MEDIA STATEMENT
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ACPET Supports HHH International College Students

Students affected by the closure of Queensland’s HHH International College will be able to transfer to a comparable course and complete their studies, thanks to a scheme administered by the Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET).

ACPET is working with the Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and the administrators of the college, and will soon commence the process of transferring students under the “Tuition Assurance Scheme.”

“We understand that HHH International College has closed and administrators are now at the college,” said ACPET A/g CEO, Claire Field.

“We have contacted the relevant government authorities to seek student information so that we may begin the process of transferring students to a comparable course at a nearby institution as soon as possible.”

“Our absolute priority is to ensure the impact on students is minimised. ACPET will make every effort within our obligations to transfer students to a comparable college with minimal disruption,” Ms Field said.

“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.”

“Australia’s consumer protection mechanisms for international students are unique in the world and very effective in ensuring that students affected by college closures are supported as quickly and effectively as possible,” Ms Field said.

“In the coming days, ACPET will arrange a student meeting to explain the process and begin transferring students.”

“I urge students to attend the student meeting and beware of solicitations from other parties, however well intended they may be, because only ACPET can arrange student transfers under the Tuition Assurance Scheme.”

“In the meantime, students should send any enquiries to hhh@acpet.edu.au.”

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About ACPET:
ACPET is the leading industry body, which represents more than 1100 private colleges and institutions nation-wide. Interacting directly with college and institute owners on a regular basis, ACPET has a firm grasp on the issues facing the industry and has been attempting to put forward solutions which benefit all stakeholders.