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News and updates

The Study Melbourne Hubs in Ho Chi Minh City and Kuala Lumpur are now open!



Study Melbourne is excited to announce the <u>Kuala Lumpur (KL)</u> and <u>Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC)</u> Study Melbourne Hubs are now officially opened.

The KL Hub opened on 23 November and the HCMC Hub opened on 1 December. Both launches were attended by students and alumni, as well as representatives from Victorian institutions and the Malaysian and Vietnamese governments.

What's Happening at the Study Melbourne Hubs

Our global network of <u>Study Melbourne Hubs</u> are located in <u>Shanghai</u>, <u>Ho Chi Minh City</u>, <u>Kuala Lumpur</u> and virtually in <u>India</u>.

They support international students (current, future and alumni) studying or looking to study with a Victorian education provider. They regularly deliver events and activities designed to enhance employment options, student empowerment and social connection.

Explore what each of the Study Melbourne Hubs have to offer and we encourage you to promote these services and events to your students.

Providing students with an opportunity to re-



connect to Melbourne and each other at last month's barista coffee making workshop at the <u>Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai</u>.

The Hubs are also available for Victorian education sector stakeholders (education providers, educators and EdTech companies) to organise and host events to support student and international partner engagement.

Find out more on the Study Melbourne Hubs page.

Make Melbourne part of your story — The Study Melbourne Brand Campaign 2021



The Study Melbourne Brand Campaign Make Melbourne part of your story launched on 8 December 2021 and will highlight the <u>Study Melbourne Hubs</u>, <u>flexible study options</u>, and <u>quality of education</u>.

The campaign showcases <u>Melbourne as the best student city</u> in Australia to prospective international students in China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Brazil, Columbia and Kenya.

With world-class institutions, an unbeatable lifestyle, a wealth of employment options and the world's best student mix, Melbourne is one of the world's best cities for international students.

The campaign messaging showcases the support and options available to prospective students offshore and seeks to re-build an important pipeline of international students who choose to study in Melbourne.

We look forward to welcoming all students back when conditions allow.

Welcoming back international students



From 15 December fully vaccinated international students and other eligible visa holders <u>can</u> travel to Australia without a travel exemption.

Students will need to meet Victoria's entry <u>requirements for overseas travellers</u>, including COVID-19 testing, vaccination requirements and 72 hours of home quarantine on arrival.

We will continue to work closely with the international education sector to ensure students arrive safely and are warmly welcomed to Victoria.

For more information about students returning to Victoria, visit https://www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/student-arrivals

Study Melbourne Future Founders Program — finalist Melbourne Awards 2021

Future Founders Program 2021



Study Melbourne is thrilled to celebrate the <u>Study Melbourne Future Founders Program</u> and its success as a finalist in the prestigious <u>Melbourne Awards 2021</u>, under the Knowledge and Innovation category!

This category recognises the innovation and progressive ideas from our international student community, helping to shape our city's bright future.

Future Founders is the first and biggest international student entrepreneurship program and festival of its kind. The program recognises Victoria's international student community's exceptional entrepreneurial and business talent, with more than 100 speakers and 4000 participants since it first launched in 2020.

You can read more about how the program is making a difference through regional roadshows and workshops, showcasing students as job creators and building a community of student-prenuers, start-ups and industry partners here.

RMIT Vietnam Digitally Enhanced Learning Summit



The best of innovative digital technologies for education was the focus of the <u>Digitally Enhanced Learning Summit</u>, delivered in partnership by <u>Global Victoria</u> and <u>RMIT University</u> on 29 November.

Close to 400 delegates from government and universities in Australia and Vietnam shared insights at the Summit, the flagship event in RMIT Vietnam's 20th-anniversary celebrations.

As Vietnam looks to leverage digital transformation for post COVID-19 economic recovery, Victorian universities showcased the latest digital innovations for education, including virtual laboratories, remote 3D printing and Al-powered learning personalisation.

A panel of speakers, including leaders from Vietnam's Ministry of Education and Training and Ministry of Science and Technology, Global Victoria, the Australian Embassy in Vietnam, Australian education technology and innovation hub EduGrowth, as well as RMIT, Deakin University, Swinburne University and Van Lang University discussed how technologies could be applied to deliver effective education solutions for learners in Vietnam and the region.

