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STUDY MELBOURNE STUDENT UPDATE



Welcome to the July 2023 edition of the Study Melbourne Student Update! ❄️

As mid-winter temperatures sweep across Victoria, there's never a lack of things to do to keep yourself warm and active! ☕

Here are our top picks for events and activities to check out this season, both in the [City of Melbourne](#) and in [regional Victoria](#):

🌸 **Light and sound collide at [Lightscape](#)**

Lightscape is a vibrant, night-time experience at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne. Take a walk down this immersive, music-filled trail lined with large-scale illuminated sculptures, and enjoy their colourful reflections on the lake's surface.

⚽ **Meet fellow fans at the [FIFA Women's World Cup Fan Festival](#)**

From 20 July, Federation Square will be home to the Melbourne FIFA Fan Festival. Catch all the Women's World Cup matches on the big screen, enjoy a wide array of food and drinks, and meet other people who love the game just as much as you do!

🦘 **See the legacy of Victoria's gold rush at [Goldfields](#)**

Flash back to the past by taking a trip to the Goldfields! Immerse yourself in Victoria's gold rush history at Sovereign Hill, enjoy good, local food and fashion at Chancery Lane, and see art created by Australian and international artists at the Bromley Collection Museum, located in the Old Castlemaine Gaol.

**Celebrate glamorous, powerful superstars at the [Goddess exhibit](#)**

ACMI's *Goddess* exhibit honours women and gender-transcending artists and their groundbreaking achievements, both on screen and off. Featuring never-before-seen costumes, sketches, interactive experiences and cinematic treasures, *Goddess* celebrates the ways these superstars fought convention and defied expectations to triumph in a rigid industry.

**Warm up at the [Peninsula Hot Springs](#)**

Looking to beat the cold this winter? Visit the Peninsula Hot Springs, a natural hot springs and day spa destination on the Mornington Peninsula, just 90 minutes from Melbourne. This idyllic, coastal oasis is the perfect getaway place for relaxation and rejuvenation, with a wide range of different bathing and spa experiences to suit every person.

No matter the weather, we hope you'll discover and experience something new in Melbourne and regional Victoria.

Thank you for subscribing to our newsletter - read on for more Study Melbourne updates and events!

Study Melbourne Team

UPDATES

Melbourne is Australia's best student city!

Melbourne has once again been named Australia's Best Student City. ✨

Since 2015, Melbourne has held the title, and in the latest [QS Best Student Cities ranking](#), Melbourne moved up globally to #4.

This remarkable achievement reflects Melbourne's outstanding educational offerings, exceptional quality of life, and abundant opportunities for students.

To learn more about why Melbourne continues to be ranked #1 in Australia, head to [our website!](#)



Melbourne: home to Australia's highest ranked university

Congratulations to the [University of Melbourne](#) for being Australia's highest ranked university! 🎉

Melbourne leads the way in the [2024 QS World University Rankings](#), with the University of Melbourne now ranked #14 in the world. This is the highest ranking achieved by any Australian university since the rankings began!



Melbourne has two universities ranked in the top 50 and an additional 4 in the top 300. Well done to our leading institutions for these outstanding results!

Only Melbourne offers a world-class education in Australia's most liveable city. Discover more reasons to choose Melbourne on [our website](#).

The ASEAN-Australia Young Leaders Forum 2023

🌐 The Study Melbourne Hub Kuala Lumpur is proud to be a partner of the ASEAN-Australia Young Leaders Forum (AAYLF) 2023. With an exciting theme of "Future Cities 2050", the forum brought together young leaders from ASEAN and Australia.

💛 40 delegates from Australia, Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam engaged in meaningful collaborations, exchanging innovative ideas and insights on how to build sustainable, inclusive, and prosperous cities in the next 30 years.



Read more about this exciting event on [our website](#)!

✨ The Study Melbourne Hub Kuala Lumpur is not just a physical space to collaborate and be inspired, it is also a connection point of an international community comprising of students, alumni, institutional and industry leaders who share a connection to Victoria. You can learn more about the Hub and its activities on [our website](#).

