

Title:	Can the education sector recover from international border closures?
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Summary:	There are concerns about how quickly Australia's international education sector can recover after almost 2 years of border closures.

KEY WORDS

Below is a list of words which appear in the report - can you match the words with their correct definition? Use a dictionary to help you if you aren't sure.

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appear, come out	
area of an economy	
atmosphere	
celebrate, cheer	
compensate for something lost or missed	
completely fill, stuff	
enjoy to the full, appreciate	
keep, continue to have	
type of behaviour regularly and invariably followed	
using communications technology to do something away from a usual workplace or location	
very strong or intense	

ritual (n)
remote learning (adj)
savour (v)
cram more people (v)
university sector (n)
emerge (v)
lobby (n)
fiercely competitive (adv)
ambience (adj)
rejoice (v)
retain capacity (v)
make up for lost time



SUMMARY

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FOCUS QUESTIONS

- How have university students had to adapt to changes as a result of Covid lockdowns?
- How do you think students in places like Melbourne feel about being back on campus?
- Why are international students important for universities?
- Which countries compete with Australia to attract international students?
- What can Australia do to encourage the return of international students?
- Do you think Australia will soon have as many international students as it did before Covid?

LISTENING

First watch the report and answer the questions

- How long had it been since University of Melbourne friends Sophie and Ruby last met face-to-face on campus? six months
- What is the estimated loss in revenue for the university sector as a result of the pandemic and decline in the number of international students? \$3.8 billion
- Across 2020 and 2021, how many university jobs are estimated to have been lost? 40,000

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

After watching the report, try to answer the following questions

1. According to Professor Nick Klomp from Central Queensland University, the high fees paid by international students are used for what? **To provide much-needed cash and to ...**
2. What was Australia's international student market share 2 years ago?
3. What is it now?
4. Australia has lost market share to which 2 countries?
5. When does Emeritus Professor Frank Larkins, who recently checked the financial health of Australia's public universities, think universities will fully recover their lost revenue?
6. What have some university leaders accused the government of doing throughout the Covid crisis? **Excluding them from ...**

CLOZE

Use the words to complete the sentences

The form of the word may need to be changed

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sector	emerge	lobby	fiercely
ambience	rejoice	retain	make up for

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3. Because _____ of senior teachers in the education system was an issue, some people argued they should be paid more and have their workload decreased.
4. Business leaders often _____ the government for policies which favour their particular industry.
5. During the pandemic, more and more people have switched to working _____ from home.
6. Tens of thousands of people around the country took to the street to _____ after their national football team won the World Cup.
7. The café had a very relaxing _____ and was very popular with university students.
8. The CEO said the company had been badly impacted by Covid lockdowns but she was confident the business would _____ from the pandemic in a strong position.
9. The coach had a pre-match _____ of shaking every player's hand before they took the field.
10. The man apologized to his friend for being able to attend his birthday party. But he promised he would _____ it.
11. The renewable energy _____ has undergone substantial growth in Australia over the last decade.
12. The woman wanted to travel without much luggage so she tried to _____ as many things as possible into one small suitcase.

ANSWER KEY

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • six months • \$3.8 billion • 40,000 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. fund research 2. 18 per cent 3. 11 per cent 4. US and Canada 5. by 2024 6. rescue packages
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