#### **Schools with Overseas Students** What Does the New ESOS Code Mean for You?

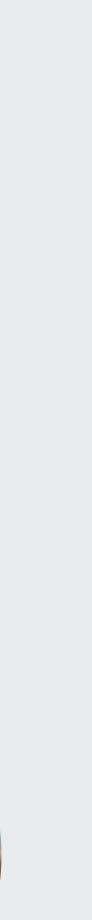


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#### **Our Vision**

The Current Situation for Schools with Overseas Students

The Development of the New 2018 National Code

The Impacts of Changes to the National Code

**CompliSpace's Overseas Students Module** 





## To simplify risk, compliance and policy management so schools can focus on their core purpose.



#### The Situation

## 5000 non-government CRICOS registered schools





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compliance points to meet CRICOS registration

### The ESOS Framework

#### Federal Legislation and Regulation + ESOS Act National Standards + ESOS Regs **ESOS** National State-Based Requirements Migration Act Code 2018 State and Territory Acts & Migration Regs ELICOS Regs Standards 2018 Refund Spec

Additional Guidelines & **Evidence Requirements** 





### **ESOS Framework Administration**



Australian Government

**Department of Education and Training** 



Australian Government

**Tuition Protection Service** 



**Australian Government** 

**Department of Home Affairs** 





Victorian Registration & **Qualifications** Authority



Department of Education and Training

### **CRICOS Registration**

#### Phase 1



#### State or Territory Regulator Assessment and Recommendation

#### Phase 2



#### Federal Assessment and Registration





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#### Federal **Assessment and Registration**

#### **Initial Registration**

#### **New National Code**

Timeline of February 2017 to January 2018



Consultation draft out for comment

Feb 2017 Proposed changes to code **April 2017** Repealed 2007 Code, released 2017 Interim Code

#### September 2017

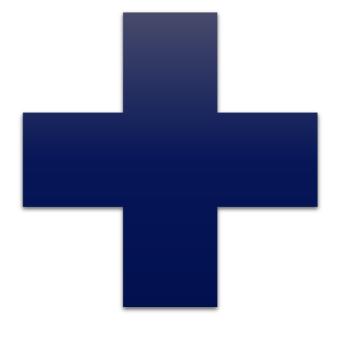
2018 National Code Released

#### January 2018

2018 Code in effect, no transition period

### Impacts of the 2018 National Code





#### **Fewer Standards**

More Compliance Points



#### **Increased Transparency**



Short Turnaround for Compliance

### A Closer Look at the 2018 National Code



4 Parts (A, B, C and D)
15 Standards



# Major Structural Changes 2 Parts (A and B) 11 Standards

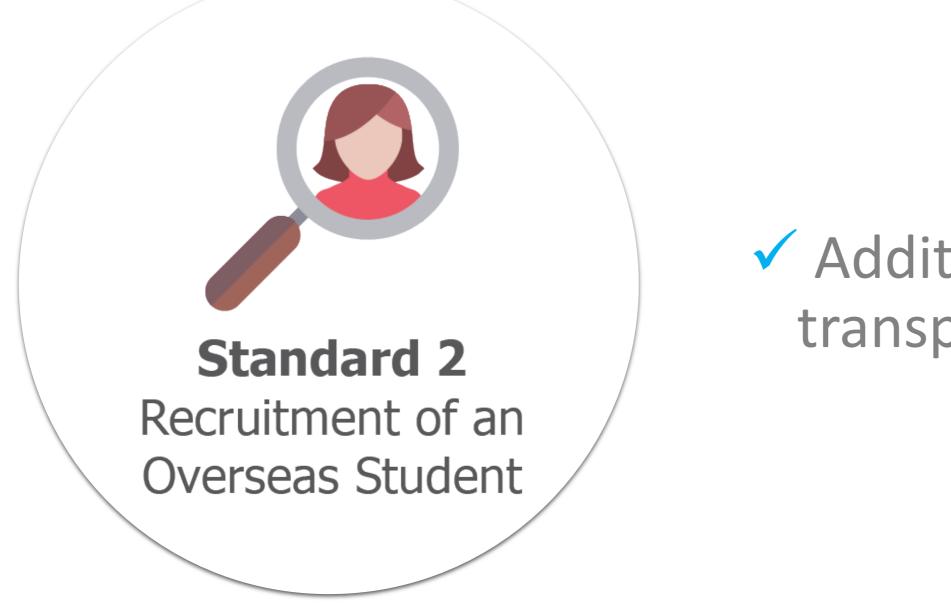
### **Standard 1: Marketing Information and Practices**



