

# Leading the way with transnational school education

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# Session Overview:

## **Abstract:**

The delivery of the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) internationally provides students with the opportunity to undertake an internationally recognised senior secondary qualification at home. VCE offshore builds international and local teacher capacity, supports teacher and student mobility programs and internationalises schools.

- This session will share key knowledge and build participants' understanding of the VCE international program, including: school partnership model, organising framework, VCAA licensing process and the international quality assurance framework.
- Insights will be provided into the benefits Victorian schools believe result from their involvement in this transnational school education program.

## **Learning objectives:**

This session will provide participants with the opportunity to:

- deepen their knowledge of transnational school education programs
- explore what international school partnerships look like
- consider organising frameworks and licensing processes for delivery of curriculum internationally
- engage in conversation around risk management associated with international program delivery.

# International Programs

- The VCAA has delivered curriculum and assessment internationally since 1998
- Our VCE international program provides students worldwide with local access to an internationally-recognised education
- Local schools partner with offshore schools to deliver the Victorian Certificate of Education



# Victorian Government Policy

## Victoria The Education State

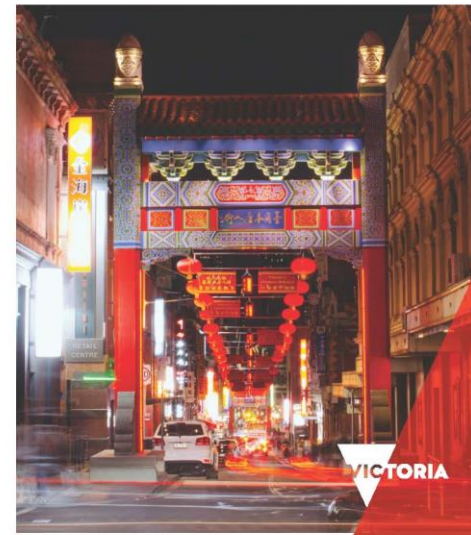


## The China Strategy - Partnerships for Prosperity

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携手合作 共谋繁荣

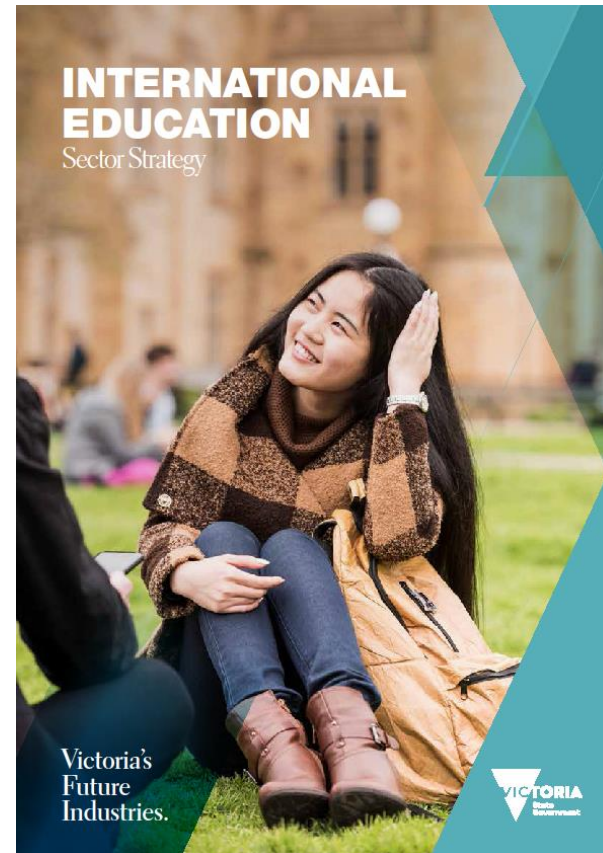
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共同富裕  
Mutual prosperity



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## International Education Sector Strategy

- The delivery of VCE offshore on the NHT is referenced in the International Education Sector Strategy (Department Economic Development Jobs Training Resources March 2016):
  - Aim: Grow offshore delivery of VCE in partnership with overseas schools to expand our global reach.
  - Strategy: Expand overseas delivery of Victorian curriculum through transnational programs, including maximising China's uptake of the Northern Hemisphere VCE (p.23).