This event continues the Victorian Government's commitment to establishing strong economic and bilateral ties with Vietnam.

Online Study options — Study Melbourne Course Finder



The Study Melbourne Course Finder now includes online study options for international students.

Students can now choose from 100% online or on campus study, or more flexible options such as starting online and completing your course in person.

They can also search for undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, vocational study or professional development courses.

Celebrating Everyday Heroes Latin America

Study Melbourne Everyday Heroes program



Recently Study Melbourne partnered with Internash and student leaders through the Empowered Partnership to deliver <u>Everyday Heroes Latin America</u>, celebrating Victoria's Latin American student community and alumni.

The successful five-week program included more than 200 participants, fostered connectedness and belonging, showcasing the strong cultural and business links between Victoria and Latin America.

The program finished with students learning how to create videos and Insta reels to strengthen their personal brand, creativity and sense of community.

The next Study Melbourne Everyday Heroes program will launch in early 2022 and will celebrate stories and strengthen connections with students across Southeast Asia, including Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia and The Philippines.

Services Spotlight

Study Melbourne Student Centre



The Study Melbourne Student Centre building is temporarily closed for face-to-face appointments, but staff continue to work online and by phone to provide case management support and referrals for international students. This includes mental health support and free legal advice on employment and accommodation matters.

We have also enhanced the centre's resources to meet increased student demand, including case management and emergency assistance.

Visit the Study Melbourne website to find out how we can help.

Industry News

China — Expression of Interest - A game company looking for institutional partnership

A Chinese game company is looking for university partners to develop Degree programs for industry professionals.

<u>Perfect World Investment & Holding Group</u> is a global leading entertainment industry group. Headquartered in Beijing, the company is involved in a number of business segments, including movies & TV, games, e-sports, cinemas, animation, education, and business-oriented internet products.

The company has also built a network of local colleges and universities and would like to develop pathway programs for students from its partner institutions.

Please contact Qian Li – Education Services Director China, at qian.li@global.vic.gov.au for further details.

Indonesia — Investment in the Indonesian university sector: a regulatory overview for Australian universities



In partnership with PwC Indonesia, Study Melbourne has commissioned the report: Investment in the Indonesian university sector: a regulatory overview for Australian universities.

The report provides a broad overview of the regulatory and administrative requirements for foreign higher education institutions interested in investing in the Indonesian higher education sector.

You can download the report from the <u>Industry section of the Study Melbourne</u> <u>website</u>.

If you have any queries about the report or opportunities in Indonesia, please contact Joanne Hashim, Education Services Regional Director – SEA, at joanne.hashim@global.vic.gov.au.

Kenya — Typsy and WAMA Africa partnership

Melbourne based <u>Typsy</u> has partnered with social enterprise <u>WAMA Africa</u> to support skills development and structured training for people living with special needs.

Their online learning platform has a curated library of bite-sized video lessons, courses, quizzes and certificates.



With the hospitality skills shortage, Typsy has become a cost-effective and accessible solution to upskill the hospitality industry globally.

COVID-19 information and support

Victoria's current restriction levels

Victoria has moved to COVIDSafe Settings. For updates on current restrictions, please visit the <u>Victorian Government's coronavirus website</u>.

Support for Victorian businesses

Government assistance is available for Victorian businesses impacted by COVID-19.

COVID-19 Test Isolation Payment

Workers in Victoria who are self-isolating while waiting for a COVID-19 test result can apply for a \$450 COVID-19 Test Isolation Payment, which provides financial support to those who cannot earn an income while they self-isolate

Partners in Wellbeing Helpline

<u>The helpline</u> is a confidential, one-on-one service providing support for small business owners and employees through coaches, financial counsellors and business advisors.

The helpline number is 1300 375 330.

Support for international students in need

Study Melbourne continues to provide help and support through our dedicated <u>COVID-19 support</u> <u>hub</u>. We encourage you to share this resource with your students.

International students in Victoria can access other support, including:

- help to find work through the <u>Jobs Victoria online hub</u>
- utility relief grants to help pay overdue bills
- free <u>legal advice</u> on accommodation and employment matters
- confidential support and practical help through the Study Melbourne Student Centre
- free, one-to-one support and advice to international students through the <u>Partners in Wellbeing</u> team
- for information about family violence and statewide support services visit the <u>Study</u> <u>Melbourne website</u>.



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