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ACPET Quality Strategy Charts an Ambitious Course

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) said today it would implement a comprehensive Quality Strategy in 2009, designed to ensure the best educational outcomes for students and keep Australia’s private post-compulsory education sector amongst the best in the world.

The strategy will establish rigorous membership standards for ACPET, the sector’s peak organisation, and reward excellence among member colleges.

ACPET’s National Executive Officer, Andrew Smith, said Australia’s private education and training sector offers quality, diversity and choice to students from Australia and overseas.

“Our sector is thriving and regarded amongst the best in the world,” he said.

“The ACPET Quality Strategy will help to ensure that this enviable reputation carries on, and that we continue to attract students from within Australia and all over the world by offering them the best possible education and an enriching and positive experience during their studies.”

Mr Smith said around one in ten higher education qualifications and half the vocational qualifications in Australia are now awarded through a private institution

“As Australia’s education sector changes and many students choose to study at private educational colleges, the eyes of the educational community at home and abroad are focused on us to ensure we deliver the highest quality education possible.”

“Quality education is the cornerstone of improved productivity, quality of life and better life prospects,” Mr Smith said.

“This strategy demonstrates ACPET’s commitment to making Australia’s private education and training sector the best in the world.”

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