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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION INSIDER

July is such a busy time in international education with mid-year exams, preparations for second semester, and with many colleagues gearing up for overseas travel to support recruitment and partnership development.

This month we're celebrating Melbourne's ranking as Australia's [most liveable city \(EIU\)](#) and continued ranking as [Australia's best student city 2023\(QS\)](#), as well as acknowledging those universities who were named in the [QS World University Rankings 2023](#).

We welcome Linda Brown, President and CEO, Torrens University Australia to the Victorian Government's [International Education Advisory Council](#). This non-statutory committee provides advice to the Victorian Government on issues and policies relating to Victoria's international education sector. We look forward to continuing to work with the Council to optimise the sector's recovery.

It was fantastic to see so many agents, education and service providers at the recent [ICEF ANZA conference](#) in Adelaide. To connect your incoming agent delegations with Study Melbourne please [contact us at Study Melbourne](#).

[Our Global Education Network](#) continues to offer support for Victorian education providers' offshore market development programs. Similarly, our overseas [Study Melbourne Hubs](#) continue to support offshore prospective and current international students and alumni with career programs and ongoing connection to Study Melbourne's global student community. We welcome Victorian education providers to make use of these excellent resources to support your global engagement activities.

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

Melbourne crowned Australia's best student city



Melbourne has climbed another position to rank 5th in the world following the release of the [QS best student city rankings 2023](#). This makes Melbourne Australia's number 1 student city for the 8th year in a row.

According to QS, "Melbourne has the finest collection of universities of any Australian city", ranking 13th globally in the [QS World University Rankings](#) and 2nd in the world for Student Mix with a score of 98.9.

The QS Best Student Cities Ranking provides students with independent data regarding a range of factors relevant to their study decisions: affordability, quality of life, the standard of universities, and the views of previous students that have studied in that destination.

QS ranks cities with a population of at least 250,000, and with at least two universities placing in the QS World University Rankings. The ranking offers a powerful lens into the sentiments of both prospective and former students, with over 98,000 survey responses contributing to the Desirability (prospective students) and Student Voice (former students) indexes.

Find out why students love to study in Melbourne by visiting our [website](#).

Melbourne, Australia's most liveable city!



Melbourne has been named Australia's most liveable city and the 10th in the world in the [Global Liveability Index 2022](#).

Released by the [Economist Intelligence Unit](#), the title is awarded to the city with the highest score for stability, healthcare, culture and environment, education and infrastructure.

Melbourne achieved a perfect score for education (100/100) and infrastructure (100/100). It also scored highly for Culture and Environment (98.6/100) and Stability (95/100).

[Find out more](#) about why Melbourne is so loved by students internationally, at Study Melbourne.

QS University Rankings 2023



Study Melbourne congratulates Victoria's universities who were named in the [QS World University Rankings 2023](#).

The ranking is based on indicators including academic reputation, employer reputation, faculty/student ratio, citations per faculty, international student ratio and international faculty ratio.

The University of Melbourne (ranked 33) and Monash University (ranked 57) placed in the [QS University Rankings 2023](#) Top 100. Both universities rose in the rankings.

RMIT University, Deakin University and Swinburne University of Technology placed in the world's Top 300.

Monash University is also ranked number 1 in the world for Pharmacy and Pharmacology.

These achievements recognise how globally connected and innovative Victoria's universities are and how they consistently delivered for students throughout the pandemic.

Victoria – North Asia (Korea & Japan) Research and Innovation Forum



Our [Victorian Government Trade and Investment \(VGTI\)](#) teams in Seoul and Tokyo hosted the Study Melbourne Victoria – North Asia (Korea & Japan) Research and Innovation Forum on 19 May.

The virtual event expands academic research links and future potential research partnerships and collaborations between Victoria, South Korea, and Japan.

The opening keynote speech was by Victoria's Lead Scientist Dr Amanda Caples and organised in two sessions: showcasing existing partnerships in the field of renewable energy and highlighting each country's research ecosystems and government policies.

Representatives from universities, research institutes and independent researchers attended the forum with simultaneous interpretations in English, Korean, and Japanese.

For a review of all the projects and speakers please [download the brochure](#).

Study Melbourne partners with Basketball Australia for the China FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 - Qualifying Series



Caption: Victoria's Commissioner for Greater China, Brett Stevens, showing his basketball skills with our international students!

Global Victoria and Study Melbourne were proud to partner with Basketball Australia and the NBL as major sponsors of the recent Australia - China FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 - Qualifying Series on 30 June.

