



Australian Government

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# Australia's international students

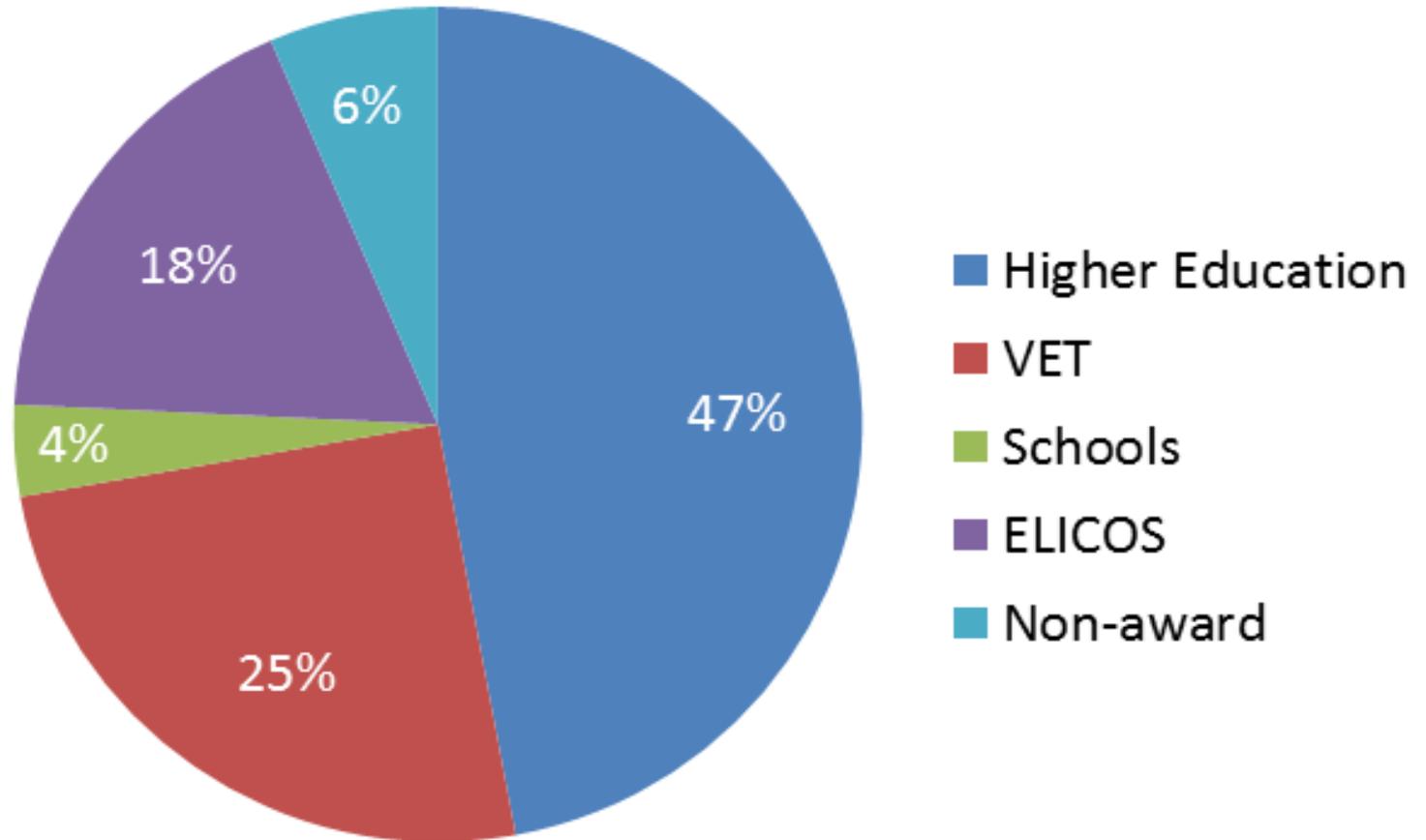
What's important for sustainable growth.

# International student data

- In 2015, Australia hosted around 498,000 students.
- These students generated around 640,000 enrolments.
- Why the difference?
  - Some students follow **study pathways** through different education sectors
  - Some students **change courses within** the same sector.



# Education sectors



# Study pathways

- 70% of student visa holders who study **English language courses** go on to study something else.
- More than 50% of students who commence **school** in Australia go on to study something else.
- Almost 50% of **non-award** students go on to study higher education.



# Our other international students

Our main data set only counts student visa holders

- We know at least 12,000 **New Zealanders** studied higher education in Australia in 2015
- We know at least 50,000 **English language students** study in Australia each year on other visa types.



# What's happening in 2016?

Latest data for August 2016, shows:

- **11% growth** in student numbers on August 2015
- Already 507,756 students, who have generated 630,000 enrolments.
- So – what underlies this growth?



# Global factors

- Global demand for international education is growing.
- 4.5 million tertiary students studied outside their country in 2013, which may climb to 8 million by 2025.
- And that's just higher education students...

