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Join us in celebrating [Melbourne International Student Week](#) from 7-13 May. There will be free live music, comedy, dance workshops and giveaways! We'll be at Federation Square on Sat 7 & Sun 8 May, hosting free seminars with Jobs Victoria to help you live your best student life.



Don't forget to apply for the prestigious [Victorian International Education Awards](#) to win up to \$16,000 for international students (terms & conditions apply). **Applications close on Sunday 15 May 2022 at 11.59pm AEST.**

With university semester exams around the corner, make sure you're taking care of your mental well-being. Study Melbourne has put together [a list of useful links](#) to help you to stay healthy while you study.

There's so much happening in Melbourne and Victoria during May. Keep up to date with

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LATEST NEWS

Join us at Melbourne International Student Week, 7-13 May

On Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th May, Study Melbourne will be at Federation Square to celebrate [Melbourne International Student Week](#) with free live music, comedy, dance workshops and giveaways!

Special guests and activities include the Djirri Djirri dance group, comedy performances by Annie Louey and He Huang, musician Aaron Lee, interactive dance workshops by Melbourne Salsa and much, much more.



Study Melbourne will host free seminars with Jobs Victoria to help you live your best student life. Join us to learn more about free employment support, career development programs, your rights, state nomination pathways, and confidential support services available to international students.

Bring your friends and drop in to say hello, try something new, meet new friends, and learn more about what's available to support Victoria's international student community.

Want more? There's lots going on through Melbourne International Student Week during the week 7-13 May in Melbourne, Victoria and across the globe through Study Melbourne

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See the full [Melbourne International Student Week program](#).

Melbourne International Student Week is presented by the Committee for Melbourne and proudly sponsored by the Victorian Government through Study Melbourne.

Apply now for the Victorian International Education Awards 2021-22

Applications are now open for the prestigious [Victorian International Education Awards](#).

These awards provide an opportunity to showcase and acknowledge outstanding students, alumni and education providers who are working hard to champion international education in Victoria and across the globe.



Applications are invited from eligible international students, domestic students, alumni and Victorian international education providers across a number of award categories, with prizes of up to \$16,000 for international students (excluding alumnus category).

Applications close on Sunday 15 May 2022 at 11.59pm AEST. [Apply now](#)

International Student Arrivals

Fully vaccinated eligible student visa holders can travel to Australia without a travel exemption.

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.



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

[Find out more.](#)

EVENTS & KEY DATES

Leadership Labs China: In-person networking event hosted by Study Melbourne with program partner Campus Consultancy. This event brings together Chinese student leaders in formal leadership roles and those aspiring to a leadership career to meet, learn and grow together.

This event will give student leaders an opportunity to network across universities, TAFES and colleges, develop practical leadership skills, and learn with local leaders.



Event details:

- **Date:** 6 May 2022
- **Time:** 3:00pm – 6:00pm AEST
- **Location:** Level M, 168 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000
- **Cost:** Free - [Register now](#)

Starting this weekend: The inaugural **Melbourne International Student Week** will take place on 7-13 May 2022 with free live music, comedy, food, dance workshops and giveaways!. We can't wait to see you there!

See the full [Melbourne International Student Week program](#).



Event details:

- **Date:** 7 - 13 May
- **Location:** Federation Square (7 – 8 May) and locations around Melbourne (9 – 13 May)
- **Cost:** Free - [Find out more!](#)

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skills to succeed in the future of work.

Participate in exciting masterclasses, attend insightful panels on innovation, connect with global tech leaders such as Atlassian and Victorian innovators, and make friends from around the globe!



Event details:

- **Date:** 11-24 May 2022
- **Cost:** Free - [Register](#)

Protecting your Work Rights: Join Study Melbourne, the [Migrant Justice Institute](#) and WEstjustice 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.](#)

Next Generation Victoria: Presented by Outcome.Life in partnership with Study Melbourne, this event brings together business leaders, program partners and the next generation of leaders, to celebrate coming back stronger — together.

Guests will be joined by keynote speaker and special guest Zondwa Mandela, Chairman of the Mandela Legacy Foundation and an innovator in solving global youth unemployment.



