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Welcome to our February 2023 edition of the Study Melbourne Student Update.

A very happy new year to everyone and we hope you have come back from your break relaxed and refreshed. Congratulations to fresh graduates or those who are about to graduate as well!

We warmly welcome our newly commencing or continuing international students back to our vibrant city. Make sure you visit our [welcome page](#) on the Study Melbourne website to help you get the most out of student life in Melbourne and Victoria.

Melbourne and Victoria came alive this summer with a flurry of activities. From serving up the first Grand Slam of the year at the [Australian Open](#), to hosting a spectacular variety of activities for [Midsumma](#) or delivering bushels of fresh berries at [Victoria's berry orchards](#) in the country, there was never a dull moment!

There are still new places and activities to explore for the rest of the summer.

Here are our top picks for this month:



### **National Sustainable Living Festival**

Discover innovative solutions and be inspired to take action for a sustainable future

**When:** 1-28 February 2023

### 🏠 China – The past is present

Discover the cultural and artistic traditions in contemporary China with this free exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV)

**When:** Now till 23 April 2023, 10 am to 5 pm daily

### 🏢 MPavilion

Immerse yourself in Australia's leading architecture and design event

**When:** Now till 6 April 2023, 9 am to 6pm daily

### 🎪 Malthouse Outdoor Stage

Soak up live entertainment such as local music and comedy shows beneath blue skies or a blanket of stars

**When:** Now till 20 April 2023, various times daily

There is plenty to see and do for the rest of summer, as we segway into autumn. So, grab your friends and make some plans – adventure is right around the corner!

*Study Melbourne Team*

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## Melbourne and Shanghai jointly celebrate Lunar New Year



For Lunar New Year, the Study Melbourne Hubs in Shanghai and Melbourne broke new ground by running their first ever joint celebration to virtually connect students from both cities. There was lantern making, painting and games to cheer on the festivities.

Through their interactions, students in Shanghai had the opportunity to learn more about studying and living in

Victoria from their peers.

*“Good to know that there is a Study Melbourne [Hub] in [Victoria]...I really enjoyed the event and would love to join next time when I return to China for summer vacation.”* said Dora Huang, a student from the University of Melbourne.

Fiona Letos, Director of Study Melbourne and International Education, and Brett Stevens, Commissioner for Victoria in Greater China joined in the festivities as well.



To discover upcoming events and programs, visit the [Study Melbourne website](#).

## How volunteering can make you more employable



A history of volunteering is often sought by potential employers and there are many opportunities for international students to volunteer in Australia.

Other benefits of volunteering include:

1. **Volunteering expands your network** connecting you to individuals who share similar interests. With a larger network, you'll gain new insights and discover employment opportunities.
2. **Volunteering develops your existing skills** and provides an opportunity to develop new ones. You can then add these skills to your resume.
3. **Volunteering strengthens your resume** and is an excellent way to build on your work experience which is required by many employers.
4. **Volunteering helps you determine your career pathway** by allowing you to test if it is the right industry or job for you.
5. **Volunteering builds your confidence** and can give you a sense of accomplishment but will also allow you to experience a higher degree of self-esteem and assurance.
6. **Volunteering keeps you fulfilled** and can help you make a positive impact on society.

To learn more visit [Study Melbourne](#).

## Study Melbourne Career Catalyst – upcoming events

### What is Study Melbourne Career Catalyst?

Study Melbourne Career Catalyst, a Victorian government program delivered by InternMatch, is a comprehensive employability and career development program. This program seeks to empower international students to unleash their career potential as the next generation of global talent and business leaders in Victoria.



### Make your career count in accounting and finance

Join us for this in-person event to hear about where accounting and finance studies can take you and some tips to help you succeed.

Whether you're interested in furthering your career opportunities in accounting and finance, or keen to learn about the different types of roles you might find yourself in once you're finished studying, it's always important to hear from those with lived experience.

Hear from Anoop Singh, Chief Commercial Officer at Southeast Melbourne Phoenix (National Basketball League) about his experiences and learnings since completing his CA and working in roles within the sporting industry.

