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Caption: Strengthening Victoria-Vietnam people-to-people links at the Australia-Vietnam Leadership Dialogue Launch

Welcome to the April 2023 edition of the Study Melbourne International Education Insider.

March has been a busy month, as we welcomed more international students to Melbourne and showcased our signature events such as the [PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival](#), [Melbourne International Comedy Festival](#), [International Garden and Flower Show](#), and [Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix](#).

[The Study Melbourne Hub](#) had the honour of welcoming Tim Pallas, Minister for Trade and Investment, as he met newly arrived international students to Victoria and presented them with special welcome bags. The Premier for Victoria also visited China, strengthening the education relationship between Victoria and China. [Read more](#).

The Victorian Government will sponsor the Australia-Vietnam Leadership Dialogue for 2023 and 2024 to celebrate the 50-year Vietnam-Australia relationship.

We are thrilled to announce our 2023 [Study Melbourne Ambassadors](#) – Adyant, Amanda, Daniel, Divya, Jayden, Khanh, Kushal, Max, Minji, Sachreet, and Yanyan – who will be working with us throughout the year to ensure international students remain at the centre of our policy and program design.

The 2023 Victorian International Education Awards are opening soon, and we encourage your participation and that of your international students. Look out for more details coming soon.

The Study Melbourne team

NEWS & UPDATES

Australia named world's 3rd best higher education system in 2023



In the largest-ever series of QS subject-specific rankings, Australia ranks as the third-best higher education system globally, with the University of Melbourne one of only three universities worldwide with an outstanding 48 disciplines each ranked within the world's top 50.

Australia was the fourth best-represented country overall, with a significant presence in Arts & Humanities, Engineering & Technology, Life Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences.

Monash University had 40 and 46 ranked disciplines in the top 100 and top 200, respectively, making Victoria the only Australian state with two universities with 40 or more subjects ranking in the world's Top 100. For more information visit the [QS Top Universities website](#).

New and improved International Student Travel Pass



Study Melbourne is launching a new and improved International Student Travel Pass.

Education providers need to sign up to the scheme to enable their international students to be eligible.

Eligible international students will continue to save 50% on public transport and can now:

- Choose from a 90, 180, or 365-day pass
- Purchase a state-wide pass (for the price of a Zone1+2 pass) that enables them to enjoy unlimited travel on bus, train and tram throughout Victoria.
- Use the pass for all their travel – from getting to campus and work to going out with friends.

Eligibility criteria: International students enrolled full-time in a bachelor or associate degree, diploma or advanced diploma with an education provider that has signed up to the International Student Travel Pass program.

For more information and to sign up to the program contact internationalstudent@ptv.vic.gov.au.

Victoria welcomes the arrival of international students



Study Melbourne is excited to welcome international students arriving in Victoria and Melbourne – Australia's best student city.

Department of Home Affairs data shows since international borders reopened in December 2021, the number of onshore students has doubled to more than 141,000. The top 5 source countries are China, India, Vietnam, Nepal and Colombia.

[Minister for Trade and Investment, Tim Pallas](#) visited the Study Melbourne Hub in Hardware Lane to acknowledge the contributions of international students - *"We're a welcoming state and it's great to see large numbers of students from all around the world back in Melbourne and regional Victoria – they make us a more vibrant community."*

Meet our 2023 Study Melbourne Ambassadors

We are proud to announce our 2023 Study Melbourne Ambassadors – Adyant, Amanda, Daniel, Divya, Jayden, Khanh, Kushal, Max, Minji, Sachreet and Yanyan.



Our Study Melbourne Ambassadors are global citizens who will leverage their experience and strengths to help create a rich and supportive community for international students. They will also be involved in student programs and represent Study Melbourne at official events.

Visit [our website](#) to learn more about their diverse experiences, their field of expertise and their passions.

If you see our Ambassadors at a Study Melbourne event, program or initiative, please come up and say hi! They would love to chat and share their insights.

Study Melbourne meets with recruitment agents from around the world



Study Melbourne promoted Victoria and Melbourne as Australia's best student city at the [ICEF ANZA 2023 conference](#) in Perth last week.

This year's conference was bigger than ever, attended by Victorian education providers, agents from around the world and numerous industry service providers.

The conference program featured seminars including student career opportunities and market updates from key countries for international education.

