



Study Abroad in Australia at Deakin University

Melbourne | Geelong | Warrnambool



A special thank you to our students for sharing their photos, giving this brochure an authentic glimpse into life on campus and beyond.



Brighton Beach boxes

G'day and Welcome

Studying abroad is more than attending classes; it is about immersing yourself in a new culture, meeting people from around the world, and creating unforgettable memories. At Deakin University, Australia, we are proud to welcome study abroad and exchange students each year into our vibrant community. Whether you are here for a short-term program, a trimester, or a year, you will gain global perspectives, build lasting friendships, and learn from world-class academics in fields such as arts, architecture, education, health, sport science or sustainability. Your global adventure starts here – and we are excited to be part of it.

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Acknowledgement of Country

Deakin University acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of all the unceded lands, skies and waterways on which Deakin students, staff and communities come together. As we learn and teach through virtually and physically constructed places across time, we pay our deep respect to the Ancestors and Elders of Wadawurrung Country, Eastern Maar Country and Wurundjeri Country, where our physical campuses are located. We also acknowledge the many First Nations from where students join us and make vital contributions to our learning communities.

Destination Australia

Australia

Australia is a vibrant, multicultural society with a deep appreciation for sport, great food, music, and enjoying life to the fullest. From the remote beauty of the outback to the world-famous Great Barrier Reef and the tropical Whitsundays, Australia offers a diverse range of unforgettable travel experiences.

Its cities are made for exploration whether you wander through laneways filled with delicious cuisine, discover historic landmarks, and take part in a thriving calendar of cultural and arts festivals. There is always something new to see and do.

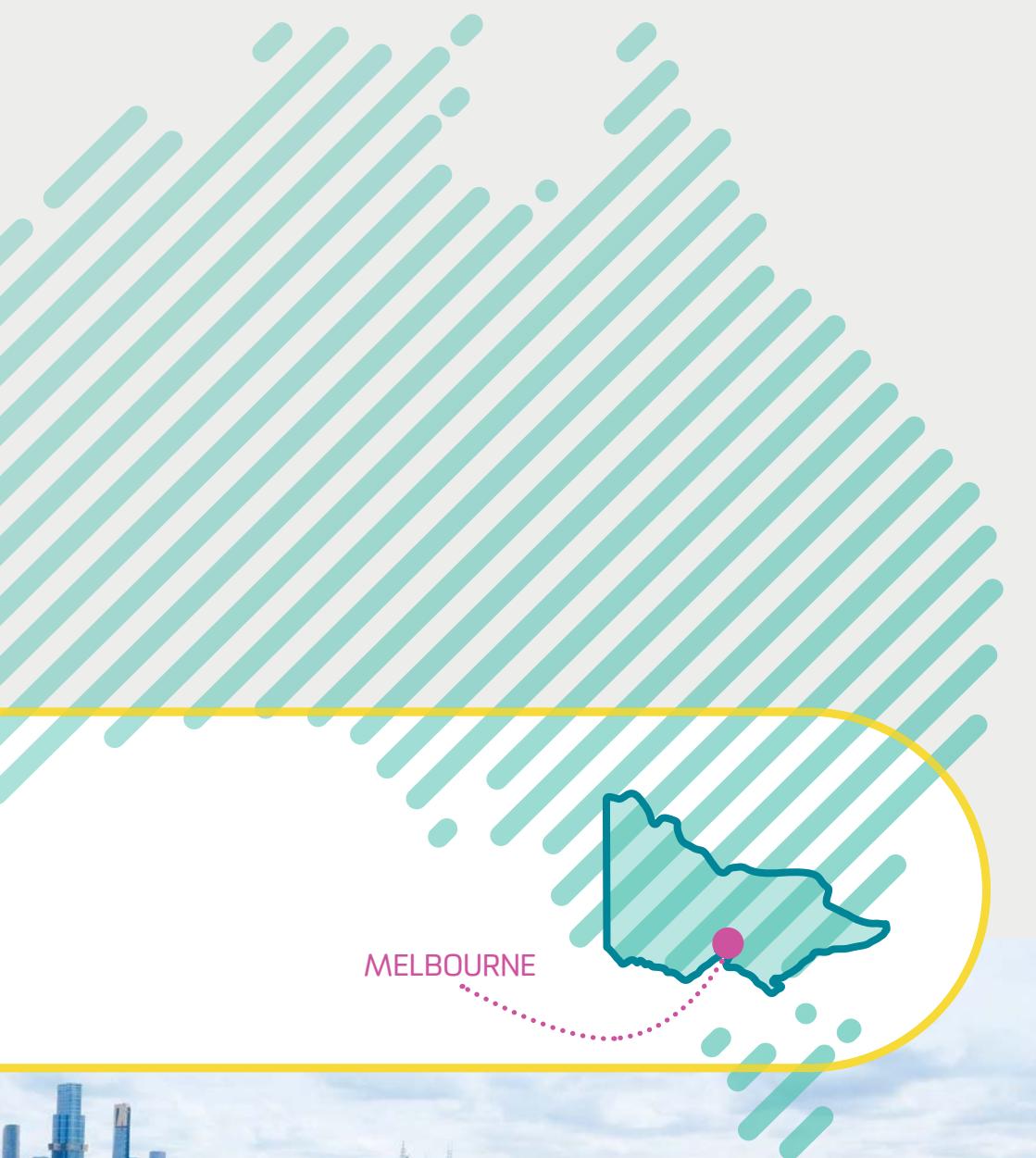
Melbourne, Geelong and Warrnambool – Victoria

