

e-Newsletter

August Newsletter

August, the last month of winters in Melbourne. Cover yourself with a layer of warm clothing and step outside to enjoy this city before it gets crowded again. Temperature typically ranging from 6.6 to 14.9 degrees Celsius will be a perfect excuse to escape the city and be your last chance at a great skiing getaway. For anyone who doesn't mind a bit of cold, Melbourne offers a wide range of activities to keep you busy in the city. Melbourne offers many events and places for you to enjoy your August with a great cup of coffee making these gloomy days into a cosy day out.



For more information visit:

<https://www.australia.com/en-in/places/melbourne-and-surrounds/guide-to-melbourne.html>

COVID-19 update from Department of Education and Training

- It is strongly recommended that everyone wears a face mask in all indoor and crowded places.
- Household contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case must continue to wear a mask indoors, unless an exception applies.
- The Australian Health Protection Principle Committee has reduced the period to consider someone as a recently confirmed case from 12 weeks to 4 weeks.
- The Victorian Government has also launched a 'Stay Well in Winter' campaign to encourage 3rd and 4th COVID-19 vaccine doses along with flu vaccination.

In view of the above, acumen education, strongly recommends that you wear a face mask every time you visit the campus or attend practical's as a safety precaution

For more information visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au

New Financial Year Brings New Changes for International Students

With the start of a new financial year in Australia, several changes are made to the international students.

- ▶ An increase in the student visa fee to \$650
- ▶ An increase in the minimum wage by 5.2%, making the new minimum wage \$21.38 cents per hour.
- ▶ An increase in the percentage of superannuation guarantee from 10% to 10.5%
- ▶ Every one will receive superannuation payments regardless of how much they earn as long as they are all above 18 years of age and work more than 30 hours a month.
- ▶ The Australian government is giving temporary graduate visa holders additional time to stay in Australia.
- ▶ Temporary skills shortage visa holders can now access a new pathway to get hold of the Australian Permanent residency.

For more detailed information please check:

<https://overseasstudentsaustralia.com/changes-for-international-students/>

Melbourne ranked #1 city for students in Australia

In "The QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023" Melbourne moves one rank up beating Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide.

Placing Melbourne at:

- #3 in world for 'Student voice'
- #5 in world for 'Best student city'
- #1 in Australia for 'Best student city'

Currently there are more than 85,000 international students in Melbourne. Out of which the highest (22%) are from India and followed by China and Nepal.

<https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/news-and-media/pages/melbourne-climbs-global-student-city-rankings.aspx>

National Skills Week 2022

National Skills Week is an initiative by SkillsOne, held during 22-08-2022 to 28-08-2022. This will be the 12th year in a row to highlight the talents, career paths and value of VET across Australia. To take part and to learn more ways to be involved in promoting VET follow:

<https://www.nationalskillsweek.com.au/>

Pathways and Perspectives

ASQA launched "Pathways and Perspectives", a publication for sharing data, insights and important updates about The VET sector. VET is shaping the Australian economy in ways bigger than any other by educating 3 times more than the higher education sector.



Key points in the first edition:

- Overview of VET sector
- People who transformed their lives with VET
- Quality outcome of students and employers
- ASQA's contribution to VET

Get your first edition here:

<https://www.asqa.gov.au/about-us/asqa-overview/our-role/pathways-and-perspectives>

Events And Activities

Getting Your First Job

A guide for international students on how to get their foot in the door and what services are available for them to secure their first job.

Date - 4 Aug 2022

Time - 5:30 PM – 07:00 PM

Venue - Lecture Theatre TD121, TD Building,
Swinburne University of Technology.

Cost - Free event



To register follow the link:

<https://www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/event/everyday-heroes-onshore/getting-your-first-job>

Network Like A Boss

Panel of speakers and experienced students, who will discuss their stories on how networking helped them explore jobs and how it changed their professional and social lives.

Date - 17 Aug 2022

Venue - The Couch, 69 Bourke St, Melbourne

Cost - Free event

To register follow the link:

<https://www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/event/everyday-heroes-onshore/network-like-a-boss!>

Indian Independence Day special

Celebrate India's 75th Independence Day with its colourful films. An event to display the creative peaks of the country along with creating an event to make you feel at home.

Date - 13 Aug 2022

Time - 10:20AM

Venue - Federation Square

For more information visit:

<https://www.onlymelbourne.com.au/independence-day-india>



Linguas Melbourne Language Exchange Social

A great opportunity for cultural understanding through real-life language practice. An event with great diversity with local community and international collaborations.