Event details:

- **Date:** 25 May 2022
- **Time:** 6:00pm – 10:00pm AEST

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- **Location:** Higher Ground Café, 650 Little Bourke Street Melbourne

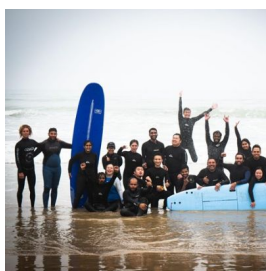
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- **Cost:** Free - [Register now](#)

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.

Program highlights include:

- Meet and make friends with other international students
- 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
- Visit Victoria's best beaches and bushland
- Delicious meals are provided



[View all upcoming excursions!](#)

* Please note there is a cost to book these 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**

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

International Events

industry, as well as from Victoria-based universities and alumni.

Our second discussion in the series will explore rewarding careers in engineering and industry-focused courses offered at Swinburne University of Technology. Also hear from an alumnus on what it was like to study in Melbourne and the transformative experience that led to their ambitions.

**Event details:**

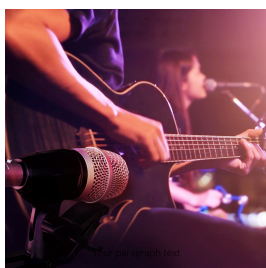
- **Date:** 6 May 2022
- **Time:** 6:45pm – 7:45pm IST
- **Location:** Park Hyatt Hotel, Hyderabad
- **Cost:** Free - [Register now](#)

Pitch and network with confidence alumni event: Graduates - join representatives from your alumni chapters in this pitching workshop where you will learn to craft, practise ideation and personalise your employability pitch for a successful job interview. This engaging networking session will help you develop the confidence to sell yourself.

**Event details:**

- **Date:** 12 May 2022
- **Time:** 5:00pm – 8:00pm MST
- **Location:** Study Melbourne Hub Kuala Lumpur, Common Ground, The Square, Jaya One, Jalan Universiti, Seksyen 13, 46200 Petaling Jaya
- **Cost:** Free - [Register now](#)

The Melbourne HCMC Music Show: The Study Melbourne Hub Ho Chi Minh City is hosting a vibrant music night with a stellar line-up of performances from alumni of Monash and La Trobe universities, with Vietnamese guest artist – Suni Ha Linh.

**Event details:**

- **Date:** 13 May 2022
- **Time:** 5:30pm – 9:00pm ICT
- **Location:** Study Melbourne Hub HCMC – 4th Floor, Circo Building, 222 Dien Bien Phu, District 3, HCM City
- **Cost:** Free - [Register now](#)

important issues international students face today, including workplace rights, job opportunities and housing rental for international students in Victoria.



Event details:

- **Date:** 11 May 2022
- **Time:** 3:00pm – 5:00pm ICT
- **Location:** Study Melbourne Hub HCMC – 4th Floor, Circo Building, 222 Dien Bien Phu, District 3, HCM City
- **Cost:** Free - [Register now](#)

SERVICES & SUPPORT

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 about to finish my language course and would like to find out further study options. Where can I find different course information? What should I find out before selecting a course or school?

Answer: Study Melbourne website has a [course finder](#) where you can search schools, courses, and scholarship options.

Before deciding on the course you would like to study, it is always good to do your research about the course and get as much written information as you can. Ask other students about their experience. Find out how long the education provider has been offering the course, and what experience the trainers have. Before enrolling read the provider's enrolment policies and make sure you understand what you are agreeing to.

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.



Rent increases

The Study Melbourne International Student Employment and Accommodation Legal Service (ISEALS) team have provided information about what is acceptable and lawful regarding [rent increases](#).

Get job ready!

Are you a newly arrived international student and not sure how to start looking for work? This series will get you ready to work while you're studying.

Jobs Victoria will be taking over The Couch International Student Centre once a month with experts from employment agency Asuria, career development



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You can also connect with Jobs Victoria at [Melbourne International Student Week](#) on 7-8 May at Federation Square.

From your working rights to how to tackle job interviews, our aim is to give you the tools you need to start working. [Register now.](#)

Study Melbourne Hubs

Existing and aspiring international students around the world are attending in-person and virtual events at our [Study Melbourne Hubs](#) to connect with fellow students, improve their professional skills, build networks and 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: Tips on managing stress during busy exam periods](#)

Study Melbourne Student Ambassador, [Felycia Viffany](#) offers some insights and perspectives on managing stress during busy exam and assignment periods.



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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

If you are aged 18 and over and you had your second 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 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 you can 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](#)

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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.

USEFUL LINKS

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