On Australia's south-east coast, Victoria blends natural beauty, world-class beaches, and vibrant cities, making it the perfect place to study and explore.

Melbourne, the capital, is one of the world's most exciting cities. But there is more to Victoria: Deakin has campuses in Geelong and Warrnambool, which are known to be relaxed coastal cities with beautiful beaches and welcoming communities.

Melbourne is also a gateway to adventure. With major low-cost airlines based here, you can easily jet to Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Hobart, or even New Zealand.





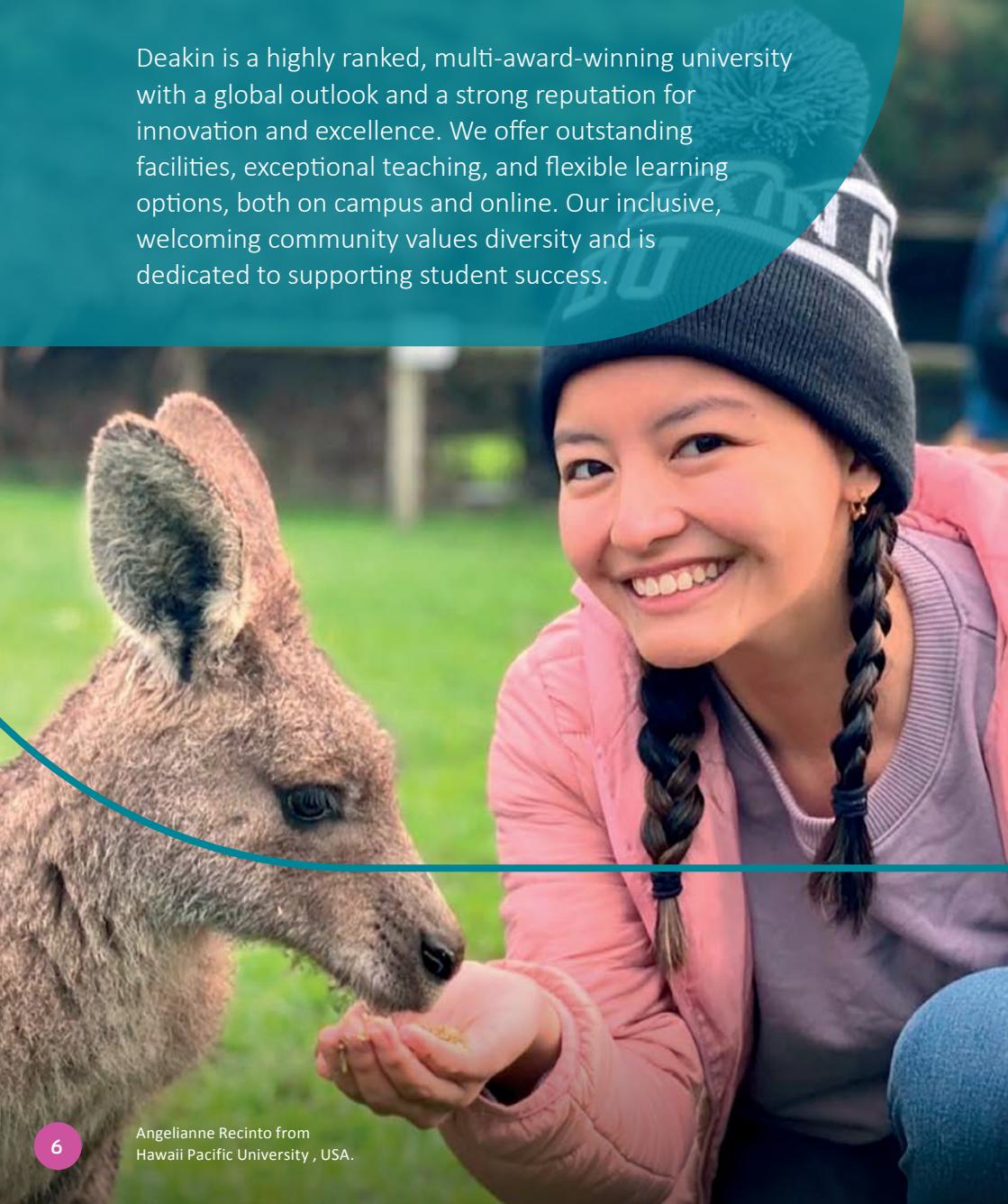
MELBOURNE



Melbourne's city skyline - iStock

Why choose Deakin?

Deakin is a highly ranked, multi-award-winning university with a global outlook and a strong reputation for innovation and excellence. We offer outstanding facilities, exceptional teaching, and flexible learning options, both on campus and online. Our inclusive, welcoming community values diversity and is dedicated to supporting student success.





#1 university
in Melbourne
for graduate
employment¹



#1 university
in Melbourne for
course satisfaction²



#1 university
in Melbourne for
facilities and resources³



Top 200
universities
worldwide⁴



#1 in the world for
sport science⁵



#11 in the world
and #2 in Australia
for education and
educational research⁶



#15 in the world
for nursing⁷



Summer School Students at the
Australian Open (Tennis)

¹ Graduate Outcomes Survey 2023, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT), based on overall employment for domestic undergraduates of Victorian state universities, 4–6 months after course completion, equal overall employment rate with Monash University.

² Australian Graduate Survey 2010–2015, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2016–2023, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT).