- Improvement in transparency
- Increase in disclosures
- Increased focus on Australian Consumer Law



### Standard 2: Recruitment of an Overseas Student



## Additional disclosure requirements to increase transparency



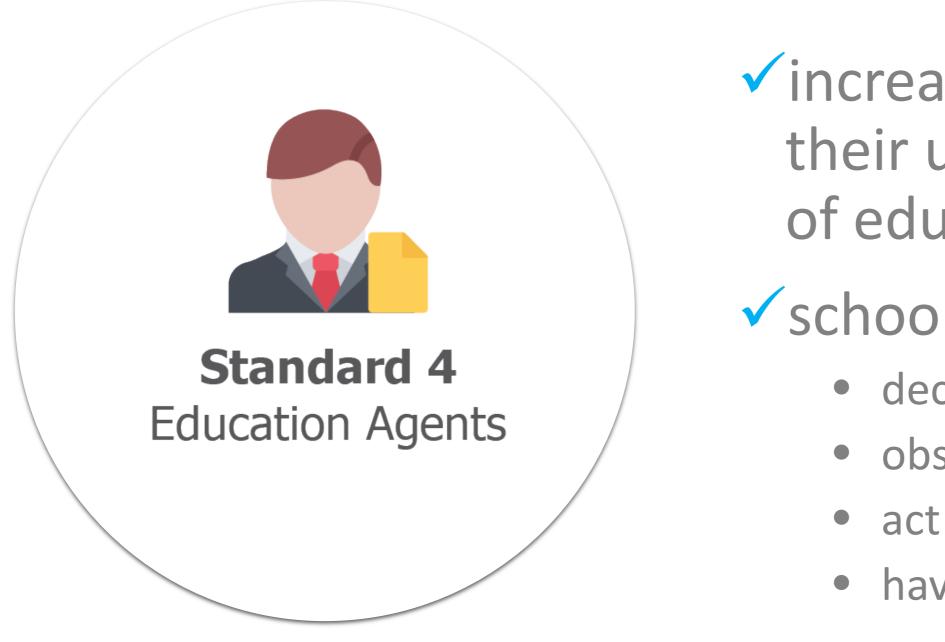
#### Standard 3: Formalisation of Enrolment and Written Agreements



- Ensures information is provided to students before and at the time of enrolment
- Increase in transparency to set a higher bar for minimum info required



