

ISANA NZ, Studentsafe, Mercer Marsh Benefits and Allianz Partners to join forces and help rebuild international education sector

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With the borders currently closed due to Covid-19, schools and education providers have been hard-hit by the lack of international students due to their inability to enter New Zealand.

In response to the challenges felt by the international education industry, ISANA NZ (International Education Association) has joined forces with Studentsafe, Mercer Marsh Benefits and Allianz Partners to work together to assist schools and tertiary education providers.

Allianz Partners Chief Sales Officer David Wallace says he is thrilled to support ISANA NZ as they are widely recognised for their leadership and innovation in the international education sector.

“These are tough times for the international education industry in New Zealand and we will help fast-track international students returning to New Zealand by collaborating together and providing resources to education providers. One of our goals is to help education providers be ready for the influx of prospective international students when our borders reopen” he says.

ISANA NZ Executive Director Chris Beard welcomed the collaboration on behalf of international education professionals and looked forward to working with the group to facilitate fast recovery for the schools, tertiary education providers and organisations affected by the border closure.

“We are already preparing for a major national webinar on April 21st, ‘Bringing Students Back to New Zealand’ which is generating both local and global interest. This is an initiative that will support the government’s recovery plan for the sector” he says.

Mercer Marsh Benefits Leader Alison Bamford says the group is invested in addressing the impacts of the pandemic felt by education providers and prospective students.

“Our collective goal is to better understand the challenges education providers are facing and anticipate the needs of incoming students such as wellbeing and mental health.”

The group will be meeting regularly to identify and address issues and welcomes the involvement of Government and other industry stakeholders to facilitate the return of international students to New Zealand.

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About ISANA New Zealand (International Education Association)

ISANA NZ works with education professionals at the heart of international education sector. The association provides professional development and support for international programme staff, teachers, tutors, principals, senior managers and government body representatives. With a diverse membership we bring a cross-sector perspective and share versatile strategies that enhance the international student experience. ISANA NZ is committed to promoting the student voice and leading professionalisation work that strengthens New Zealand’s reputation as a study destination. Please visit: <https://www.isana.nz>

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