³ 2023 Student Experience Survey, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT).

⁴ 2025 QS World University Rankings.

⁵ ShanghaiRanking's Global Ranking of Sport Science Schools and Departments 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

⁶ U.S. News & World Report, Best Global Universities Subject Rankings 2024–2025.

⁷ ShanghaiRanking's Ranking of Academic Subjects 2024.

<https://www.deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/why-deakin/our-university-rankings>

On-campus learning

Deakin's four campuses are spread across vibrant Victoria, offering a mix of bustling city life, stunning coastal views and a friendly, diverse student community ready to welcome you. Study in Melbourne, Geelong or Warrnambool, and take advantage of countless opportunities to explore, connect and grow, both inside and outside the classroom.

Can't make it to Australia? Join us online. Choose from a range of flexible online units and study with over 78,000 students worldwide. You will have access to the same world-class teaching, digital resources and personalised support – wherever you are.



In front of the Deakin cube at Geelong Waurn Ponds campus

Melbourne (Burwood Campus)

www.melbourne.vic.gov.au

Melbourne, Australia's cultural capital, is home to 7+ million people from around the world. The city buzzes with festivals, live music, street art, world-class coffee, and global sporting events like the Australian Open and Formula 1. Wander laneways of cafés and galleries, shop the iconic Queen Victoria Market, or relax by the Yarra River. Deakin's Melbourne Burwood Campus combines a modern, welcoming atmosphere with cutting-edge facilities, innovative learning spaces, and a vibrant community.