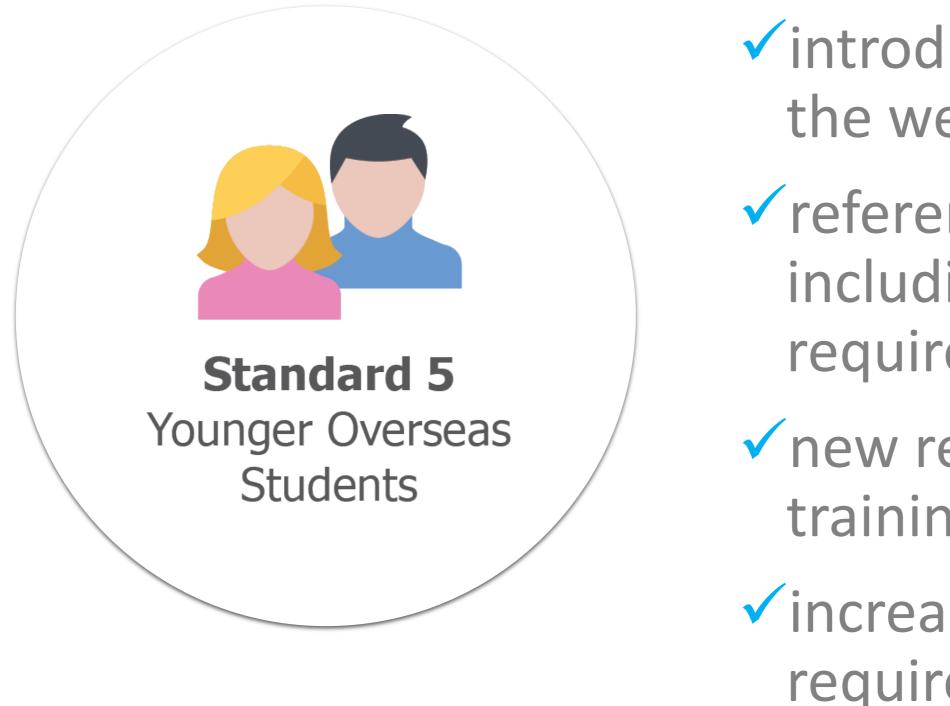
### **Standard 4: Education Agents**



- increased requirements on schools in relation to their use, monitoring and reporting on the actions of education agents
- schools must require their agents to:
  - declare and avoid conflicts of interest
  - observe appropriate levels of confidentiality and transparency
  - act honestly and in good faith, and in the student's best interest
  - have knowledge of the international education system



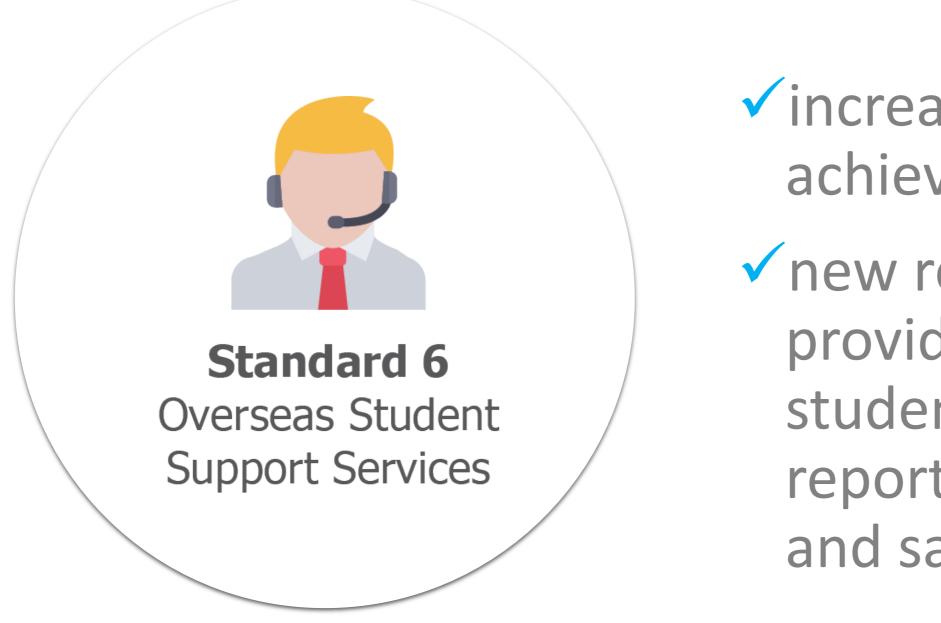
### Standard 5: Younger Overseas Students



- introduction of additional measures to strengthen the welfare of younger overseas students
- references to other regulatory requirements, including state and territory child protection requirements
- new requirement to provide child protection training to students
- increased accommodation approval and verification requirements for schools



