## Study Melbourne Student Centre

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### **Study Melbourne Student Centre**



17 Hardware Lane, Melbourne Point of contact for international students and other agencies

It is a 'one-stop-shop' for international students to access a range of face-toface support and assistance



### **Our services include:**

- A study space in Melbourne's CBD
- Information around key issues for international students
- Help to find services such as counselling, legal assistance and welfare support
- Information and support with difficulties that are impacting on your studies or wellbeing
- Casework support for individual international students experiencing significant difficulties
- To find out more about Victorian **Government programs** for international students including social, recreation, sports and employability
- Free workshops and activities



### Our staff:

The Centre is staffed by a multilingual, professionally trained team that are experienced in supporting international students.

- Kat Lysons- Manager
- Andrea Brookes Senior Caseworker
- Wei Jiang Caseworker
- Tania Battiau– Caseworker
- Li Chen Caseworker
- Claire Williams-Administration and Project Officer
- Emma Last Partnerships and Engagement Coordinator

All services are provided in language of choice through use of interpreting services, translated materials and multilingual staff members





# Casework and other services



### **Study Melbourne Student Centre Principles**

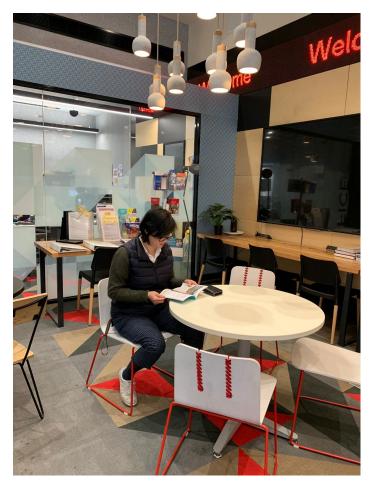
- **Student-centred**: We work with you and focus on what you consider to be important
- **Culturally responsive**: We provide a safe space that is respectful of all cultures
- **Complementary**: Where possible, we work in collaboration with other services
- Strengthening reputation: Of the international education sector and Victoria





### **Study Space in Hardware Lane**

- A study space for all international students
- Free tea and coffee
- Free Wi-Fi
- Super friendly and lots of information





### **Common Issues seen at SMSC:**

### **Employment**:

- How to get a job
- Not being correctly paid by employer

### Mental Health:

homesickness, depression, anxiety

### Accommodation:

 How to find good accommodation, problems with landlord or housemates

### General Health:

How to find a doctor, sexual health & relationship issues

### **Problems communicating with school**



### International Student Work Rights Legal Service

- The International Student Work Rights Legal Service will be based at Study Melbourne Student Centre (SMSC)
- International students can speak directly with a lawyer about any legal problems connected with their work
- The legal service can give international students information about the law, legal advice and referrals into other legal services where appropriate
- The legal service is free and confidential
- Access the legal service by contacting SMSC by phone or email
- The legal service offers free talks and workshops to help international students better understand their rights at work

### **Other services**

### **Resume Checking**

- Conducted by Employment professionals
- Every Tue & Thu
- From 2pm to 4pm
- Drop in no appointments needed





### **Employability workshops**

- These workshops fall under the Victorian Government's LIVE initiative (Lead, Intern, Volunteer, Experience) program.
- Make friends, build your employability skills, and reach your employment goals.
- Career Club, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 2-4pm
- Connect with Volunteering Victoria every month at Study Melbourne Student Centre



### **Study Melbourne Events**

Make friends, have fun, get involved!

- English Conversation Group, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday
- CISA Women's Afternoon Tea, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Join our newsletter for all event news and information



# **Social Media** STUDY MELBOURNE

### **Unlock Melbourne App**

Unlock all Melbourne has to offer

Designed specifically for international students arriving in Melbourne to assist in the arrival phase of the

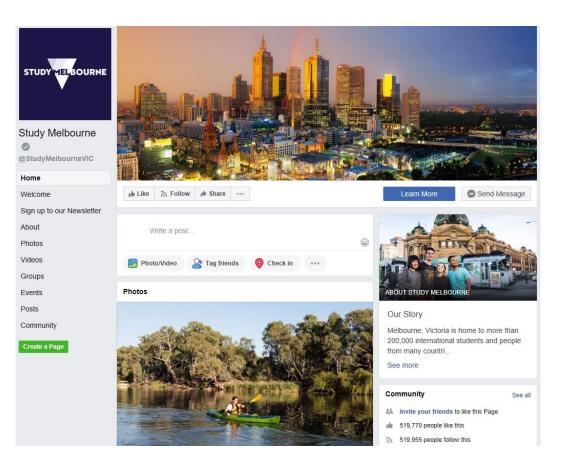
student lifecycle.

- Unlock the world's most liveable city.
- Get to know Melbourne and find the help you need.
- Fresh ideas about how to make the most of living and studying in Melbourne.
- Unlock something new every day and soon you'll be living like a local.

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### Facebook

Connect with us on Facebook to keep up to date with our international student events and activities





### **Facebook group**

- Search for: International Students of Melbourne and Victoria
- Closed facebook group for international students to share information and discuss issues.





### Other ways to connect with us

- Social Media Facebook, Instagram, WeChat, YouTube and Twitter
- Study Melbourne e-newsletter
- Ongoing events program
- Orientations and other international student events





### **Study Melbourne Website**

### studymelbourne.vic.gov.au

Information and advice on living and studying in Victoria – accommodation, health, financial management, employment and legal information





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### **Contact Us!**

You can access the Study Melbourne Student Centre by:

Telephone: **1800 056 449 - 24 hours 7 days** (free call from landline phones)

info@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au

studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/smsc

Visiting the Centre: 17 Hardware Lane Melbourne, 3000 Monday to Friday **9am – 5pm** 





