

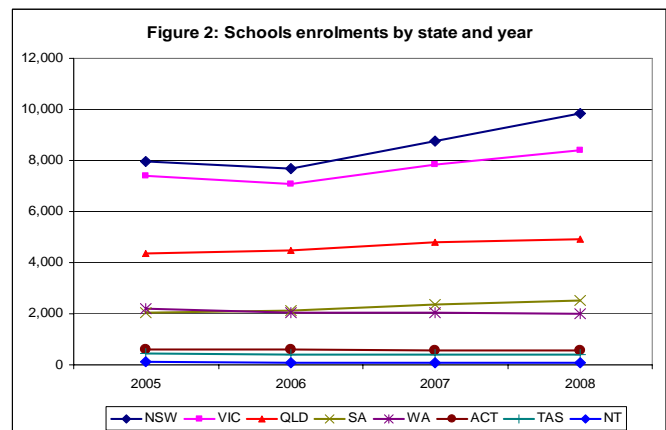
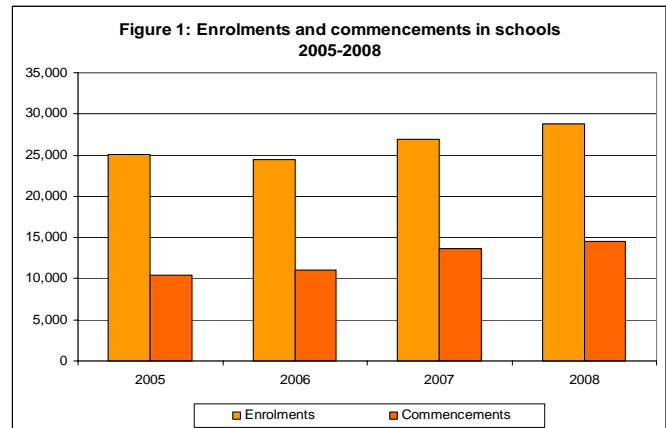


International Student Enrolments in Schools in 2008

During 2008, enrolments in schools rose to 28,798. This represents growth of 7.1% over 2007 enrolments. Commencements rose to 14,537, growing by 6.6%. The growth rate in this sector has been moderate since 2005 (see Figure 1). After a period of contraction in the schools market, in 2007 enrolments grew by 9.7% and commencements by 22.8%. In 2008, the rate of growth of commencements was lower than that for enrolments for the first time in recent years, possibly indicating a return to slower growth in this sector in the future. Schools contributed the smallest proportion of enrolments in 2008 in terms of volume, accounting for 5.3% of all enrolments.

NSW had the largest number of schools enrolments and commencements, with a 34.2% share of enrolments and a 35.4% share of commencements. Other states with more than 10% share of enrolments were Victoria (29.2%) and Queensland (17.1%). Most states, especially those with smaller market shares, have shown only modest growth or even slight declines over the previous 4 years.

The north-east Asia region continues to have the greatest share of enrolments (75.6%), a market share which has remained stable over the last 7 years. In contrast, only one other region has more than a 10% share – South-East Asia accounts for 14.2% of enrolments. China and the Republic of Korea together constitute 65.2% of all enrolments. The top five countries for enrolment volume were China, the Republic of Korea, Vietnam, Hong Kong and Germany. The top five countries for percentage growth on the previous year with more than 100 enrolments were India, China, Germany, Vietnam and Papua New Guinea.



Enrolments by all sectors

Sector	2005	2006	2007	2008	Growth on 2007
Higher Ed	162,680	169,710	174,577	182,770	4.7%
VET	65,568	82,543	119,836	175,461	46.4%
ELICOS	64,539	76,822	101,856	125,727	23.4%
Schools	25,113	24,506	26,884	28,798	7.1%
Other	26,255	26,431	27,406	31,142	13.6%
Total	344,155	380,012	450,559	543,898	20.7%

Schools enrolments by state and year

Sector	2005	2006	2007	2008	Growth on 2007
NSW	7,975	7,669	8,775	9,847	12.2%
VIC	7,404	7,085	7,859	8,420	7.1%
QLD	4,350	4,485	4,799	4,926	2.6%
SA	2,032	2,115	2,350	2,531	7.7%
WA	2,213	2,028	2,022	2,018	-0.2%
ACT	594	605	576	561	-2.6%
TAS	423	420	417	417	0.0%
NT	122	99	86	78	-9.3%
Total	25,113	24,506	26,884	28,798	7.1%

Schools enrolments by nationality and year

Nationality (top 15 & others)	2008	Growth on 2007
China	13,638	22.6%
Republic of Korea	5,140	-6.7%
Vietnam	2,004	15.6%
Hong Kong	1,327	-12.5%
Germany	1,096	15.9%
Japan	1,056	-17.8%
Malaysia	708	-5.2%
Thailand	582	-13.5%
Taiwan	548	-7.4%
Indonesia	389	-18.1%
Brazil	237	6.8%
Papua New Guinea	209	13.0%
Singapore	209	-19.6%
United Kingdom	170	-8.6%
India	110	27.9%
Other Nationalities	1,375	2.3%
Total	28,798	7.1%