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Independent Higher Education Australia Soars in Latest QILT Student Experience Survey

Independent Higher Education Australia (IHEA) celebrates the excellent performance of its member institutions in the latest Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) survey.

Results from 2022 Student Experience Survey demonstrate the quality of education provided by independent institutions, with IHEA members occupying top positions on various key measures.

The survey emphasizes the high regard students have for independent higher education providers, particularly for skills development, learner engagement, teacher quality, and student support.

IHEA member universities are the <u>top three universities</u> in Australia for quality of undergraduate educational experience.

These are:

- University of Divinity is rated 1st
- Avondale University is rated 2nd
- Bond University is rated 3rd
- Plus, Torrens University is rated 7th (out of 42 universities in the survey)

IHEA members also make up an overwhelming <u>90 per cent of the top ten non-university</u> higher education institutions for undergraduate universities experience.

These are:

- Leaders Institute is rated 1st
- Sheridan Institute of Higher Education is rated 3rd
- Australian College of Theology Limited is rated 4th
- Campion College Australia is rated **5th**
- Moore Theological College is rated 6th
- Marcus Oldham College is rated 7th
- Australian College of Christian Studies is rated 8th
- Tabor College of Higher Education is rated 9th
- Adelaide Central School of Art is rated 10th

"We're thrilled with the results of latest QILT Higher Education Student Experience Survey," said IHEA CEO, Dr Peter Hendy.

"These results are a testament to the commitment from our collective membership to providing a top-level student learning experience."

"When it comes to these student experience surveys, for years now our member institutions have consistently outperformed many larger, publicly funded universities across key criterion, which affirms the value of independent higher education in Australia."

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