p> <p>SCH</p>	<p>STU EXP</p>	<p>10:30</p> <p>Student voice on TikTok (1349)</p> <p>Kate Fennessy, RMIT University Pathways (RMIT UP)</p> <p>M&R</p> <p>10:45</p> <p>Rediscovering the hidden channels to market (1375)</p> <p>Zac Ashkanasy, Nous Group</p> <p>M&R</p> <p>11:00</p> <p>Leveraging RedNote for engagement of international students from China (1508)</p> <p>Jessica Naing, Sinorbis</p> <p>M&R</p> <p>11:15</p> <p>Q&A</p>	<p>Prof. Jessica Gallagher, Adelaide University</p> <p>Prof. Nicholas Farrelly, University of Tasmania</p> <p>LA</p> <p>S&F</p>

11:30 – 11:40 Short break

11:40 – 12:40 1.3. Concurrent Sessions

Royal Theatre	Bradman Theatre	Menzies Theatre	Nicholls Theatre	Sutherland Theatre	Fitzroy Derwent	Murray Room	Swan Room
1.3.1 Presentation	1.3.2 Panel	1.3.3 Inspire	1.3.4 Panel	1.3.5 Panel	1.3.6 Solutions Room	1.3.7 Inspire	1.3.8 Panel
How student values, choices and behaviours are being challenged by new market forces (1569)	Navigating change and building partnerships in transnational education across ASEAN (1505)	Admissions and compliance insights	Dealing with the broken landscape of global science and education (1561)	Empowering international alumni for greater impact and shared success (1426)	Reimagining international schooling: meeting change with quality, care, and sustainability (1318)	Teaching and learning insights	Learning abroad and scholarships: Driving our public diplomacy and regional relationship-building (1537)
Lyndall Jacka, The University of Queensland (Chair)	Michael Fay, Asean Focus Group (Chair)	Aleicia Shekhar, University of South Australia (Chair)	David Harrison, Macquarie University (Chair)	Caroline Hartnett, Victorian Government (Chair)	Linda Vaughan, Victorian Government Department of Education (Facilitator)	Assoc. Prof. Amanda Daly, Griffith University (Chair)	Linda Rust, University of Melbourne (Chair)

Rob Lawrence,
Prospect Research and Marketing Pty Ltd
BD&S

Dr. Nicolene Murdoch,
Western Sydney University
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Thanapan Laiprakobsup,
ASEAN Universities Network
Sunny Yang,
Monash University
TNE

11:40
What is a regulatory self-assurance assertion? (1517)
Danielle Hartridge,
IEP Advisory
Melanie Duncan,
IEP Advisory
A&C

Dr. Daniel Guhr,
Illuminate Consulting Group
Rongyu Li,
University of Queensland
Vicki Thomson,
Go8
MULTI

Layton Pike,
RMIT University
Stephanie Smith,
Austrade
Hari Viswanathan,
Cartology
MULTI

Simone Fuller,
Department of Education Queensland
Caroline Miller,
Independent Schools Australia
Narelle Slivak,
South Australian Government Department for Education
SCH

11:40
Empowering global citizenship: integrating Indigenous perspectives into international education (1343)
Dr. Jamel Kaur Singh,
Consultsingh Pty Ltd
T&L

Prof. Ly Tran,
Deakin University
Dr. Elena Williams,
The Australian National University
Dr. Gabriel Garcia Ochoa,
Monash University
LA S&F

11:55
Boosting international recognition of Australian qualifications (1542)
Angela Wilson,
Department of Education
A&C

12:10
Picking winners: using PRISMS data to predict visa outcomes and optimize international recruitment (1562)
Dr. Phillip Allen,
UTS College
A&C

12:25
Q&A

11:55
Co-design in action: transforming learning to build future skills (1506)
Magdalena Hoeller,
Kaplan Australia
Casey Parkes,
Kaplan Australia
T&L

12:10
Assessment Typological Process: navigating educational transformation to uphold academic integrity (1573)
Dr. Peter Matheis,
Navitas
T&L

12:25
Q&A

12:40 – 13:40 Lunch – Sponsored by Ascent One

12:50 – 13:20 Impact Lunch (Fitzroy/Derwent Room)

