

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **ACPET welcomes Admissions Transparency Plan**

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) has welcomed the recent announcement by Federal Education and Training Minister, the Hon Simon Birmingham, to implement an Admissions Transparency Plan.

The plan was commissioned by the Government in late 2016, following its acceptance of the recommendations of the Higher Education Standards Panel to improve higher education admissions processes.

ACPET CEO Rod Camm said that the initiative will assist prospective higher education students in selecting the best course for them.

“ACPET has been actively supporting the Implementation Working Group led by Professor Kerri-Lee Krause, Deputy Vice Chancellor and Provost at Victoria University,” Mr. Camm said.

“ACPET are fully committed to improving all information regarding admission requirements and processes and we look forward to continuing to collaborate with the Government on this.

“Quite often the information available to students can be overly complex and inconsistent and ACPET believes that students need to be provided with advice that is both clear and accurate.

“Although the timelines for some of the reforms appear to be tight, ACPET is committed to assisting all of its members in ensuring a seamless transition process.”

The admissions transparency plan includes the following:

- Adoption of common admissions terminology and definitions;
- Redefining ATAR-related thresholds and indicators so these are more robust;
- A common sector-wide approach to the publication of information on institution and course admission policies;
- More common and streamlined approaches by tertiary admission centres in each jurisdiction; and
- A new national admissions information platform.

“ACPET will continue to liaise with the Department of Education and Training on implementation arrangements and support and we will keep all our members updated,” Mr. Camm said.

The Admissions Transparency Implementation Plan in full can be viewed [here](#).

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