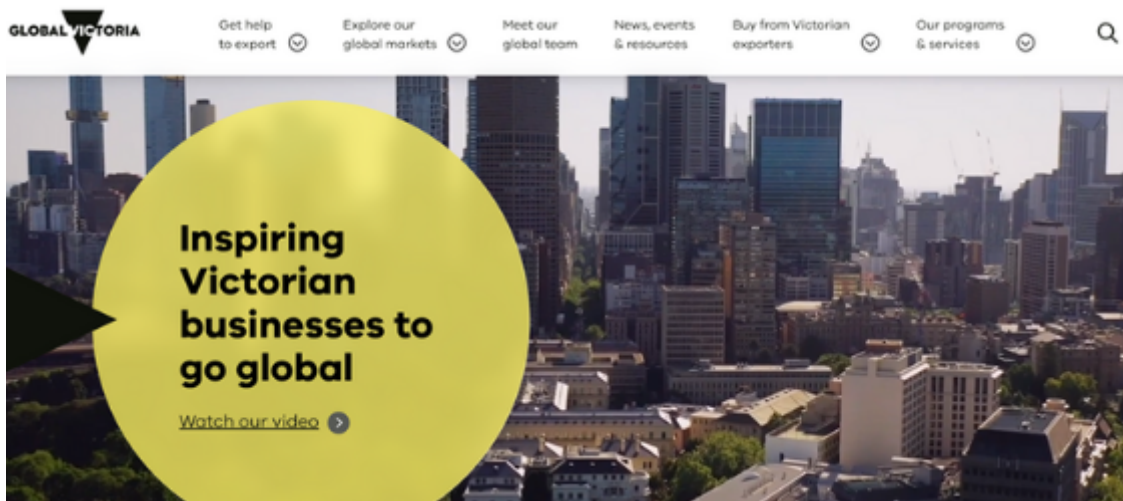
The partnership provided the opportunity for hundreds of Victorian international students to enjoy the game, practice their basketball skills with special pre-game activities, and enjoy giveaways from Study Melbourne and the NBL.

The initiative provided an exciting opportunity to create a unique experience for our international students to enjoy, while showcasing Victoria as Australia's sporting capital and provided strong brand exposure for Study Melbourne to global audiences.

Special thanks go to our friends at Basketball Australia and the NBL.

Learn more about events and opportunities for international students in Victoria by visiting the [Study Melbourne website](#).

Global Victoria's new website launched



[Global Victoria](#) has launched a new website that meets the needs of Victorian businesses wanting to export. The dynamic, user- centric site makes it easier to find out more about

Victoria's multifaceted education system including our world-class universities, research hubs and vocational education and training organisations.

The new site provides access to Victoria's extensive [Global Education Network](#) who provide in-market intelligence to the sector. You can also discover more about Victoria's research excellence that delivers world standard results and diverse education technology (EdTech) companies.

Bookmark [Global Victoria's international education page](#) for the latest information, emerging trends and events to support the International Education sector.

Study Melbourne attends ICEF ANZA held at Adelaide



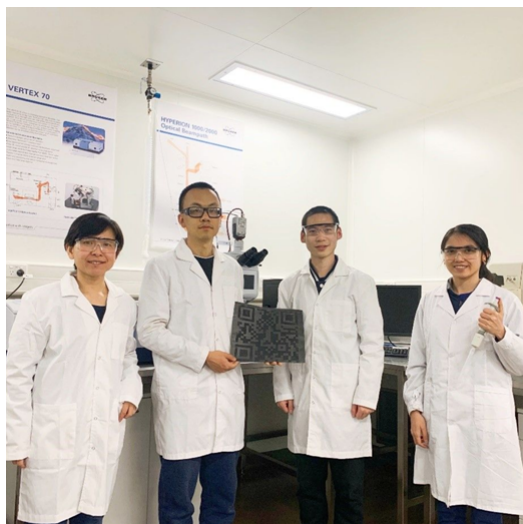
Study Melbourne was pleased to participate in this year's 15th annual [ICEF Australia New Zealand \(ANZA\)](#) event in Adelaide on June 14 - 17, 2022.

The education-focused event was an opportunity to share information about Melbourne and Victoria with education agents and service providers and to support participating Victorian education providers.

Thank you to everyone who dropped in to say hello.

For more information including the 2022 event statistics, visit the [ICEF Australia webpage](#).

Game changing prototype in development by the Swinburne University of Technology and Joenbuk National University in Korea



Australians could soon have early access to the \$11 billion hydrogen economy with a game-changing prototype in development by the Swinburne University of Technology and Joenbuk National University in Korea.

Supported by the Victorian Government's [International Research Partnerships Program](#), the project has received \$200,000 to develop a prototype of a solar-powered generator that would turn seawater into hydrogen.