13:40 – 14:40 1.4. Concurrent sessions							
Royal Theatre	Bradman Theatre	Menzies Theatre	Nicholls Theatre	Sutherland Theatre	Fitzroy Derwent	Murray Room	Swan Room
1.4.1 Panel	1.4.2 Panel	1.4.3 Inspire	1.4.4 Panel	1.4.5 Panel	1.4.6 Café	1.4.7 Inspire	1.4.8 Presentation
Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026: data and insights (1315)	Navigating Australian TNE in Sri Lanka: successes, challenges and the road ahead (1457)	English language insights	Navigating great power rivalry: the future of international higher education (1494)	Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) Offshore program – the partnership model (1571)	International education and Australia’s free trade agreements with South-East Asia (1559)	Student experience insights	Career trajectories in international education: Linear, zigzag, or ? (1475)
Prof. Alex Zelinsky OA, University of Newcastle (Chair)	Sandi Seneviratne, Australian Trade & Investment Commission (Chair)	Stephanie Bethencourt-Joyce, IDP Education (Chair)	Tristanne Scott-Durairajah, University of Tasmania (Chair)	Marlena Mende, Monash University (Chair)	Prof. Christopher Ziguras, The University of Melbourne (Facilitator)	Tom Gifford, RMIT University (Chair)	Dr. Sarah Todd, QS Quacquarelli Symonds (Chair)
Julie Williams McMahon, Times Higher Education MULTI	Peter Harris, UTS College David Matthews, Edith Cowan University Nigel de Silva, Curtin University TNE	13:40 Mapping the transition: a competency framework for university post-entry English support practitioners (1538) Sophie O’Keefe, English Australia EL	Shelly Maller, QS Quacquarelli Symonds Dr. Sally Burt, UNSW Canberra Sunny Yang, Monash University Jonathan Dampney, Australian National University MULTI	Bonnie Hermawan, Victorian Government Australia SCH	Elena Williams, Australian Awards Indonesia (Co-facilitator) MULTI	13:40 Engaging with the university campus: first-year international students’ intentions and behaviours (1488) Dr. Samantha Marangell, The University of Melbourne STU EXP	Alison Jenkins, Studyportals Tanya Perera, Monash College Rishen Shekhar, University of South Australia Brett Blacker, Duolingo MULTI
		13:55 Changing needs, constant standards: ensuring student success through language testing (1449) Pamela Baxter, Cambridge University Press & Assessment EL				13:55 Beyond brochures: transforming pre-departure content into engagement & conversion (1395) James Martin, Insider Rachel Laffey, Western Sydney University STU EXP	
		14:10 Perfecting the art of at-home testing (1443) Angela O’Sullivan, TOEFL EL				14:10 Empowering international students: building confidence, skills, and experience through immersive and structured volunteering program (1513) Adrienne Mae Perez, Future Forte STU EXP	
		14:25 Q&A				14:25 Q&A	

