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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION INSIDER

It has been terrific watching Melbourne return to being the events capital of Australia, with record crowds at the [Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix](#), booked out shows at the [Melbourne Comedy Festival](#), and people enjoying a host of events and activities happening throughout the city and regions.

There is much to celebrate during May in Melbourne and Victoria.

We are excited to be part of the [Melbourne International Student Week](#) celebrations as the major sponsor. The Study Melbourne team will join the festivities at the opening weekend on 7-8 May at Federation Square and we hope to see you and your students there too.



Victoria has been confirmed as the [host of the 2026 Commonwealth Games](#), with the state's regions set to shine on the world stage. Four regional hubs will be established in Geelong, Bendigo, Ballarat and Gippsland, each with their own athletes' village and sport program. We will keep you updated on the opportunities and benefits this brings for our international education sector.

Applications for the [Victorian International Education Awards](#) are now open, where we celebrate our most outstanding students, alumni and education providers. Please share this prestigious opportunity with your colleagues and student communities.

A big thank you for all your submissions in response to our discussion paper to shape Victoria's new international education recovery and growth plan. We received well considered responses from public and private education providers, peak bodies, student representatives, the accommodation sector and industry. The Plan will be released in mid 2022.

Regards,
The Study Melbourne Team

NEWS & UPDATES



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.

Pre-departure testing

From 18 April 2022, the Australian Government no longer requires people travelling to Australia to have a COVID-19 test before travel. Visit the [Australian Government's International travel page](#) for more information.

Travellers are reminded that it is your responsibility to ensure you meet the requirements of the airline or cruise operator you are travelling with and any countries you transit through.

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

We offer 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.

Applications for the Victorian International Education Awards are now open!



The [2021-22 Victorian International Education Awards](#) are now open for international students and Victorian providers.

Proudly presented by the Victorian Government through Study Melbourne, the awards include categories for impressive students and Victorian tertiary international education providers, businesses and not-for-profits in a number of categories.

Students and providers will be acknowledged at an awards ceremony and across Study Melbourne channels. This is an exceptional opportunity to showcase your institution's excellence in international education to a global international education audience.

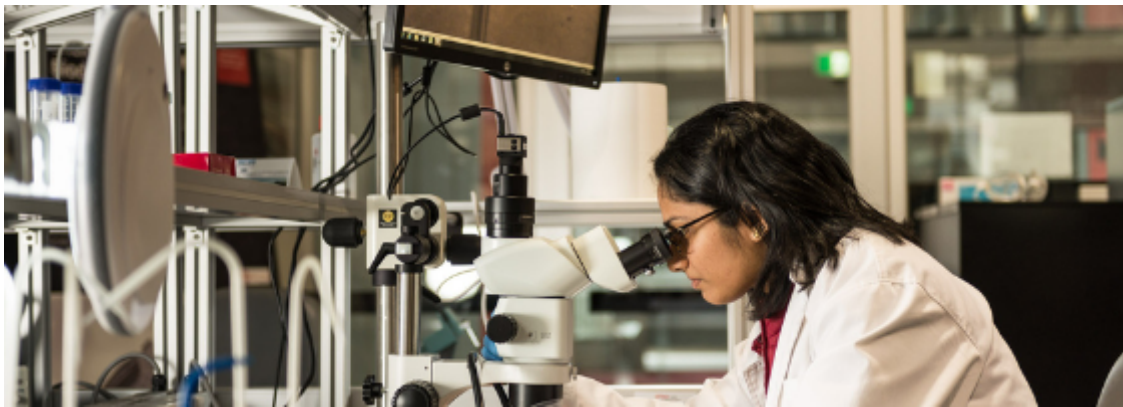
The Victorian International Education Awards showcase and acknowledge education providers, businesses and not-for-profits who have made outstanding contributions to the Victorian community by enhancing the experience of international students beyond academic support, providing awareness of the value that international students bring to Victorian communities.

Applications are also open to all international students who are currently enrolled with a Victorian tertiary education institution, including those studying overseas in their home country.

Please share this opportunity with your international student community and networks.

Applications close Sunday 15 May 2022. [Apply now.](#)

Monash No.1 World Rank Confirms Victorian Excellence



Victoria is home to many of Australia's world-leading research and developing life-changing medicines.

Monash University was named as the world's top university in Pharmacy and Pharmacology in the authoritative QS World University Rankings.

It is the first time that an Australian university has achieved this rank in life sciences, with Monash topping renowned institutions including the University of Oxford, Harvard University and the University of Cambridge.

Read the full article on the [Study Melbourne website.](#)

Afternoon Tea on International Women's Day



[The Study Melbourne Hub Kuala Lumpur](#) hosted an afternoon tea to celebrate International

Women's Day 2022, with guest of honour Australian Deputy High Commissioner to Malaysia, Ms Hannah Birdsey.

The event was a great success with university students, NGO and government representatives attending.

Ms Birdsey shared her experiences and challenges over the course of her career in diplomacy, and how she juggled this as a mother. She also provided valued insights on the importance of applying a 'gender lens' to her work.

The Study Melbourne Hubs are a free resource for Victorian education sector stakeholders (including education providers, educators, EdTech companies and agents) to hold activities and events supporting student or partner engagement.

Find out more on the [Industry section](#) of the Study Melbourne website.

