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All students deserve quality education

ACPET believes that all students, domestic or overseas, deserve the highest quality education that can be offered. Private colleges in Victoria offer students this opportunity.

Australia has an international reputation for providing quality outcomes for students in the vocational education and training sector. Last year over 120,000 students travelled to Australia to undertake vocational education, many of them chose Victoria as a study destination contributing \$3.91 billion to the Victorian economy in 2007.

The international reputation of Australian providers and our national regulatory system are key factors in maintaining this reputation. ACPET welcomes the exposure of criminal behaviour in any industry and we encourage those with evidence of this behaviour to report it to the appropriate authorities.

All Victorian providers of vocational education are subject to same regulations and claims made in The Age that small colleges are riskier for students are inaccurate. The private education and training sector is thriving because of the choice and diversity offered to students and employers wishing to invest in their future through education.

The growth in the private training sector reflects the fact that students and employers want choice and that they are prepared to fund it to the extent to which they are able.

A key aspect of private colleges is their commitment to student welfare, a responsibility that ACPET takes very seriously. Quality outcomes and a positive education experience are important to all students.

Private colleges, large and small, make a valuable contribution to the education and training industry in Victoria. ACPET and its members value our partnership with key stakeholders, including government and believe that this contributes to educational outcomes, social cohesion and a strong economy.

ACPET and its members are committed to growing a sustainable future for Australia's international education and training industry. Our key strategic priorities are to promote international partnerships and understanding through education, contribute to alleviating Australia's skills shortages and protect educational standards for all students.

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