AUSTRALIA

VICTORIA

Geelong (Waterfront and Waurn Ponds Campuses)

www.visitgeelongbellarine.com.au

Located just an hour from Melbourne by train, Geelong is a dynamic coastal city with a welcoming vibe. It boasts a stunning waterfront precinct, thriving food scene, easy access to the Surf Coast and Great Ocean Road, and plenty of green spaces to relax and recharge. Deakin has two campuses in Geelong: Waurn Ponds Campus, set among expansive grounds with state-of-the-art buildings, and Waterfront Campus, positioned right on the bay with spectacular views. It is the perfect blend of study, lifestyle, and nature.



Warrnambool Campus

www.warrnambool.com

Set along the iconic Great Ocean Road, Warrnambool is known for its natural beauty, marine life, and relaxed coastal lifestyle. It is ideal for those looking for a quieter, close-knit study environment. Renowned for whale watching, surfing, and nature walks, Warrnambool offers a true taste of regional Australia. At Deakin's Warrnambool Campus, you will join a supportive learning community where students and academics know each other by name and collaboration thrives.



Accommodation

Finding the right place to live is an important part of your study abroad experience, and Deakin is here to help you feel at home, whether on campus or in the local community.

On-Campus Accommodation

Living on campus offers a safe, supportive, and vibrant student environment. You will become part of a welcoming residential community, with access to free social activities, events, and 24/7 support from reception and security staff.

Accommodation includes fully furnished, single-occupancy bedrooms with access to shared kitchens, bathrooms, laundry facilities, and recreational areas. Some campuses also offer self-contained studio apartments with private bathrooms and kitchenettes. On-campus accommodation is popular, and places are limited, so we recommend applying early.

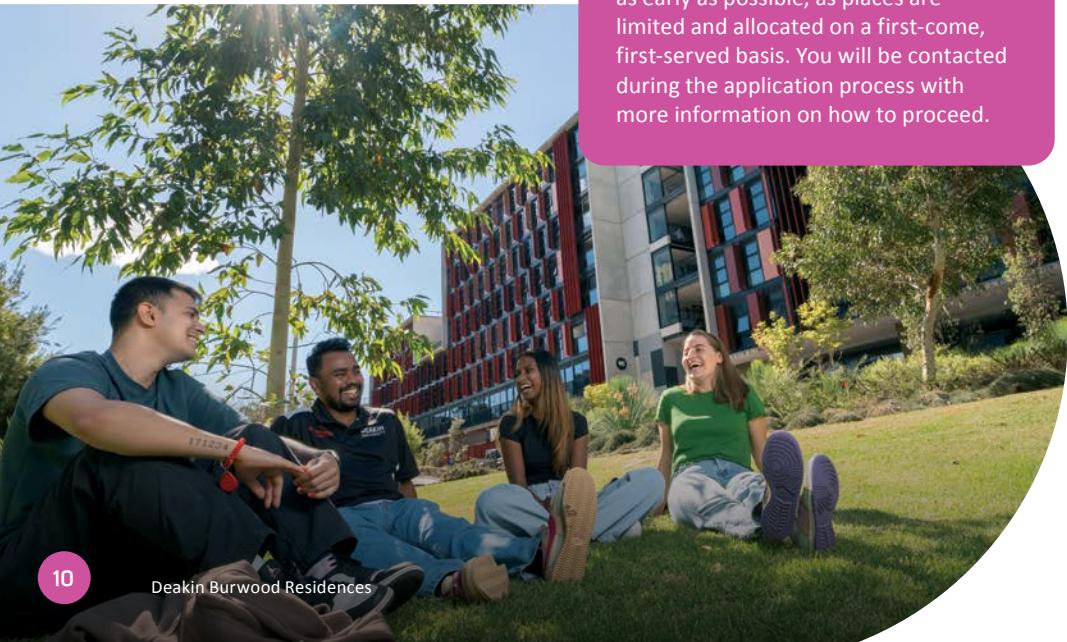
Off-Campus and Homestay Options

If you prefer to live off campus, Deakin can support you with a range of options. At the offer stage, we will provide a list of off-campus accommodation options, including private rentals, shared houses, and homestay arrangements with local families.

You can also search for accommodation via Deakin's [Houseme](#) website, where you can browse listings and contact landlords directly. Homestay is a great way to experience everyday Australian life and culture in a supportive home environment. While Deakin provides access to these resources, it is your responsibility to inspect and assess the accommodation before making any commitments.