### Standard 6: Overseas Student Support Services

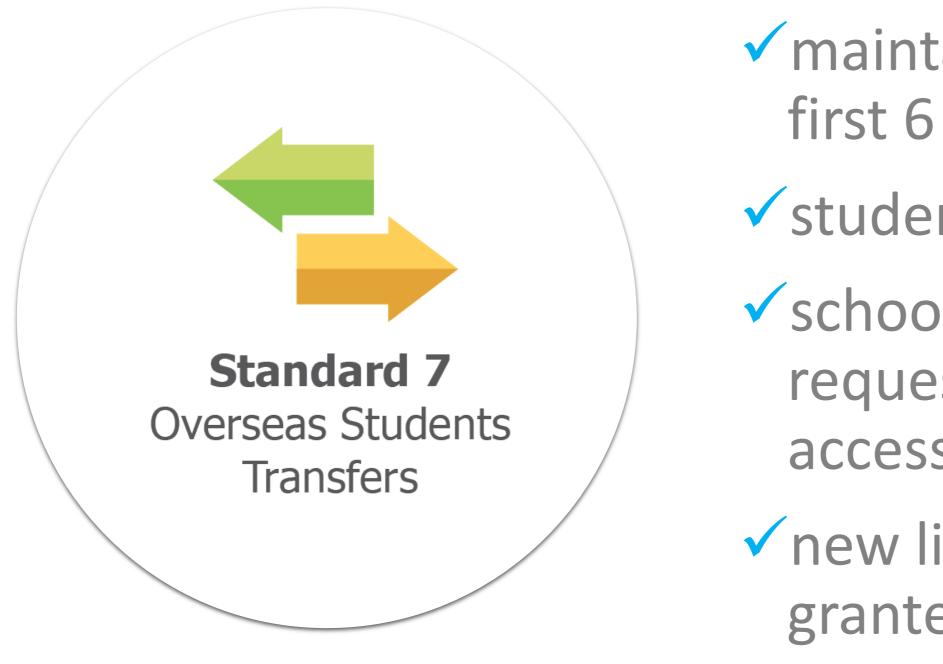


- increased requirements for supporting students to achieve expected learning outcomes
- new requirement to take all reasonable steps to provide a safe environment on campus and give students information on seeking assistance and reporting incidents impacting on their wellbeing, and safety and awareness relevant to life in Australia





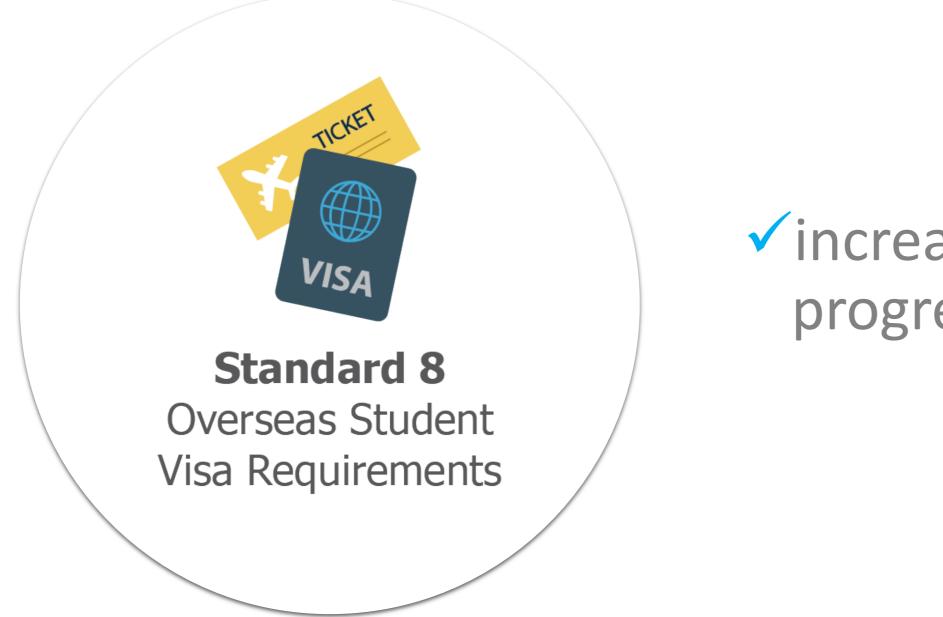
### Standard 7: Overseas Student Transfers



