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VICTORIA AUSTRALIA



Secure your future
in Melbourne, Victoria

Melbourne is the best place to realise your potential.

In Victoria we have always recognised the importance of international friendships and education.

Our capital, Melbourne was built on the energy and creativity of people from around the world, and their achievements underpin the sophisticated and prosperous society we enjoy today.

As the world becomes more interconnected, the skills and understanding to work in different environments with people from other cultures becomes ever more important.

Choosing Melbourne, Victoria for your international studies provides more than a superior education.

The educational institutions and facilities you'll find in Victoria are among the very best in the world, with universities of unsurpassed international standing located in the heart of the city and in large regional centres across the State.

We invite you to make the journey to Melbourne and discover for yourself the endless opportunities for academic and personal growth that our marvellous city has to offer.

Melbourne, a great place to live.

- Home to five million people – a quarter of Australia's population
- Broad and well developed economy – Victoria generates about 26 per cent of Australia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
- Industry strength in manufacturing, information and communication technology, agriculture, food production and processing, medical research, financial services and tourism.
- Stable and democratic political system
- One in four Victorians were born in another country – people from more than 230 different countries have made Victoria their home.
- Top five languages other than English are Italian, Greek, Vietnamese, Cantonese and Arabic.

Victoria's Weather	Melbourne
Summer (Dec/Jan/Feb)	25.6 C°
Autumn (Mar/Apr/May)	20.2 C°
Winter (Jun/Jul/Aug)	13.6 C°
Spring (Sep/Oct/Nov)	19 C°
Average Max Temp degrees	19.6 C°



Education in Melbourne.

The thriving business and cultural life of Melbourne and Victoria, is built upon an education system that's among the best in the world.

Melbourne is dynamic, successful, and linked to the global information economy.

Our educational institutions attract students from all over the world because they have the highest standards and an international reputation that has been built on a tradition of academic excellence that goes back to the Nineteenth Century (The University of Melbourne was founded in 1854). Victorian graduates have succeeded in their chosen fields for a long time.

Of course Victoria's teaching institutions don't just attract the brightest students from around the globe. They also attract the best teachers.

You'll be taught by the best in the world. Nobel Prize winners, leaders in their professions, the brightest minds in all disciplines; they come to Melbourne because working in Victorian institutions advances their careers as well as those of their students.

It's not just the latest technology, the best teachers and the most well equipped facilities and infrastructure. Victoria's success in education is built upon a vibrant philosophy.

Our approach to learning is based on involving students.

But above all our learning environments are active and dynamic, encouraging student participation through hands-on learning.

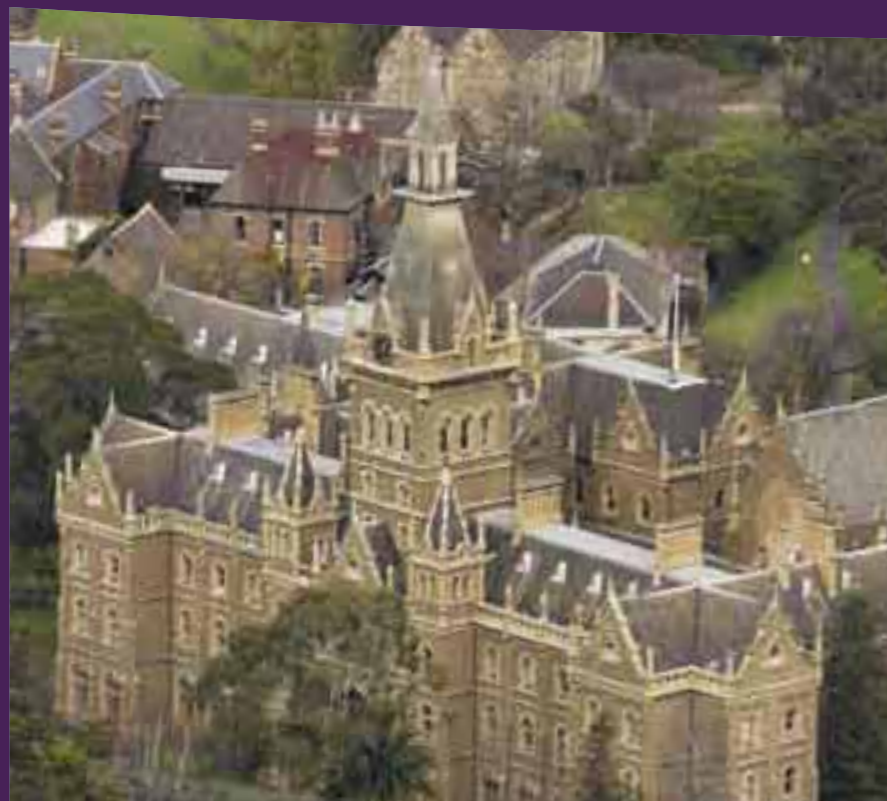
Victoria's education system doesn't operate in an isolated vacuum. It's closely linked to industry. You'll be taught by people who understand the real world. It will prepare you for whatever you want to achieve: academic excellence, followed by a brilliant career. Our system is also highly flexible. It is built around clear study pathways which allow students to move easily between courses and institutions.

