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10% INCREASE IN AUSTRALIANS STUDYING AT U.S. UNIVERSITIES

According to the Institute of International Education, the number of Australian students attending United States universities has increased by 10.4%. In academic year 2007/08, 3,088 Australians were enrolled at US colleges and universities.

Undergraduate Students

1,525 Australian students were enrolled in undergraduate studies at US colleges and universities in 2007/08. The top ten institutions enrolling Australian undergraduates were:

1. Purdue University, Indiana	4. The University of Southern California
2. Boston College	7. Cornell University
3. Brigham Young University, Utah	8. The University of Hawaii, Manoa
4. Brigham Young University, Hawaii	9. The University of Washington
4. New York University	10. Princeton University

Postgraduate Students

909 Australians enrolled in postgraduate studies at US colleges and universities in 2007/8. The top ten institutions enrolling Australian graduates were:

1. Harvard University	5. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2. New York University	7. Yale University
3. Columbia University	8. Cornell University
4. Stanford University	8. University of California - Berkeley
5. University of Michigan – Ann Arbor	10. Princeton

Overall more international students than ever before are undertaking tertiary studies in the US. In 2007-2008 more than 623,000 international students studied in the US, an increase of 7.0% over the previous year.

The US Mission in Australia has seen a 22% increase in the number of student visas granted in FY 2008. In FY 2008 the US Mission to Australia granted 1,604 student visas, an increase of almost 300 over FY 2007, when 1318 student visas were issued.

The International Institute of Education is an independent not for profit organization founded in 1919 to foster closer ties between higher education institutions in the US and other nations.

For more information, including additional statistics about international students studying in the United States:

www.iie.org.

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