International Student Crossroads:

Demand for an on-campus education amidst COVID-19

The research examined nearly 6,900 international student applicants' attitudes and motivations for studying abroad in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on study opportunities, commencement dates and modes of delivery.

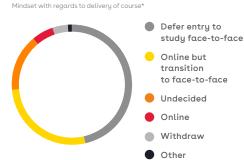
Expecting to commence studies as planned



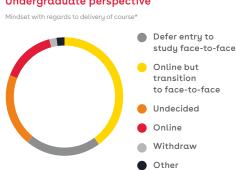
Current mindset regarding online delivery



Postgraduate perspective



Undergraduate perspective



If deferring, how long international students are willing to wait for face-to-face teaching?



Concerns with online delivery compared to in-person teaching

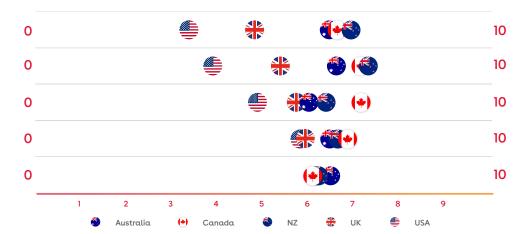
Top 3 concerns



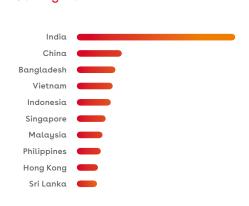
Note: Respondents were able to select more than one response

Destination country perceptions

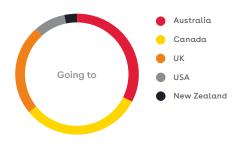




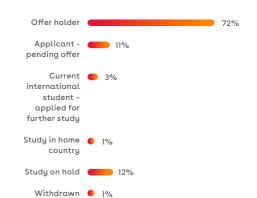
Respondent data: 6,900 students Coming from



Going to



Study status



Key takeaways

The majority of international student applicants remain determined to study abroad despite the travel restrictions caused by COVID-19 options

• Students are overwhelmingly in favour of studying face-to-face in their study destination

Recommended actions

- Provide clarity where possible as to how and when face-to-face teaching will resume
- Build in capacity for large cohorts of students commencing face-to-face studies from January to May 2021

