

## Why study in Australia

The total number of international students in Australia at April 2004 was 237,235, an increase of 7.7 per cent over the previous year. They come from USA, England, Europe, Asia, India, Bangladesh, China and many other nations choose to study in Australia. We rank third behind the large, populous United States and Britain. And we offer a more dynamic, exciting study environment.

**They come because of the worldwide acceptance and respect for Australian degrees and qualifications, which can be your passport to a well-paid career and a secure future.**

Included in the many Australian graduate success stories, you'll discover the global CEOs of Ford, Coca Cola and McDonalds, the first Japanese Astronaut and the stars of Hollywood blockbuster movies.

Australia's States & Territories offer a range of different climates, excellent study options, part time work and travel opportunities.

### University campuses in NSW

- Australian Catholic University
- University of Sydney
- University of Wollongong
- University of New England
- University of New South Wales
- University of Newcastle
- University of Technology, Sydney
- University of Western Sydney
- University of Ballarat (Sydney Campus)
- Central Queensland University (Sydney International Campus)
- Charles Sturt University
- Deakin University (NSW Campus)
- James Cook University (Sydney Campus)
- Macquarie University
- Southern Cross University
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### **>>>>>>>On the move**

Sydney uses buses, trains and ferries for public transport. Fares depend on the distance you are travelling, but as a guide, fares start at around \$1.50 for buses, \$2.60 for trains and \$4.30 for ferries. Most regional towns have bus networks, while the cities of Wollongong and Newcastle have suburban trains. Throughout NSW, you can travel between regional centres by airplane, train and bus.

Visit Cityrail Site for more Info at <http://www.cityrail.info/>

### **Find out more**

[www.visitnsw.com.au](http://www.visitnsw.com.au) (tourist information)

[www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au) (NSW Government services)

[www.smh.com.au](http://www.smh.com.au) and [www.dailytelegraph.news.com.au](http://www.dailytelegraph.news.com.au) (Sydney newspapers)

[www.onlinenewspapers.com/australi.htm](http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/australi.htm) (links to newspapers around NSW)

[www.citysearch.com.au](http://www.citysearch.com.au) (nightlife and events)

### **>>>>>>> Career path**

With an Australian qualification your opportunities are countless. International students with Australian qualifications enjoy a high degree of success finding employment around the globe due to their internationally recognised studies. Many international students find jobs before they complete their studies.

Australian universities have alumni associations for their graduates. These associations provide an extra avenue of support and linkage for international students, helping many find jobs after study and maintaining connections with fellow students well after they have left.

Often overseas students choose to live and work in Australia after their studies. In 1999-2000, 14 per cent of permanent residence grants made in Australia were to holders of student visas, and in 2000-01, around 50 per cent of applicants for skilled migration were former overseas students. Of those overseas graduates available for full-time employment, almost 75 per cent had found work within four months of finishing their studies.

### **>>>>>>> Multicultural**

The last census showed that Australia's citizens came from more than 170 different countries around the globe, making it one of most multicultural societies on the planet.

An Italian pizzeria a few blocks from a mosque, around the corner from a Fijian community centre. Australia is a truly multicultural society, established by migrants from all over the world. So whatever your nationality or religion, you'll fit right into today's Australia.

There are cultural support groups, associations, clubs and restaurants by the thousands. You could dine out and enjoy a different cultural cuisine every night. Malaysian, French, Thai, Italian, Singaporean, Spanish, Vietnamese, Greek, Cantonese, Hungarian, Russian, German, Indian, Korean, Lebanese, Indonesian, Japanese, Argentinean ... just to name a few!

Around a quarter of Australia's people were born in another country. Fifteen per cent of Australians speak a language other than English at home.

Australia has equal opportunity laws against discrimination on the grounds of race, culture, religion or gender. For more information, contact the [Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs](#), the [Council for Multicultural Australia](#) or the [Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission](#).

## >>>>>>>>> **Safe environment**

Australia is very safe with a low crime rate, political stability and a peaceful society. In most places, streets are clean, open and well-lit at night. The incidence of robbery and assault is relatively low, and Australia has strict anti-gun and drug laws.

A peaceful country, Australia has never had a civil war, and is free of civil strife. The government is democratically elected, and is not ruled by the military nor based on religion. Australia is a harmonious nation, with equality for all, regardless of gender or race.

Australia is free from many diseases encountered by travellers in other countries. Even in Australia's tropical areas there is much less risk of common tropical diseases such as malaria and yellow fever. Because of its cleanliness and sanitation, Australia is also free of diseases such as cholera and typhoid.

## >>>>>>>>> **Quality assured**

The [Australian Qualifications Framework](#) ensures the quality of your education. The Framework links together all levels of study from school through to postgraduate and is a highly visible, quality-assured national system of educational recognition.

Australian universities establish their own academic and performance standards, which are then audited every five years by the [Australian Universities Quality Assurance \(AUQA\)](#), an independent, not-for-profit national agency.

The [Education Services for Overseas Students \(ESOS\) Act](#) is comprehensive national legislation governing the quality and delivery of education to foreign students. ESOS protects students from fraudulent education providers and guarantees your course complies with the highest standards. Under the ESOS Act, any institution from high school level to university which offers educational services to non-Australians must register with the [Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students \(CRICOS\)](#). Institutions not registered are subject to criminal penalties; this ensures 100 per cent compliance and guarantees institutional integrity.

## >>>>>>>>> Investment

Australia has high quality courses with a high standard of living at lower costs than the UK and USA.

In 2004, Australia offers significantly lower annual tuition fees for many popular courses. In addition, Australian undergraduate degrees are often three year courses, unlike in the US, where many degrees take four years to complete. This means students in America must pay an extra year of tuition fees. Similarly, an Australian PhD degree can be completed in three years, compared with four years in the US.

The total cost of studying in Australia (including tuition fees and living costs) can be more than 70 per cent lower than in the US for an undergraduate degree. The cost of living for international students in Australia is \$3,802 a year lower than in the UK, and \$3,896 a year lower than in the US.

## >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> Support

Australia provides extensive services and support to international students. A number of programs are set up just for international students, including international student associations, English classes, dedicated international student advisers and counsellors, application and visa assistance, airport pickup and temporary accommodation and orientation programs. Examples include:

- [National Liaison Committee for International Students](#)
- [International Student Advisers](#) (all university and other educational institutions provide this support service)
- [Gradlink's international students working in Australia](#)
- [English Australia](#)

Food and restaurants representing many nations are widely available. You'll also find cultural and community groups and a range of religious facilities. a2z Study counsellor can tell you about the most suitable organizations to support you in Australia.

## >>>>>>> Reputation

Each year over 91,000 international students from some 54 countries choose to study in Australia. The total number of international students in Australia as at April 2004 was 237,235 an increase of 7.7 percent over the previous year.

They come because of Australia's reputation for excellence in education. Australia is renowned for its quality of teachers, teaching methods and facilities. The world-wide respect for Australian qualifications can be your passport to a secure, well-paid career.

In science and technology, business, teacher education and law, Australia has contributed many inventions and discoveries to world progress. The cost of studying and living here is considerably less for international students than in the USA and the UK.

It all adds up to a great return on your education investment.