ACPET acts to assist students following Melbourne college closure

Students affected by today’s closure of Melbourne International College will be transitioned to another education provider through a scheme administered by the Australian Council for Private Education and Training.

Through its Tuition Assurance Scheme, ACPET will work with other member institutions to transfer students with minimal disruption.

“Our absolute priority is ensuring we minimise the impact of today’s announcement on students,” ACPET Chief Executive Officer Andrew Smith said today.

“It’s obviously a very distressing time for students involved and we’ll be doing all we can to offer support as well as help them transition to a comparable course at a nearby institution.

“The Tuition Assurance Scheme allows ACPET to support students in the unlikely event that the college they attend is unable to continue to offer the course in which they’ve enrolled.

“We will work with each student individually to ensure they aren’t disadvantaged.”

ACPET - in conjunction with the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority - will host a meeting tomorrow (Friday, 17 July) for Melbourne International College students at Dallas Brooks Memorial Hall, Victoria Pde, East Melbourne at 3pm.

“I strongly encourage students affected by today’s announcement to come along and discuss the options for continuing their study,” Mr Smith said.

The Melbourne International College was a private training college offering qualifications in Community Welfare and English as a Second Language.

ACPET understands the institution closed as a result of financial difficulties.

ANDREW SMITH is available for interview.

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