Thank you ICEF ANZA for giving us a platform to showcase Victoria and Melbourne and connect with industry.

Find out more about how Study Melbourne works with [industry](#).

ASEAN School Counsellors in Melbourne – 17-19 April 2023



Study Melbourne hosted a delegation of School Counsellors from ASEAN countries in Melbourne, providing a firsthand experience for the counsellors to visit and hear from some of the best universities in Victoria, along with other cultural experiences while visiting the city.

The 28 counsellors from across Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore and Cambodia spent 3 days in Melbourne between 17 – 19 April, visiting 7 of the top universities in Victoria. The visits were complemented by welcome and closing events hosted by Study Melbourne where the counsellors heard from international education experts from both the

state government and universities on why students should choose Melbourne, Victoria as their international education destination.

The delegation also got a taste of Melbourne's vibrant cultural and culinary experience through a Melbourne Laneways dinner experience and attending the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

The 3-day visit concluded with an event at the Study Melbourne Hub at Hardware Lane where the counsellors were briefed on the supports available for international students through the hub along with a tour of the facility.

The visit from the counsellors provided a great opportunity for Victoria's international education providers to directly showcase their facilities alongside courses and support offered to international students.

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MARKET ENGAGEMENT

Australia-Vietnam Leadership Dialogue - bringing together influential young leaders



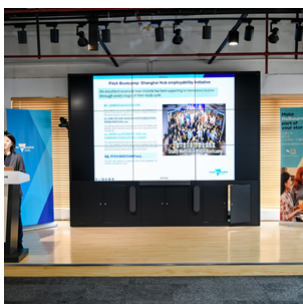
Global Victoria, on behalf of the Victorian Government, is proudly the primary sponsor of the Australia-Vietnam Leadership Dialogue (AVLD) for 2023 and 2024.

The AVLD program brings together 20 highly influential young leaders under age 35, 10 each from Victoria and Vietnam, with a 5-day residential program held annually. In September 2023, the Dialogue will be held in Ho Chi Minh City and the Mekong Delta, and in 2024, it will be held in Melbourne.

Officially launched in Melbourne on 20 March and in Ho Chi Minh City on 21 March, applications for the 2023 Dialogue were declared opened by AVLD Co-Patron, General the Honourable, Sir Peter Cosgrove AK, CVO, MC, and AVLD Board Chair, Dr Melissa Jardine. Applications close on 30 April 2023. The Treasurer of Victoria also attended the launch in Melbourne, highlighting the significance of the Victoria-Vietnam bilateral relationship.

Victoria has the largest number of international students from Vietnam in Australia, with over 10,300 enrolments in 2022. For more information about the Dialogue, please refer to the [media release](#), or visit the [AVLD website](#) to apply.

Australian universities continue to host events for students and stakeholders at the Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai



In March, the [Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai](#) hosted two events by Australian Catholic University (ACU) and La Trobe University for international students and local stakeholders.

ACU held a hybrid "Gateway to ACU Launch" event for 20 counsellors from large education agencies, introducing the Gateway program and an overview of last year's events at the Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai.

La Trobe University hosted an event for 16 potential students, which included a course presentation, alumni sharing, a quiz, a Q&A session and provided students with an overview of studying at La Trobe University. Attendees also had the chance to network with alumni and La Trobe University China Office representatives.

The Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai is a valuable and free resource for Victorian education providers to showcase their offerings to a broader audience in China. For more information, please get in touch with the Hub team at shanghai@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au.

Study Melbourne's Mentor Match program: connecting international students with local mentors

Study Melbourne participated in the CivVic Labs Accelerator Program in 2019-20 to develop 'Mentor Match', a mentor matching program that connects international students in Victoria with local mentors to provide practical advice and support for personal and professional growth.



A dedicated stream of the program was launched in 2023 in partnership with the [Study Melbourne South Asia Hub](#), through which 25 international students from India were matched with mentors in Melbourne before they left India. Now in Melbourne, the program aims to help international students integrate into Australian social and business communities, expand their networks, and bridge cultural differences by having them meet regularly with their mentors. Both mentors and mentees have positively received the program.

Tim Reynolds, a Rotary mentor, stated that "developing our relationship... has been an enriching experience for me."

