

IHEA Welcomes the Return of International Students to NSW

Independent Higher Education Australia (IHEA) welcomes the return of international students, with the first plane of students landing in Sydney today.

“Today’s arrival of international students is fantastic news for the students and Australia’s higher education sector,” IHEA CEO Simon Finn said.

“For almost two years, our members have been working together with universities and the NSW government towards international education recovery. Today’s arrival includes international students enrolled at Australian independent providers with IHEA members the International College of Management Sydney (ICMS), Kaplan, Navitas, and RedHill Education participating in this NSW pilot project to return international students to our campuses.

“We are delighted to welcome the return of international students who contribute significantly to the cultural diversity of our community and contribute significantly to the Australian economy. International education is critical to the recovering the vibrancy of our cities and local economies across Australia.

“Rebuilding student enrolments and staffing levels will take several years to fully recover, but this first arrival is an important step in rebuilding Australia’s higher education sector and demonstrating that Australia is open for business.

“We can now look forward to additional international students safely returning to campuses in Australia and their important contribution to the Australian community.”

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