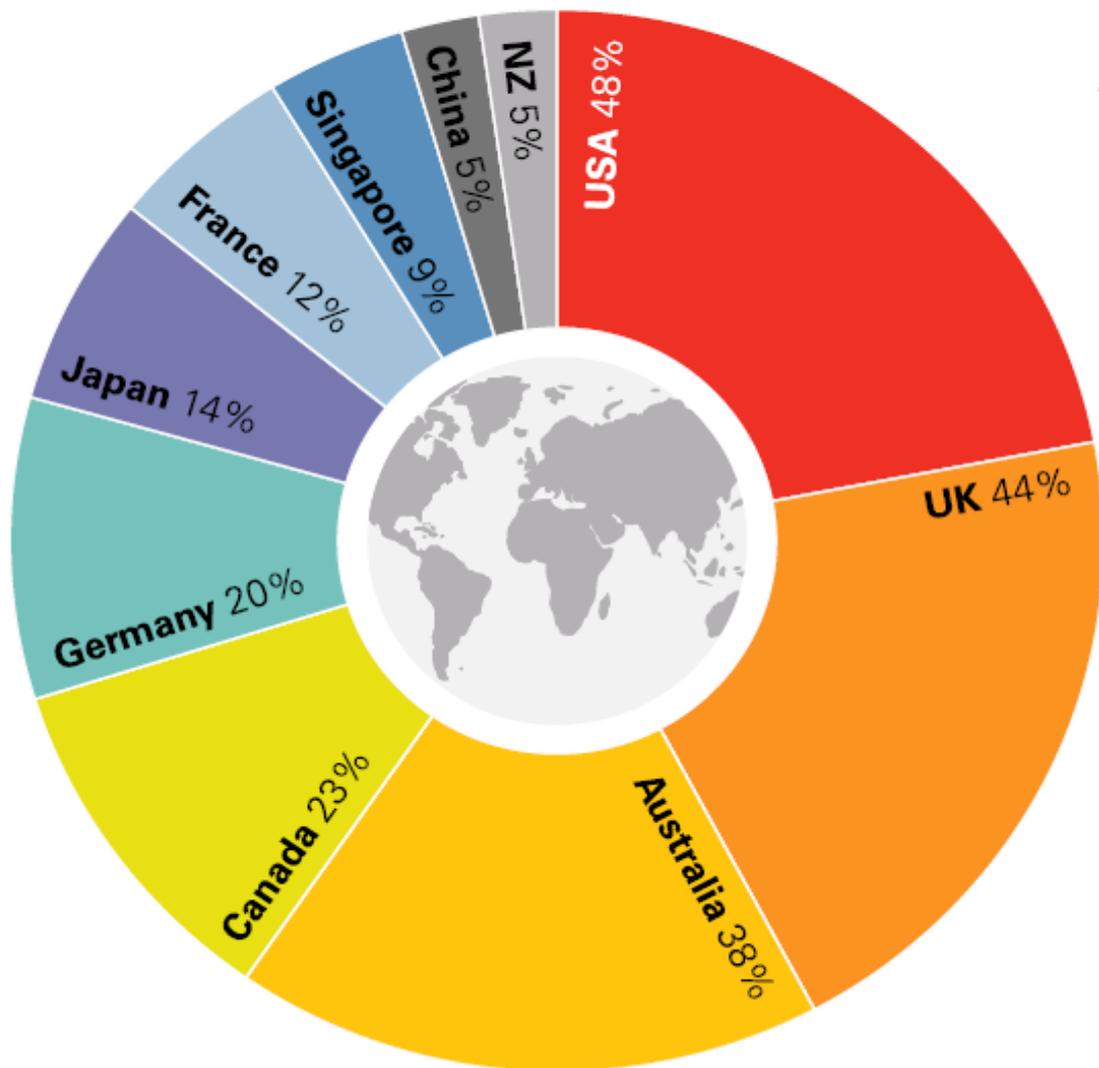


# What Australia offers

- Courses and recognised qualifications in English
- Highly ranked universities, e.g. ARWU's top 100:
  - USA (50); UK (8); and Australia (6).
- Employment while studying and full-time opportunities for eligible graduates.
- A relatively-safe living environment.



## Parents' top 10 destinations for their children's international education



### Average annual tuition fee for international university students (USD)

USA	33,215
Canada	30,518
UK	29,656
Australia	26,136
New Zealand	24,640
Singapore*	21,674
Japan	10,978
China	4,186
France	361
Germany	0

\* Includes Singapore Government tuition grant

# 2016 international student survey

- **Over 65,000 international students participated in 2016**
  - **Participating students come from all of Australia's education sectors: Higher education, VET, ELICOS and schools**
  - **Participating institutions receive de-identified data about their own students, compared with both national and international benchmarks**
    - **Peak education bodies and all levels of government learn about international students' experience in Australia.**
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All these scores have steadily increased since 2010, when overall satisfaction was 86% (incorporating 84% living and 84% study).

# Why Australia?

The 65,000 international students who responded to the survey said they chose Australia because of :

- High standard of our qualifications;
- Quality of our institutions;
- Reputation of our education system; and
- Personal safety.



# What else is in the survey?

Satisfaction with:

- Student advisors
- Accommodation
- Cost of living
- Public transport
- Careers advice
- Health services
- Orientation
- First night
- IT support
- Worship facilities
- Sports facilities
- Host friends



# More information on the 2016 survey

All institutions who participated in the 2016 survey have now received their data.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training is developing a national-aggregate data set for release in early 2017 (including state/territory breakdowns)

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Thank you!