How to Apply for On-Campus Accommodation

When submitting your Study Abroad and Exchange application, you will be asked to indicate your housing preferences. We recommend applying as early as possible, as places are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. You will be contacted during the application process with more information on how to proceed.





'Meeting international students enriched my perspective and made the experience truly global and unforgettable. The staff were always prompt and supportive, organising international events with food and key information about our exchange year; these gatherings became the place where I met my best friends for life, from all around the world.'

Martina de Luca

ZHAW School of Management and Law, Switzerland



'I have made so many amazing memories where I pushed myself out of my comfort zone and have met new lifelong friends. Having the opportunity to travel to places all over Victoria and wider Australia as well as to New Zealand, Thailand, and Singapore expanded my worldview of different cultures.'

Katie Roberts

University of Nottingham, UK.



Deakin areas of study

Deakin offers a wide range of study areas designed to equip students with real-world knowledge and skills. Whether you are interested in business, health, science, the arts or more, there is something to match your academic interests and future goals.

Below is a list of study areas available to you during your time at Deakin. Visit our website to explore them in more detail.

Architecture and Construction Management

Explore how spaces are designed and built, from sustainable city planning to managing complex construction projects.

Business

Gain practical insights into today's business world through industry-informed courses that build skills in leadership, strategy, and innovation.

Communication and Media

Learn to craft compelling messages for different audiences and platforms, and develop skills in media analysis, storytelling, and content creation.

Creative Arts and Writing

Express your creativity through writing, performance, film, or visual arts, while learning from experienced industry professionals.

Design

Combine creativity with problem-solving to design innovative solutions that make an impact in business, society, and culture.

Education and Teaching

Explore the foundations of learning, leadership, and communication, and discover how educators make a lasting impact.

Engineering

Work on real-world challenges and gain hands-on experience across areas like mechanical systems, infrastructure, and energy.

Health

Learn how to promote wellbeing and improve lives through areas such as public health, health sciences, and community care.

Humanities and Social Sciences

Explore society, culture, and global issues through areas like anthropology, international studies, philosophy, and criminology, perfect for curious and critical thinkers.

Information Technology

Build skills in areas like cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and data analytics through hands-on learning and access to the latest tech.

Law

Examine key legal principles in areas such as commercial law and criminology and gain insight into how legal systems shape society.

Nursing and Midwifery

Develop clinical skills, teamwork, and communication while learning how nurses and midwives provide essential care in diverse settings.

Nutrition and Dietetics

Understand the powerful connection between food, health, and wellbeing, and explore how nutrition supports both individual and public health.

