



## **GLOBAL CAMPUS MANAGEMENT PTY LTD**

### **Information for students as at 16 August 2010**

The education providers listed below stopped teaching overseas students on 5 November 2009.

- Meridian College Pty Ltd (NSW)
- Meridian International Hotel School (NSW)
- The Meridian International School (NSW)
- GCM Fashion Institute (NSW)
- International Design School (NSW)
- Meridian International Hotel School (Victoria)
- The Meridian International School (Victoria)
- International Design School (Victoria)
- International College of Creative Arts (Victoria)

The Australian Government has in place comprehensive arrangements to ensure that your interests are safeguarded. Key elements include the tuition assurance scheme (TAS) and the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Assurance Fund.

The students affected by this closure were covered by the TAS schemes managed by the Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) and English Australia. ACPET and English Australia finalised offers to students on 12 March 2010.

**All students requiring assistance that had not received an offer from their TAS by 12 March 2010 were referred to the ESOS Assurance Fund for consideration of their entitlements to either a placement in a suitable alternative course or a refund, depending on individual circumstances.**

The ESOS Assurance Fund is issuing offers of placement or refunds to Meridian students who have not been offered a placement by the TAS. If you still require assistance and have not yet received an offer of placement from the TAS, and have not been contacted by the ESOS Assurance Fund, please contact the Fund Manager at [esos.meridian.claims@au.pwc.com](mailto:esos.meridian.claims@au.pwc.com)

If you have been offered a placement by ACPET and do not consider it to be a suitable alternative course, please contact the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) at [meridian@deewr.gov.au](mailto:meridian@deewr.gov.au).

Please note that the ESOS Assurance Fund is managed outside of DEEWR. If you have questions about the progress of your claim please contact the ESOS Assurance Fund on [esos.meridian.claims@au.pwc.com](mailto:esos.meridian.claims@au.pwc.com)

For further information please check the website [www.aei.gov.au/ESOS](http://www.aei.gov.au/ESOS) for updates or call the ESOS Helpline on 1300 363 079.

You should keep all records concerning your enrolment at your college including receipts and academic records.



## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

- For questions about your placement or refund, contact the ESOS Assurance Fund [esos.meridian.claims@au.pwc.com](mailto:esos.meridian.claims@au.pwc.com)
- For information regarding your consumer protection entitlements, visit Australian Education International: [www.aei.gov.au/ESOS](http://www.aei.gov.au/ESOS) or phone the ESOS Helpline on 1300 363 079
- For visa information, visit [www.immi.gov.au/students/education-providers-approval.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/students/education-providers-approval.htm) or phone 131 881 in Australia; or

For students located outside Australia, contact details are available on the Department of Immigration and Citizenship's website at [www.immi.gov.au/contacts/overseas/index.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/overseas/index.htm)

- For other concerns please contact [meridian@deewr.gov.au](mailto:meridian@deewr.gov.au).