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Welcome to the October edition. We are excited to be at the **T20 World Cup India vs Pakistan** game this weekend, next to the Fanzone main stage outside the MCG this Sunday 23 October from 2pm. We'll be there with our friends from **Jobs Victoria** to talk about the services available to international students. Plus we have henna tattoo artists painting free cricket-themed henna tattoos. Make sure you come and see us!

Study Melbourne understands it's a difficult time for international students who may be affected by the flash floods in Victoria. Through the **Study Melbourne Student Centre**, affected international students can access case work and material aid. Students can also call the Flood Recovery Hotline on 1800 560 760. Remember to keep up to date with the latest advice on flood risks and high-risk weather with the **VicEmergency app** and to check **VicTraffic** before travelling for updates on road closures, hazards and to consider alternate routes. Local flood guides can also be found on the **VICSES website**.

Make sure you also experience all the events and festivals that Melbourne has to offer. Here are our top suggestions for things to do this month:

🎭 Enjoy the annual independent arts festival that is **Melbourne Fringe Festival** (until 23 October).

👻 If you are a fan of horror, you will love the international stage phenomenon **Ghost Stories** (until 22 October).

🌸 Celebrate **Diwali at Docklands** with a day of cultural performances, activities and workshops (29 October)

Why not connect to our **Facebook page** and **group** to see how other students have made Melbourne and Victoria their home.

As the Victorian State election will be held on Saturday 26 November 2022, the Victorian Government assumes a caretaker role from 6.00pm on 1 November 2022. During the caretaker period, content will only be published in accordance with the caretaker conventions. More information about caretaker conventions is on the **Victorian Government website**.

Read on to see all the details.

Study Melbourne Team

Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023



The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023 have just been released and Victoria now boasts two universities in the top 50!

The rankings compare 1,799 universities across 104 countries and regions, making them the largest and most diverse university rankings to date.

The University of Melbourne is now ranked 34th globally, making it Australia's highest ranked university. **Monash** also climbed the ranks to 44th. Five other Victorian universities also appear in the world's Top 350.

Congratulations to all the Victorian universities listed! Find out more on the **Times Higher Education website**.

Leadership Labs Launch

The Study Melbourne Leadership Labs program provides international

students with a variety of events and streams: Volunteer to Lead, 4Impact and Connect to build the capabilities, leadership skills and growth mindsets of international students.

The program will be delivered over three years by **Campus Consultancy** and it is completely free for all international students studying and living in Victoria.



Please join our first stream of Leadership Labs this year: Volunteer to Lead Weekend (22-23 October 2022) to start your own journey of becoming a true leader.

By participating in this free two-day event, you will:

- 👉 Develop your leadership skills to be the best version of yourself
- 👉 Expand your social and professional network of like-minded students and alumni
- 👉 Gain a Certificate of Completion to enhance your resume

Register now on the **Study Melbourne website**. Places are limited. Online option still available.

Victorian International Education Awards 2021-22



From left, Alexiane Beck (International Student of the Year – Vocational Education and Training), Divyangana Sharma (Premier's Award – International Student of the Year and International Student of the Year – Higher Education), Daniel Tan (International Alumnus of the Year) and Minh Duc Nguyen (International Student of the Year – Regional)

The Victorian International Education Awards showcase and recognise Victoria's international students, alumni and providers who champion international education

in Victoria and across the globe.

Congratulations again to our winners and finalists, who have all made outstanding contributions to Victoria's international education sector and international student community.

The Premier's Award winner for International Student of the Year 2021-22 is Divyangana Sharma.

Arriving in Melbourne to study nursing at Holmesglen Institute in February 2020, Divyangana was soon to join the state's frontline healthcare workforce by working at pop-up COVID-19 testing sites between classes.

Passionate about mental health and being a voice for international students, Divyangana has received multiple acknowledgements for her leadership and academic achievement. This has included being named the International Student of the Year at Holmesglen Institute, which also nominated her for the World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics' Outstanding International Student Award.

Divyangana has been a dedicated advocate for others through a variety of roles, including as chair of Holmesglen's Student Representative Council where she successfully worked to connect the leadership of Holmesglen directly to students, ensuring student experience is heard immediately and accurately.

You can learn more about Divyangana and our other student category winners and finalists on the [Study Melbourne website](#).

Stay safe this high-risk weather season

Victoria's emergency services are urging everyone to be prepared and stay alert ahead of heavy rainfall and flood risks across the state with emergency relief on standby for vulnerable communities.

Flash flooding can occur quickly due to heavy rainfall and you may not receive an official warning. When riverine flooding is predicted, decide what you will do before flooding occurs.

Here's what to do if a flood occurs near you:

- Floodwater is dangerous. Stay safe by never entering floodwater.
- Call 132 500 for emergency assistance from VICSES.
- Call Triple Zero (000) in life-threatening emergencies.
- Stay informed – monitor weather warnings and forecasts at the [Bureau of Meteorology](#) website, and warnings through the [VicEmergency app](#) and website.

- Check [VicTraffic](#) before travelling for updates on road closures, hazards and to consider alternate routes. Local flood guides can also be found on the [VICSES website](#).

Through the [Study Melbourne Student Centre](#), affected international students can access case work and material aid. The Student Centre can be contacted 24/7 on 1800 056 449 or email: info@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au.

Students can also call the Flood Recovery Hotline - 1800 560 760. All Victorians, including international students, impacted by the October 2022 floods can call for help or assistance with the following:

- navigating available supports
- clean-up
- temporary accommodation
- mental health and wellbeing support

Do you have asthma or hayfever?