14:40 – 14:50 Short break

14:50 - 15:50 1.5. Concurrent sessions							
Royal Theatre	Bradman Theatre	Menzies Theatre	Nicholls Theatre	Sutherland Theatre	Fitzroy Derwent	Murray Room	Swan Room
1.5.1 Panel	1.5.2 Panel	1.5.3 Inspire	1.5.4 Panel	1.5.5 Panel	1.5.6 Café	1.5.7 Inspire	1.5.8 Panel
International education policy: where to from here (1534)	Vietnam in transition: a changing education landscape (1578)	Global student flows and destinations	Joining the dots - student experience insights and the cost of attrition (1348)	Where are we now? Rethinking graduate outcomes for international students (1583)	To walk a mile in their shoes: enhancing social licence through learning abroad (1476)	Engaging with the school sector	The future of transnational VET: expanding beyond borders - lessons from success and failure (1432)
Elodie Journet, Austrade (Chair)	Trinh Trinh, Austrade (Chair)	James Bennett, IDP Education (Chair)	Marie Clark, Education New Zealand (Chair)	Prof. Caroline Rueckert, Griffith University (Chair)	Prof. Emeritus Betty Leask, La Trobe University (Facilitator)	Tracy Harris, Tracy Harris Solutions (Chair)	Jana Perera, Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance (Chair)
<p>Vanessa Laphorne, Department of Education</p> <p>Andrew Kiley, Department of Home Affairs</p> <p>Kym Holthouse, Department of Employment and Workplace Relation</p> <p>MULTI</p>	<p>Jimmy Pham, Know One, teach One</p> <p>Ha Thi Cuc Pham, SACE College Vietnam, Hanoi Adelaide School</p> <p>Chi Dang, Embassy of Vietnam in Australia</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Thu Thuy, Ministry of Education and Training of VietNam</p> <p>BD&S</p>	<p>14:50</p> <p>The rise of new education destinations: how emerging hubs will reshape global higher education (1442)</p> <p>Adrian Mutton, Acumen (part of SannamS4 Group)</p> <p>BD&S</p> <hr/> <p>15:05</p> <p>Understanding international education activity - insights from 2024 and 2025 and recent additions to Australian Government international student data (1546)</p> <p>Sebastian Yuen, Department of Education</p> <p>BD&S</p> <hr/> <p>15:20</p> <p>Understand the changing landscape of global student flows (1557)</p> <p>Dr Sarah Todd, QS Quacquarelli Symonds</p> <p>BD&S</p> <hr/> <p>15:35</p> <p>Q&A</p>	<p>Hayley Shields, Edified</p> <p>Dr. Alek Voninski, University of Newcastle</p> <p>Ryan Thomas, University of Canterbury</p> <p>MULTI</p>	<p>Yvonne Soper, NAGCAS University of Canberra</p> <p>Ben Bawden, Study Queensland</p> <p>Michael O'Connor, University of Western Sydney</p> <p>EMP</p>	<p>Jason Valusaga, New Colombo Plan Alumni Consultative Group</p> <p>Linda Rust, University of Melbourne</p> <p>Emily O'Callaghan, miXabroad</p> <p>LA</p>	<p>14:50</p> <p>Global competence: the foundation of international engagement in schools (1444)</p> <p>Susan Brook, Queensland Department of Education</p> <p>SCH</p> <hr/> <p>15:05</p> <p>Connecting cultures: global competence and intercultural understanding in schools (1482)</p> <p>Marcela Lapertosa, Value Learning</p> <p>Lisa Hayman, Asia Education Foundation;</p> <p>SCH</p> <hr/> <p>15:20</p> <p>Back to basics - lessons to be learned from schools (1564)</p> <p>Caroline Miller, Independent Schools Australia</p> <p>Mariana Lane, Independent Schools Australia</p> <p>SCH</p> <hr/> <p>15:35</p> <p>Q&A</p>	<p>Kala Philip, BSI Learning Australia</p> <p>Mish Eastman, RMIT University</p> <p>Russell McKay, TAFE Queensland</p> <p>VET</p>

15:50 - 16:20 Afternoon tea - sponsored by Kaplan

16:20 - 17:20 1.6. Concurrent sessions							
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1.6.1 Presentation	1.6.2 Panel	1.6.3 Inspire	1.6.4 Panel	1.6.5 Panel	1.6.6 Café	1.6.7 Inspire	1.6.8 Panel
A data perspective: the impact of Australia's new policy framework on international education (1433)	Beyond greenwashing: meaningful climate action in International Education (1418)	Learning abroad insights	Navigating the multi-space: the changing role of international education practitioners (1469)	School transnational education: a bridge to global empowerment and diplomacy (1413)	Igniting change: designing transformative education programs for development (1328)	Transnational education insights	In focus: South Asia (Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal) (1464)
Dr. Davina Potts, University of Melbourne (Chair)	Ainslie Moore, Australia Institute of Future Education (Chair)	Brett Lovegrove, The University of Queensland (Chair)	Prof. Caroline Rueckert, Griffith University (Chair)	Eliza Chui, The Lygon Group (Chair)	Alison White, Tetra Tech International Development IEAA (Facilitator)	Peter Harris, UTS College (Chair)	Tanveer Shaheed, Macquarie University (Chair)
Keri Ramirez, Studymove BD&S	Emily O'Callaghan, Mixabroad Amy Ryan, The University of Sydney Jason Newman, Quacquarelli Symonds MULTI	16:20 Navigating uncertainty: turning disruption into growth in University of Canberra's short-term programs (1434) Elizabeth Zou, University of Canterbury LA	Charlotte Long, UNSW Desma Smith, Swinburne University of Technology STU EXP	Dr. Kelly Sharp, Scotch Enterprises Renee Coventry, Haileybury Tianjin SCH	Nelson Salangsang, Tetra Tech International Development PD	16:20 China's future transnational education landscape: opportunities, challenges and best practice (1393) Iori Forsyth, Study NSW Iain Watt, Australian Institute of Future Education TNE	Ravi Chandran, IDP Education Humayun Bin Akram, IDP Education Subhi Pradhan, Southern Cross University Fareha Begum, PFEC Global BD&S
		16:35 Transformative global learning: UniGO embraces diversity for a distinctive and inclusive educational experience (1510) Tristanne Scott-Durairajah, University of Tasmania LA				16:35 New opportunities in transnational education: the centre of excellence model in the vocational sector (1509) Dr. Mamta Chauhan, VETASSESS TNE	
		16:50 Adapting CRM systems for learning abroad - to virtual and back again (1550) Katrina Sandy, University of Technology Sydney Clare Mander, UNSW Sydney LA				16:50 Innovative partnerships with India (1532) Elizabeth Campbell-Dorning, Australian Government Department of Education Pooja Iyer, Austrade TNE	
		17:05 Q&A				17:05 Q&A	

