

TOPIC:

**Community Safety and International Students Understanding of Australian Law
PART 2 – The Outcomes**

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Swinburne University and the City of Boroondara partnered during 2014 on a safety project to look at the behaviour of young people within the community. The project aimed to identify safety issues that arise on and off campus, and then to develop ways to promote a culture of resilience and effective help-seeking, avoid victimisation and reduce any evident fear of crime.

The findings of Part 1 of the project was presented at the ISANA National Conference in Adelaide in Dec 2014 including, how international students come to understand Australian law and culture; the fear of crime and its impact on behaviour or outcomes; interacting with local law enforcement and expectations under Australian law.

The original survey results will be discussed and the innovative method the collaboration developed to raise awareness of crime on campus and to further educate international students in particular to a greater understanding of Australian law, community norms and expectations, personal rights, and support services on campus and within the community. Two different styles of performance were delivered, one during O-Week, and another as part of an English Language class curriculum.

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