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As the year comes to a close, we reflect on what an incredible year it's been and recognise the sector's unwavering support for our international students and in making Melbourne Australia's best student city. We thank the whole International Education sector for your partnership and are pleased to share the following Study Melbourne highlights for 2022:

- Welcomed 34,700 new international students to Victoria
- Launched the International Education Recovery Plan 2025, supported by \$52.9m funding
- Delivered the \$50m International Education Resilience Fund
- Reopened the Study Melbourne Student Centre in Hardware Lane, Melbourne
- Delivered dedicated student programs, including the Study Melbourne Empowered and Inclusion programs
- Connected with our international students at Melbourne International Student Week
- Showcased Victoria's education providers and international students who have made outstanding contributions to the Victorian community at the Victorian International Education Awards
- Hosted the recent Australia-Vietnam Education Cooperation Forum during a visit to Melbourne by the President of Vietnam's National Assembly
- Celebrated the first anniversary of our Study Melbourne Hubs overseas and received a highly commended PIEoneer Award.
- Delivered the Global Victoria EdTech Innovation Alliance, awarding up to \$800,000 in major research grants.
- And to top it off, we celebrated Melbourne's recognition as Australia's most liveable, friendliest, and best student city!!

Wishing all our colleagues across the International Education sector a happy festive season.

The Study Melbourne Team



## NEWS & UPDATES

### Study Melbourne Inclusion Program – Grant applications now open!



Applications are now open for the Victorian Government's Study Melbourne Inclusion Program. As part of [Victoria's International Education Recovery Plan 2025](#), grants of up to \$75,000 are available to eligible Victorian organisations delivering projects that support the wellbeing of international students.

Projects can include, but are not limited to, welfare services, professional and financial advice, counselling, events, sporting activities, workshops, volunteering and leadership programs, producing information materials and awareness campaigns.

To download the program guidelines, supporting documentations and to apply for the grant please visit the [Business Victoria website](#).

For any enquiries related to the program, please email [studymelbourne@global.vic.gov.au](mailto:studymelbourne@global.vic.gov.au).

### Melbourne has been voted the friendliest city in the world!

Melbourne is officially the friendliest city in the world, adding to our title as the most liveable city in Australia and Australia's best city for students.

Melbourne beat 23 other global cities to take the title based on research by [William Russell](#), an international health insurance provider. Dubbed the "capital of cool" where residents are "known for their friendliness", our wonderful city scored highest on:



- 👉 Resident happiness
- 👉 Safety
- 👉 LGBT+ inclusivity
- 👉 Top attractions
- 👉 Highest-rated hotels

For more reasons to choose Melbourne, visit [our website](#).

## Career Catalyst Premium Industry Networking event



Last month, the Study Melbourne Career Catalyst industry networking event attracted over 100 international students and alumni to hear from Anu Villarosa - Director of People Experience, Pitcher Partners, as she shared her insights about innovation culture.

Throughout the evening, international students and alumni had the opportunity to connect with industry partners and potential employers, expanding both their personal and professional networks. It was a perfect night to celebrate the end of their exam period and hone their networking skills.

Study Melbourne Career Catalyst offers an exclusive suite of services, including one-on-one career coaching services, free practical workshops, premium networking events and in-person student events at the [Study Melbourne Student Centre](#).

To find out more and share with your network visit the [Study Melbourne website](#).

## Melbourne home to Australia's Most Reputable University

Melbourne is home to Australia's most reputable university, according to the [Times Higher Education rankings](#).

The rankings are based on the world's largest invitation-only opinion survey of senior, published academics. It asks scholars to name no more than 15 universities that they believe are the best for research and teaching in their field.

[The University of Melbourne](#) (ranked 45th) is the only Australian university to finish in the world's top 50.



Find out more about why students love to study in Melbourne by visiting the [Study Melbourne website](#).

## MARKET ENGAGEMENT

### Study Melbourne Open Day





On 4 December, the [Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai](#) hosted a Study Melbourne Open Day - an education fair to promote Victoria's education opportunities. It was attended by over 70 prospective students and parents. Students had one-on-one sessions with representatives from seven Victorian higher education institutions and Victorian Government schools.

Brett Stevens, Commissioner for Victoria to Greater China, welcomed guests and students from Visit Victoria, Coles Supermarket in China and our alumni community, who shared exciting facts about Melbourne and the state of Victoria.

If you are interested in hosting an event at the Shanghai Hub, email: [Shanghai@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:Shanghai@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au).

## Vietnam-Australia Education Cooperation Forum



The State Government of Victoria was pleased to host the Vietnam-Australia Education Cooperation Forum on Friday 2 December, as part of the official visit to Australia by the President of Vietnam's National Assembly, Dr Vuong Dinh Hue.

