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

If you're studying online from overseas, there are many ways to get involved and stay connected to the Study Melbourne community, including our [Future Founders Program](#) and [Confidence Crew](#).

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.

If you know anyone in our international student community who needs extra support, please encourage them to contact our team via email at [info@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au) or call 1800 056 449.

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.

We hope you enjoy our newsletter and have a wonderful month ahead!

*The team at Study Melbourne*

### Victoria's restriction levels

Victoria has moved to COVIDSafe Settings.

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

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### Translated coronavirus (COVID-19) information

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

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## Returning international students to Victoria

Our international students are a much-loved part of our community. We look forward to welcoming back our students who are waiting offshore as soon as possible.

The Victorian Government is working with education providers and the Australian Government to gradually and safely return international students to Victoria.

Health advice, the vaccine roll-out, and the safety of the community will influence this plan. It is difficult to provide a timeline for when large numbers of students can return to Victoria.

Keep in touch with your education provider for support or visit [www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/arrivals](https://www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/arrivals).



## Future Founders Festival 2021 – 48 HOUR HACKATHON

The **Future Founders Festival** 2021 is a free program designed for international students and budding entrepreneurs.

The Festival will include a **48-hour Hackathon** that offers a hands-on introduction to entrepreneurship and the startup ecosystem.

Set for the weekend of 28-29 August, across the 48 hours, you will join a team to develop and build a product idea, which you'll then present to expert judges. [Find out more](#).

The Festival is part of the **Future Founders Program**, a free year-long entrepreneurship program presented by **Study Melbourne** and **StartSpace**.

## Study Melbourne Leadership Labs 4Impact

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skills of emerging and future international student leaders.

From next month, join Leadership Labs for the 4Impact stream.

You will get to form a social enterprise project team based on the UNESCO sustainable development goals.

The program will help you strengthen your interpersonal and problem-solving skills.

Project teams will be coached by industry experts from the social enterprise and not-for-profit sector, culminating in a pitch night with further professional development and networking opportunities on offer.

To find out more about Leadership Labs, visit the [Study Melbourne website](#).



## Career Catalyst

[Study Melbourne Career Catalyst](#) is a comprehensive career development hub that helps international students build employability skills and make valuable industry connections.

Delivered in partnership with [Outcome.Life](#), our program supports and empowers students with the right skills to excel in the job market.

This month's free events include interview and LinkedIn workshops, one-on-one resume coaching sessions, and an employability webinar on [hospitality and the gig economy](#).

[Check out our Career Catalyst website](#) to find out more.

## Study Melbourne Confidence Crew: South Asia

[The Study Melbourne Confidence Crew Program 2021](#) supports our on- and off-shore

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)South Asian students impacted by the ongoing  
COVID-19 crisis[Translate ▼](#)

This 16-week virtual program will help you build social connections and emotional resilience.

*"Confidence Crew has really helped me manage everything better!"* — Priya S.

You can also check out our [bonus video](#) to see what other students had to say about the program.

We'd love your support to join and share the [events](#) with your friends.



### IndianCare

Calling all students from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and Myanmar – if you're seeking employment, social or wellbeing activities, [IndianCare](#) has programs for you.

The team at IndianCare understand it's a difficult time for many international students and encourage you to connect with their understanding community. IndianCare is supported by [Study Melbourne's International Student Welfare Program](#).

For more information, visit [their website](#).



### Food aid relief for international students

The Victorian Government is supporting Foodbank, OzHarvest and SecondBite with funding to provide food aid to international students in Victoria experiencing financial hardship.

The [FoodBank International Student Pop-Up Store](#) is supported by Study Melbourne and provides free and culturally diverse food and pantry items to international students.

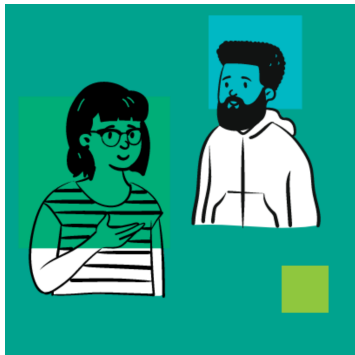
The store is open from **10am to 2pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday** (except public



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OzHarvest and SecondBite are providing bags of groceries and pre-prepared frozen meals for collection across metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria.

Find the collection points on the [Study Melbourne website](#).



## Partners in Wellbeing — mental health support funded by the Victorian Government

[Partners in Wellbeing](#) offers free and confidential wellbeing support to international students across Victoria.

To help you manage stress and improve your wellbeing, contact Partners in Wellbeing on 1300 373 300.

The Partners in Wellbeing helpline is open **Monday-Friday 9am-10pm**, and **Saturday-Sunday 9am-5pm**.



## Experience the AFL in Melbourne

There is so much to do in Melbourne. Hear what one of our [2020 VIEA winners](#) has to say about attending the footy in Melbourne.

*"Attending the Western Bulldogs V North Melbourne match felt like participating in a common ritual that unites strangers around Melbourne city. From taking the tram wearing the beanie and scarf of the team, to protect you from winter and to show the support, together with the vibrant chants at Marvel Stadium reflecting the excitement to see our teams score. I couldn't have asked for a better way to spend my Sunday afternoon!"*

Visit our [Discover page on the Study](#)

## 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](http://www.redcross.org.au/vicrelief) to apply.

### 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](#).

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

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