17:30 - 19:00 Happy Hour - sponsored by IELTS

Thursday 16 October 2025

6:30 – 7:30 Acumen 5km walk/run

8:00 – 17:30 Registration open

8:00 – 17:30 Speaker’s Room open

8:00 – 17:30 Exhibition open

8:00 – 17:30 Sensory Room open
(Torrens Room)

10:30 – 17:30 Braindate open
(Main Foyer)

8:45 – 10:00 **2.1. Plenary**

Royal Theatre

MC and Host

Janice Petersen,
Journalist and news presenter

National Strategy Townhall

Jane Favaloro,
Iglu Student Accommodation

The Hon. Phil Honeywood,
CEO, IEAA

Jane Johnston,
StudyAdelaide

Karen Sandercock,
Australian Government Department of Education

The Hon. Tim Watts MP,
Australian Government

10:00 – 10:30 Morning tea – sponsored by Allianz Partners Australia

10:30 - 11:30 2.2. Concurrent sessions							
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2.2.1 Panel	2.2.2 Presentation	2.2.3 Inspire	2.2.4 Panel	2.2.5 Panel	2.2.6 Café	2.2.7 Inspire	2.2.8 Campfire
Global Dialogue Perspectives from Canada, New Zealand, USA and Australia (1319)	What's new in PRISMS (1539)	Policy, strategy and action insights	India: impact of 2024 policy changes on student sentiment (1446)	It's everyone's responsibility - a cross-sector approach to international student mental health and wellbeing promotion and suicide prevention (1453)	Failure is not an option: rejuvenating international education for today's Australia (1339)	Career readiness, WIL and COIL insights	Managing key relationships in university partnerships (1580)
Brett Blacker , Duolingo IEAA (Chair)	Hang Nguyen , Western Sydney University (Chair)	Bronwyn Bartsch , Australian Catholic University (Chair)	Vik Singh , Austrade (Chair)	Clare Harper , Study Melbourne (Chair)	Elissa Newall , Edified (Facilitator)	Barbora Polak , The University of Melbourne (Chair)	Dom Harden , La Trobe College (Facilitator)
The Hon. Phil Honeywood , IEAA Larissa Bezo , Canadian Bureau for International Education Dr. Fanta Aw , NAESA: Association of International Educators Amanda Malu , Education New Zealand MULTI	Andrew Munro , Australian Government Department of Education A&C	10:30 Tuition Protection Service: supporting international students following a provider closure (1445) Melinda Hatton , Tuition Protection Service MULTI	Amit Malhotra , La Trobe University Pratibha Sen , IDP Education Abizer Merchant , Macquarie University M&R	Dr Samuel McKay , Orygen / University of Melbourne Judith Little , Monash University Kristal Allison , Victorian Suicide Prevention and Response Office MULTI	Melissa Banks , The Lygon Group Tracy Harris , Tracy Harris Solutions Dirk Mulder , The Koala News MULTI	10:30 Driving social good through industry: student-led consultancy for real-world impact and career readiness (1370) Hayden McDonald , Torrens University EMP	Andrew Foley , Flinders University Dr. Jason McGovern , Swinburne University of Technology PATH
		10:45 From sentiment to strategy: using real-time student insights to shape international education policy (1504) Tomas (Tom) O'Brien , Austrade MULTI				10:45 Enhancing global engagement: cross-functional collaboration through WIL (1396) Andrew Kidals , UNSW Business School LA	
		11:00 Social license - moving from handwringing to action at a national level (1480) Jane Johnston , StudyAdelaide Iori Forsyth , Department of Jobs, Tourism Science and Innovation MULTI				11:00 COIL: fostering authentic international learning opportunities online (1387) Assoc. Prof. Kristijan Mirkovski , Deakin University Shirley Xie , Deakin University LA	
		11:15 Q&A				11:15 Q&A	