Psychology

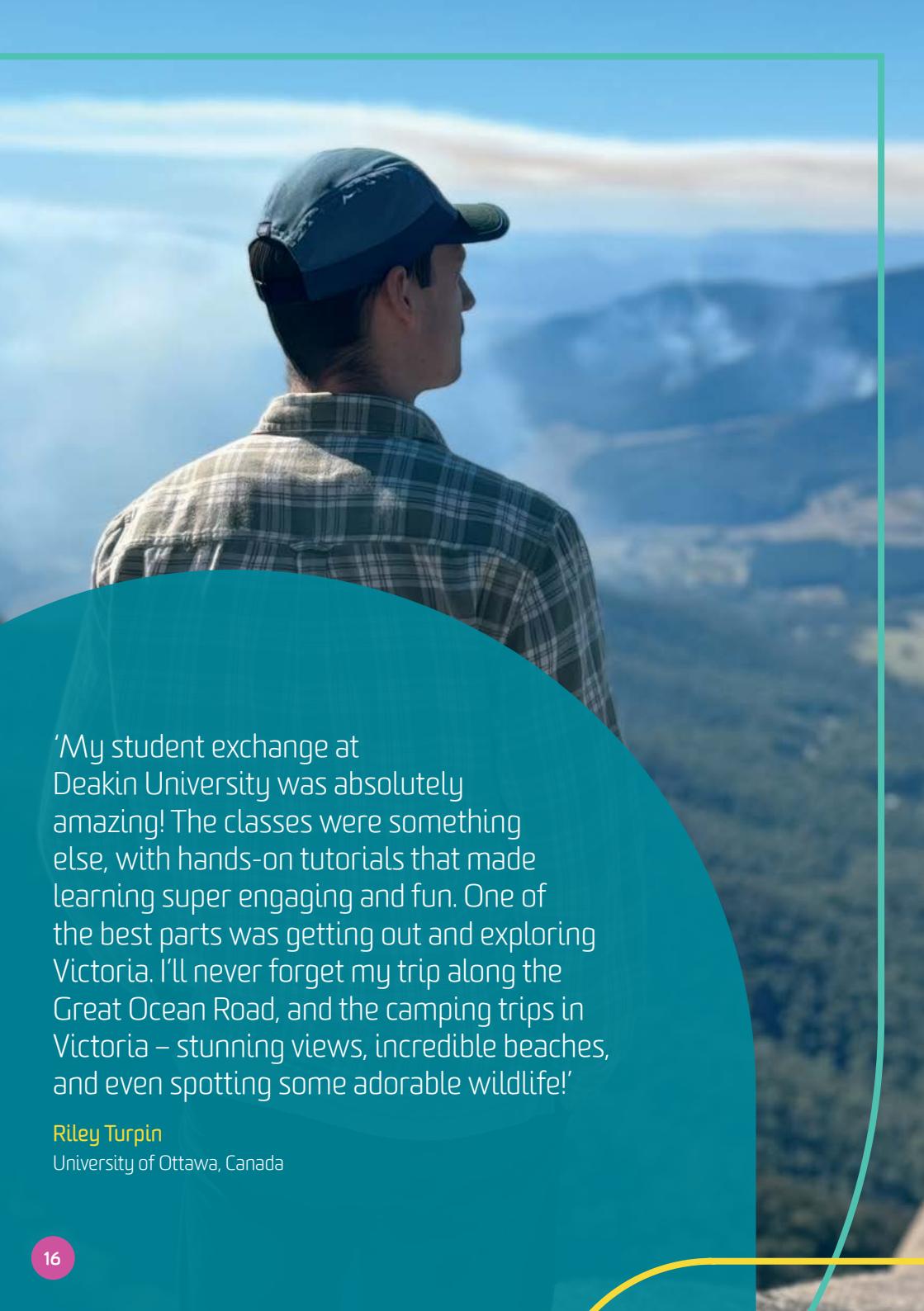
Delve into human behaviour, cognition, and mental health while learning how psychology contributes to individual and societal wellbeing.

Science and Environment

Investigate the natural world through practical learning in fields like (marine) biology, environmental science, forensic science, and disease research.

Sport Science

Study sport from every angle: performance, health, business, and community in a country passionate about sport and innovation.



'My student exchange at Deakin University was absolutely amazing! The classes were something else, with hands-on tutorials that made learning super engaging and fun. One of the best parts was getting out and exploring Victoria. I'll never forget my trip along the Great Ocean Road, and the camping trips in Victoria – stunning views, incredible beaches, and even spotting some adorable wildlife!'

Riley Turpin

University of Ottawa, Canada

Support every step of the way

Starting a new academic journey in another country can feel overwhelming, but at Deakin, we are here to make your transition smooth and rewarding. Whether you are studying for one or two trimesters, you will have access to a wide range of support services designed to help you settle in and succeed.

Student support at Deakin

We are proud to provide a welcoming and supportive environment for our study abroad and exchange students. Our services include:

- **Pre-arrival information** session and newsletters
- **Enrolment and orientation** – All study abroad and exchange students take part in a comprehensive orientation and enrolment program, held on campus before classes begin. This includes social activities, campus tours, and helpful sessions to get you started.
- **Health and wellbeing support** – access to on-campus medical centres, counselling, and wellbeing resources.
- **Clubs, societies and recreation** – connect with like-minded students through social clubs, sports, and cultural groups offered through our Deakin University Student Association DUSA.
- **Academic and study support** – get help with referencing, writing, assignment planning, and access to 24/7 library resources and online learning tools.
- **DeakinTALENT career services** – explore part-time job opportunities, refine your résumé, or get help to build skills for future career success.

