Australian higher education is up there with the best in the world

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Why get a tertiary education in Australia? According to the world's best education ranking systems Australia is ranked 5th among countries with universities in the world's top 100 and now the latest figures show that over half of Australia's public universities are in the top 500 worldwide. To put this into perspective Australia is on par with much more populated countries such as Canada and Italy and is well ahead of Japan.

"Australia punches well above our size when it comes to higher education. We have some of the world's best universities and are also consistently ranked as one of the best places in the world to live. No wonder that we attract so many discerning international students to make us the 4th highest education destination behind the United States, United Kingdom and France," said Australian High Commissioner John Feakes, "We also attract many of the world's top researchers and academics to our shores. Nearly half of the world's most liveable cities are in Australia, so come and study in Australia, you won't regret it. Last year nearly 2,000 Kenyans made this choice"

Background:

- 1,957 Kenyan nationals were in Australia on a student visa on 30 June 2015. (*Department of Immigration and Border Protection*)
- Australia is ranked 5th among countries with universities in the world's top 100 (University of Melbourne ranked 33rd; Australian National University 45th; University of Sydney 50th, University of Melbourne 65th; Monash University 83rd) – (2014-15) (*Times Higher Education World University Rankings*)
- Australia has 4 cities in the world's top 10 most liveable cities ranking (Melbourne 1st, Adelaide 5th, Sydney 7th and Perth 9th) (August 2014) (*Economist Intelligence Unit*)
- The 2015 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) is released by the Center for World-Class Universities at Shanghai Jiao Tong University. There are 11 universities breaking into the Top 500 list in 2015, among which is the Queensland University of Technology in Australia. Australia now has 20 universities in the top 500. ARWU adopts six objective indicators to rank world universities, including the number of alumni and staff winning Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals, the number of Highly Cited Researchers, the number of articles published in journals of Nature and Science, the number of articles indexed in Science Citation Index - Expanded and Social Sciences Citation Index, and per capita performance (http://www.shanghairanking.com/Academic-Ranking-of-World-Universities-2015-Press-Release.html)

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