- maintains restriction on students transferring in the first 6 months, but adds key exceptions
- student transfers now to be recorded in PRISMS
- schools are no longer permitted to finalise transfer requests until the student has had a chance to access the school's complaints and appeals process
- new list of circumstances where transfer should be granted to students



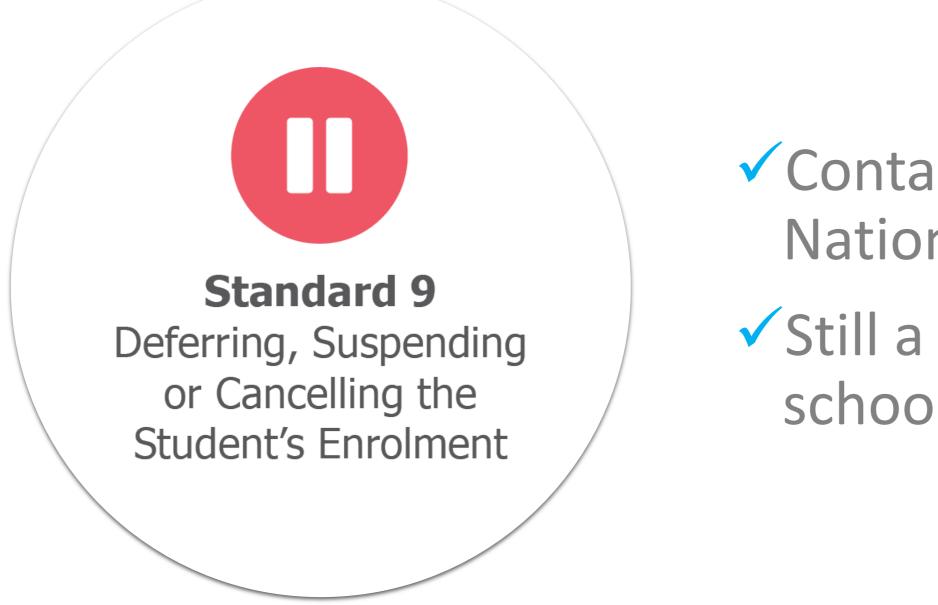
### Standard 8: Overseas Student Visa Requirements



increased requirements for monitoring student progress, attendance and student visa requirements



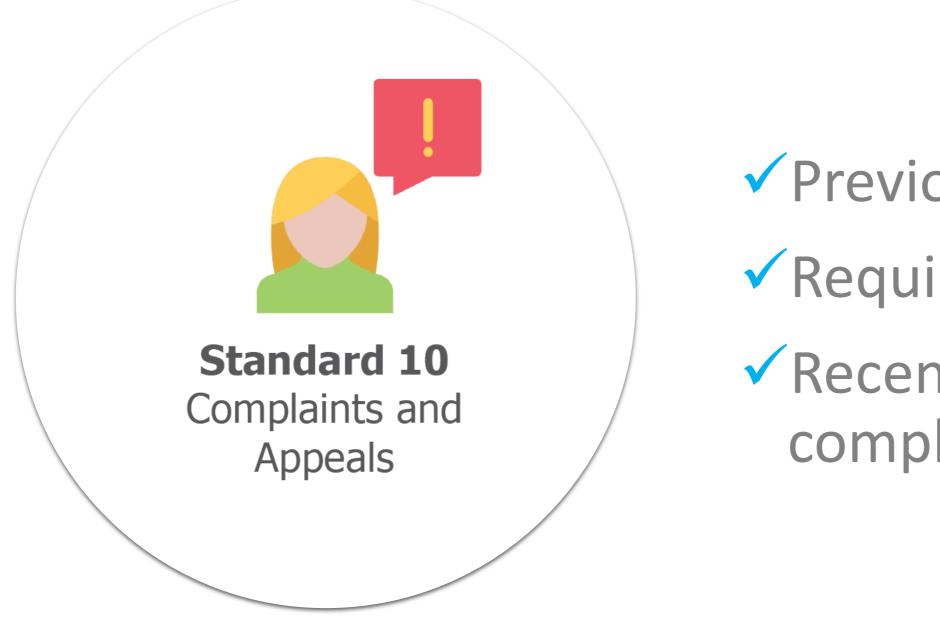
#### Standard 9: Deferring, Suspending of Cancelling the Student's Enrolment