Delivered in collaboration with the Australian Government and the Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training, the Forum explored internationalisation, quality and innovation within the higher education sector.

Thank you to all those who attended. The event's success is an excellent lead-in to the 50th anniversary of Australia-Vietnam diplomatic relations in 2023.

For the full story, visit the [industry section of the Study Melbourne website](#).

## Celebrating the Melbourne connection at Sunway College in Malaysia



Image caption: VIPs, Victoria University staff, lecturers and alumni, and staff from the Victorian Government celebrating the unveiling of the Alumni and Knowledge Wall

Melbourne has always held a special place in the hearts of students and alumni from Malaysia. To celebrate this connection, Study Melbourne, Sunway College in Malaysia and local artist James Seet collaborated on a series of mural walls, featuring iconic Melbourne landmarks.

The unveiling ceremony of this creative project was hosted by Elizabeth Lee (CEO, Sunway Education Group) and Teo Ee Sing (Executive Director, Sunway College), joined by Rebecca Hall GAICD (Commissioner for Victoria to Southeast Asia), The Hon. Steve Bracks (Victoria University Chancellor and former Premier of Victoria), Adam Shoemaker (Victoria University Vice Chancellor and President), along with Ryan O'Hare (CEO, Keypath Education).

If you are a Victorian education provider interested in exploring new opportunities in Malaysia, contact our Education Services Director, Cassie Tam: [Cassandra.Tam@global.vic.gov.au](mailto:Cassandra.Tam@global.vic.gov.au) or visit [our website](#).

## Seminar series across our Study Hubs about the changing role of accountants



Study Melbourne was proud to partner with CPA Australia to deliver three seminars across our Study Melbourne Hubs in Kuala Lumpur, Ho Chi Minh City, and the CPA Australia office in Jakarta.

The seminars were an excellent opportunity for students and alumni to hear from accounting and finance leaders across Government and the private sector and gain insights into many issues relevant to the sector today.

A big thank you to all the speakers who shared their experiences and perspectives on the green economy and sustainability issues, salary transparency, recruitment processes, employability and FinTech trends.

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



## Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai: Mentor Walk

Last month, the Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai hosted over 80 mentors and mentees for the final Mentor Walk of the Shanghai chapter of Mentor Walks Asia.



Mentor Walks Asia is a monthly series to connect emerging leaders with established executives in Shanghai's vibrant women's professional community. Mentees who have begun their careers or are in career transition walk for an hour with an established mentor for advice, perspective and honest feedback.

We encourage education providers to connect with the Study Melbourne Hubs to explore opportunities to engage with offshore current and prospective students, and to showcase your institution's graduate career outcomes. If you are interested in hosting an event

at the Shanghai Hub, email: [Shanghai@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:Shanghai@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au).

## Career Talk with La Trobe Business School

Recently the Study Melbourne Hub South Asia collaborated with La Trobe Business School to deliver Career Talk in Chennai, India.

Professor Aron O'Cass, Dean of La Trobe Business School and a world-renowned expert in marketing strategy, innovation and new product development, delivered a masterclass on success in new product innovation and new technology ventures in India.



The masterclass was followed by an interaction that explored the type of rewarding careers that are possible through business studies and industry-focused courses offered at La Trobe University. Professor O'Cass answered questions from budding entrepreneurs in the audience and spoke about the student and learning support offered at La Trobe University and how the school produces career-ready graduates.

The audience found the masterclass to be fascinating with useful career insights.

If you are a Victorian education provider interested in exploring new opportunities in South Asia, visit our [Study Melbourne Hub South Asia](#).

## SERVICES & SUPPORT

### Study Melbourne Student Centre




The [Study Melbourne Student Centre](#) is a vibrant space dedicated to our global community of international students.

Located in Melbourne's iconic Hardware Lane, we are here to support all international students in Victoria over their student journey.

Students can connect with services, activities and opportunities to help them thrive while living and studying in Melbourne.

- Free and confidential student support services
- Free events and programs
- Student workspaces
- Free coffee and wifi

- **Address:** 17 Hardware Lane, Melbourne.
- **Opening hours:** 9am-5pm Monday-Friday
- **Email:** [info@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au)

-  **24/7 phone line:**
  - o **Local call:** 1800 056 449 (free from landline phones)
  - o **Overseas call:** +61 3 9623 1512

## Additional support for international students

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

- Legal support through the free [International Student Employment and Accommodation Legal Service](#)
- Help to find part-time 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](#)
- Information about [Flood Recovery Assistance](#)
- If the Medibank breach has affected, you visit the [Medibank website](#).

We encourage you to share these resources with your students.



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