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Welcome to **Waring** (autumn) – cool mornings and warm days are ahead. If you've just arrived, there's no place like Melbourne this autumn to celebrate the best in food, fashion, culture and sport. View the most **spectacular places to see autumn leaves in Melbourne and Victoria**.



For those celebrating Easter or observing Ramadan away from home, there are lots of student friendly events happening in Melbourne and surrounds between April and May. Check our **events calendar** for ideas or visit the **City of Melbourne's What's On** and **Visit Victoria's** webpage.

We are also excited for you to join us celebrate **Melbourne International Student Week** from 7-13 May. Make sure it's in your calendar!

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*The team at Study Melbourne*

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## LATEST NEWS

### Future Founders Venture Scholars

Study Melbourne is delighted to announce the winners of the Study

Melbourne [Future Founders Venture](#)

[Scholarships](#), who each stood out for their ambitious and sustainable ideas.

Each winner will receive \$10,000 in

scholarship funding and a six-

week [StartSpace](#) Loft membership, which

includes exclusive one-on-one coaching

and mentoring opportunities.



The Study Melbourne Future Founders Venture Scholarship program, delivered in partnership with the State Library of Victoria's [StartSpace](#), is the only international student focused initiative that provides seed funding for entrepreneurship ventures.

Selected from a strong pool of applicants, these eight future founders had a clear understanding of their target market, problems they are solving and progress to date.

Congratulations to all our winners. [Find out more.](#)

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### Welcome to Melbourne, Australia's Best Student City

Whether you're a returning student or new to Victoria, you'll love making Melbourne part of your story.

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There's something special for everyone in our diverse city. You'll find lots of ways to enjoy student life, make lifelong friends, discover new experiences, and work towards your goals. Visit our [Welcome to Melbourne, Victoria page](#) for inspiration and support to help you get settled.

You can find programs and support services for international students through your education provider, local council and student and community groups throughout Victoria.

The Victorian Government offers free programs and services for international students through Study Melbourne to help you feel safe and get the most out of your student experience while you study.

Connect with Study Melbourne to help build your employability and leadership skills, meet other international students, develop your entrepreneurship capabilities and build your confidence. [Find out more.](#)

## International Student Arrivals

Fully vaccinated eligible student visa holders can travel to Australia from Wednesday 15 December 2021 without a travel exemption. [Find out more.](#)



## EVENTS & KEY DATES

### Onshore

#### Experience Victoria, from Country to Coast

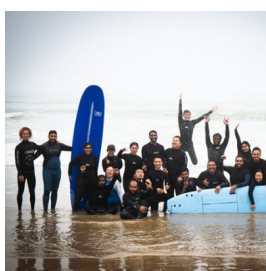
Choose your own adventure and explore beyond the city to see the beauty and splendour of regional Victoria with other international students. Read more about [Study Melbourne's](#)

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\* Please note there is a cost to book these excursions.

Program highlights include:

- Indigenous cultural activities, including tours by local leaders
- Scenic bushwalks and encounters with Aussie wildlife
- Fun activities and games
- Exciting activities such as surfing, rock climbing or canoeing
- Outdoor camping with open campfires and bush tucker
- Visit Victoria's best beaches and bushland
- Delicious meals are provided



#### Upcoming April excursions:

- [Phillip Island | Sat April 23, 2022](#)
- [Phillip Island | Fri April 29 - Sat 30, 2022](#)

[View all excursions!](#)



*"I arrived in Melbourne in six days ago. The thing I like the most was about speaking English to different people since I was on the bus. I enjoyed surfing and learnt a lot about culture differences."* — **Yongbo Li (Brian), University of Melbourne**

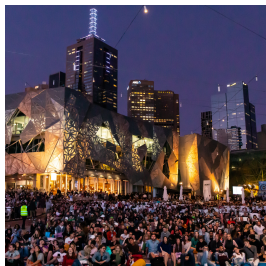
*"This trip was first stepping stone for me towards exploring Australia. It was an absolute pleasure to meet a large group of international students & I enjoyed every bit of the 3 day trip. I would like to recommend other international students to at least try one trip with Beyond Melbourne and the amount of happiness you get will be just fabulous!"* — **Param Trivedi, Deakin University (Master of Architecture)**

**Save the date: Melbourne International Student Week** -The inaugural Melbourne International Student Week will take place on 7-13 May 2022, bringing together all students studying in Melbourne – both local and from abroad – by showcasing the culture and



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Mark it in your calendar and subscribe on the [Melbourne International Student Week website](#) for updates.

