

Australian International Education Conference 2018

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**A supported journey:  
Strategies for engaging and empowering  
international students and facilitating  
effective articulation pathways**

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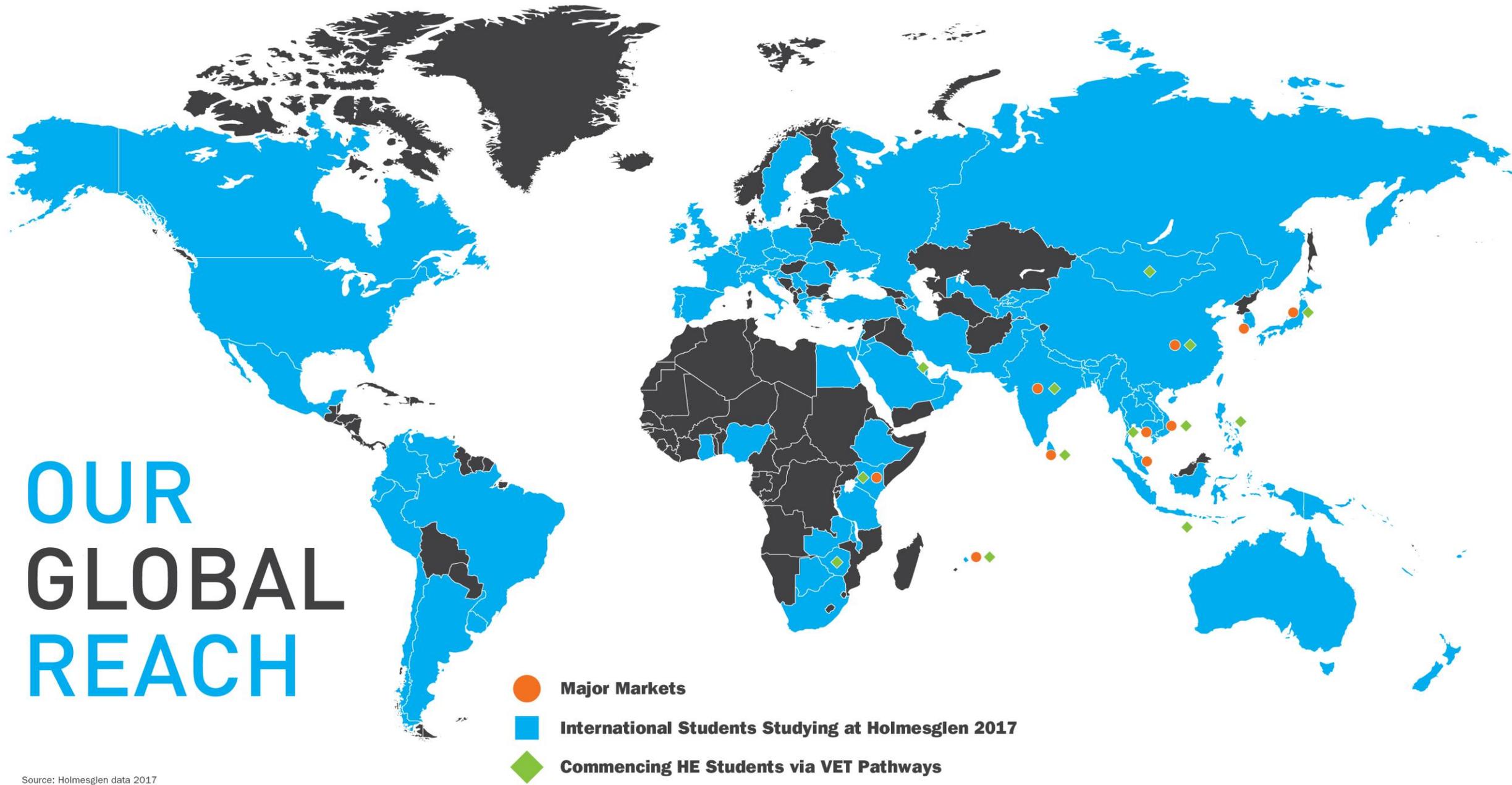
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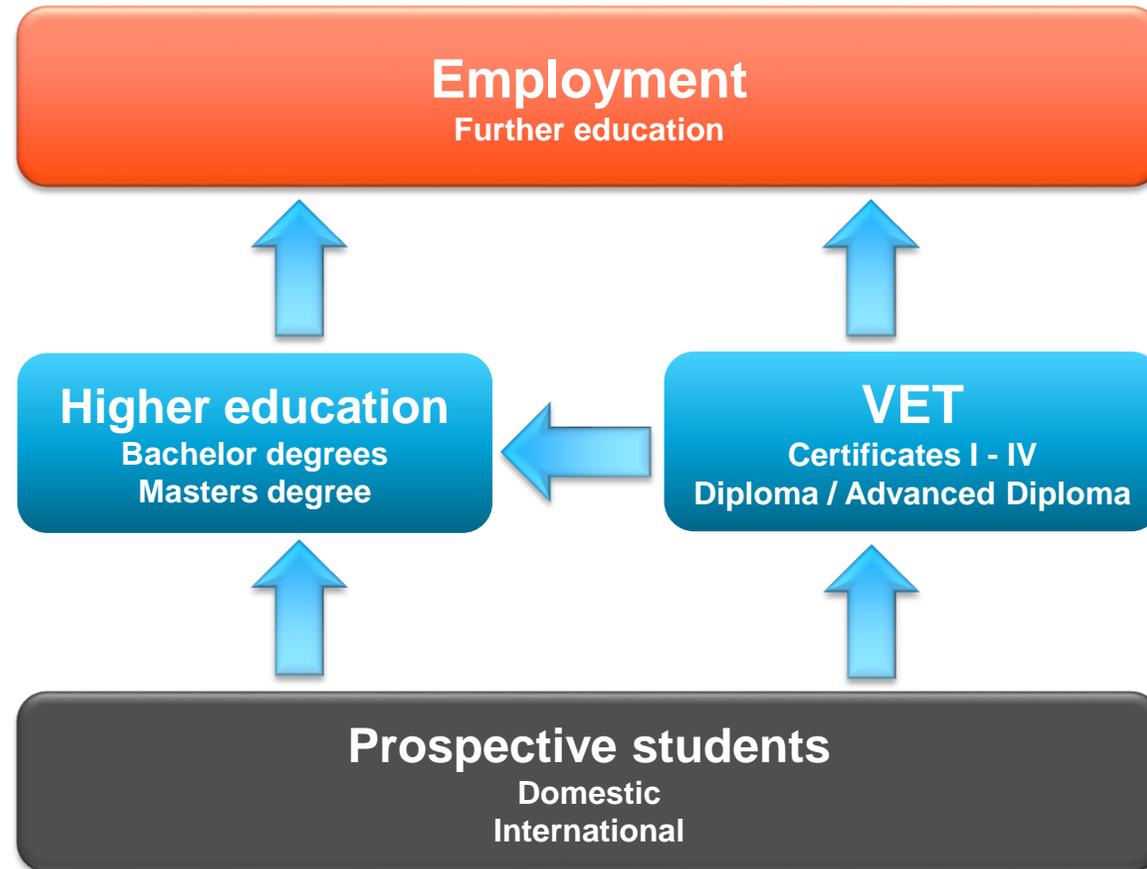


