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To transition and beyond! Strategies to assist international students' throughout their university experience

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Transition - why does it matter?

University context

Transition

- Affects student satisfaction, success and retention
- Varying student experiences depending on where students are transitioning from
- Articulation from university into the workforce



Business Mates student mentoring program

Context

- Student Experience Questionnaire (SEQ) results

Purposes

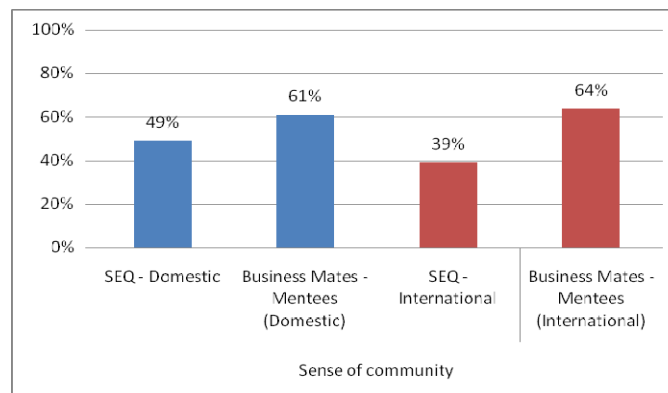
- Transition to the university
- Facilitate social interaction between students

Overview

- Undergraduate/postgraduate Business Mates
- Volunteer basis
- Orientation and social activities
- 1500 new undergraduate students - automatically allocated Business Mates
- Business Mates work in a pair, international/domestic

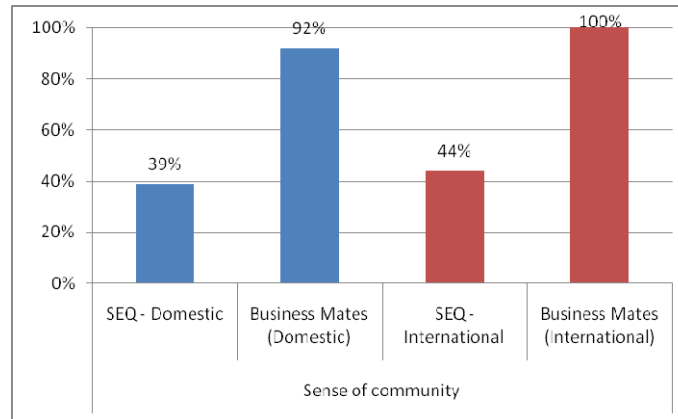


Sense of community – new students



Commencing students' satisfaction with sense of community SEQ – 2006 compared with 2008 results

Sense of community – Business Mates



Continuing students' satisfaction with sense of community SEQ – 2006 compared with 2008 results

International Student Career Strategy

Context

- Anecdotal information from international students
- Course Experience Questionnaire
- Graduate Destination Survey

Purposes

- Support international students with career development
- Improve graduate outcomes

Overview

- Internal consolidation and collaboration of support
- Suitable for undergraduate and postgraduate students
- Program is ongoing throughout studies
- Meets needs in a chronological order
- Engages with Alumni, key external parties and industry



International Student Career Strategy

Orientation

- Immigration session 1 – visas, studying and work
- Career Planning Session 1 – services and options
- Engagement in support programs – such as Business Mates

First Year

- Immigration session 2 – specific to permanent residency requirements
- Career Planning Session 2 – maximising experiential learning

Second Year

- Career Consultation 1 – Developing a career management plan
- International Alumni panel and networking – tips for graduate employment

Third Year

- Career Consultation 2 – review of career management plan
- Workshop – work place readiness
- Immigration session 3 – updates, bridging visas and assistance



Future Directions

- The importance of identifying the needs of the student cohort
- Developing responses to these identified needs
- Facilitating collaboration across the University
- Reviewing the initiatives implemented