

International Student Support Organizations in Australia: Approaches and Issues of Concern

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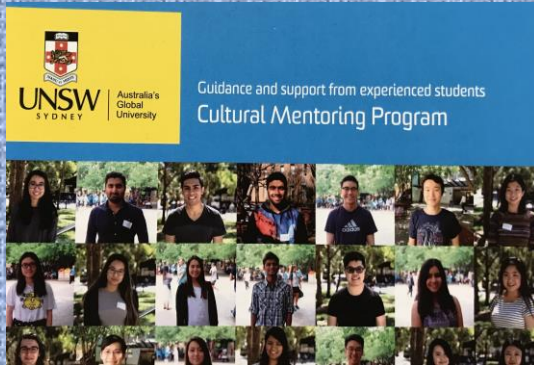
Political and religious groups are actively recruiting on campus, sometimes with specifically tailored programs for international students (University of Sydney; Macquarie University)



International Revue brings international and domestic students together on the stage (University of Sydney)



Career-oriented societies for international students University of Technology Sydney (UTS)



University-run volunteer program Support for newly arrived international students by a senior student "buddy": domestic or international University of New South Wales (UNSW)



Free food/drink/goods are commonly offered to attract new members during the O-Week/Welcome Week (Macquarie University/University of Sydney)



Collaboration between on-campus student groups and external political parties (Resistance University Sydney, Socialist Alliance, Green Left)



External organizations: "We have seen a shift from more alcohol-related issues towards other challenges like isolation and loneliness. In many residences, our teams are focusing more heavily on student engagement and coming up with more creative event ideas to entice international students to interact with peers" (Staff, Red Frogs Australia)