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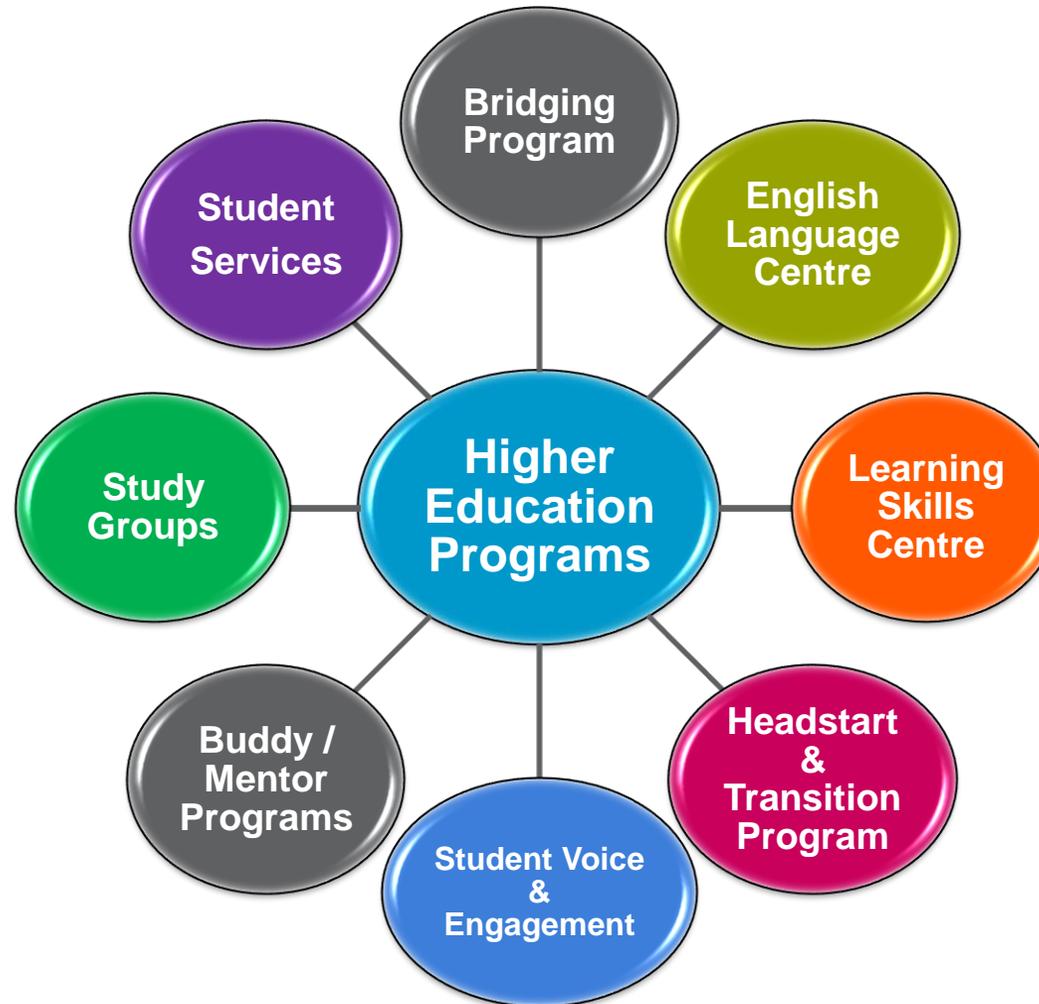
Source: Holmesglen data 2017