- Contains no significant changes from the 2007 National Code
- Still a complex area of the National Code that schools need to review



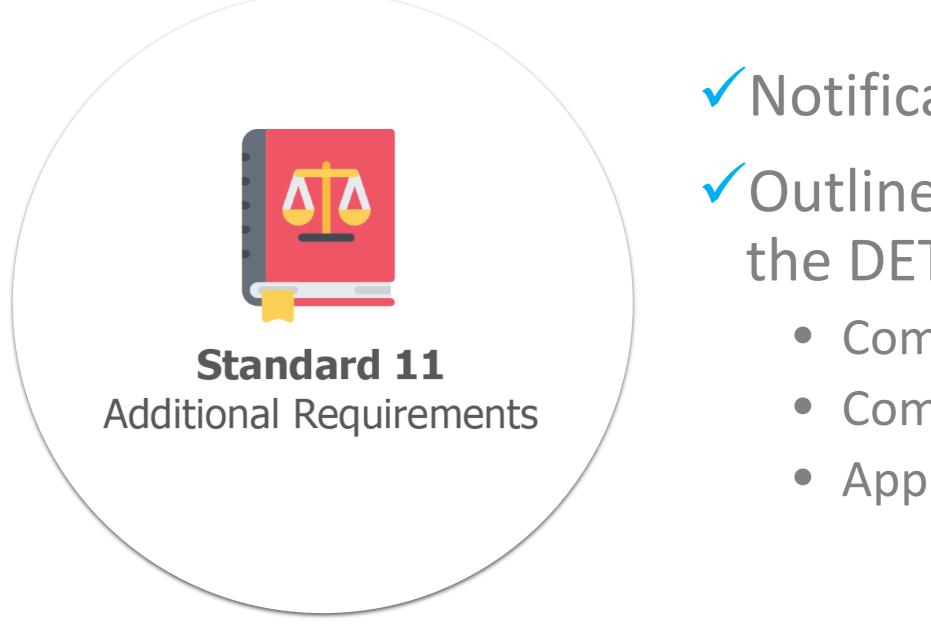
### Standard 10: Complaints and Appeals



- Previously Standard 8 in the 2007 Code
- Requirements largely the same
- Recent push for all schools to increase their complaints handling practices



## **Standard 11: Additional Registration Requirements**



- Notifications to be made to the Cth DET
- Outlines what a school must be able to demonstrate to the DET for the purposes of registration, for example:
  - Compliant course duration periods
  - Compliant modes of delivery
  - Appropriate number of overseas students for the school





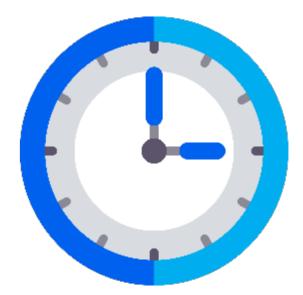
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# What are the REAL Impacts of the 2018 National Code?