Date - Every Monday until December 19th

Time - 06:30 PM – 08:30 PM

Venue - The Couch, International student centre, Salvation army 614, 69 Bourke street, Melbourne

Cost - Free event

<https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/health-support-services/international-students/Pages/linguas-melbourne-language-exchange-social.aspx>

Pink pond

An installation resembling the beautiful Australia's inland salt lakes. The pink pond at the NGV is selected as the winner of NGV'S 2021 Architecture Commission. Designed to offer a space for the viewer to connect with the environment. Enjoy a good afternoon with a perfect book and a sandwich to soak yourself in their beautiful indigenous plants.

Date - Until 28 Aug 2022

Time - 10:00 AM – 05:00 PM

Venue - National Gallery of Victoria, 180 ST Kilda RD,
Melbourne

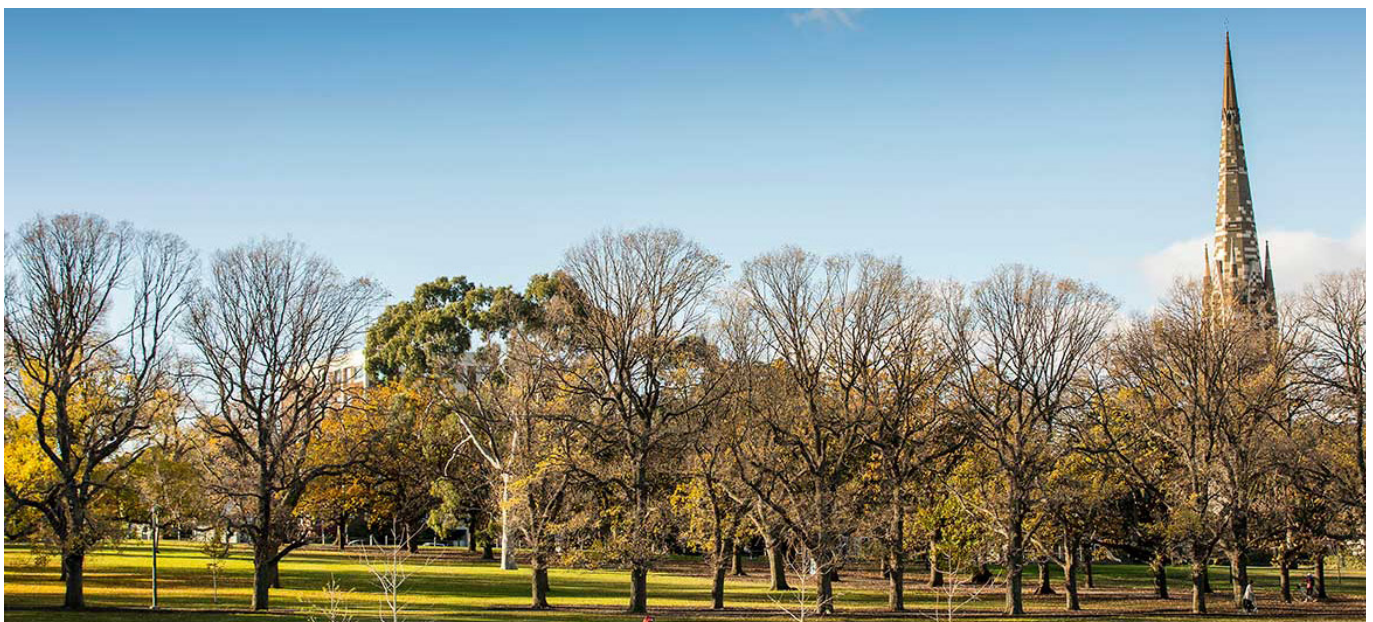
Cost - Free event



<https://whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au/things-to-do/ngv-architecture-commission-pond-er>

Fawkner park

Melbourne's Fawkner park is all ready for visitors after a great makeover. Now offering space for sports with their multi-purpose sports court and playgrounds. Making it safer for both the pedestrians and cyclist movement with its new pathways. A great place to get lost and beat your winter blues. What could be more perfect than a park full of happy faces to cheer you up when you start feeling alone in a big city like Melbourne?



<https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/news-and-media/pages/facelift-complete-for-historic-fawkner-park.aspx>