The 'All-in-One' solar-powered seawater-to-hydrogen generator aims to produce 10,000 litres of hydrogen from a 100-square-meter prototype per day!

The universities will combine their expertise to fast-track commercial opportunities and access world-leading industry partners.

Swinburne University is a Victorian hydrogen innovation hub, whilst Jeonbuk National University is a world-leader in renewable hydrogen generation and technology translation which has been commercialised by leading industry names including Hyundai.

[The International Research Partnerships Program](#) aims to strengthen international connections, attract global talent to Victoria and support global research excellence.

EVENTS & KEY DATES

Innovations in Peer Designed Programs for International Students

In this webinar, we explore the positive impact of three innovative peer programs on student empowerment and engagement. Each project draws on the expertise and insights of international students in Victoria.

- Orygen will discuss the International Student Mental Health Peer Work Pilot. This project employs international student peer workers to deliver wellbeing support to international students at RMIT and Melbourne Polytechnic.
- Stem Sisters will explain how they are advancing the career opportunities of women international students in STEM fields. This program delivers mentoring, networking, essential skills training.
- Monash University will present on the sexual and reproductive health resources it has co-designed with international students.

Each of these projects is supported by the Study Melbourne Inclusion Program.



Event details:

- **Date:** 29 July 2022
- **Time:** 11am – 12pm AEST
- **Cost:** Free event – [Register now.](#)

Melbourne EdTech Week

Global Victoria invites key education innovators and technology partners to participate in **Melbourne EdTech Week, 8 to 11 August 2022.**

Melbourne EdTech Week will showcase Melbourne as Australia's EdTech capital, home to leading online program management companies, innovative EdTech companies and world-class education institutions.

Melbourne EdTech Week is underpinned by two internationally recognised events:

Melbourne EdTech Summit

The Summit brings together leaders from across Australia's EdTech ecosystem and hand-picked global innovators to drive the education innovation agenda.

This year's theme is 'Education Unlimited: Think Big, Drive Change, Transform Learning'. Join the conversation and help articulate a vision for Australia's education ecosystem and EdTech's role in driving innovation across the education and skills sector and its connection to the future of work.



- **Date:** 8-11 August 2022
- **Time:** 9am – 5pm AEST
- **Location:** Deakin Downtown on 8-9 August and Innovation Precinct at EduTECH International Congress and Expo on 10-11 August
- **Cost:** \$499 – [Register now.](#)
- **Organiser:** Edugrowth - the national industry body for EdTech in Australia.
- **Program outline:** [View here](#)

EduTECH International Congress and Expo

Join the biggest education event in Australia and the APAC region, attended by between 10,000 – 15,000 people annually. This event brings together leaders, practitioners and managers from ICT, business, and finance and represents the entire learning lifecycle – from preschool to workplace learning. Register now to attend this packed program including a trade show, conferences and breakout seminars, training forums and professional development workshops.



- **Date:** 10 August 2022 | 11 August 2021
- **Time:** 8am – 6pm AEST | 9am – 4pm AEST
- **Location:** Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
- **Agenda:** [View here](#)
- **Cost:** \$300 before 29 July (In- person Delegate Pass) or Free (In-person Expo Visitor Pass) – [Register now.](#)

Study Melbourne Monthly Sector Briefing: Spotlight on North Asia

Join us for the North Asian Sector briefing delivered by our Commissioner and Global Education Network in market. The briefing will provide on the ground market intelligence and updates on new opportunities, student/agent feedback, competitor activities, changes to education policies and various Victorian Government business development activities in market.



Event details:

- **Date:** 30 August 2022
- **Time:** 2pm – 3pm AEST
- **Cost:** Free event – [Register now.](#)

MARKET ENGAGEMENT



Victoria- Chongqing Research and Innovation Forum

The inaugural Victoria- Chongqing Research and Innovation Forum, held on 31 May, provided a unique opportunity for Victorian universities and researchers to profile their research capacities, identify commercialisation opportunities and share successful collaborative models with Chinese partners.

Organised by Victoria's education team in China, the half-day hybrid event attracted executives from Chongqing Dadukou District Government, Chongqing Investment Promotion Bureau, the Education Commission and Chongqing Science and Technology Bureau.

The event also saw representatives from 12 local Chongqing Universities and research institutions, such as the China Academy of Science, Chongqing Robotic Association, and high-tech companies, including Chongqing Bayun Technology and Chongqing Rail Science Investment Group.

Swinburne University of Technology, Monash University and Deakin University presented their current research findings and collaboration models in advanced materials, renewable energy, and biomedical science areas.

With joint efforts to combine Victoria's research capacities with the strong industry capacities in Chongqing, there is significant scope for collaborations in joint research centres, academic mobility, and industry PhD programs.