These are among the reasons Melbourne has always been extremely popular with international students. Literally hundreds of thousands have studied here over the years.

In 2006 over 107,000 students from 162 countries chose Melbourne for their education.

An educational philosophy that looks towards the future.

Students in Victoria are supported, encouraged, stimulated and nurtured. Our schools, universities and vocational education and training institutions are creative and accessible. You'll contribute to the local student and community life; and it will contribute to yours.



How Victoria's education system is structured.

Victoria's education system has many components. It is intricately structured, but it is best understood as one system. Broadly speaking it is comprised of primary and secondary schools, vocational education and training institutions, and universities.

Most of the courses offered by our institutions are part of a national system called the Australian Qualifications Framework. This national system links qualifications between schools, vocational education and training providers and universities, to a range of learning pathways according to your study and career ambitions require.

Every part of Victoria's education system is regulated and guaranteed. The quality of our teaching is protected by legislation and closely monitored by government and independent organisations.

We do that because our system is one of our most precious assets. Maintaining it is vital for our continued success in the global economy. It's also important to us because it attracts fresh thinkers. New ideas, new ways of problem solving are vital to our growth.

We have much to offer you. But you also have much to offer us.

What will you study and where?

Schools.

From primary to secondary, our school system is one of the most advanced in the world. Many students come from other countries, particularly in Years 11 and 12, to take advantage of the high levels of teaching and the outstanding results achieved in our secondary schools. Victorian schools are safe and caring. Students develop their individual talents in an environment that's engaging and challenging.

The teaching is friendly and interactive. It has also embraced technology; computers, the internet and multimedia are widespread throughout our schools.

Students attend school for six hours a day, five days a week. During Years 11 and 12 students work towards the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). This is the official government secondary qualification which allows entry to universities throughout Australia, as well as many of the best in the world.

With hundreds of government and private schools in Melbourne, and throughout Victoria, there are many options. There are boarding schools, religious schools, schools for girls or boys only and coeducational schools.

A wide range of subjects are taught, including English, mathematics, science, arts, technology and languages. The emphasis in our schools is not all on the curriculum. There are school bands, school plays and many other activities. Our schools have teams playing just about any sport you can think of.

Victorian schools give many students from overseas the education and the English language skills needed to succeed in further study.

One of them could be your first step towards your future.



University.

There are nine Victorian universities and a number of government accredited private higher education providers. Campuses are located in the heart of the city, as well as the suburbs and regional Victoria. They're dynamic, challenging and rewarding places to study.

They're stimulating environments for learning, research and innovation, and they'll help you grow, academically, personally and professionally.

Students come to our universities from around the world to gain valuable skills, experiences and qualifications. Courses here cover everything, from traditional academic areas of learning and research such as medicine and law, to more practical courses like fashion and design.

Each of our universities has its own strengths and areas of specialisation. All of them have the latest technology, and a commitment to excellence.

There are more opportunities in Melbourne. Students here take an active role in the learning process. Our universities are open. We encourage debate, the free exchange of ideas. The skills you'll gain in a Victorian university are those that will help you succeed in your career: the ability to think creatively and independently, and to function in teams.

You'll be studying in an environment that has pioneered new ideas and new technologies. Victorian universities have developed advances in business, science and industry. Postgraduate students take their skills and apply them to research projects that are among the most challenging and dynamic in the world.

Our universities are major participants in international education, research projects and initiatives.

You'll be taught by people who are leaders in their field. Our teachers, like our students, come from all over the world. There are also student and staff exchange programs with institutions in the USA, UK, Canada, Europe and Asia.

Victorian universities are innovative, flexible, and supportive learning environments. If you study in one you'll not only gain an internationally recognised qualification.

You'll also open the door to your future.

Vocational Education and Training.

More and more students are coming to Melbourne to obtain vocational education and training qualifications from Victorian institutions which focus on the needs of employers and industry. There are 19 Training and Further Education institutions as well as a large number of private providers, offering high quality, hands-on training at levels ranging from certificate to advanced diploma. Some offer bachelor level programs.

They offer leading edge technology, excellent facilities and the flexibility to achieve your goals. The quality of the courses, the staff and the teaching standards are all guaranteed by the government. Courses are recognised by universities, and can provide pathways to further study and university qualifications.

The skills you'll gain are those that employers are looking for. You'll be work-ready when you graduate. You'll have the practical knowledge and skills to succeed in your chosen field.

There are so many courses; information technology, business and management, marketing and communications, health, science, design and the arts, television production and media, environmental studies and land management, sport and recreation, engineering and building, hospitality and tourism.

Vocational courses, both in the classroom and in work environments, take the skills you already have and apply them in a practical way. They encourage you to be an independent and active learner. Your teachers are all highly skilled in the practical realities of the workplace.

All the vocational education and training institutions in Victoria offer English language training and university preparation courses.

You'll gain a recognised qualification, such as a diploma, an advanced diploma, or even a degree. And these qualifications are not just recognised by employers; they're actively sought, particularly by Victorian employers.