**Event details:**

- **Date:** 2 March 2023
- **Cost:** Free event
- **Time:** 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm AEDT
- **Location:** Study Melbourne Hub, 17 Hardware Lane, Melbourne, VIC 3000
- [Book your spot](#)

**Learn to Lead - Ballarat international student networking event**

Join us this International Women's Day to hear from inspiring local leaders to gain insight into how networking, people management and community involvement can help develop your leadership skills.

***This is an inclusive and free event for all current international students, alumni and business partners in the Ballarat region.***

Walk away feeling motivated and engaged, with a few handy tips and tricks on:

- New resources available to students
- Improving your networking skills
- Leading teams and developing management skills
- Being innovative and how this translates in industry
- Local community groups to get involved with

**Event details:**

- **Date:** 8 March 2023
- **Cost:** Free
- **Time:** 9 am - 11 am AEDT
- **Location:** The Atrium @ Oscar's Hotel 18 Doveton Street South Ballarat, VIC 3350
- [Book your spot](#)

**LinkedIn masterclass and free professional headshots**

Today's recruiters use LinkedIn as their primary source for finding candidates for roles. How well are you marketing yourself as a prospective employee? This is your chance to stay ahead and future-proof your career (and get a new professional headshot while you're at it!)

LinkedIn's own Angus McAvaney will teach you how to leverage your profile effectively to stand out against competitors and build a strong network of like-minded professionals.

Whether you're looking to build your network, attract a recruiter, or break into a new industry, this session is for you.

Our professional photographer will be snapping your new LinkedIn headshot, so dress as if you're off to your dream job interview.

#### Event details:

- **Date:** 9 March 2023
- **Cost:** Free
- **Time:** 5.30 pm-7.30 pm AEDT
- **Location:** Study Melbourne Hub, 17 Hardware Lane Melbourne, VIC 3000
- **[Book your spot](#)**

### Study Melbourne Hubs Southeast Asia – one-year anniversary reflections



Study Melbourne has recently celebrated the one-year anniversaries of our Study Melbourne Hubs in Kuala Lumpur and Ho Chi Minh City.

Since their launch, a diverse range of insightful, interactive and fun events and activities have been delivered, connecting Victorian education providers and other education stakeholders with prospective and current

students and alumni.

Study Melbourne is delighted to see the Hubs go from strength to strength, supporting two international student communities that consistently rank in our top six source countries for international students.

To learn more about the Hubs visit the [Study Melbourne website](#).

### Enjoy Victoria's parks and natural spaces safely



1. When hiking or bushwalking, it's important to plan ahead.
2. Pack at least two litres of water, extra food and a first aid kit.
3. Bring a fully charged smartphone and take a photo of a map of the area before you leave home.

4. It is easy for campfires in Victoria to grow and spread quickly and dangerously. Don't build your own firepit, and only light a campfire in fireplaces provided.

5. Do not park on the side of the road when the parks are overcrowded as it obstructs walkways, making it dangerous for everyone.



6. Often coastal destinations within 1.5 hours of Melbourne will be full by 10 am. Arrive early or have a backup plan if it is already busy when you arrive.

7. Swim safely at beaches, rivers and lakes by learning about the conditions and your ability. If you jump in without a plan, you could drown.

Learn more at the [Parks Victoria website](#).

## 5 steps to studying in Melbourne



Step 1: Choose Melbourne - Australia's most liveable city and the education capital of Australia

Step 2: Find a course that suits you using the [Study Melbourne Course Finder](#)

Step 3: Apply to study directly to your preferred education provider or via an [agent](#)

Step 4: Apply for a [student visa](#)

Step 5: Arrange your [accommodation](#)

For more information and a detailed step-by-step guide visit the [Study Melbourne website](#).

## Are you considering hiring an e-scooter for commercial purposes?



E-scooters are becoming increasingly popular as a mode of transport. If you are planning to hire an e-scooter to help with your role as a food delivery person or to travel between locations, please make sure you familiarise yourself with the following:

- Victorian users can only ride in participating council areas
- The speed limit is 20 km/h
- You must wear a helmet at all times
- To operate an e-scooter, your Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) must be below 0.05%.

**Warning: offending whist riding a commercial hire e-scooter may result in loss of any driver licence or permit held.**

Learn more on the [VicRoads website](#).

## Yuze Lu's international student experience in Melbourne



Meet Yuze Lu, a student from China who recently completed a Master's degree in Melbourne at **Monash University**.