Please share the [Study Melbourne Hubs page](#) with your student networks for information about the latest events and support services.

Alumni Reunion with a cup of Melbourne Coffee



On 9 April, Study Melbourne hosted a half-day coffee workshop in Chengdu for current students, future students and alumni.

This event attracted guests from major Victorian providers including the University of Melbourne, Monash, Deakin, RMIT, La Trobe, Chisholm Institute and current and future students.

Victoria's Deputy Commissioner to China Nick Henderson, welcomed guests and shared insights into Melbourne's coffee diplomacy and why Melbourne is so attractive to International Students.

Guests had a chance to learn how to make Melbourne coffee using St. Ali coffee beans and Victorian milk, while sharing stories of their favourite Melbourne cafes and their love of coffee.

EVENTS & KEY DATES

Melbourne International Student Week

The inaugural [Melbourne International Student Week \(MISW\)](#) celebrates the return of international students to Victoria, centred around a launch weekend of festivities at Federation Square on 7-8 May – including live music, comedy, dance classes, free food and giveaways – followed by a week-long program of activities delivered by education providers and other organisations until 13 May.

We encourage our industry colleagues to take part in this event and share more information about the week with your student communities. To get involved, visit the [MISW website](https://misw.org.au) or contact info@misw.org.au



Event details:

- **Date:** 7 - 13 May 2022
- **Location:** Federation Square (7 – 8 May) and locations around Melbourne (9 – 13 May)
- **Cost:** Free - [Find out more.](https://misw.org.au)

Study Melbourne Agent Info Session 2022

This session will introduce education agents from Bangladesh to the free events and activities offered by the [Study Melbourne Hub India](https://study.melbourne.gov.au). The virtual Hub is a unique initiative from the Victorian Government developed to help South Asian students and alumni to enhance their career readiness, increase social connections and foster personal development.

Event details:

- **Date:** 8 May 2022
- **Location:** Virtual
- **Cost:** Free - [Register](https://study.melbourne.gov.au)

Study Melbourne Global Game Changers

[Study Melbourne Global Game Changers](https://study.melbourne.gov.au) will challenge students to create a tech-powered project inspired by their connection to Melbourne and Victoria.

We encourage our industry colleagues to share details of [Global Game Changers](https://study.melbourne.gov.au) with their student communities.



Event details:

- **Registration Period:** 12 April until 8 May for individuals and 10 May for teams
- **Program Dates:** 11 – 24 May 2022
- **Location:** Online
- **Cost:** Free - [Register](https://study.melbourne.gov.au)

Protecting the Work Rights of International Students

Finding work is one of the most important steps for many newly arrived international students, but they can face obstacles along the way. To celebrate Law Week, join Study Melbourne and Catherine Hemingway, Legal Director at the Migrant Justice Institute and Cassandra Martin, Senior Lawyer at WEstJustice, for a conversation on the work rights of international students.

If you work with international students, this session will provide knowledge and vital information about tailored legal services to support international students.

**Event details:**

- **Date:** 20 May 2022
- **Time:** 11:00am – 12:00pm AEST
- **Location:** Online
- **Cost:** Free - [Register now](#)

International Education Sector Briefings 2022

Delivered by Victoria's Commissioners and Global Education Network, [monthly sector briefings](#) provide on the ground market intelligence and updates regarding new opportunities, student/agent feedback, competitor activities, changes to education policies and Victorian Government business development activities in market. Each month we focus on a different country or region, with the next briefing focused on Latin America.

**Event details for Latin America:**

- **Date:** 25 May 2022
- **Time:** 9:00am – 10:00am AEST
- **Location:** Online
- **Cost:** Free - For the full schedule of our upcoming market briefings register via our [Eventbrite page](#).

Contact Atal Samad at atal.samad@global.vic.gov.au for further enquiries.

MARKET ENGAGEMENT

New Senior Education Services Director, Indonesia



Study Melbourne welcomes Ratu Sovi Arinta (Sovi) to the team. Sovi recently commenced as the Senior Education Services Director in the Victorian Government Trade and Investment (VGTI) office in Jakarta.

Sovi will work with Victorian education providers to strengthen engagement and promotional efforts in the Indonesia market. Sovi will also be focusing on building education and research collaboration opportunities in Singapore.

Sovi has over 20 years' experience in bridging businesses between Australia and Indonesia.

She is no stranger to the Australian education sector through her role as a Senior Education Manager with Austrade Indonesia, where she assisted Australian education institutions with their activities in Indonesia. Prior to joining Study Melbourne, Sovi headed the University of

Queensland (UQ) Indonesia office as Chief Representative, where she spearheaded UQ's engagements in academic and research collaborations as well as opportunities in human capital development.

Sovi is a passionate volunteer on climate action, a certified yoga teacher and is also currently learning Italian!

SERVICES & SUPPORT



Support for international students in need

Study Melbourne continues to provide help and support through our dedicated [COVID-19 support hub](#). We encourage you to share this resource with your students.

International students in Victoria can access other support including:

- confidential support and practical help through the [Study Melbourne Student Centre](#)
- [free legal advice](#) on accommodation and employment matters
- a dedicated [COVID-19 support hub](#)
- 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 to international students through the [Partners in Wellbeing team](#)
- for information about family violence and state-wide support services visit the [Study Melbourne website](#).

COVID-19 UPDATE



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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