# Holmesglen: Integrated Education Provider



# Developing Foundation Skills and Support Services

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# Tailored English Language Programs



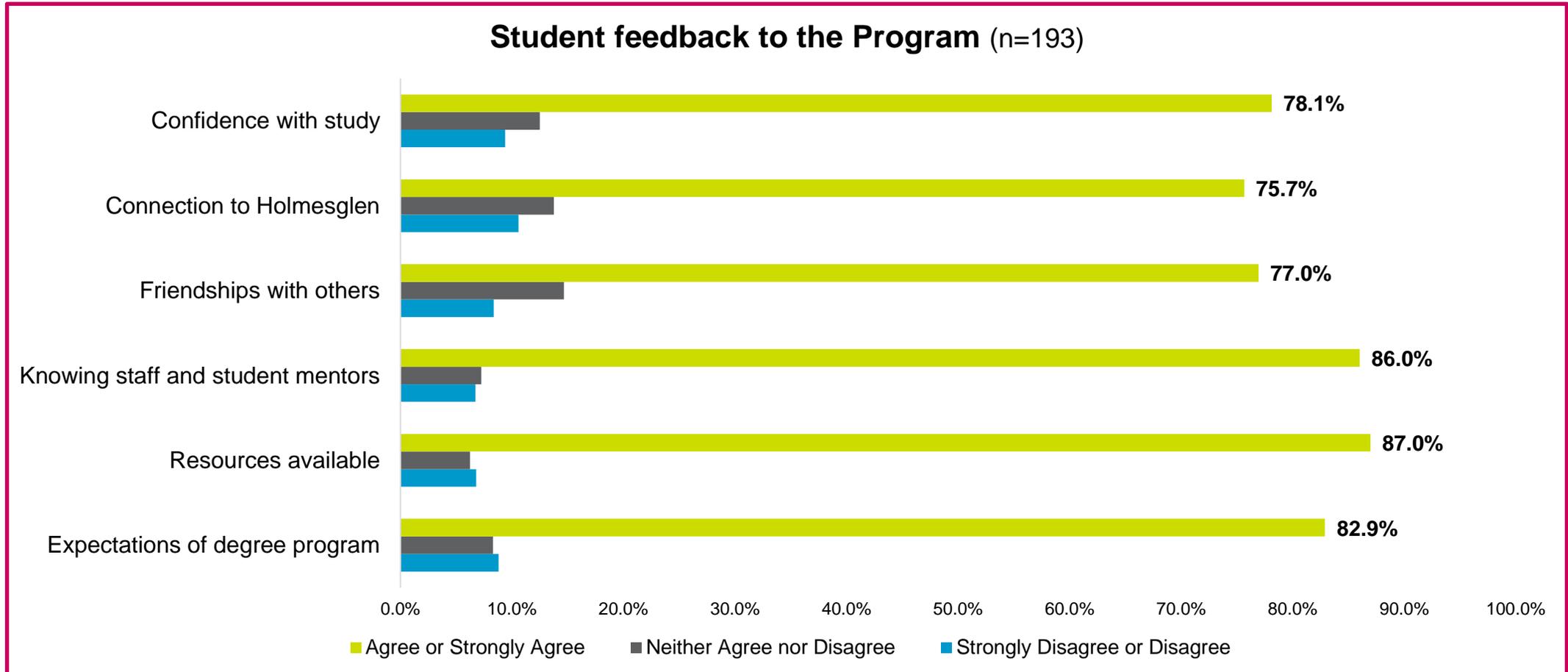
English Programs	Target group of students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>English Plus</b> (2 – 50 weeks)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitors who are living, travelling or working in Australia</li> <li>• Those preparing for future employment or further study</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>English for further study</b> (15 – 40 weeks)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-English speaking backgrounds wishing to transition into VET and HE study</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>English for specific careers</b> (15 – 20 weeks)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeking further study or work in health sciences, building &amp; construction, hospitality, business or early childhood education</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>English test preparation</b> (2 – 50 weeks)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those preparing for IELTS, OET, Cambridge CAE exams</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Study skills – intensive</b> (4 weeks)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intensive 4-week program to prepare students for tertiary study in the following semester</li> </ul>

# Headstart / Transition Program into Higher Education

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- Institute-wide strategy
- Rolled out in 2017 to all commencing HE students
  - Headstart: for students entering 1<sup>st</sup> year of degree program
  - Transition: for pathway students from VET courses
- Focus: student preparedness for commencing HE
- Customised to meet needs and interests of students
- Key areas covered:
  - Course information, teachers, facilities
  - Student services and support available
  - Academic skills; academic integrity
  - Research, critical thinking & referencing
  - Team building activities
  - Managing study/work/social life
  - Well being and help with living independently

# Headstart / Transition Program Results 2018



Student feedback to the Headstart / Transition program has been overwhelmingly positive

# Centre for Applied Research and Innovation

- Researching & reporting on the effectiveness of support strategies
- Making recommendations
- Continuous improvement
- Student voice & engagement
- Engaging staff & students in applied research
- Research collaboration – national & international