# VCE Studies – 2 Timetables

<b>VCE studies currently offered on the Victorian Academic Timetable February – December</b>	<b>VCE studies currently offered on the Northern Hemisphere Timetable September – July</b>
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# Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) OFFSHORE

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS THE VCE IS DELIVERED TO INTERNATIONALLY:



TERTIARY PATHWAYS 2018:

**609 STUDENTS**  
completed the VCE



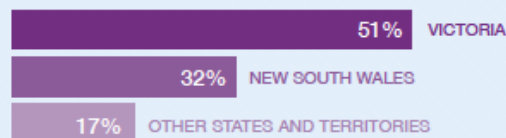
**94%**

VCE offshore graduates to Australian universities

**60%**

VCE offshore graduates to Group of Eight universities

## DESTINATION BY AUSTRALIAN STATE AND TERRITORY



PARTNERSHIPS:

**8 VICTORIAN EDUCATION PROVIDERS**

Victorian education providers partner with schools offshore to deliver the VCE



SINCE 2000:

**1 VANUATU**

**4888 GRADUATES**

with pathways to 30+ Australian universities and 27+ universities internationally



BENEFITS:

The VCE benefits students, teachers and school leaders locally and internationally



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# School Partnership Delivery Model

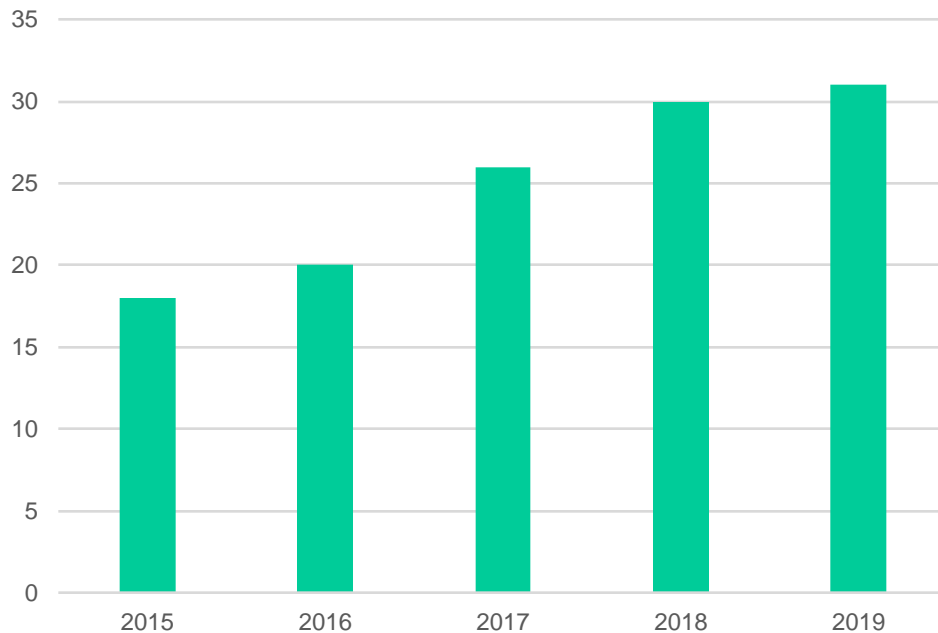
## Victorian school

- VCE offshore partnership built on shared vision
- Design and oversight of pre VCE English language program
- Victorian teachers act as Mentors for teachers offshore (support learning & teaching, school based assessments)
- Maintenance of student records (enrolment, school based assessment results)
- Advice provided on tertiary pathways and visa application

