International Student Survey (2006): The key findings

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In late 2006 AEI embarked on a benchmarking nation-wide survey of international students studying in Australia across all sectors. The International Student Survey sought information about international students' experiences in Australia with respect to: their choices to study in Australia; their level of satisfaction with their education; pastoral and support services; social integration; and life in general. It also examined the future plans and aspirations of international students.

The paper will describe the top line findings of the survey, highlighting the key issues contrasted across the sectors. This will include the factors most significantly influencing the decision to study in Australia, satisfaction with pre-arrival information; satisfaction with the course studied; social integration; employment in Australia while studying; and satisfaction with the Australian life and study experience in general.