MEDIA STATEMENT
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**ACPET Supports Austech Students**

Students affected by the liquidation of Austech Institute for Further Education will be able to transfer to a comparable course and complete their studies with no financial disadvantage.

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) said that the Tuition Assurance Scheme had been activated this afternoon to begin the process of relocating students.

ACPET is now working with the Federal Government to collect student details and begin working to arrange alternative placements.

“Our absolute priority is to ensure the impact on students is minimised and that they can continue their studies at a comparable institution,” ACPET CEO, Andrew Smith said.

“ACPET will make every effort within our obligations to transfer students to a comparable college with minimal disruption.”

“Throughout the past difficult year for our sector, several thousand students affected by college closures have been supported by the ACPET-administered Tuition Assurance Scheme.

“It’s obviously a very distressing time for students and as soon as we have further information at hand we will make that available to students and other interested parties.”

Austech students can email their queries ACPET at Austech@acpet.edu.au