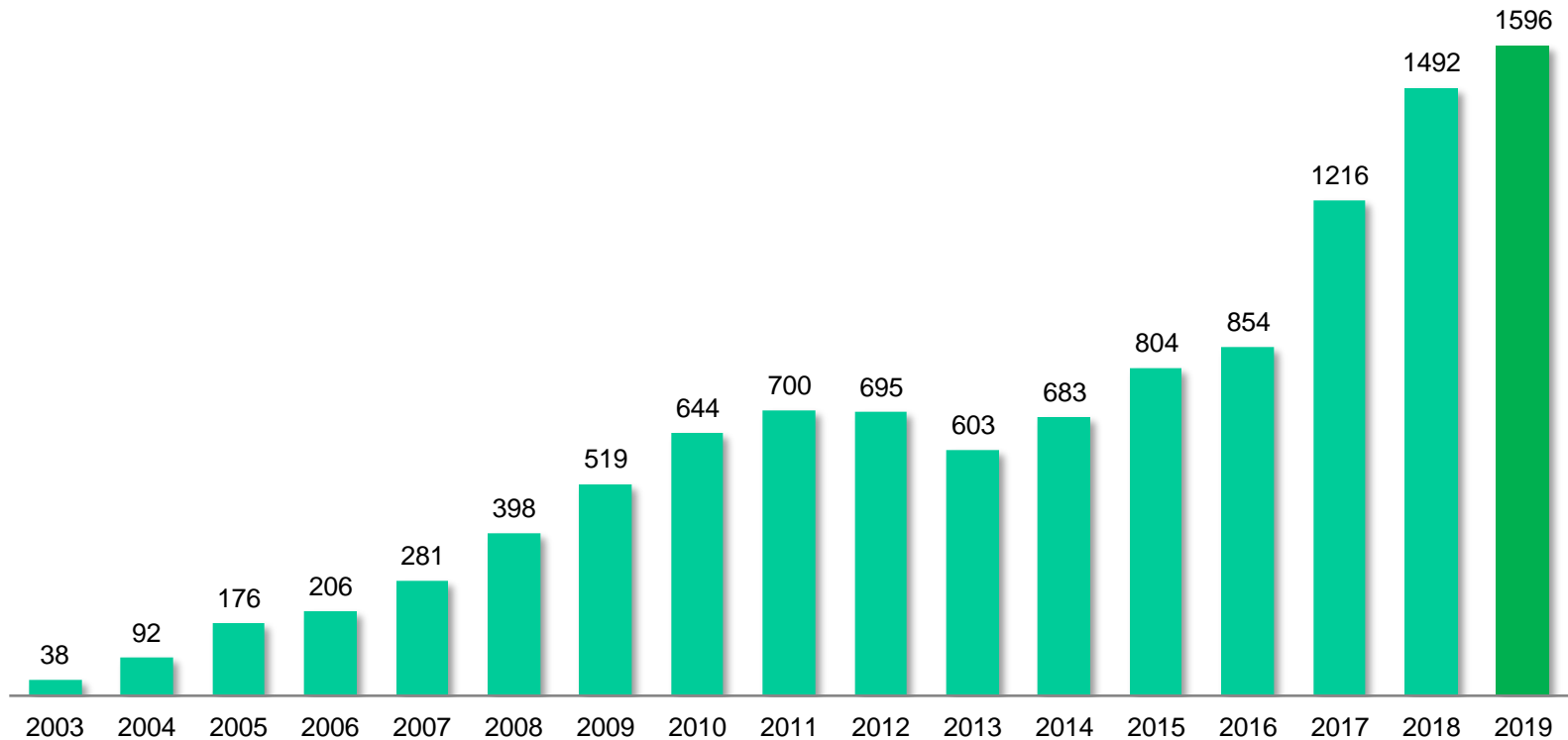
## Offshore school

- Assessment of prospective students (academic ability & English language)
- Overseas school appoints teachers (expatriate or local)
- Maintenance of student records (enrolment, school based assessment results)
- Manage external examinations
- Appoint examination supervisors

# VCE offshore programs



# VCE offshore student enrolment growth





- Alignment to Victorian government policy
- Program rationale
- School background and academic achievement
- Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) registration
- Victorian school vision
- Program benefits for teachers, students, school
- Complementary programs – languages, internationalisation of the curriculum, student and teacher exchange
- Offshore partner school background

### Policy and Vision

- VCE studies to be offered
- Flexible program models, for example, Northern Hemisphere Timetable (NHT)
- Local curriculum programs
- Pre-VCE English language program – as required
- Infrastructure and teaching facilities
- Security of VCE examinations
- Invigilation



### Curriculum and Assessment

- Administration and record-keeping
- Victorian Assessment Software System (VASS)
- English language proficiency
- Student experience – overseas travel to partner school
- Academic outcomes
- Tertiary pathways



### Student Achievement/Outcomes

## VCE Offshore Delivery

### Staffing and Professional Learning



- Staff roles
  - Leadership team
  - Mentors
  - VCE Coordinator
  - VASS Administrator
  - Offshore Data Administrator
- Mentor program
- Teacher qualifications
- Professional learning

### Governance and Accountability



- Long-term viability of offshore school
- Market analysis and prospective enrolment numbers
- Financial analysis
- Role of Agents and other third parties
- Insurance
- Agreement between Victorian and offshore schools
- Government approval
- Offshore staff recruitment and registration
- Risk management
- Program monitoring and reporting
- Project timeline

# Education Product and Service Research Project - Victoria



# International opportunities for offshore delivery



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