11:30 - 11:40 Short break

11:40 – 12:40 2.3. Concurrent sessions							
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2.3.1 Panel	2.3.2 Panel	2.3.3 Inspire	2.3.4 Panel	2.3.5 Panel	2.3.6 Solutions Room	2.3.7 Inspire	2.3.8 Campfire
Transnational education delivery; an Australian Government perspective (1474)	Agents of change – ESOS compliance and risk in 2025 (1492)	Supporting international students and combating racism	Harnessing student-led content: authentic engagement strategies for international education (1487)	Pathways as partners: rethinking university-pathway provider relationships (1512)	Student success by design: solving real-world challenges in international learning (1322)	Engaging with China	From pressure to possibility: what ELICOS can teach us all (1584)
Rashima Ghai, Austrade (Chair)	Seema Shah, EOC IAEC ECAA (Chair)	Charlotte Long, UNSW (Chair)	James Martin, Insider (Chair)	Mark Bradley, UNSW College (Chair)	Christina Del Medico, Navitas (Facilitator)	Stephen Connelly, GlobalEd Services (Chair)	Ian Aird, English Australia (Facilitator)
Jordan Qian, Department of Education Amelia Walsh, Austrade Jen Bahen, Department of Education TNE	Danielle Hartridge, IEP Advisory Jim Zubic, Monash University Naresh Gulati, Ascent One A&C	11:40 Supporting international student wellbeing: facing into the hidden drivers of mental health distress at Australian universities (1521) Daniel Purchase, Bupa Australia Adj. Prof. Samantha Thomas, Deakin University STU EXP	Varsha Devi Balakrishnan, Value Learning Akram Mardini, Student World Ritu Sharma, Acumen, part of Sannam S4 Group M&R	Dr. Sarah Lightfoot, UNSW College Dr. Alek Voninski, University of Newcastle Marnie Watson, Griffith University PATH	T&L	11:40 Austrade/DOE China market briefing - latest data, emerging trends, and practical insights (1325) Sophie Clews, Department of Education MULTI	EL
		11:55 International student complaints – insights from the Overseas Students Ombudsman and National Student Ombudsman (1478) Claire Gough, National Student Ombudsman STU EXP				11:55 Chinese employment trends: implications for Australian education providers (1420) Grace Liu, Austrade EMP	
		12:25 Q&A				12:10 Current challenges and opportunities facing Australian providers in the China market (1354) Stephanie Smith, Austrade TNE	
						12:25 Q&A	
12:40 – 13:40 Lunch							
13:00 – 13:30 IEAA Annual General Meeting							

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What's your story? Shifting our data narratives from analysis to insight-driven action (1382)	A new era in skills partnerships: opportunities for Australia-India collaboration (1463)	Strategy and partnerships insights	TNE practitioner insights: innovative models and strategies for sustainable delivery and success (1427)	Securing success: conversion and reputation strategies for thriving in competitive markets (1556)	Speaking truth to power: what international students want you to know (1316)	Social licence, diplomacy and climate actions	International education research: a campfire for practitioners, academics and emerging researchers (1324)
Lucy Blakemore, Intesa Insights & Consulting (Chair)	Vik Singh, Austrade (Chair)	Bronte Neyland, Swinburne University of Technology (Chair)	Caroline Hartnett, Victorian Government (Chair)	Shelley Maller, QS Quacquarelli Symonds (Chair)	Kim Martin, The PIE (Facilitator)	Rishen Shekhar, University of South Australia (Chair)	Dr. Kirrilee (Kik) Hughes, IEAA
Morwenna Shahani, UTS College Prof. Steven Warburton, The University of Newcastle Georgia Rowe, Adelaide University MULTI	Dr. Mamta Chauhan, VETASSESS, BKI Mish Eastman, RMIT University Pooja Iyer, Austrade VET	13:40 Institutional resilience: strategic risk management in international education (1568) Adam Kilburn, NEAS Australia BD&S	Timothy Gilbert, Melbourne Polytechnic Mark Pettitt, Edified Caryn Nery, Victoria University TNE	Sarah Stark, QS Quacquarelli Symonds Gordon Scott, Successful Graduate M&R	STU EXP	13:40 Did international education in Australia ever have a social licence? (1419) Dr. Anna Kent, Deakin University MULTI	Assoc. Prof. Amanda Daly, Griffith University Dr. Helen Yang, La Trobe University MULTI
		13:55 Joint PhD degree programs: challenges and opportunities (1485) Chen Wang, Adelaide University Victoria Bick, Adelaide University BD&S				13:55 Results of latest research on how global institutions are leading the way on climate action in international education (1533) Ailsa Lamont, International Education Sustainability Group MULTI	
		14:10 Creating enduring partnerships: quality over quantity in international agreements (1456) Darren Svanfelds, The University of Sydney BD&S				14:10 Harnessing the soft power potential of Australian international education (1572) Rebecca Hall, Griffith Asia Institute Caitlin Byrne, Griffith University MULTI	
		14:25 Q&A				14:25 Q&A	

