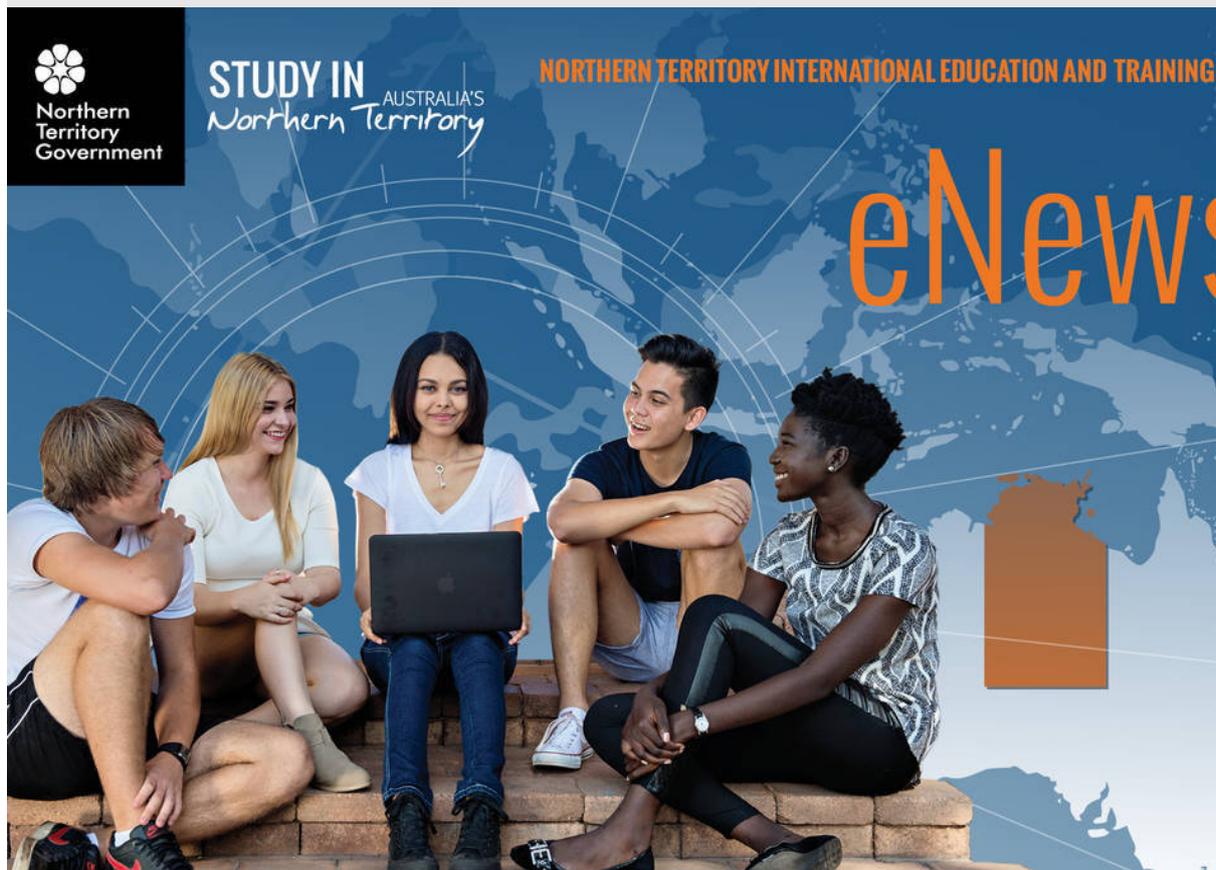


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Dear

We are pleased to welcome you to the first Northern Territory International Education and Training E-newsletter. You have been included on this initial e-newsletter distribution list due to your engagement with the NT International Education and Training in the past year. Produced three times a year the newsletter aims to provide a brief update of actions and events that advance international education and training in the NT. It will also recognise and celebrate the achievements of students and education providers in NT international education.

I hope you enjoy this update. We look forward to sharing further newsletters and stories of the international education and training sector in the NT as they develop. The latest information on the sector is on the front page of the [StudyNT](#) website.

Welcome and thank you for your support.