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Short Turnaround for Compliance

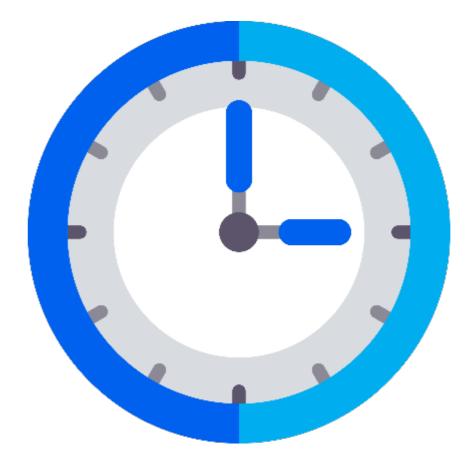


### Real Impacts of the 2018 National Code



#### **Stress**

#### Expense

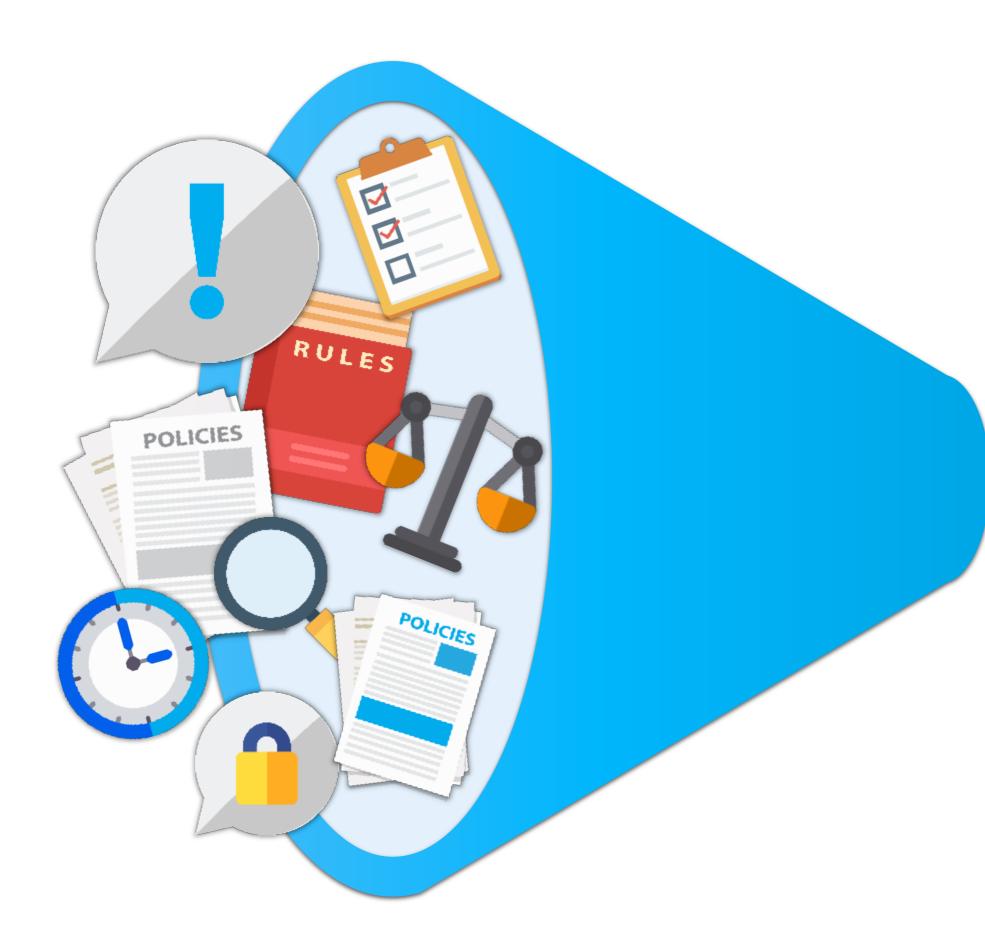




Time

To-Do's

### **Development of an Overseas Students Program**



#### **Overseas Students Program**



 Aimed to fix a compliance headache for schools

 Took into account relevant laws, regulations, standards and guidelines

✓ GRCP package for schools to take and run with



## **Policy to Culture**

Keeping you up-to-date with your legal obligations whilst helping you manage change in your school.





