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Welcome to the November 2022 edition of the Study Melbourne Student Update.


For many international students, November is the busiest time of the year with exams and assignments. It is important to take care of yourself during this time, so Study Melbourne has developed [a range of articles, links and ideas](#) to help you stay healthy and well.

Are you looking for a quiet place to study for exams? The [Study Melbourne Student Centre](#) at 17 Hardware Lane provides free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee, and some friendly faces. The Centre is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Here are our top suggestions for things to do this month:

 Join us with other international students and industry partners at the [Study Melbourne Career Catalyst networking event](#) about innovation culture. Date and time: 16 November 2022, 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm AEDT

 A weekend of food, fun and wonder in Gippsland. [The Village Feast](#) is back on the Sat 19 – Sun 20 Nov.

 Are you curious about what it takes to start a business? The [Future Founders Festival](#), brought to you by Study Melbourne and StartSpace, is a place for international students and aspiring founders to learn how to shape a business idea and build it into a new venture. Date and time: 24 November 2022, 8:45 am – 9:15 pm AEDT



Mark your diaries as the iconic **Melbourne Night Noodle Markets** return this year. Runs from 10 November until 27 November.



Experience an immersive, multi-sensory installation which pays tribute to one of the city's great icons with **Rone's haunting signature murals**. Runs until 29 January.



Take a spine-chilling **walking tour** and explore the rich paranormal realm of Old Melbourne. Runs until 30 December.



With the weather warming up, why not drive to regional Victoria for a day of **fruit picking**? It's the perfect way to spend a warm sunny day with friends and family and see more of our spectacular state. Times vary.

Connect with the Study Melbourne community here in Victoria through the **International Students of Melbourne Victoria Facebook group** or from offshore via our **Study Melbourne Hubs**. Also keep an eye on our **events page** for free career development programs.

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

Study Melbourne Team

Career Catalyst networking event



Networking is an essential activity that can help you practise your social skills, meet industry mentors and open doors for you jobwise.

Making new industry connections and learning to navigate post-study life from other international alumni is one of the many reasons why students in Victoria participate in the **Study Melbourne Career Catalyst program**.

Here are our top 3 tips on how you can network effectively:

1. Create a LinkedIn account. LinkedIn is the perfect platform to build connections and communicate directly with people in your preferred industry.

2. Attend university campus events like the International Student Careers Week, Graduate Association Industry Night, and Careers Expo. Check your university website for details.
3. See if your university has an alumni system that conducts networking forum activities or career programs to facilitate development in your field.

Join our next networking event:

- **Location:** Alto Rooftop Top floor, GPO Building, Corner Elizabeth and Little Bourke Streets, Melbourne
- **Date:** 16 November
- **Time:** 6pm to 10pm AEDT
- **Cost:** Free

For more information and to register, head to our [website](#).

Future Founders Festival 2022

If you are an international student and aspiring entrepreneur, we have the program for you!

Brought to you by Study Melbourne and [StartSpace](#), [Future Founders](#) is back for its third year.

This free program will teach you what it takes to develop a business idea and get it off the ground. There will also be opportunities for you to meet fellow students, network and have fun along the way.



The Festival is designed to offer you:

- insight into the journeys of other international students, migrants and local founders
- practical advice to apply to your own idea or founder journey
- information on the startup ecosystem and support available for new founders
- networking opportunities with students, founders and leaders across the startup community.

Join us for the 2022 Festival:

- **Location:** State Library Victoria, Swanston Street, Melbourne
- **Date:** 24 November

- **Time:** 9am to 9pm AEDT
- **Cost:** Free

For more information about the program and to register visit the [Future Founders website](#).

A foodie's heaven lands in Gippsland



For one big weekend at the end of November, Victoria has a new food capital in the small country town of Thorpdale!

The Village Feast is back – and you can easily get there with bus tickets from Fed Square. This Melbourne Food and Wine Festival event features Gippsland's brightest talent, one-off food collabs and great live music.

A team of chefs is bringing a menu made from outstanding Gippsland produce for you to try.

When you can't eat anymore, visit the pop-up wine bar to talk to local wine makers, visit the Community Table to learn from the chefs and farmers or shop at the marketplace to take a delicious piece of Gippsland home with you.

Event details:

- **Date:** Sat 19 – Sun 20 Nov
- **Location:** Station Street, Thorpdale
- **Price:** \$32 AUD

[Book your event](#) and bus tickets for Saturday 19 November or Sunday 20 November.

Seminar series - The changing role of accountants

Study Melbourne is teaming up with CPA Australia this November to deliver a series of FREE seminars across Southeast Asia.

Delivered online and at the **Study Melbourne Hubs** in Ho Chi Minh City and Kuala Lumpur, as well as the CPA Australia office in Jakarta, the seminars will provide a chance to hear valuable insights from those in the finance and accounting field.

Perfect for alumni and current students, we'll explore a range of issues, including the role of accountants in sustainability issues, navigating salary conversations, global opportunities and employability.



Event details:

Indonesia

24 November | 9.30am - 1.00pm | CPA Australia Office, Jakarta

Vietnam

25 November | 2.00am - 4.00pm | Study Melbourne Hub Ho Chi Minh City

Malaysia

26 November | 11.00am - 1.00pm | Study Melbourne Hub Kuala Lumpur

[Register here](#)

Identification and proof of age



If you're an international student coming to Melbourne, it's crucial to have the right identification (ID) documents so that you can prove both who you are and how old you are.

If you would prefer not to carry your passport around with you, then a proof of age card is the perfect alternative.



