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Independent providers demonstrate commitment to students in the 2017 Student Experience Survey

The latest national Student Experience Survey (SES) results highlight the strong performance of independent higher education providers in responding to the needs of their students.

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) were pleased with the outcomes achieved by independent higher education providers in yesterday's Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) data. Independent provider undergraduate students had a 79% overall satisfaction level.

"These results just confirm the strong performance of independent providers in the sector, with their students showing satisfaction levels on par with their university counterparts" said Rod Camm, ACPET CEO

ACPET CEO said, "This result is despite neither these providers or their students receiving any funding support from the government."

The SES measures five aspects of the student experience: Skills Development, Learner Engagement, Teaching Quality, Student Support, and Learning Resources.

"ACPET is thrilled by the overall results. They demonstrate the high quality of tertiary education being delivered by independent providers. They further confirm the need for the federal government to remove the 25% FEE-HELP administration fee charged to students enrolled with independent providers -a fee not charged to university students. It simply punishes students for choosing a provider that best meets their needs" Mr Camm said.

Around 130,000 students chose to enrol with an independent higher education provider in 2017.

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