In fact, many students stay here after they graduate to consolidate their skills and launch their careers. International students with Australian qualifications account for about half the people assessed under the skilled migration program. The government has a policy of granting visas to graduates who have a good education, strong skills and abilities that will contribute to the Australian economy.

Vocational education and training in Victoria could be the next step to your future.



Learning English.

There's always someone here to help you.

English is our language. If it's not yours, that can be an added challenge.

That's why we go to great lengths to make it as easy as possible to improve your proficiency in English as quickly as possible. Indeed, thousands of students, from 115 different countries, are doing just that right now.

Central to the Victorian education system is the provision of English language courses, which usually run from four to twelve weeks.

They're practical, interactive, cater to all levels of English ability and are available to students studying at school and tertiary level.

They're also accredited by the government. And, best of all, they're extremely effective.

International students, even those who arrive with a limited grasp of the language, soon find they're speaking fluently with perhaps, a bit of an Australian accent!

All Victorian teachers, whether at school, university or vocational education and training providers, have considerable experience in the special needs of overseas students. They make themselves accessible to all students, particularly those from overseas.

Wherever you're studying you'll get help finding accommodation that's secure, convenient and pleasant to live in.

Support networks are provided that will help with everything from finding your way around the campus to making friends.

Someone can meet you at the airport on your arrival. There are orientation programs to help you settle in.

Many educational institutions also offer health services, including dentists, doctors and other healthcare professionals.

You'll never be lost in the crowd. For one thing there'll be lots of other students from your country already studying here. They'll have made successful links with the local community, where they're studying and where they're living. You will soon be part of the community too.

Student welfare support and counselling services are always available. We encourage students to ask for help if they think they need it, even perhaps, before they need it. They'll help you get more out of your studies. And more out of living in Melbourne, Victoria.



Discover the city's soul.

Melbourne has a long history of welcoming and embracing cultures from all over the world. It is this diversity that makes Melbourne the city we're so proud of. And because Melburnians love nothing more than socialising and eating out, the city and surrounding suburbs are filled with an astounding array of restaurants, grocery stores and shops offering Greek, Italian, Vietnamese, Chinese, African, Indian, Japanese and Middle Eastern cuisine.

In fact there's a little piece of home everywhere you look.

Melbourne is also known as the shopping capital of Australia, with department stores, specialist shops and boutiques dotted throughout laneways and streets within the city centre.

Just a short walk to the western fringe of the city is the famous open air Queen Victoria Market, bursting with fresh produce, clothing and just about anything else you can imagine.

Melbourne also has one of the most sophisticated public transport networks. The city and our institutions are well serviced by trains, buses and the city's historic trams. It's a network that will help you get to and from your studies and help you discover the rich diversity of Melbourne.

so where do you go from here?

When you study in Melbourne, you're not only living in one of the world's great cities. You're also tapping into the mainframe. You're connecting to the world economy. You are studying, working towards your future.

Visit studymelbourne.com.au. Talk to your careers adviser. If members of your own family, or your friends have studied in Melbourne, talk to them. Talk to the institutions.

All the Victorian schools, universities and vocational education and training providers have detailed information about the courses they offer, and the support they provide international students. There's no shortage of information.

Studying in Melbourne can take you anywhere.

But wherever it takes you, we guarantee it will be a life changing experience. When you finish you'll have a qualification from one of the world's great learning centres.

No matter where your journey takes you, it begins right here. In Melbourne, Victoria.



Why we love Melbourne.

International students have come to Melbourne for many years.

For all of them this has been their first step towards a successful future.

Here is what some of them have had to say about living and studying in Melbourne.



"You can jump and fly and unexpected surprises will come."

Elva, China.
Bachelor of Law and Arts.



"Melbourne is very successful in attracting high profile overseas lecturers. I often glance through copies of leading business magazines and management journals and recognise several members of the teaching staff as regular contributors."

Owen, Ireland.
Masters of Business Administration.



"Australians are great people, easygoing and relaxed. I have met many nice people from many cultures and have tried different kinds of cuisine."

Liliana, Peru.
Master of Accounting.



"If I have a question or need help, my teachers are always there to assist me."

Anna, Sweden.
Bachelor of Commerce.



"Students can easily form study groups and discuss issues in their spare time. This has stimulated my thinking and made studying even more interesting."

Wai Leung, Hong Kong.
Bachelor of Pharmacy.



"One of the best things about the courses is that they allow me to experiment with my creative flair. I have been able to work on events including hair shows, and competitions, which give me good experience and are a lot of fun."

Elly, Indonesia.
Diploma of Hairdressing and Diploma of Beauty Therapy.



"Studying in Melbourne gives me practical knowledge and hands on experience. The medical faculty has an International Student Support Program which helps overseas students overcome communication difficulties."

Tuyen, Vietnam.
Bachelor of Medicine.



"I greatly enjoy meeting and making friends with local people here as well as people from many different countries. I feel that they have become almost part of my own family."

Ahmed, Bangladesh.
Medicine (PhD Psychiatry).



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