If you have current, past, or undiagnosed asthma or seasonal hay fever you are at increased risk of thunderstorm asthma.

Thunderstorm asthma is thought to be triggered by a unique combination of high amounts of grass pollen in the air and a certain type of thunderstorm.



You can protect yourself and those in your care by following these simple steps:

- 📱 Monitor the epidemic thunderstorm asthma risk forecast on the VicEmergency app
- 🌧️ Don't be outdoors in a storm, especially during the winds that precede them
- 😷 Take your preventative medication as directed, even when you're symptom free
- 😴 Carry your reliever and know how to manage an asthma attack

For more information visit the [Better Health website](#).

Study Melbourne Hub Pitch Bootcamp in Shanghai



In collaboration with AustCham Shanghai, the [Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai](#) hosted the 2022 Pitch Bootcamp on 3 September, 2022.

Pitch Bootcamp is a one-day career acceleration program that brings together 60 participants, including students from Victorian universities and company executives from across various industries, to advance the careers of young talent.

[Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai](#) has been running the program with AustCham Shanghai since 2021, and over 120 students have participated. This year, the program was also open to prospective students planning to study in Victoria, as well as alumni and enrolled students.

Please visit the [Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai webpage](#) for more programs and events.

Find out your personality type and get suggestions on what to study!

What personality type are you? The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) personality test can identify which of the 16 personality types you are.

Knowing this information can help you to better understand your likes, dislikes, strengths, weaknesses, compatibility with others, and possible career preferences.



Take the [free test](#) to find out more about your personality and get suggestions on what professions and courses may suit you.

Then head to our [Course Finder](#) to see where to get started.

EVENTS & KEY DATES

There are lots of ways to connect with the Study Melbourne community in Melbourne, Victoria and globally through our [Study Melbourne Hubs](#) and [Study Melbourne events page](#).

Build your skills, discover new experiences, meet new friends, find support services and resources, and build your network.

You can also check the [City of Melbourne](#) and [Visit Victoria's What's On pages](#) for fresh ideas and inspiration on things to do in Australia's best student city.

SERVICES & SUPPORT

Study Melbourne Student Centre



The Study Melbourne Student Centre is your student space, dedicated to all international students in Victoria. We provide support, events, connections, and opportunities.

The Study Melbourne Student Centre has re-opened in Hardware Lane, Melbourne. Contact us to make an appointment or just drop in between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

- **Address:** 17 Hardware Lane, Melbourne.
- **Opening hours:** 9am-5pm Monday-Friday
- **Phone** 📞: 1800 056 449 (free call from landline phones 24/7)
- **Email:** info@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au

Question of the month

What does 'TAFE' mean?

Answer: TAFE (Technical and Further Education) provides education after high school in vocational areas like IT, design, childcare, accounting, business, and much more.

Course diversity, work placement and shorter course lengths are just some of the benefits of choosing to study at TAFE.

Explore TAFE courses and qualified institutions in Melbourne and regional Victoria with our [Course Finder](#).

5 tips to study effectively

1. 📅 Organise your study space - make sure you have everything you need and are comfortable.
2. 🕒 Set up a timetable - by organising what you study, when and for how long you will ensure you have enough time to go through what is required for each exam.
3. 👥 Study with others - create a study group where you can help each other and share ideas
4. 🍏 Take regular breaks - go for a walk or call a family member or friend to give you some time away from your desk.
5. 👁️ Listen to your body - if you're tired, rest. If you're hungry, eat. Your body knows what it needs, so pay attention to what it's trying to tell you.

For more tips and support visit the [Study Melbourne website](#).

MAKE A SPLASH WITH A JOB IN AQUATICS



Love the water? Looking for work that is fun and rewarding?

There are jobs available now in the aquatics industry, offering paid training, 12 months' work, and mentoring. No experience necessary!


This Jobs Victoria initiative offers full-time and part-time swimming teacher, pool lifeguard, duty manager and customer service jobs.


It's an opportunity to enjoy a vibrant workplace and play an important role in community safety.


If this sounds like the job for you or someone you know, [apply here](#).

Information and support for working in Melbourne and regional Victoria

Here are some great resources to arm yourself with the knowledge you need to make good choices:

 **Fair Work Ombudsman** - for everything you need to know about the minimum wage and if your employer can deduct pay from your wages.

 **Jobs Victoria** - offers information and support for finding a job that is suitable for you.

 **International Student Employment and Accommodation Legal Service (ISEALS)** - is Study Melbourne's free, independent and confidential legal service where you can talk to a lawyer about any employment or accommodation concerns.



For more information visit the [Study Melbourne website](#).

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**

COVID-19 UPDATE

International Student Arrivals

From 6 July 2022, people travelling to Australia no longer need to declare their COVID-19 vaccination status. For more information on international travel requirements visit the [Home Affairs website](#).

If you've recently arrived in Victoria, visit our [Welcome to Melbourne, Victoria page](#) for inspiration and support to help you get settled.

Victoria's restriction levels

Victoria has moved to COVIDSafe Settings. Find out what this means for you on the [Victorian Government's coronavirus website](#).

Your COVID-19 Checklist

To understand what you need to do if you test positive to COVID-19, follow the checklists and information resources on the [Victorian Government's coronavirus website](#).

Translated coronavirus (COVID-19) information

Access translated materials about COVID-19 on the [Victorian Government's coronavirus website](#).

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For up-to-date information and resources on COVID-19 including health, travel and education matters, visit our dedicated [Support for International Students hub page](#).

USEFUL LINKS

Health and wellbeing

[Study Well](#)

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

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