Deakin New Colombo Plan Mobility Experience at Study Melbourne Hub HCMC

This June, the Study Melbourne Hub Ho Chi Minh City welcomed a group of 20 students from [Deakin University](#) studying in Vietnam under the [New Colombo Plan Mobility Program](#), a two-week program that supports Australian undergraduates and their educational ventures across the Indo-Pacific region.



Students participated in various activities, including company site visits, consultations, and project briefing sessions with Vietnamese clients. The Study Melbourne Hub also hosted a cultural exchange day, where students were able to connect with 40 other attendees from local universities, expanding their network. The program concluded with presentations from the students on their solutions to the clients' ongoing challenges.

Learn more about the Study Melbourne Hub HCMC on [our website](#)!

Brunch & Beyond: re-uniting young Victorian alumni at the Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai

A successful brunch event for Victorian alumni was hosted by the Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai on 8 July. Over 50 young alumni attended the event, where they had the opportunity to hear and gain insights from two older alumni, Dr. Yijia Li, and Alicia Dai, who shared their career development experiences. Attendees left the event with a renewed sense of motivation, a better perspective on where their careers can go, and a larger network.



With Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai, the Victorian Government provides a platform for young alumni to connect, learn, and grow. The event not only created a sense of community among students and alumni but also demonstrated the ongoing support the Hub provides.

Learn more about the Shanghai Hub on [our website](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS


HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW MELBOURNE?


If you're an international student who's new to Melbourne, then join us for a night of:

- 💬 Lively discussion & trivia
- 💛 Socialising
- 🍕 And pizza!



Firstly, have your questions answered by our expert international student panel as you enjoy slices of pizza. Then, test what you learnt during the night with an Aussie-style trivia—there'll be prizes for the winners!

 **DATE:** Thursday 3 August

 **TIME:** 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

 **LOCATION:** Study Melbourne Hub, 17 Hardware Lane, Melbourne

You'll gain valuable insights and firsthand experiences as the panel shares their knowledge and tips for navigating life in Melbourne, so [register now](#) - spaces are limited.

INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL

The [Indian Film Festival of Melbourne \(IFFM\)](#) is the largest annual celebration of Indian cinema outside of India. Running between 11 August to 20 August, IFFM showcases some of the most diverse, inclusive, ground-breaking films and filmmakers, all whilst encapsulating the best of Indian cinema from the Indian subcontinent.



Get ready for a spectacular line-up of events and screenings and be sure to keep an eye on [Study Melbourne's socials](#) for special offers!

ASIALINK BUSINESS - 'INTERNATIONAL STUDENT' TO 'INTERNATIONAL ADVISOR' PROGRAM

Are you keen to share your insights on Asia and build your professional network in Melbourne? Join the 'International Student' to 'International Advisor' program this September!



Supported by Study Melbourne, Asialink Business will offer a series of workshops to:

- Share your experiences and knowledge of the fast-changing Asia landscape,

- Connect you with local businesses,
- Build your understanding of the Australian workplace,
- Help you meet new people, exchange stories, and build deeper connections.

Applications closes 13 August 2023. For more information about the program and to find out if you're eligible, visit [AsiaLink's website](#).

MID-AUTUMN LANTERN FESTIVAL AT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LOUNGE IN GEELONG

In the lead-up to *Tết Trung thu*, international students in Geelong are invited to join the Mid-Autumn Lantern Festival celebration at the Salvos on Malop International Student Lounge. This celebration will feature cultural performances and activities, including lantern-making, prizes, and giveaways. International students will also get to experience moon cakes, a delicious and culturally significant highlight of this festival! 🌕



Please note that the Lounge's Mid-Autumn festivities are being scheduled earlier to avoid busy periods in academic schedules.

DATE: Monday 14 August

TIME: 5 PM – 8 PM

LOCATION: Salvos on Malop - 239 Malop St, Geelong VIC 3220

REGISTER ON: [Our website](#)

Proudly supported by Study Melbourne, the Salvos on Malop International Student Lounge is a safe place where international students living and studying in Geelong can come together to share experiences, get support, and make new friends. The Lounge operates every Monday and Thursday from 5 pm to 8 pm, featuring an engagement program of fun activities and information sessions that include a free, healthy hot meal.