**Event details:**

- **Date:** 7 - 13 May
- **Location:** Federation Square (7 – 8 May) and locations around Melbourne (9 – 13 May)
- **Cost:** Free

**Protecting your Work Rights** - Join Study Melbourne and the [Migrant Justice Institute](#) for a discussion about international students and protection of your work rights. This session will provide awareness and education based on the strategic research and legal action undertaken by the Migrant Justice Institute.

If you're an international student, or you work with international students, this session will provide vital information about work rights, identifying risks, and tailored legal services to support international students.

**Event details:**

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

For more events like this, visit the [Study Melbourne events page](#) - An essential guide for student events in Melbourne and surrounding areas.

## Offshore

**Easter celebration** - Come and join us for our Easter celebration at the [Study Melbourne Hub Ho Chi Minh City](#)! Join fellow students, alumni and friends for our Easter treasure hunt and cookie decoration, where you will explore more about this special occasion. The special guest for this event is Ms Lyly Bui - RMIT Alumni (2012) specialising in Entrepreneurship, who will lead our students through a cookie-making activity and share more about her learning journey and work experience.

**Event details:**

- **Date:** 9 April 2022

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- Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm ICT
- Location: Study Melbourne Hub Ho Chi Minh City – 4th

Floor, Circo Building, 222 Dien Bien Phu, District 3, HCM City

- **Cost:** Free - [Register now](#)

**Head start program** - Held at the [Study Melbourne Hub Kuala Lumpur](#), join our FREE soft-skills transformation workshop specifically designed to empower your personal communication skills through fun and interactive workshops.



#### Event details:

- **Date:** 25 April for current students or 26 April for future students
- **Time:** 9:30am – 5:00pm MYT
- **Location:** Study Melbourne Hub Kuala Lumpur
- **Cost:** Free - [Register now](#)

## SERVICES & SUPPORT

### Study Melbourne Student Centre

**The Study Melbourne Student Centre** offers free and confidential information, referrals and practical support for Victoria's international students. Our multilingual staff offer wellbeing support, including help with accommodation, health, employment and legal problems.



#### Question of the month

I am an international student studying in Victoria and I would like to get some support from SMSC. I am still learning English and worried that my English is not fluent enough to speak to the staff

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Yes, the [Study Melbourne Student Centre](#) has a team of staff who come from diverse culture backgrounds. Currently we have staff who are fluent in Mandarin, Cantonese, and Swahili. If we don't speak the language you prefer, our friendly staff can arrange phone interpreter to talk to you. Alternatively, you can ring TIS National on 131 450 to get immediate interpreter support.

### Speak with expert employment and accommodation lawyers

If you need help understanding the law or you have a legal problem, [Study Melbourne Student Centre](#) support staff can refer you to our [International Student Employment and Accommodation Legal Service](#) that provides the advice you need. This service for international students is free, independent and confidential.



Know your work rights – Watch our video on the [Study Melbourne YouTube channel](#).

### Study Melbourne Hubs

Existing and aspiring Melbourne international students around the world are attending in-person and virtual events at our [Study Melbourne Hubs](#) to connect

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learn more about studying in Australia.



Explore career and leadership development sessions with prominent alumni and education providers from Victoria, join fun activities presented by our Hubs in India (online), Shanghai, Ho Chi Minh City and Kuala Lumpur, or simply book a study space and speak to our friendly staff. [Learn more.](#)

## STUDENT STORIES

### [Read: Oashe Bhattacharya celebrates International Women's Day 2022](#)

In celebration of [International Women's Day](#) this year, Oashe Bhattacharya shares her journey as an accomplished emerging leader.



After completing a Master of Public Health at Monash University, she now divides her time between working at The Alfred Hospital as a Research Assistant at the National Trauma Research Institute and running Project SASS (Support for South Asian Students) at [IndianCare](#). You can read more about Oashe's story on the [Study Melbourne website](#).

**Develop your career skills** – We provide regular opportunities for students to build their skills and employer connections. Check out our [events calendar](#) or follow our [Facebook page](#) to stay updated with the latest Study Melbourne programs.



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Rachel talks about developing her career skills while studying in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

*I think that Melbourne has everything to offer to you, excellent education and many supporting services for international students.* — **Rachel Nguyen, Vietnam**

## COVID-19 UPDATE

In this [COVID-19 update](#) we share some current updates for the international student and international education community.



### Your COVID-19 Checklist

To see what you need to do if you test positive to COVID-19, or you have been told you are a contact, you can follow the checklists and information resources on the [Victorian Government's coronavirus website](#).

[COVID-19 Booster advice](#)

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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 restriction levels

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

### 24/7 Coronavirus Hotline

If you suspect you may have COVID-19 call the dedicated hotline – open 24 hours, 7 days. The COVIDSafe Information hotline diverts to the national hotline every day from 8pm to 8am. Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only.

### 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 [COVID-19 Support for International Students hub](#) page.

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