MEDIA STATEMENT
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ACPET acts to assist students Meridian Students

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) will work with the education and immigration departments to transfer students affected by the closure of the Meridian schools to another education provider as quickly as possible.

ACPET, in conjunction with federal and state government representatives, met with students today in Melbourne Town Hall to explain the process.

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

“We have been informed that Global Campus Management Group, which operated the Meridian schools, has been placed in administration and our absolute priority is to minimise the impact on students,” ACPET Chief Executive Officer Andrew Smith said today.

“We have already begun gathering information from administrators so that we can begin seeking placement offers for students affected by this closure.”

“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 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.”

“I want to assure students that they are not being left in limbo, and that they will be supported by ACPET and other parties through this difficult time.”

Any student who has not already sought a placement offer through the tuition assurance scheme should email:

meridian.mel@acpet.edu.au (Melbourne-based students); or,
meridian.syd@acpet.edu.au (Sydney-based students).

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