Similarly, Sagar Dasani, an international student mentee, shared that "the quality of conversation and advice I've got really made me question and research so many new things."

For more information visit the [Mentor Match website](#).

Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai hosts networking event with International Education Association of Shanghai



The Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai collaborated with the International Education Association of Shanghai (IEAS) to organise a networking event for its members on 20 March 2023.

Representatives from RMIT University, Monash University, La Trobe University, and Deakin University attended the event to promote their academic strengths and unique student services offerings.

Study Melbourne plans to continue working with industry bodies and partners to provide more resources and establish potential partnerships through the Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai. For more information on how Study Melbourne and the [Study Melbourne Hub Shanghai](#) can support in-country marketing activities, please get in touch with the team at shanghai@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au.

Building international networks and community at the Study Melbourne Hub Kuala Lumpur



As the world becomes more connected, it's important for students and professionals to expand their networks and gain international experience. The [Study Melbourne Hub in Kuala Lumpur](#) provides a space for networking, collaboration, and community-building.

Recently, the Hub hosted a personal development dinner by [The Global Student](#), with key speakers sharing their experiences of working internationally. Attendees from various universities learned about ASEAN-Australia Strategic Youth Partnership (#AASYP) and its initiatives, making new connections and advancing their careers.

Another event at the Hub was a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing ceremony between RMIT University Alumni Malaysia (RUAM) and human resources company [DISC Flow](#), formalising their partnership to enhance RUAM's mentorship program and contribute to DISC Flow's growth in Malaysia.

RUAM also organised a camp to educate youth on emotional intelligence literacy, with participants gaining a better understanding of themselves and how to become effective leaders.

These events are just a few examples of the Hub's ability to create value, engagement, and growth opportunities. Connect with the Study Melbourne Hub Kuala Lumpur team at KualaLumpur@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au to make an impact.

Study Melbourne and A&A Education host successful workshop in Beijing



On 7 April 2023, Study Melbourne co-hosted an Agent Workshop with A&A Education, which was attended by over 40 education counsellors. The workshop's primary objective was to promote Victoria's world-class education excellence and to provide training for student recruiters.

Education Services Manager, Terry Wang, briefed attendees on [Victoria's International Education Recovery Plan 2025](#) and the student support services offered by Study Melbourne.

Representatives from Deakin, La Trobe, Swinburne, RMIT, and Monash provided updates on their new courses, pathway programs, and admission requirements.

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SERVICES & SUPPORT

Study Melbourne Hub, Victoria



[The Study Melbourne Hub](#) (formerly called the Study Melbourne Student Centre) is a vibrant space dedicated to our community of international students. Located in Melbourne's iconic Hardware Lane, we can help with a range of enquiries including financial hardship, accommodation, wellbeing and mental health support, and legal advice.

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

At the Hub, students can:

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

Address: 17 Hardware Lane, Melbourne

Opening hours: 9am-5pm, 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

Jobs Victoria Advocates at the Study Melbourne Hub every Monday!

Every Monday from 12pm to 4pm Advocates from Jobs Victoria are in the [Study Hub](#) and can assist international students with their job search.



The service can:

- Help students find employment support, training and education
- Share information and tips about getting a job
- Support students to apply for jobs on the Jobs Victoria [online hub](#)

Protecting the work rights of international students



For numerous international students in Australia, the search for employment is a crucial matter. However, students can sometimes encounter challenges in the workplace. As part of Victorian Law Week, Study Melbourne is hosting a session to explore methods for safeguarding the work rights of international students.

The event will feature professionals from leading organisations in Victoria, including JobWatch, The International Student Accommodation and Employment Legal Service, Jobs Victoria, The

Migrant Workers Centre, and Victoria's Wage Inspectorate. If you are an international student or work with international students, this discussion will provide you with essential information and resources.

Morning tea will be provided.

Event details:

- **Date:** 17 May 2023
- **Time:** 10:00am-11:00pm
- **Location:** Study Melbourne Hub, 17 Hardware Lane, Melbourne
- **Cost:** This is a free event
- [Register now](#)

Alternatively, you can arrange for a legal education presentation for students at your institution. This presentation will enhance your understanding of Jobs Victoria's customised services, which connect international students with decent employment opportunities that enable them to utilise their skills and expertise.

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](#).

We encourage you to share these resources with your students.



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