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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION INSIDER

[Victoria's International Education Recovery Plan 2025](#), launched on 6 September 2022, establishes a vision of Victoria as a global leader in education, recognised for quality, innovation and inclusion.

The plan outlines the Victorian Government's goals for the international education sector through to 2025 – to be a leader in student experience and graduate outcomes, to diversify and strengthen its global markets, and to elevate Victoria's global reputation for education excellence.

This month the [Jobs and Skills Summit](#) in Canberra saw the Government agree to 36 immediate initiatives to address the skills shortages and strengthen the migration system.

The Australian Government will increase the duration of post study work rights by allowing two additional years of stay for recent graduates with select degrees in areas of verified skills shortages to strengthen the pipeline of skilled labour in Australia. It will extend the relaxation of work restrictions for student and training visa holders until 30 June 2023 to help ease skills and labour shortages.

International education will also benefit from \$36.1 million in additional funding to accelerate visa processing and resolve the visa backlog.

Scroll down to read more about Study Melbourne's recent engagements and partnerships across the globe to support Victoria's international education sector.

The Study Melbourne Team

NEWS & UPDATES

Launch of Victoria's International Education Recovery Plan 2025



From left, Simon Phemister (Secretary DJPR), Gönül Serbest (Chief Executive Officer Global Victoria), Dr Belle Lim (Future Female Convenor & Curator), Tim Pallas MP (Treasurer, Minister for Trade, Economic Development, and Industrial Relations) and Fiona Letos (Director International Education & Study Melbourne).

Victoria's International Education Recovery Plan 2025 was launched on 6 September 2022 by the Treasurer and Minister for Trade, Economic Development, and Industrial Relations, Tim Pallas MP. The Plan establishes a vision of Victoria as a global leader in education, recognised for quality, innovation and inclusion. The plan sets out five pillars and 19 actions to deliver on this vision, along with critical success factors to 2025 and beyond.

Supported by \$52.9 million in funding, the Plan highlights the worldwide opportunities and connections that Victoria's international education sector offers – including the expansion of the Victorian government's Global Education Network to 19 locations worldwide.

The plan has a focus on education excellence, student experience and graduate outcomes, delivering students a return on investment and launching global careers.

The plan also calls for collective investment in education innovation and technology to ensure the sector can adapt to future shifts in teaching and learning demands.

Download a copy of Victoria's [International Education Recovery Plan 2025 here](#).

Study Melbourne Study Hubs highly commended for the PIEoneer Awards 2022!



Study Melbourne is thrilled to be announced as [highly commended for the PIEoneer Awards 2022](#) in the Student Support category for our industry-leading [Study Melbourne Hubs](#) in China, Vietnam, Malaysia and South Asia.

The PIEoneer Awards are a prominent international education industry awards that celebrate innovation, achievement and outstanding contributions to the global student community. The Victorian Government's Study Hubs were among seven total initiatives competing in the Student Support Award category.

The Hubs are a unique space for offshore students to connect with Melbourne. They provide a vibrant and welcoming environment where existing and future students can learn more about studying in Melbourne, make new friends, and access a wide range of career and skills building programs and events, for free.

The Hubs were launched in response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and travel restrictions on international students enrolled with Victorian education providers. They reflect Victoria's commitment to its international student community both in and outside of Victoria.

The winners were announced at the awards ceremony on Friday 9th September via a hybrid event in London.

Congratulations to all the winners. For more information visit the [PIEoneer Awards 2022 webpage](#).

The University of Melbourne is ranked the top university in Australia



The 2022 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) report has just been released and ranked the [University of Melbourne](#) as Australia's top university. Two Victorian universities were named in the top 100 and five Victorian universities were named in the top 500.

Launched in 2003, the ARWU ranks more than 1,200 universities using six indicators, including number of alumni and staff winning Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals, the number of highly cited researchers selected by Clarivate Analytics, and the number of articles published in peer-reviewed journals such as Nature and Science.

For further information on the 2022 Academic Ranking of World Universities can be accessed on [their website](#).

Victoria's Skilled Migration Program is now open



Open to applicants living in Victoria and overseas, Live in Melbourne's program provides skilled migrants with a pathway to permanent residency in Victoria. The skills that successful applicants bring to Victoria benefit employers and the broader Victorian economy.

As with previous years, applicants will first need to submit a [Registration of Interest](#) (ROI) and then be selected on competitive merit to apply for visa nomination.

Before submitting a ROI, applicants should ensure that they meet all eligibility requirements:

- [Skilled Nominated visa \(subclass 190\)](#)
- [Skilled Work Regional \(Provisional\) visa \(subclass 491\)](#)

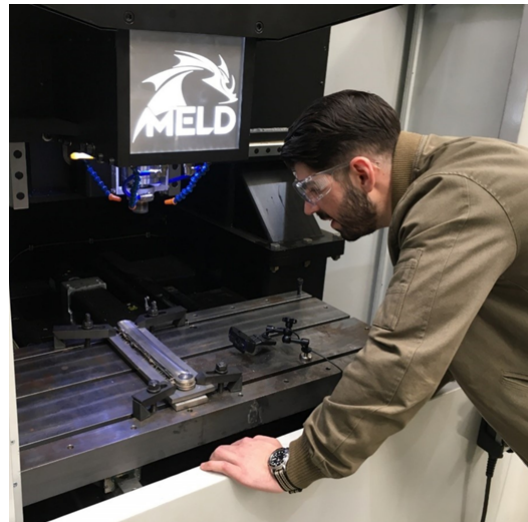
ROIs will be assessed until May 2023.

For more information, visit [Live in Melbourne](#).

