



First international students arrive from Tokyo to study a wool course.

1920

Japanese student Mr Nakahara oversees 1300 Corriedale sheep sent to Japan.

1934

Visit by Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester and third son of George V.

1936

First Nauruan students (identified as potential leaders) commence.

Olympic swimming champion, Masaji "Kiyo" Kiyokawa, commences a wool course.

1937



The first President of Nauru, Hammer DeRoburt, begins utility school teaching and wireless operation.

1938

Papua New Guinean war hero Nelson Tokidora starts studies in electrical and wireless operations

1943



Dressmaking and textiles become popular courses among international students.

1950



Access to TAFE is increased for groups with special needs including non-English-speaking people.



Former students Hammer DeRoburt (R) and Raymond Gadabu (L) become Naurua's first president and vice-president respectively.



International student Ong Guan Teck wins first prize in Architecture.



Formerly a teacher at the Government Agricultural School Cawnpore, India, Bal Khrisna Kimothi is awarded the first ever fellowship diploma in textiles.

1982

Officially joins WorldSkills, the international championships of vocational skills.

1979

Competes at the WorldSkills international events in Taipei, Osaka and Birmingham.

1974

78 international students are enrolled (6% of full time enrolments).

1968



125 international students, particularly Asian, are enrolled (nearly 30% of diploma students).

1960

English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) opens.

1956



World Champion swimmer and 1956 Olympian official, Hironoshin Furahashi, known as 'flying fish', begins a wool course.

1953

The Gordon supports a migrant employment program to help place 400 Geelong clients, it has one of the highest success rates in the state.

Chinese students are enrolled to study English and wool classes through Gordon Consulting-International.

1983

Our Australian WorldSkills team competes internationally for the first time in Linz, Austria.

1985 - 89

ELICOS celebrates 7 years hosting corporate study tours for DENSO Japan Technical Skills Academy.



1989



Full fee paying overseas students are enrolled for the first time.

1990

Gordon staff begin visiting East and South-East Asia to recruit overseas students.

Success at a number of international WorldSkills competitions held across hairdressing, joinery, floristry, carpentry and cookery.

1990



ELICOS becomes a NEAS Quality Endorsed Centre

1993

International WorldSkills competition in Taipei, Taiwan.

Architectural computing competitor David Brock wins silver in Seoul, Korea.

1995

Gordon Consulting-International is established for off-shore teaching and training contracts.



2015



Success at international WorldSkills in Abu Dhabi and Kazan across joinery, hairdressing, mechatronics and cookery.

2012

Students from Ikenobo College experience Australian culture and lifestyle at the institute.

2004

Fashion students go to Hong Kong for a study tour.

2002 - 2015



The ELICOS program hosts students from Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education.

2002



The Gordon partners with Pearson to become the region's only Pearson Test Centre.

2001



Commencement of Diploma of Building and Construction in Chongqing Jianzhu College(CJC) in China.

1999

170 international students are enrolled across mainstream courses as a result of ELICOS.



Joins Chongqing Centre for International Education Exchange to deliver teacher training to over 50 vocational colleges and schools in China.

1997

International marketing students visit Ford.

2015 - 2019

2018

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2019

2020