14:40 – 14:50 Short break

14:50 – 15:50 2.5. Concurrent sessions							
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2.5.1 Panel	2.5.2 Panel	2.5.3 Inspire	2.5.4 Panel	2.5.5 Panel	2.5.6 Solutions Room	2.5.7 Inspire	2.5.8 Campfire
Future-proofing talent: do today's programs meet future skills demands? (1403)	Japan – the Antipodean opportunity (1439)	Mobility, student engagement and impact	Identifying and addressing international students' needs while in Australia (1514)	Navigating careers: the value of mentors in professional journeys (1381)	Designing the first 100 days: creating welcoming and supportive experiences for international VET students (1317)	Marketing and recruitment insights	Scholarships and fellowships campfire: rethinking welcome – harnessing goodwill in the Refugee Student Settlement Pathway (1582)
Alison Jenkins, Studyportals (Chair)	Rebecca Bendall, Acumen, part of Sannam S4 Group (Chair)	Dr. Elena Williams, Australia Awards Indonesia (Chair)	Derryn Belford, StudyPerth (Chair)	Woendi Hampton, University of the Sunshine Coast (Chair)	Jana Perera, Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance (Facilitator)	Seshna Maharaj, Deakin University (Chair)	Alison White, Tetra Tech International Development IEAA (Facilitator)
Jonathan Chew, IEAA Navitas Carolyn Chong, Federation University Australia Bronwyn Bartsch, Australian Catholic University MULTI	Adrian Mutton, Acumen (part of SannamS4 Group) Shin Takakusagi, Embassy of Japan Saori Tominaga, Austrade TNE	14:50 Student equity: a collaboration to support SEAS students' participation in learning abroad programs (1406) Barbora Polak, The University of Melbourne MULTI	Chris Strods, QS Quacquarelli Symonds Speakers, TBC STU EXP	Heidi Piper, Griffith University Mandy Cilento, University of the Sunshine Coast Jack Whaley, Australian Catholic University PD	VET	14:50 International students as mystery shoppers: Insights from Edified's latest mystery shopping research (1368) Elissa Newall, Edified M&R	Dr. Sally Baker, Skill Path Australia Corrine Francken, The University of Queensland S&F
		15:05 Transformative journeys through Erasmus+: mobility, partnerships and impact (1364) Elizabeth Lee, IEAA Jessica Davis, The University of Sydney MULTI				15:05 Finding the balance: AI and human connection in student recruitment (1421) Chamalee Karunanayake, IDP Education Simon Duffy, The University of Waikato M&R	
		15:20 In our hands: strategies for selecting and preparing scholars for meaningful engagement and long-term impact (1520) Lyndon Iles, Australian National University Christiarne Carroll, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade MULTI				15:20 The role of parental influence on decision-making and student experience (1473) Marie Clark, Education New Zealand Manapou ki te Ao M&R	
		15:35 Q&A				15:35 Q&A	

