

## THE PLAYING FIELD

### *Students want more information from Australian varsities*

A national survey conducted by Australian Education International (AEI) has revealed that overseas students want Australian universities to provide more information about tuition fees and cost of living in the country. The survey found that around a third of overseas students are shocked at the cost of living, while two-fifths believe they pay too much already for their studies. Foreign students also want more help with finding work experience.

With a drop in applicants from Australia's major student markets - China and India, the survey sheds light on what foreign students expect from Australian varsities. Universities Australia - an umbrella group representing the interests of universities in Australia and abroad - is in the process of drafting proposals to increase student satisfaction.

Source: ["Call for more info from Australian Unis," ABC Radio Australia, October 16, 2007](#)

## ABROAD PERSPECTIVE

### *Foreign students drawn to China's schools*

China is emerging as Asia's newest education hot spot. The number of overseas students in China is on the rise. In 2006, a total of 162,000 students from 185 countries and regions came to study in 500 universities and scientific research institutes throughout China.

Statistics have revealed that the number of students from Asia was the highest in 2006, accounting for 74.3% of the total students studying within China. Students from Europe and North America accounted for 12.7% and 9.6% of the total. Students from Africa and Australia accounted for 2.3% and 1.1%.

Source: ["Foreign students coming to study in China reach 162,000 last year," People's Daily Online, October 11, 2007](#)

## OVER THE COUNTER

### *Fake documents in South Africa*

Fake matriculation certificates are flooding the education sector in South Africa. Students are reportedly falsifying their documents in order to enrol at tertiary education institutions. According to Ina van der Merwe, the chief executive of Kroll, a leading screening and risk consultancy company, 14 percent of South African qualifications verified were tampered with.

The University of South Africa (Unisa) prosecutes students who submit forged matriculation certificates. Gerhardt Waldeck, the head of readmission to studies and student disciplinary matters, said on average the institution found 15 to 20 forged matriculation certificates a year.

Source: ["Fake matric certificates becoming a problem," IOL, October 1, 2007](#)

## GLOBE TIPPING

### *Shipping Know-how*

When heading overseas, remember to get the local addresses for FedEx, UPS and DHL in case you need to ship any papers or goods back home. You can click on these websites and find addresses of local offices and customer services numbers in various countries across the globe.

[www.fedex.com](http://www.fedex.com)

[www.ups.com](http://www.ups.com)

[www.dhl.com](http://www.dhl.com)