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Opportunities for Transnational Education and Future Trends

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Transnational education

- **Student mobility**
 - *inbound to Australia*
 - *outbound from Australia*
- **Program mobility**
 - *courses offered offshore via e-learning, distance education*
 - *courses offered offshore at overseas campuses*
- **Faculty mobility**
 - *teaching offshore for special purposes*
 - *collaborative research*



Some key historical markers (i)

- **1950s – 2000**
 - *1950's: The Colombo Plan for Cooperative Economic Development in South and South-East Asia (now AusAID scholarship programs)*
 - *1969: Australian-Asian Universities Cooperation Scheme (IDP Education Australia)*
 - *1989: Australian Unified National System of Higher Education*
 - *1990: international research collaboration through Cooperative Research Centres*
 - *1992: UMAP established*



Some key historical markers (ii)

- 2000 onwards
 - *major government policy shift*
 - *greater focus on two-way internationalisation:*
 - a programs for inbound students
 - new loan scheme for outbound Australian students
 - increase in university-university partnerships
 - foreign universities established in Australia
 - AVCC-sister organisation agreements and executive shadowing programs

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**SUSTAINING
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
COOPERATION**

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International cooperation mechanisms

- Internationalisation of curricula
 - *including joint and double degrees*
- Student and Staff exchange
- Joint research collaboration
- Qualifications recognition & credit transfer
- Delivery of courses off shore
- Distance education, mixed mode courses
- Educational institutions operating abroad

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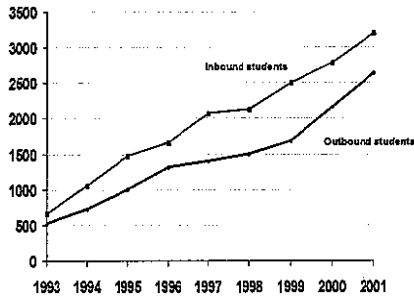
AVCC 2020 Vision: a comprehensive international education policy

- Specific proposals to support ongoing strength of Australia as a centre for international education & research
- Expansion of the international education experience of Australian students
 - target of 20% of students to study overseas as part of their course
 - increased support for existing exchange programs including UMAP
- Better promotion of the quality of Australian education & research, including
 - calibre of alumni, research outcomes, and technological advancements



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Student exchanges – 1993 to 2001



Source: AVCC UMAP Survey, 2001



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The Bologna Process and Australia

- 4 April 2006: the Minister for Education, Science & Training, the Hon. Ms Julie Bishop MP released a discussion paper on next steps towards 'Bologna compatibility'
 - inviting stakeholder responses
 - establishing a working group on the paper during 2006
- AVCC working groups are developing a university sector response to Australia's engagement in the Bologna Process



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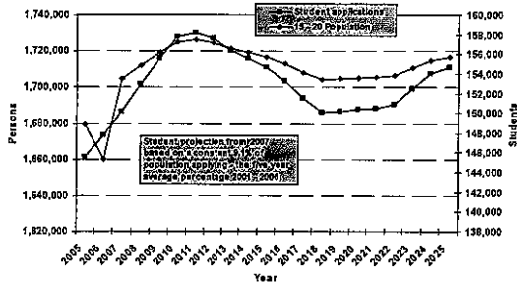
The Brisbane Communiqué (4 April 2006)

- Inaugural meeting of Asia-Pacific Education Ministers chaired by the Hon Julie Bishop MP
- Agreement that internationalisation is a necessary & critical element for all education systems within the region
- Common goal of increasing greater student and academic mobility and transferability of qualifications
- Greater integration or exchangeability of education frameworks
- Future such meetings to be held bi-ennially



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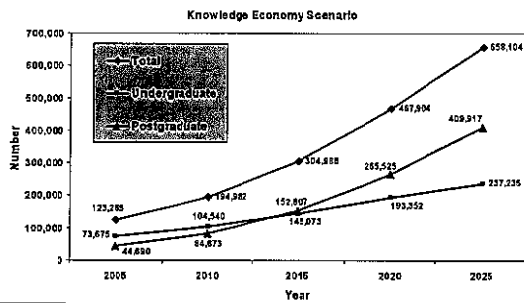
Domestic Population & Student Higher Education Application projections 2005 – 2025 (15 to 20 year olds)



Source: ABS Population Projection Series B and Tertiary Admission Centre application data 2005 and 2006

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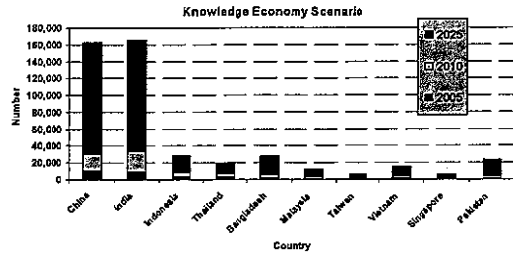
Numbers of International Students in Australia by Level of Study 2005 to 2025



Source: Global Student Mobility 2025, IOP Research Publication 2002, Table 5.9, p. 64

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Numbers of International Students in Postgraduate Education by Top Ten Source Countries



Source: *Global Student Mobility 2025*, IDP Research Publication 2002, table 6.14, p. 68

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