1. Pick up an application form from an [approved photo point](#)

2. Provide proof of identity documents such as a passport and student identification card
3. Get someone that you have known for at least 12 months and who is on the electoral roll to complete the referee declaration
4. Get an authorised person, like a Justice of the Peace, to witness you sign the application
5. Take your form and proof of identity documents to an approved photo point location to have your photo taken and pay the \$10 application fee.

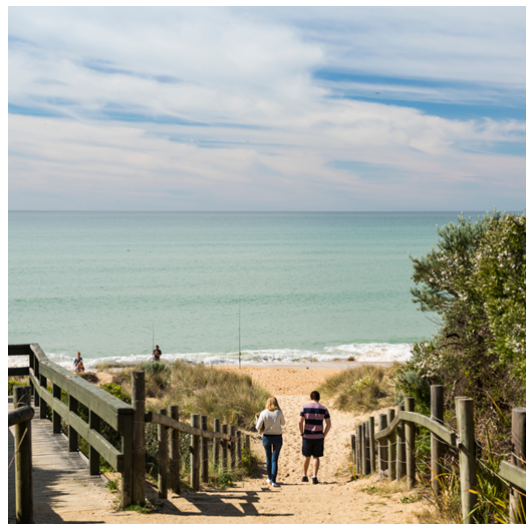
In around 3 to 4 weeks your proof of age card will arrive in the mail! 📧

For all the details visit the [Service Victorian Government webpage](#).

Gippsland – Study options in regional Victoria

Venture outside of Melbourne by car, and you will be rewarded with the natural attractions of Gippsland, including beaches, lakes, alpine forests and rolling hills.

In addition to its pristine landscape, Gippsland is home to [Federation University](#) Gippsland Campus, Federation University's [Kurnai College](#) (secondary education), [Apprenticeship Group Australia](#), and [TAFE Gippsland](#) which has campuses in several locations around Gippsland offering specialist training in areas such as forestry and fishing.



Whilst studying in Gippsland you could spend your weekends visiting Phillip Island, Wilsons Promontory and Gippsland Lakes.

Gippsland is an incredible place for students who want to experience the Australian outdoors. To find out more, visit the [Study Melbourne website](#).

Tax File Number (TFN)

A Tax File Number (TFN) is a unique identifier issued by the [Australian](#)



Taxation Office (ATO) to individuals to administer tax.

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1. **A TFN is important if you are going to work.** Not having a TFN when you work will mean that you pay higher taxes.
2. **A TFN is also important for banking.** When you open a bank account you will be asked for your Tax File Number. If you do not have one the bank may withhold some of the interest earned on your account.
3. **A TFN is also useful for lodging a tax return.**

There is no cost to apply for a TFN and you can apply once you have arrived in Australia.

See the **Australian Taxation Office (ATO) website** for further information

Important: When you receive your TFN it's important that you keep your TFN and all your personal information secure to prevent identity theft and fraud.

French student Alexiane takes award home to Mildura

Mildura might be known for wine, but there was little other reason to associate it with France. Until now.

French international student Alexiane Beck was recently recognised as the **International Student of the Year in the Vocational Education and Training category at the Victorian International Education Awards 2021-22.**



That's not all Alexiane is known for in her adopted regional Victoria home. She contributes to her community through volunteer work and is known around the [SuniTAFE](#) campus for her work helping other international students by improving their experience in the residences there.

Hear from Alexiane on her experiences at SuniTAFE by watching her winner video on the [Study Melbourne website](#).

To find out more about all our finalists and winners at the VIEAs, visit the [Study Melbourne website](#).

Study Melbourne Course Finder



If you want to start your student journey in Melbourne or regional Victoria, now is the perfect time to get the ball rolling!

Choose a study option that suits you – you can study on campus here in Australia, study 100% online, start online and finish on campus, or study on campus in your home country with a Victorian education provider.

To enrol:

1. Find a course that suits you using our [Course Finder](#).
2. Apply to study directly at your preferred university, college or school
3. Organise the [appropriate visa](#). If you're not sure which one to get, the Australian Government website can help.

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, a

space to study, 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

 **24/7 phone line:**

- **Local call:** 1800 056 449 (free from landline phones)
- **Overseas call:** +61 3 9623 1512

Email: info@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au

Question of the month

I am an international student studying in Victoria. My myki is expired. What should I do?

Answer: All myki smartcards expire after four years, and a mobile myki expires after two years.

You will need to replace the expired myki.

If your myki has expired, or is due to expire within 60 days, you're entitled to an on-the-spot replacement. Your current balance will be transferred to the new myki, which you can use immediately. If your expired myki is registered, your replacement myki will be registered automatically.

Information on when, where and how to replace a myki that is expired or about to expire, is available on [Public Transport Victoria](#).




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

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

Moving to Australia?

Did you know that prior to arriving on a student visa you must have Overseas Student Health Cover?

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) is health insurance for international students and their dependents. OSHC helps you meet the costs of medical and hospital care while in Australia.

For more information on how to choose an OSHC insurer and when to arrange health cover visit the [Study Melbourne website](#).



Additional support for international students

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

- Tips and advice for [working in Melbourne and regional Victoria](#)
- [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](#)
- Information about [Flood Recovery Assistance](#)
- Guidance for students impacted by the [Optus](#) and [Medibank data breaches](#)

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.

USEFUL LINKS

Health and wellbeing

[Study Well](#)

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

[Study Melbourne Student Centre](#)

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[Working in Victoria](#)

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