NGV LANGUAGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Are you an international student interested in exploring local art and culture, practising conversational English, and meeting new people? 🙌 We would love to see you at the NGV Language Exchange at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV).



Join educators at the NGV's International and Australian galleries each month (starting in August) for friendly conversations about art and design from Australia and around the world.

All levels of English are welcome, and no prior art knowledge or experience is required.

Sessions are free, but bookings are essential.

The NGV Language Exchange is proudly supported by Study Melbourne through the Study Melbourne Inclusion Program.

To find out more information about the dates and times for each monthly session and to register for them, visit the [NGV website](#).

SERVICES & SUPPORT

Preparing to study in Victoria

When you choose to study in Victoria, you're selecting one of the most vibrant, multicultural cities in the world as your second home. To ensure this next chapter of your life begins on the right foot, preparation is key. We've put together this [handy guide](#) to help you know how to prepare and make the most of your student journey in Victoria, covering topics such as:



- How to prepare for your studies
- What to bring from home
- Finding the right accommodation
- How to meet fellow students

Dealing with culture shock

As an international student, one of the most exciting things about studying abroad is experiencing life in a new country. While making a big move overseas is a lot of fun, it can also be overwhelming leading you to experience what is known as 'culture shock'.



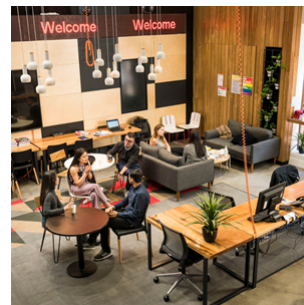
While these feelings are completely normal, it's important to understand them and get familiar with the support available to you. [Our article](#) covers what you need to know about culture shock and how to conquer it, covering topics such as:

- What is culture shock?
- Understanding cultural differences and how to manage them
- What to do if you're struggling with culture shock

Study Melbourne Hub, Victoria

The [Study Melbourne Hub](#) (formerly called the Study Melbourne Student Centre) is a dedicated space for all international students in Victoria. We provide support, events, connections, and opportunities.

All international students are encouraged to visit the Hub to learn about the space and the services we offer. You can also contact us to make an appointment via email or our 24/7 phone line.



At the Hub, you can:

- Access student workspaces
- Get tips on everything about living and studying in Victoria
- Enjoy free coffee, lollies and biscuits

Address: 17 Hardware Lane, Melbourne.

Opening hours: 9 am - 5pm, Monday to Friday

24/7 phone line:

- **Local call:** 1800 056 449
- **Overseas call:** +61 3 9623 1512

Email: info@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au

Legal help at Study Melbourne Hub

The **International Student Employment and Accommodation Legal Service (ISEALS)** provides free and confidential legal advice to international students located anywhere in Victoria about their employment and accommodation rights. The service is available online or in person at the Study Melbourne Hub, Victoria. We assist students with issues like:



- Underpayment
- Bullying and discrimination
- Injury at work
- Sexual harassment
- Unfairly being fired, or forced to quit your job
- Being engaged as an independent contractor
- Rental properties that fall below standard
- Issues with bond and rent
- Changes to renting arrangements

Students can contact the [Study Melbourne Hub](#) to make an appointment, and visit the [ISEALS webpage](#) for more information and short videos about the service.

Additional support for international students

Study Melbourne continues to provide help and support for international students including:

- Help to find part-time work through the [Jobs Victoria online hub](#)
- [Utility relief grants](#) to help pay overdue bills
- Free, one-to-one support and advice through [Partners in Wellbeing](#)
- Information about [family violence and state-wide support services](#)

USEFUL LINKS

Health and wellbeing

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Victoria updates](#)

[Study Melbourne Hub](#)

Work

[Working in Victoria](#)

[Your rights at work](#)

[Jobs Victoria online hub](#)



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