#### **1.** Take action now

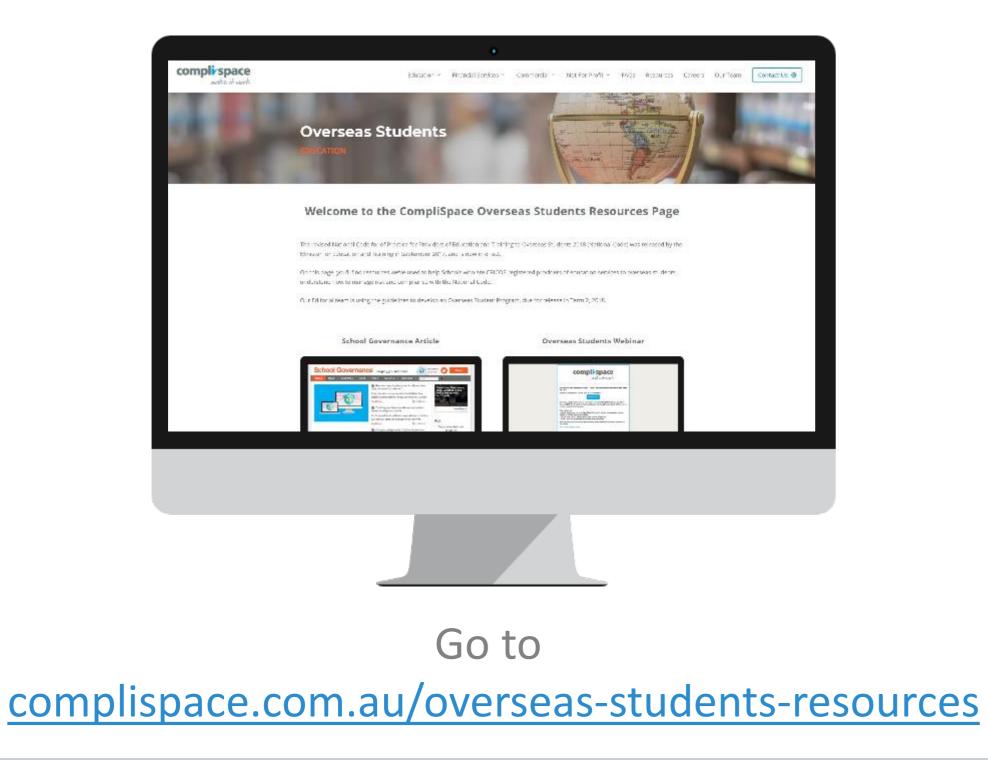
- 2. Compliance doesn't work in a vacuum
- 3. Real benefits, at a real cost
- 4. The Code is already in effect
- 5. Change is incremental, not a revolution

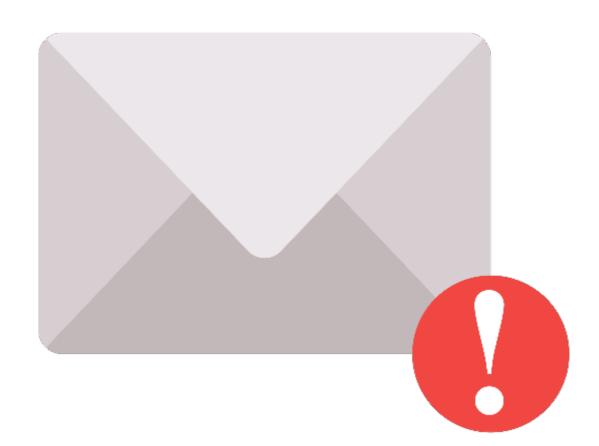


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