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NSW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FESTIVAL RETURNS IN 2012

The contribution of international students to NSW will again be recognised at the NSW International Student Festival early next year, NSW Premier Barry O’Farrell announced today.

The NSW International Student Festival will be held on Sunday 4 March 2012 at Victoria Park, Broadway. The Festival will incorporate the NSW International Student Awards.

“International students are a significant contributor to our community and the State’s economy,” Mr O’Farrell said.

“More than 200,000 international students choose to study in NSW every year making it one of this State’s most important industries.

“International students contributed $5.8 billion to the NSW economy in 2010/11 – and more students live in NSW than any other State.

“The 2012 NSW International Student Festival is an opportunity for the NSW Government and the State’s universities and colleges to acknowledge the contribution of international students to our State and the community.

“It’s also a great way for students to start the new year of living and studying in NSW.

“The Festival will again be a fun and informative event aimed at engaging with new and continuing international students, their families and friends - it will include live entertainment, information and a variety of food stalls.

“The winners of the 2012 NSW International Students of the Year Awards will also be announced.

“The Awards seek to recognise and celebrate international students and the contribution they make to NSW and communities in NSW. Education providers have been asked to nominate students for the 2012 Award, which will be judged by an independent panel.”
An Award will be given in each of the four categories:

- Schools
- English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS)
- Vocational Education and Training (VET)
- Higher Education

Nominations will be accepted from the educational providers, and submissions must be received by Friday 16 December 2011. Further details can be found at the following websites:


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