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Welcome to the **August 2023** edition of the Study Melbourne Student Update!

Whether you're new to Melbourne or you've been here for years, we hope you have settled into Melbourne life and had the chance to explore the city and our beautiful state! Check out our [What's On section](#) for travel and entertainment ideas. If you're eligible, be sure to take advantage of the [International Student Travel Pass](#) and **save 50%** on your public transport fares.

Study Melbourne has an exciting calendar of professional development and networking events coming up, including:

- Study Melbourne International Student Careers Fair
- Future Forte Conference
- Free resume and interview workshops

If you haven't already, make sure you follow us on socials for all the latest news, events, tips, and advice for living and studying in Victoria. Read on for all the details.

Study Melbourne Team

STUDY MELBOURNE EVENTS

FUTURE FORTE CONFERENCE 2023

Are you ready to unleash your full potential and celebrate your incredible journey? Future Forte, sponsored by Study Melbourne, invites you to its flagship conference dedicated to honouring the remarkable journey of international students in Australia!

Date & time: Saturday 9 September, 9am – 5pm

Location: Conversation Quarter @ The State Library of Victoria



Visit [our website](#) for more information and to secure your tickets at an extraordinary discount!

STUDY MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CAREERS FAIR

Are you an international student or graduate living in Victoria looking for professional work experience or employment in your field of study?

The Study Melbourne International Student Careers Fair, in partnership with SEEK, is the first of its kind in Victoria, dedicated to connecting international students and graduates with employers looking for professional high calibre graduates.



Date & time: 19 September, 10am – 2pm

Location: SEEK Headquarters, 60-88 Cremorne St, Cremorne VIC 3121

Ready to meet your future employers? Register now on [our website](#)!

UPCOMING EMPOWERED EVENTS

Study Melbourne has many free events and activities running as part of our [Empowered Series](#) ('Empowered') - a suite of professional development and

transition programs for international students. Check out what's coming up and register now!

Career Catalyst

- **6 September, 5pm - 7pm:** [Perfecting Your Resume & Mastering Your Cover Letter](#) - Learn how to translate and showcase your international experience and interests on your resume, and how to craft a persuasive cover letter.
- **19 September, 12pm - 1pm:** [Level up your career with LinkedIn](#) - Delve into the art of mastering LinkedIn, where you'll learn how to craft captivating content, do purposeful networking, and establish yourself as a thought leader.

Future Founders

- **Study Melbourne Future Founders Roadshow:** [Geelong \(13 September\)](#) | [Ballarat \(20 September\)](#) - Study Melbourne Future Founders Roadshow is an opportunity for you to connect with experienced founders and discover more about entrepreneurship opportunities.

Leadership Labs

- **16 - 17 September: Volunteer to Lead 2023** - Study Melbourne's Volunteer to Lead 2023 is your opportunity to develop the skills, mindset and connections to become the best version of yourself.
- **Welcome to CONNECT** - We invite you to join CONNECT, a series of programs where you can develop the key skills essential for emerging leaders and broaden your network on a global scale.

HOW TO GET HEALTHCARE IN AUSTRALIA

Are you an international student wondering about how to access healthcare services in Australia?

Join Study Melbourne and the Centre for Culture, Ethnicity and Health for a free, online health awareness session on 31 August from 4pm to 5pm, where all your healthcare system-related questions will be answered.

You can attend the online session anonymously and ask your questions. Register now on [our website!](#)



SUMMERTECH LIVE 2023-2024 APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

SummerTech LIVE is a free program that matches tech students and graduates with Victorian businesses to solve their digital challenges in a paid studentship.

Applications are open now for both businesses and students, closing 11 September. For more information and to apply, please visit the [DJSIR website](#).



UPDATES

Fun at the 'Your Pass to Play' pop-up stall

To celebrate the new International Student Travel Pass (ISTP), Study Melbourne had a pop-up stall at Melbourne Central last week, with free giveaways and activities. If you missed the fun, make sure you visit us at our next pop-up stall at **LaTrobe University (Bundoora Campus) on 4 and 5 September** to learn more about how eligible students can receive 50% off a 90, 180 or 365-day public transport pass!



You can also find out more on the [PTV website](#).

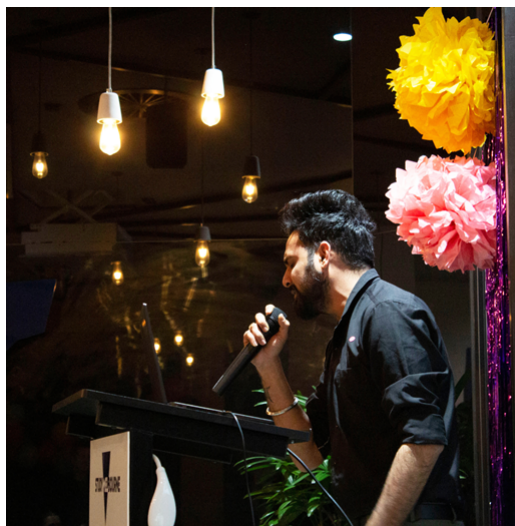
Bollywood Party at the Study Melbourne Hub

To celebrate the [Indian Film Festival of Melbourne](#), a Bollywood-themed

party was held at the [Study Melbourne Hub](#).

On the night there was Indian cuisine, Bollywood trivia, singing and giveaways. Students also got to connect over their shared love of Indian films and meet the Study Melbourne Student Ambassadors.

Want to see all the upcoming events we have in store? Visit our [events page](#)!



Everyday Heroes - How Well Do You Know Melbourne? Event

In early August, the [Study Melbourne Hub](#) hosted over 50 new international students for the first Everyday Heroes event, How Well Do You Know Melbourne?, delivered by [Insider Guides](#).

Beginning with a panel of experienced international students and alumni, students submitted their questions live, with on-the-spot responses and advice offered. Then the audience was divided up for a competitive trivia battle.

Learn more about Study Melbourne's [Everyday Heroes](#) program on our website!



SERVICES & SUPPORT

Celebrating diversity and inclusion

At Study Melbourne, we celebrate and support diversity and inclusion,

fostering an environment where everyone can thrive, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or cultural background. To ensure you have all available resources and support at your fingertips, we have put together a comprehensive list of essential resources and support for LGBTQIA+ students on [our website](#).

Remember, you are not alone – our community stands strong together!



Tax Help Program at the Study Melbourne Hub

Seeking assistance with your tax return? The Tax Help program, presented in collaboration with the [Australian Tax Office](#) (ATO), is now available at the [Study Melbourne Hub](#) from August to October. This program helps people earning \$60,000 or less lodge their tax return online.

To secure your consultation, call 1800 056 449 or send us an email at info@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au.

For more information about the Tax Help program, or to find another centre, please visit the [ATO website](#).



Sick Pay Guarantee

The new Victorian Sick Pay Guarantee is a program that helps eligible workers get paid for up to 5 days if they need to take time off because they're sick or need to care for someone else.

For more information, including a list of eligible jobs, visit [our website](#).



Free Sanitary Pads & Tampons at the Study Melbourne Hub

The Study Melbourne Hub Victoria is now offering free pads and tampons. This initiative is designed to make periods more comfortable and to reduce any stigma associated with them, so that everyone can participate fully in education, sports, and daily activities.

You can find these products in the bathrooms at the [Study Melbourne Hub's location](#) on 17 Hardware Lane in Melbourne.



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 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

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:

- [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](#)

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