

## Gold Coast to host Australian International Education Conference 2020

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Leading international education experts from around the world will come together on the Gold Coast for the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Australian International Education Conference (AIEC) in October 2020.

AIEC 2020 will celebrate the start of a new decade by reflecting on lessons learnt over the past ten years. Its theme *20/20 Vision: Insights for the Decade Ahead* will explore how international education can evolve for the next generation as well as the mega trends believed to have the greatest impact – climate change, resource depletion, deglobalisation, the growth of Africa and the rise of artificial intelligence.

As the premier international education conference in Australia, industry experts at AIEC 2020 will investigate how the sector will be shaped by such trends and discuss how international education can continue to have a positive and meaningful impact on the world.

IDP Education, Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Barkla, said next year's conference will provide the opportunity for the sector to use key learnings from the past decade to map out the future.

"In Perth this year we saw more than 1,500 delegates come together to discuss leadership in international education.

"Next year we're excited to take what we've learnt and put this into practice, as we prepare for a new decade with new challenges and opportunities.

"The international education sector is always evolving and it's important for us to share data, knowledge and insights and explore what's next, including how global changes and trends will impact international education.

"It's been 15 years since the conference was held on the Gold Coast, so it is an opportunity to reflect on the growth and success of Australia's international education sector and the education opportunities international students are taking up in cities and towns around the country," Mr Barkla said.

Study Gold Coast, Chief Executive Officer Alfred Slogrove said he is excited to host AIEC in 2020 on the Gold Coast.

"The conference will bring enormous benefits to the local education sector with direct engagement for our institutions and students on a national scale, providing collaborative opportunities across the sector while showcasing the Gold Coast as a world class education and training destination," Mr Slogrove said.

More than 1,500 delegates from across the sector, as well as NGOs, government representatives and private providers, are expected to attend and partake in a range of sessions, workshops and roundtables. AIEC 2020 will be held on 13 - 16 October 2020 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, Gold Coast, Queensland.

The conference will be jointly presented by IDP Education and the International Education Association of Australia.

For more information about AIEC 2020, visit [aiec.idp.com](http://aiec.idp.com)

### About IDP Education

IDP Education is a world leader in international student placement services.

For 50 years, IDP has played a major role in international education by offering comprehensive counselling services to students and has placed more than 500,000 students into quality institutions in Australia, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand and more recently Ireland.

Our success comes from connecting students with the right course at the right institution in the right country.

We are also a proud co-owner of IELTS, the world's most popular high-stakes English language test, and an operator of 10 English language teaching campuses across South East Asia.

IDP Education has hosted AIECs since its inception in 1986.

### **About IEAA**

IEAA has been championing international education in Australia since 2004. We strive to empower professionals, engage institutions and enhance Australia's reputation as a provider of world-class education.

IEAA serves the needs and interests of professional staff and academics who work in international education. Through networking and professional development events – including workshops, seminars and symposia – we empower individuals and encourage best practice among education institutions.

IEAA works in close collaboration with industry stakeholders, affiliated peak bodies and all levels of government. IEAA also have an active research program and public policy agenda.

### **About AIEC**

The Australian International Education Conference (AIEC) is the major opportunity each year for international education practitioners, teaching staff, researchers, policymakers 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.

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