

NSW SECONDARY PRINCIPALS COUNCIL

POLICY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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Position 1

The SPC strongly supports the enrolment of international students into NSW Intensive English Centres (IECs) for their English language provision prior to enrolment into government high schools. The SPC would welcome IECs as the provider of English language tuition in preference to TAFE and private ELICOS providers.

Further to this, the SPC urges the Deputy Director-Schools and the relevant Directors within the DET to expedite the establishment of a funding arrangement between the International Students Centre and the Multicultural Education Unit to achieve this position.

Position 2

The SPC supports the establishment of a limited number of selected government high schools to provide their own intensive English language tuition for international students on their arrival from overseas prior to entering the mainstream of the receiving high school.

Such a change will necessitate an increase in funding allocation from 25% of the student fee to a minimum of 40% and the retention of these students in the numbers for staffing allocation and services.

Position 3

The SPC supports the enrolment of international students at Cleveland Street Intensive English High School.

Established in December 2001, one of the stated roles of Cleveland Street Intensive English High School was the provision of intensive English to international students. To date, intensive English preparation programs continue to be delivered by either TAFE or private ELICOS providers only.

The purpose of the above positions is to enable NSW public education to become more competitive in a shrinking market by improving the quality and cohesion of service the system provides to international students.

