

# International students in Melbourne

## International students

In 2004, over 88,000 international students studied in Victoria, mainly in Melbourne. Australia is the third most popular destination for overseas students after the US and the UK, and Victoria is the second most popular state after NSW, with a 28% share of Australia's international student population.

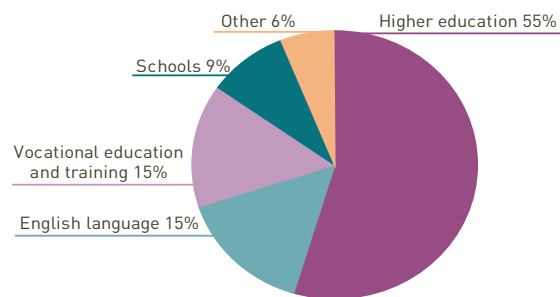
Over half of the international students were enrolled in higher education institutions. One of every five students studying in Victorian universities is now an international student. The universities with the largest international populations are Melbourne, Monash and Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT).

The remaining students were enrolled in other sectors such as vocational education and training (VET, including TAFE institutes), English language colleges, and government and non-government schools. As well as being study destinations in their own right, these sectors are also important pathways into higher education.

Institutions which deliver VET to sizeable international populations include Box Hill, Homesglen, RMIT, Swinburne, and William Angliss.

### 1 Proportion of Victorian international student enrolment by education sector

Victoria, 2004

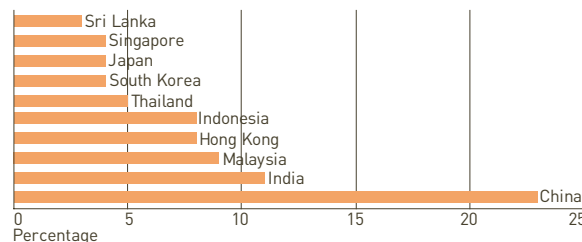


## Nationalities of international students

International students represented 160 nationalities in 2004. The highest proportion of students were Chinese (23%), followed by Indian (11%).

### 2 Top ten nationalities of all international students in Victoria

Victoria, 2004



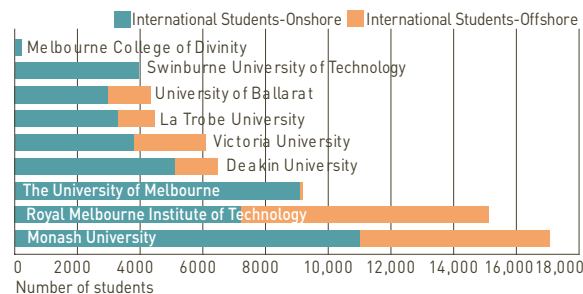
## Onshore and offshore international students

In addition to onshore students, Victorian providers are also delivering higher education and VET programs offshore (not in Australia) to a further 29,000 students in their home countries.

The main offshore providers of higher education programs are RMIT, with about half their international students studying off-shore, and Monash, with about one-third of their international students enrolled at overseas campuses.

### 3 On-shore and off-shore international students enrolled at Victorian universities

Victorian-based universities, 2004



## International students at inner city campuses

Melbourne universities have a distinct role as attractors of international students, with numbers varying significantly between campuses and institutions.

Between 1996 and 2001, 36% of new residents to the City of Melbourne came from overseas, and 86% of these were students (City of Melbourne, 2005).

### 4 Distribution of international university students

By campus, 2003