15:50 – 16:20 Afternoon Tea

16:20 – 17:20 2.6. Concurrent sessions							
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Strategic pricing in TNE: navigating 'slowbalisation' challenges (1407)	Unlocking Africa's potential: the missing piece in global higher education partnerships (1346)	Building confidence in students and employment outcomes	Bridging international education and immigration: towards a sustainable and inclusive future (1543)	Empowering independent student representatives in higher education (1460)	Research and practice: the journal of studies in international education (1495)	Pathways to and from international education	Hot Topics in Learning Abroad (1323)
Zac Ashkanasy, Nous Group (Chair)	Rashima Ghai, Austrade (Chair)	Anita van Rooyen, Student Confidence (Chair)	Stephanie Bethencourt-Joyce, IDP Education (Chair)	Weihong Liang, NSW International Student Representative Committee (Chair)	Prof. Ren Yi, IEAA University of Southern Queensland (Facilitator)	Dom Harden, LaTrobe College Australia (Chair)	Linda Rust, University of Melbourne (Facilitator)
<p>Carlie Sage, Studyportals</p> <p>Karen Gould, Deakin University</p> <p>Tom Gifford, RMIT</p> <p>TNE</p>	<p>Ross Stewart, Inter Global Management Group</p> <p>David Mickler, Curtin University</p> <p>Dean Landy, Rendeavour</p> <p>TNE</p>	<p>16:20</p> <p>Migration skills assessments providing a pathway for student employability (1448)</p> <p>Matthew Newton, VETASSESS</p> <p>EMP</p> <hr/> <p>16:35</p> <p>Beyond the degree: bridging the employability gap for returning graduates (1503)</p> <p>Ritu Sharma, Acumen, part of Sannam S4 Group</p> <p>Tony Zheng, University of Sydney</p> <p>EMP</p> <hr/> <p>16:50</p> <p>Building confidence and connection through student partners in the Speakeasy Peer Program (1385)</p> <p>Anna Wardle, QUT</p> <p>STU EXP</p> <hr/> <p>17:05</p> <p>Q&A</p>	<p>Cate Gilpin, Welcoming Australia</p> <p>MULTI</p>	<p>Jesse Gardner-Russell, Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations</p> <p>Thet Loon Po, University of Newcastle Students' Association</p> <p>Richard Lee, Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations</p> <p>STU EXP</p>	<p>Dr. Kirrilee (Kik) Hughes, IEAA</p> <p>Prof. Emeritus Betty Leask, La Trobe University</p> <p>MULTI</p>	<p>16:20</p> <p>Navigating change for student success: data-driven strategies to overcome market challenges at Deakin College (1526)</p> <p>Hamid Khattak, Deakin College</p> <p>Justine Morris, Deakin College, Navitas Ltd</p> <p>PATH</p> <hr/> <p>16:50</p> <p>Tracing success: a national study of direct entry ELICOS tracer studies in Australian higher education (1356)</p> <p>Katherine Olston, University of Sydney</p> <p>Heather Thomas, UOW College Australia</p> <p>PATH</p> <hr/> <p>17:05</p> <p>Q&A</p>	<p>LA</p>

19:00 – 22:00 Conference Dinner 'Night at the Museum - The Australian edition' – sponsored by aecc and LanguageCert

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8:00 – 14:00	Registration open
8:00 – 12:00	Exhibition open
9:00 – 12:00	Braindate open (Main Foyer)
9:00 – 10:00	3.1 Plenary
	Royal Theatre
	MC and Host Janice Petersen, Journalist and news presenter
	Meet the Ambassadors – journeys that connect the world His Excellency, Dr. Cheunboran Chanborey, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Cambodia to Australia and New Zealand, Royal Embassy of Cambodia Her Excellency, Beatriz De La Fuente Fuentes, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Chile, Embassy of the Republic of Chile His Excellency, Dr. Siswo Pramono, LL.M., Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to Australia and the Republic of Vanuatu, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia
10:00 – 10:30	Morning tea
10:30 – 11:00	3.2 Plenary
	Royal Theatre
	MC and Host Janice Petersen, Journalist and news presenter
	Moving to heal – trauma informed dance education Alfira O’Sullivan, Suara Indonesia Dance
11:00 – 11:45	3.3 Plenary
	Royal Theatre
	MC and Host Janice Peterson, Journalist and news presenter
	Keynote Change and Resilience: lessons from prison Prof. Peter Greste, Award-winning broadcast journalist, academic, media freedom activist and author
11:45 – 12:15	3.4 Closing Plenary
	Royal Theatre
	MC and Host Janice Peterson, Journalist and news presenter
	Closing address The Hon. Bill Shorten, Vice Chancellor, University of Canberra
	IEAA AGM wrap-up Prof. Ren Yi, President Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International), IEAA University of Southern Queensland
	IDP wrap-up James Bennett, Head of External Engagement, APAC Partnerships IDP Education
	2026 announcement and conference close Janice Petersen, News Presenter and Journalist
12:30	Lunch
13:00	Conference Close

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