

MINISTER NAMES Go8 HOUSE



Innovation Minister Kim Carr attended the Go8 board meeting in July. After meeting with the Go8 Vice-Chancellors he also officially named the Go8's new headquarters in Canberra at 101 Northbourne Avenue as Group of Eight House.



Back L to R: Professor Glyn Davis AC (Vice-Chancellor, The University of Melbourne), Professor Fred Hilmer AO (Vice-Chancellor, The University of New South Wales), Professor Paul Greenfield AO (Vice-Chancellor, The University of Queensland), Professor James McWha (Vice-Chancellor, The University of Adelaide), Professor Ed Byrne AO (Vice-Chancellor, Monash University), Professor Jill Trehwella (Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, The University of Sydney). Front L to R: Professor Ian Chubb AC (Vice-Chancellor, The Australian National University), Senator the Hon Kim Carr (Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research), Professor Alan Robson AM (Go8 Chair and Vice-Chancellor, The University of Western Australia).

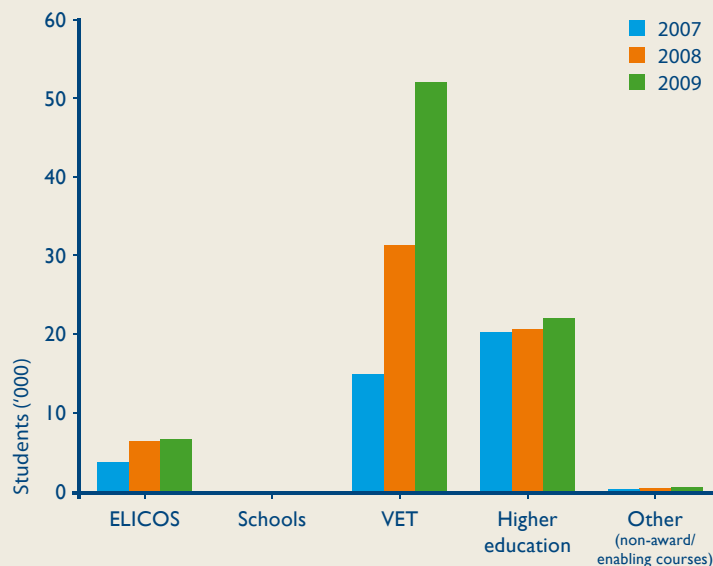
Go8 VCS MEET WITH INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER

Go8 Vice-Chancellors were pleased to have the opportunity to meet with Her Excellency Sujatha Singh, Indian High Commissioner to Australia, in July.

Vice-Chancellors expressed their ongoing support for Indian students enrolled at Go8 universities and presented Mrs Singh with data confirming that exponential growth in student numbers in Australia from India has occurred in the private VET sector in the past two years. The number of Indian students enrolled in Higher Education has remained relatively stable (see graph).

The High Commissioner expressed her belief that Australia should try to better understand the different cultural backgrounds and expectations of Indian students and to increase the level of understanding in India about the differentiated nature of Australian Higher Education, including mission differences within the university sector.

INDIAN STUDENTS IN AUSTRALIA



Sector	2007	2008	2009
ELICOS	3,779	6,498	6,782
Schools	71	78	125
VET	14,893	31,301	51,990
Higher education	20,342	20,624	22,033
Other (non-award courses, enabling courses)	292	416	590
Total	39,377	58,917	81,520

Source: AEI data, April 2009

Go8 EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIPS

Applications for next year's Go8 European Fellows will open in mid August.

Eight Fellowships are awarded each year to early career researchers from Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Bulgaria and Croatia.

Each successful fellow receives benefits worth \$20,000 to travel to Australia and work at a Go8 university for up to six months.

The Go8 European Fellowship scheme recognises the importance of international contacts for early career researchers and plays an important role in building Go8 research partnerships in Europe.

Applications open on 17 August and close on 30 October 2009.

For further information:
www.go8.edu.au

SOCIAL INCLUSION IN EDUCATION CONFERENCE

"We are already seeing universities beginning to respond: broadening their gaze and refreshing their long standing commitments to equity. For example, The University of Sydney has just launched its Social Inclusion program, which forges relationships with Marrickville and Kogarah high schools, and their primary feeder schools." The Hon Julia Gillard MP, 29 July 2009

The Go8 has endorsed the Social Inclusion in Education Conference to be held in Sydney from 22–23 October 2009.

The conference will bring together educators and administrators from across the sector to create partnership opportunities and to identify issues central to the social inclusion agenda.

As conference supporters, staff of Go8 universities are eligible for a 10% discount on the cost of registration. The early bird rate ends on 21 August.

Please contact the Go8 secretariat for a Go8 registration form, email: executive.director@go8.edu.au.

For further information visit: <http://www.informa.com.au/conferences/education/social-inclusion-in-education>

FIFTY YEAR OLD REPORT ON THE ROLE OF UNIVERSITIES STILL RELEVANT TODAY

"No independent nation in the modern age can maintain a civilised way of life unless it is well served by its universities; and no university nowadays can succeed in its double aim of high education and the pursuit of knowledge without the good-will and support of the Government of the country."

The 1957 Murray Report on Australian Universities makes important and sustained arguments about the role of universities and their relationship with society, which remain relevant today.

Given the current level of consultation and debate around higher education and research policy and the role of universities, the Go8 has digitised and made the report (now out of print) available on the Go8 website, with the permission of the House of Representatives Tables Office.

Download the report here:
www.go8.edu.au

DR IAN MCMAHON JOINS THE Go8 OFFICE

Dr Ian McMahon has joined the Go8 office as Director of Research. He spent the past 15 years as Director of the Research Office at The Australian National University (ANU). He joined the ANU after ten years in research and science policy in Commonwealth departments responsible for science, research and education. Ian is a graduate of The University of Queensland and the ANU and holds a doctorate in Chemistry.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Go8 Human Resources Directors meet in Brisbane on 21 August
- Go8 Digital Futures Group meets in Brisbane on 28 August
- Go8 General Counsel meet in Sydney on 28 August
- Go8 Deans of Engineering meet in Canberra on 10–11 September
- Go8 Vice-Chancellors meet in Sydney on 24 September

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

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