

**Building networks across sectors and communities to enhance student experience**

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The Victorian Government's key student initiatives, the Study Melbourne Student Centre and the International Student Welfare Grants program complement collaborative efforts in the sector to enhance international student wellbeing and support. Making connections and building networks, as well as feeling well supported, is key to students' satisfaction rates. Both programs work closely with not-for-profits, international student groups/associations and industry to deliver integrated, high-quality support at both an individual and community level.

The presentation will focus on the importance of investing in student experience programs which improve international students' connectedness and wellbeing. Why it is critical to involve community, not-for-profit organisation and various industry groups to improve overall wellbeing for students. We will share case studies, data and successes of the two programs.