For more information about the forum contact Terry Wang (Education Services Manager China) at terry.wang@global.vic.gov.au.



Study Hub South Asia recounts the success of the virtual Career Talk Series – Learn, grow and thrive!

Since its launch in early 2022, the [Study Melbourne Hub South Asia](#) has delivered a successful Career Talk series with Victorian intuitions to highlight the student journey, the rewarding experience of studying in Melbourne and celebrate career outcomes.

Initially a virtual series, the Hub also delivered in-person events in two major cities in India - Bangalore and Hyderabad.

In Bangalore, the University of Melbourne, led by Professors Michael Wesley, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) and Tim Lynch, Associate Dean Faculty of Arts, explored diverse career opportunities in the rapidly growing creative industries. The audience reflected on new learnings and how they can build a career around the industry. While alumna Mallika Bajaj - Founder of Little Yellow Beetle, joined the discussion to share her motivating stories as a student in Melbourne.

In Hyderabad, the career discussions with the Swinburne University of Technology led by Professor Emad Gad, Dean - School of Engineering and Jogvan Klein and Director International Recruitment focussed on careers in engineering and industry-focused courses. The work-integrated learning component of the courses unique to Swinburne University raised a lot of excitement from the audience. Alumnus Arun Chittilappilly, MD, Wonderla Amusement Parks and Resorts agreed that his Melbourne student experience transformed him and paved the way for his entrepreneurial journey.

Attendants' feedback indicated the value of such industry, institution and career integrated events, with students reporting "*... the session was great and very insightful towards various opportunities.*"

To explore opportunities to showcase your institution's graduate career outcomes to prospective Indian students, please contact the Study Melbourne Hub Manager for South Asia, Abirami Vilvanathan at abirami.vilvanathan@global.vic.gov.au.



Pre-departure session in Kenya

Study Melbourne held its inaugural pre-departure information session for students in Kenya to prepare them for commencing their studies in Melbourne next semester.

The event was host to more than 95 attendees including students, agents, education representatives, government representatives and alumni.

Students socialised with fellow peers, engaged with alumni and asked questions about living and studying in Melbourne, Victoria.

Melbourne looks forward to welcoming all new international students. Students can visit our [student arrival page](#) to receive the latest advice and travel information.

Opportunity for postgraduate education providers to participate in the Study Australia Entrepreneurship Challenge in India

Austrade is launching its first edition of the Study Australia Entrepreneurship Challenge (SAEC) in India in August 2022. This immersive two-week challenge will bring together some of India's brightest undergraduate students in multidisciplinary teams to explore Australia's education

ecosystem with entrepreneurial ideas across four key themes: Cybersecurity, Circular Economy, Digital Health, and Creative industries.

Austrade is seeking expressions of interest from Australian postgraduate providers with capabilities in these challenge themes.

Find more information or lodge your expression of interest through the [Austrade website](#).

Study Melbourne Hub Kuala Lumpur celebrates the end of Ramadan with a Hari Raya Open House



Ramadan is a holy month of fasting and prayer for Muslims worldwide.

[The Study Melbourne Hub Kuala Lumpur](#) celebrated the end of Ramadan with a Hari Raya Open House on 20 May 2022.

Students, alumni, local university representatives and education agents enjoyed a delicious spread of traditional Hari Raya food. Guest speaker Ambassador Dato' Aminah Tun Hj A Karim shared her experiences as a female diplomat and her perspective on Malaysian values in education and business.

The event was an excellent opportunity to respect and embrace the traditions of our Muslim community.

For more cultural experiences and events like this, visit our [Study Hubs webpage](#).

SERVICES & SUPPORT



The Study Melbourne Student Centre re-opening soon!

[The Study Melbourne Student Centre](#) will re-open very soon.

The Study Melbourne Student Centre is in bustling Hardware Lane in Melbourne's CBD.



It's the perfect place for international students to meet new friends, find a quiet space to study, enjoy some downtime, learn about services and information, or sign up for a free Study Melbourne program to build your confidence and take your career to the next level.

The Study Melbourne team are available to meet with students by phone or email for now. They can provide advice about living and studying in Victoria. We assist students with information about employment, accommodation, financial hardship, health, education provider issues, and legal advice.

International students can contact us via phone and email: 1800 056 449 or info@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au and stay tuned to our channels to find out when the doors will re-open.

Support for international students in need

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

- support for international students [working in Melbourne, Victoria page](#)
- legal support through the [International Student Employment and Accommodation Legal Service](#)
- help to find 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 have to declare their COVID-19 vaccination status. For more information on international travel requirements visit: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/entering-and-leaving-australia>.

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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