

## Preparing for your departure

Leaving home and going to live in another country, is a big undertaking. It is important to know :- What to bring and what not to bring.

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### >>>> **What to bring**

#### Clothing

If you will be studying at Sydney / Wollongong/ Melbourne in Australia you will need appropriate clothes for a tropical climate. Cool light clothes (t-shirts/shirts/blouses and jeans/casual slacks/skirts are fine for the summer).

It is also a good idea to wear a hat and long sleeved shirts for protection from sunburn during the summer months. Sweatshirts/jumpers/coat/tracksuit are necessary during the winter months. It is recommended you bring a comfortable pair of walking shoes or sneakers. Australians generally have a casual approach to dressing. On campus most students and academic staff dress informally.

If you will be studying at our Sydney or Melbourne campuses, then you will need clothes for a cooler climate and that cater to all four seasons. A generous warm coat will be necessary during the cooler months.

At any of our campuses, you may attend dinners and student celebrations. Men often wear suits or smart trousers and a shirt/tie for these occasions. Appropriate clothing for women would be a semi-formal dress or skirt and top. For special occasions such as International Night you may want to bring your national costume and accessories.

Other items. Toiletries, bath towels, bed linen, blankets for the winter months, bilingual dictionary, alarm clock, radio/cassette player, camera, rice-cooker, driver's license/international driver's license translated into English, photographs from home and electric plug/adaptor. The standard voltage for electrical appliances in Australia is 240 volts and standard plugs have three flat pins. You may need to purchase an adaptor to use your appliances in Australia and these are available from most electrical or department stores.

International students can bring items such as desktop or laptop computers and similar electronic equipment duty/tax free into Australia provided Customs is satisfied these items are intended to be taken out of Australia on the student's departure.

Cooking utensils and other household items can be purchased at reasonable cost from department stores or second-hand shops after your arrival in Australia.

## >>>>>>>What NOT to bring

It is important you are aware of what you cannot bring into Australia. After you have paid your tuition fees, you will be sent an orientation package, which includes a brochure from the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service. It details goods that you cannot bring and goods that must be declared on your arrival. Please read this brochure very carefully. You can be fined more than A\$500 on the spot or even face prosecution if you do not declare items of quarantine concern. If you are not sure about the goods you are carrying or Australia's quarantine law, declare them anyway and ask a quarantine officer.

By being aware of Australia's quarantine laws and passing on this information to friends and relatives overseas, you can help prevent the entry in these country of pests and diseases through parcels containing illegal food and plant items. Remember, an innocent gift mailed from one person can often mean problems for another.

The following items cannot be carried in Australia: mayonnaise, moon cakes, fresh noodles containing egg or meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, packaged meals containing egg, dairy products or meat, meat and meat products (fresh, dried, frozen, smoked, salted or canned, including stock and meat snacks), salmon and trout (fresh or dried), cheese, beans (dried or fresh), salami (fresh or preserved), sausages (fresh or preserved), milk and dairy products including butter, plant material.

Remember to pass on this important information to friends and relatives overseas.

If you would like further information, please visit this Web site:

<http://www.affa.gov.au/docs/quarantine/travel/index.html>

And in preparing for your departure, "a2z Study" has prepared a Travel Checklist which we hope will be of assistance to you.

## >>>>>>>Travel Checklist

Please use the following checklist to ensure you are well prepared for your journey to Australia.

Make sure you have: A valid passport containing your student visa.  
Two passport size photographs for your student identification (ID) card.  
Collected and checked your airline tickets and travel itinerary.  
Faxed your Airport Reception and Accommodation form to specific Uni  
Purchased travellers cheques. Purchased Australian dollars to cover your  
initial expenses.

Arranged for a visit to your dentist for a check-up (dental treatment is not covered in Australia by your OSHC insurance). Read the International Student Guide provided in your orientation package. Read carefully the Customs Information for Travelers brochure also included in your orientation package. Read carefully the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service brochure "What can't I take into Australia?" also included.

