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Welcome to the September 2021 edition of the **Study Melbourne Student Newsletter**.

This month we are excited to announce the launch of the Leadership Labs Vietnam and Malaysia program.

Our initiative aims to level up global student leadership skills and build one-on-one mentoring. Stay connected for our panel events: Leaders in Australia and Vietnam and Leaders in Australia and Malaysia and graduation event by visiting the [Leadership Labs website](#).

Don't forget to vote this month (from 24th September) for your favourite entrant in the [Melbourne Writers Festival People's Choice Award](#) to win a \$50 Readings voucher! The entrant with the most votes will be the winner of this category.

Find out how to get your COVID-19 vaccination by reading the [latest updates below](#).

We encourage you to share the [Study Melbourne Student Newsletter](#) with your international student friends. They can [subscribe](#) to receive the latest news and events to help them learn and study in Melbourne.

Regards,

The team at Study Melbourne

COVID-19 UPDATES

Getting your COVID-19 vaccination

From **Wednesday, 25 August** everyone aged 16 years and over is eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

You can now book or change a vaccination appointment at a vaccination centre through the [Victorian Government's COVID-19 vaccine online booking system](#).

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The vaccines are free. This includes temporary and provisional visa holders (including international students and temporary migrants), Australian citizens,

permanent residents, refugees, and people seeking asylum.

You do not need a Medicare card to get a vaccine. If you do not have a Medicare card, you can apply for an Individual Health Identifier (IHI) number.

To do this, you will need to complete and submit a [Request or update an Individual Healthcare Identifier form](#). You can also visit a Medicare office to get an IHI.

If you cannot get an appointment at your preferred location, you should continue to check back, as more appointments will become available over the coming weeks.

For the latest vaccine information from the Victorian Department of Health, please visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine.

Victoria's restriction levels

Victoria has moved to COVIDSafe Settings.

A stay-at-home curfew is now in place. Between 9:00pm and 5:00am, you cannot leave your home (or the home of your intimate partner or bubble buddy) other than for limited reasons, including:

- authorised work
- health and medical purposes
- care and support of a child or someone with special needs
- in an emergency or to escape harm

Find out what this means for you on the [Victorian Government's coronavirus website](#).

Translated coronavirus (COVID-19) information

Access translated materials about COVID-19 on the [Victorian Government's coronavirus website](#).

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STUDENT ARRIVALS

Welcoming international students back to Victoria is a priority for the Victorian Government.

Victoria's International Student Arrivals Plan is being developed in consultation with the Australian Government to enable international students to gradually return to Victoria.

Students who urgently need to return to Australia to complete or continue their

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Once the International Student Arrivals Plan is approved, education providers will advise each student when a place for them becomes available. Expressions of interest are not required.

Thank you for your patience during this difficult time. We encourage you to keep in touch with your education provider for ongoing support.

For more information, please visit our [student arrivals webpage](#).

Study Melbourne Empowered Programs

Leadership

Leadership Labs – 4Impact stream was launched on 6 August - more than 200 international students across 50 project teams have formed social impact teams based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals with their mentors.

Stay tuned for our pitch competition in October, where students will have a chance to pitch their social enterprises to a judging panel for a chance to win \$10,000 in scholarships from The Hacker Exchange.

This month Leadership Labs Vietnam and Malaysia was also launched, creating more global connections for future student leaders. Stay connected for our panel events: Leaders in Australia and Vietnam (5th October) and Leaders in Australia and Malaysia (6th October) and graduation event.

Entrepreneurship

Future Founders Program – Join us for our two-week **Bootcamps** offering intensive and reflective learning aimed at helping you create the business plan and model of your new venture. **Applications now open.**

Employability

Career Catalyst – This month's free events include interview and LinkedIn workshops, one-on-one resume coaching sessions, and an **employability webinar** about how to structure remote working for nailing projects.

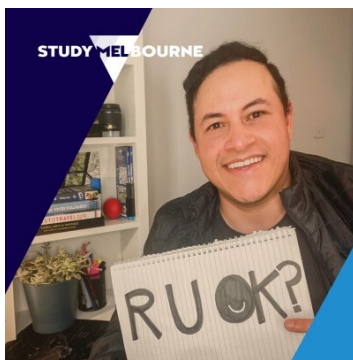
The program will help you connect, learn and grow through a community of peers and industry leaders.

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MentorMatch – Join us in an exciting mentorship program tailored to suit your individual student needs.

If you are an international student and would like to partner with a professional mentor, or a mentor that would like to be part of this global-leading program, [register your interest now](#).

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



Your mental health matters

Study Melbourne Ambassador [Alex Gutierrez](#) shares his advice about mental health and wellbeing.

[Read now.](#)

Study Melbourne Hubs

The Study Melbourne Hubs are an exciting, new initiative for international students.

Our global network of Hubs are located in China, Vietnam (opening soon), Malaysia (opening soon) and virtually in India.

The Study Melbourne Hubs support offshore international students (current, future and alumni) studying or looking to study with a Victorian education provider.

For more information, visit studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/Hubs



Shanghai Hub

The [Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai](#) hosted an information session on 11 August which showcased case studies from students and employers involved in Victorian Government work-integrated (WIL) learning programs.

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students had the opportunity to pitch and network with senior corporate executives.

Please refer to the Shanghai Hub's event calendar using the QR code.



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Support for international students

COVID-19 Test Isolation Payment

If you're self-isolating while waiting for COVID-19 test results and can't earn an income during that time, you may be eligible to receive the \$450 Test Isolation Payment. Find out more about the [COVID-19 Test Isolation Payment](#).

Emergency financial relief

If you're experiencing financial hardship, you may be eligible for emergency financial assistance through the Victorian Government's [Extreme Hardship Support Program](#).

The program is for temporary and provisional visa holders and undocumented migrants who are unable to access Commonwealth income support, and have zero or very little income, savings or community support.

If you received an International Student Emergency Relief Fund payment and still require assistance to pay for basics like rent, food and bills, you can apply for an emergency payment.

Please visit www.redcross.org.au/vicrelief to apply.

Foodbank International Student Pop-Up Store

international students.

All international students are welcome to come along, say hello and choose from a diverse range of fresh product, pantry and staple items.

Students simply need to bring along a shopping bag or cart, along with a Student ID. The space is COVID-safe of course, with contactless sign-in, social distancing markers and hand sanitiser stations on-site.

Located at Aurora Melbourne Central, 230 LaTrobe Street, Melbourne, the Pop-Up Store is open 10am – 2pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (excluding public holidays).

Other support

There is other support available for international students in Victoria:

- help to find work through the [Jobs Victoria online hub](#)
- [utility relief grants](#) to help pay overdue bills
- a dedicated [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) support hub](#)
- free [legal advice](#) on accommodation and employment matters
- confidential support and practical help through the [Study Melbourne Student Centre](#)
- free, one-to-one support and advice to international students through the [Partners in Wellbeing](#) team
- for information about family violence and statewide support services visit the [Study Melbourne website](#).



Useful Links

Health and wellbeing

[Study Well](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Victoria updates](#)

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