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ACPET Launches Awards Program for Private Tertiary Education

Australia’s private tertiary education sector will finally have it’s own industry awards, after the Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) launched the “ACPET Awards for Excellence” last Friday night.

ACPET’s National Chair, Martin Cass, launched the new awards program at a gala dinner to celebrate ACPET’s 20th Anniversary, in Sydney, with the initiative warmly received by members and other industry representatives.

While many ACPET members regularly enter and achieve success in state-based training, export and related awards run by governments, ACPET CEO, Claire Field, said she felt the time was right for the the private tertiary sector to host its own awards program.

“Private tertiary education is achieving great success in Australia, spurred on by ambitious and forward-thinking policy reforms in some States, increased focus on quality and rigour within our institutions and of course growing demand from students looking for alternatives to public training providers,” Ms Field said.

“The ACPET Awards for Excellence will provide an opportunity to honour the very best of the private sector and, I hope, will encourage us all to continually set the bar higher and higher.”

The ACPET Awards for Excellence reflect and recognise the diversity of the private sector and will include awards in the following categories:

• Higher Education Provider of the Year
• VET Provider of the Year
• ELICOS Provider of the Year
• Dual Sector Provider of the Year
• VET in Schools Provider of the Year
• International Provider of the Year
• Industry initiative
• International initiative
• Social inclusion initiative
• Student of the Year
• Teacher of the Year

Open only to ACPET members, the awards will be judged by an independent panel of experts and announced at an awards night to coincide with ACPET's annual national conference at the end of August.

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