Printing small, light-weight metals for space

Researchers from Deakin University in Victoria are developing a unique manufacturing process which allows 3D printers to produce miniaturised, light weight metal parts and components onboard spacecrafts or in low-gravity environments such as the moon.

The process, developed in partnership with Virginia Tech in the United States and 3D printing pioneer MELD Manufacturing, uses scrap metal to print new metal parts and components without melting it, offering stronger and better-quality parts.



The Victorian Government, through [Study Melbourne](#), is investing in [international research partnerships](#) like this to strengthen international connections, attract global talent to Victoria and support global research excellence.

Find out more about the 15 exciting and innovative research projects by visiting the [Study Melbourne Research Partnerships webpage](#).

Indian Minister for Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship visited Melbourne



Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, the Hon. Minister for Education and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in the Indian Government, along with an Indian delegation visited Australia for four days. During his visit, representatives from Global Victoria, along with officials from the Victorian TAFE sector, met with the delegation to look at developing skills for the future, and how Australia TAFEs can support India's skilling reform agenda.

[Global Victoria](#) also co-hosted a dinner for the delegation along with the International Education Association of Australia and the Australia India Institute, and brought together key representatives from the International Education sector and the heads of Victorian tertiary education institutes (universities and TAFEs), to strengthen relationships with the Indian Government guests.

While they were here, the delegation was keen to engage with some locally based students, and on 24 August, Global Victoria hosted an interactive session with 22 Indian students (current students and recent graduates) where the students were able to share their experiences of studying in Victoria, their employment outcomes, and their future plans.

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

MARKET ENGAGEMENT

New members of the Global Education Network in Japan and Colombia

Study Melbourne is pleased to introduce two new members of its [Global Education Network](#).

In Japan, [Takako Tominaga](#) has been appointed as Study Melbourne's new Education Services Manager based in Tokyo. Takako has over ten years' experience working on Victorian ELICOS, VET, and university projects and is excited to strengthen Victoria and Japan's international education engagement.



Before joining the Study Melbourne team, Takako held positions as an International Accommodation Coordinator for the Tokyo Olympics and, most recently, assisted with coordinating Japan's COVID-19 recovery fund project. Takako can be contacted at takako.tominaga@global.vic.gov.au.

In Latin America, Study Melbourne has engaged [Natalia Piedrahita](#)



as an Education Services Consultant in Colombia to advance Victoria's reach in this important source country.

Natalia brings a wealth of experience in international student recruitment and partnership building and was formerly the Latin America representative for the University of Queensland. Natalia can be contacted at natalia.piedrahita.consultant@global.vic.gov.au.

Study Melbourne Alumni Coffee Workshop

On July 29, Study Melbourne hosted an Alumni Coffee Workshop in Wuhan. The event attracted over 20 Victorian alumni and prospective students.

Victorian institutions have deep-rooted connections to Wuhan dating back to 1988. RMIT University started to run student exchange programs with institutions, and Deakin University started its transnational education program in Wuhan. Nearly 4000 Chinese students in those programs studied in Victoria and returned to China. The partnerships remain strong in student recruitment and jointly run programs.

Study Melbourne looks forward to welcoming more students to Victoria from Wuhan.

For more events like this visit our [Study Hub pages](#).



Climate Action workshop - Study Melbourne Hub Kuala Lumpur



[The Study Melbourne Hub Kuala Lumpur](#) hosted its first Climate Action workshop in July. Delivered by Pomegranate Global, this hybrid event sought to empower and equip youth with creative thinking and communication skills.

Students from Monash University and Swinburne University participated in several modules and hands-on sessions where they learned how to measure their carbon footprint, draft climate change solutions, and increase awareness of environmental issues within their community.

Pomegranate Global delivered the hybrid event, an organisation with a mission to support the international education sector to reduce carbon emissions in its operations and embed climate action in all aspects of its work.

The Study Melbourne Hub Kuala Lumpur is a space for enrolled and prospective students to exchange knowledge and upskill themselves to become future leaders and thinkers.

For more events like this visit our [Study Hub pages](#).

SERVICES & SUPPORT

Support for international students in need

[The Study Melbourne Student Centre](#) is a vibrant space dedicated to our global community of international students. Located in Melbourne's iconic Hardware Lane, we are here to support all international students in Victoria over their student journey.

Students can connect with services, activities and opportunities to help them thrive while living and studying in Melbourne.

- Free and confidential student support services
- Free events and programs
- Student workspaces
- Free coffee and wifi

Contact us:

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

Additional support for international students

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

- Legal support through the free [International Student Employment and Accommodation Legal Service](#)
- 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](#)

We encourage you to share these resources with your students.

COVID-19 UPDATE

International Student Arrivals

Study Melbourne continues to work with the sector to support the arrival of international students to Victoria, and to warmly welcome returning and commencing students.

Update: 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](#).

Study Melbourne offers dedicated resources for students who are travelling to Victoria from overseas, and for those who have just arrived.

Connect your students to Study Melbourne's [International Student Arrivals](#) and [Welcome to Melbourne, Victoria web pages](#) to help them settle into student life, learn about support services and programs for international students in Victoria and find helpful checklists and resources.

COVID-19 vaccine third dose | Coronavirus Victoria

If you are aged 18 and over and you had your second vaccine dose three or more months ago, you are due for your third dose now. For more information about COVID-19 Pfizer and Moderna third doses visit the [Victorian Government's coronavirus website](#).

Victoria's current restriction levels

Victoria has moved to COVIDSafe Settings. For updates on current restrictions, please visit the [Victorian Government's coronavirus website](#).

Support for Victorian businesses

[Government assistance](#) is available for Victorian businesses impacted by COVID-19.



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