Mark Darby

General Manager, Northern Territory International Education and Training Hub



Inaugural Northern Territory International Student Welcome function

Over two hundred international students and guests attended the inaugural Northern Territory International Student Welcome function on 25 February 2015 at Parliament House, hosted by

Minister for Education, the Hon Peter Chandler MLA. In welcoming students the Minister highlighted that “The Territory offers internationally recognised courses and degrees, with the reputations of many of our providers speaking for themselves. One of the things that makes the NT unique and so different to other Australian states is our proximity to Asia, which allows us the opportunity to form connections and develop friendships with our Asian neighbours.”

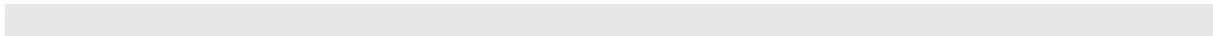
VIPs at the welcome included:

- His Honour the Honourable John Hardy OAM, Administrator of the Northern Territory, and Mrs Marie Hardy
- The Hon Peter Styles MLA, Minister for Multicultural Affairs
- The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Darwin, Katrina Fong Lim
- The Honourable Sally Thomas AC, Chancellor, Charles Darwin University- Consuls

Representatives of the Northern Territory’s multicultural community also welcomed the students and introduced to them the opportunity to be engaged in local community events and activities.

Students and education providers found it a very positive celebration and welcome to the Northern Territory. The Ministers and dignitaries, along with a Crocosaurus Cove baby crocodile, were mobbed by students for photo opportunities.

A gallery of photographs of the event are available [here](#).





Northern Territory International Education and Training Industry Group established

To meet the needs of its primary stakeholders – the providers of international education – the NT International Education and Training Industry Group has been established. Chaired by Mark Darby, General Manager of the Hub, the industry group held its first meeting in February to coincide with the final meeting of the International Education and Training Taskforce. The taskforce made recommendations to the Northern Territory Government which led to the [Northern Territory International Education and Training Strategy 2014-2024](#).

The Industry Group will provide a shared perspective on activities and actions to promote and support the growth of international education and training opportunities in the Northern Territory. Its next meeting is on 21 July 2015.



Study NT international education website goes live

The Northern Territory international education and training website Study NT is up and running at www.StudyNT.nt.gov.au

The website shares students' stories on what they appreciate about studying and living in the Northern Territory. It also highlights the unique opportunities available in the NT and links to all our education and training providers.

The website was developed in close consultation with Territory providers and is part of a growing suite of information to promote the Northern Territory as a destination of choice for international students.

The four student testimonials on the website have been hugely successful and are also available on the [Study in Australia](#) website and on Austrade websites overseas. Nine further student testimonials are in production, showing a variety of school, VET, ELICOS and higher education students in Darwin and Alice Springs.



International Education – A 360 Degree View

On 3 and 4 June the Hub and the Northern Australian Development Office hosted an international education and training professional development program, titled *International Education – A 360 Degree View*. The training was provided by the International Education Association of Australia (IEAA) and delivered by Phil Honeywood, CEO of IEAA and Bronte

Neyland, Assistant Director, International Marketing, Recruitment and Admission, Victoria University.

The day and a half covered an overview of international education in Australia, developing an international recruitment strategy, employability and student accommodation, and digital marketing. It also connected NT providers with the main professional body in Australia for international education and training - the IEAA.

Over 35 local professionals attended the program and ideas are being explored for future workshops to continue building local expertise and knowledge. The Hub will organise another introductory course in Darwin in 2016. If you have suggestions for specific professional development items, please contact StudyNT@nt.gov.au

Key dates

13 August 2015, Parliament House, Canberra: second round table on the [Draft National Strategy for International Education](#)

12 October 2015, 5:30 – 7:30pm, Darwin: October Business Month event sponsored by the Department of Education – *Working with Asia – the skills you need*. What skills does your business need to grow and build partnerships in Asia? Key insights from Asialink CEO, Jenny McGregor and Trade Commissioner, Tracy Harris. [Registrations and more information](#).

6-9 October 2015, Adelaide: [Australian International Education Conference](#)

Key links

[New Simplified Student Visa Framework](#).

[Exposure drafts of Education Services for Overseas Students Bills](#) – public submissions to the draft Bills close 5pm AEST, Friday 7 August 2015.

[Outcomes](#) of the Australian Government's consultations on the market development plan for Australian International Education 2025 (included Darwin consultations on 9 April 2015)

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