Monash is one of Melbourne's prestigious universities, ranking 44th globally in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2023.

Yuze chose to study in Melbourne because “there are many of the world’s top universities to choose from. Second, I know Melbourne is a liveable city with many beautiful scenic places. You don’t need to spend much to enjoy the beauty of Melbourne. Lastly, Melbourne offers some of the best food in the world because of its multicultural background.”

Read Yuze’s blog on [our website](#).

## SERVICES & SUPPORT

### Study Melbourne Hub



**The Study Melbourne Hub** (formerly called the Study Melbourne Student Centre) is a dedicated space for all international students in Victoria. We provide support, events, connections, and opportunities.

At the Hub you can:

- Access student workspaces
- Get tips on everything about living and studying in Victoria.
- Enjoy free coffee, tea and WiFi

All international students are encouraged to visit the Hub to learn about the space and the services we offer. You can also contact us to make an appointment via email or our 24/7 phone line.

- **Address:** 17 Hardware Lane, Melbourne.
- **Opening hours:** 9 am - 5 pm, Monday to Friday
- **☎ 24/7 phone line:**
  - Local call: 1800 056 449 (free from landline phones)
  - Overseas call: +61 3 9623 1512
- **✉ Email:** [info@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au)

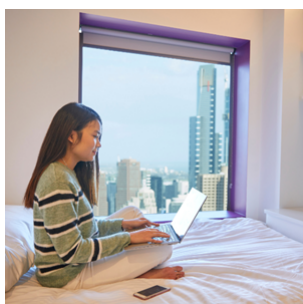
### Question of the month

*Where can I get general information on career development as an international student?*

**Answer:** If you are seeking general information on career development, some education providers have career counsellors to support students with any questions. You can also speak to the team at the Study Melbourne Hub about upcoming workshops, events and programs, including [Career Catalyst](#), a career development program for international students.

Our team is here to help. You can contact the Study Melbourne Hub by phone on 1800 056 449 or email [info@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au). For more information and list of events, visit the [Study Melbourne website](#).

### Important information for renters



International students have the same rights as all Victorian renters.

#### Where do I get help?

If you have any concerns or problems with renting, before or after signing your lease, free help and advice is available.

#### Tenants Victoria

[Tenants Victoria](#) provide lots of information about renting in Victoria and what to do if you have a problem including:

- [Starting your tenancy](#)
- [Ending your tenancy](#)
- [Common problems](#)
- [Problems with landlord](#)
- [Language resources](#)

#### What if I am a victim of a rental scam?

If you think you have been a victim of a rental scam and you have provided personal details to an unknown site or person, visit the [Australian Cyber Safety Centre](#) for advice about keeping your information safe.

You can report accommodation scams by contacting

- [Scamwatch](#)
- [IDCARE](#)
- [Victoria Police](#)

#### Study Melbourne Hub and ISEALS

Contact the [Study Melbourne Hub](#) for a confidential discussion about your



situation. If you require legal advice about an accommodation problem, you can make an appointment with the [International Student Employment and Accommodation Legal Service \(ISEALS\)](#). This service is supported by Study Melbourne and is free to international students living and studying in Victoria.

Contact us via phone 1800 056 449 to make an appointment or visit the Hub at 17 Hardware Lane, Melbourne.

### Consumer Affairs Victoria

[International Students – Renting in Victoria](#) is a video from Consumer Affairs Victoria. See more information about renting on the [International Students page](#) on their website.

For more accommodation-related advice visit the [Study Melbourne website](#).

### Is gambling a problem?



If you're feeling overwhelmed by money worries due to gambling or betting, there are ways to seek help and advice.

**Financial counselling:** Financial counselling is free and confidential. Call Gambler's Help on 1800 858 858 any time to book a session or [request a callback](#) if you would like someone to contact you. Visit the Gambler's Help [financial counselling page](#) for more information.

**Self-help:** [Reset](#) and [100 Day Challenge](#) are free and confidential apps to help you understand and manage your gambling.

For more information visit the [Study Melbourne website](#).

### Additional support for international students

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

- Tips and advice for [working in Melbourne and regional Victoria](#)
- [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](#).

## USEFUL LINKS

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