

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **International Students and industry working together on employability skills**

International students attending last week's Council of International Students Australia (CISA) conference are now a step ahead in their preparations to become 'job ready' after hearing from experts and participating in a forum on employability skills.

At the annual conference, an employability seminar facilitated by Helen Cook from ETS TOEFL, brought together experts in the field, including Navitas staff and alumni, as well as Gemma Hudson, National Graduate Talent Acquisition Manager from Deloitte and Sophie Arkoudis, Associate Director of the Melbourne Centre for the Study of Higher Education at the University of Melbourne.

Navitas' Anna McLeod, who has helped over 1,500 international graduates start their careers through the company's internship and professional year programs was also on the panel and said the session provided students with insights from a variety of perspectives.

"Conference attendees were given an update on current employability research. In addition, they received practical tips and advice from a recent international graduate who has experienced outstanding career success in his field and is now financial controller at Softball Australia, as well as a graduate recruitment expert and a researcher within the area.

"This advice provided students with a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the recruitment and hiring process and should prove invaluable as they take their next steps forward into their careers," she said.

Attendees were also able to see real examples of this advice in practice, through a video prepared by interns and staff at Navitas' SAE Creative Media Institute. This video showed the difference that solid preparation and industry insights can make to interview performance and – ultimately – success.

Navitas has made these videos public, and they can be accessed via at the [Navitas Professional YouTube channel](#).

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