Airport reception service

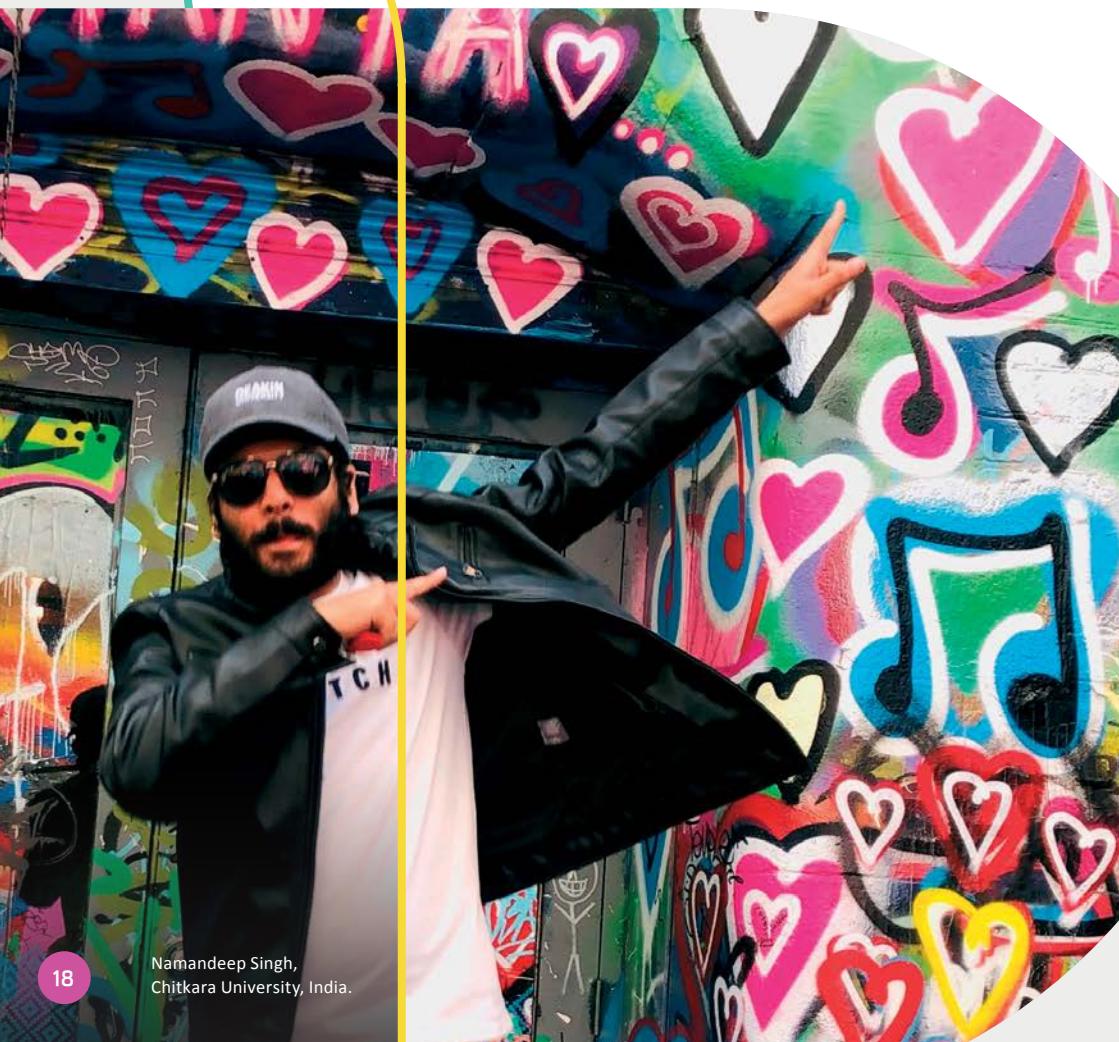
We offer a **free airport pick-up service** to ensure your arrival is stress-free. Details on how to register will be provided with your offer.



Yoga session on campus

Welcome Trip

Our special **Welcome Trip** is your chance to meet other study abroad and exchange students and explore a well-known destination around Melbourne. It is the perfect way to ease into life in Australia and kick-start your journey at Deakin University.



Namandeep Singh,
Chitkara University, India.

Student visa

If you are coming to Australia on a **student visa (subclass 500)**, it is important to ensure you meet all the requirements. You will need to:

- receive an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) from Deakin
- provide evidence of financial capacity
- meet Genuine Student (GS) criteria
- complete a medical examination if required.

Note: Entry into Australia on a student visa is only permitted for full-time, on-campus study.

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

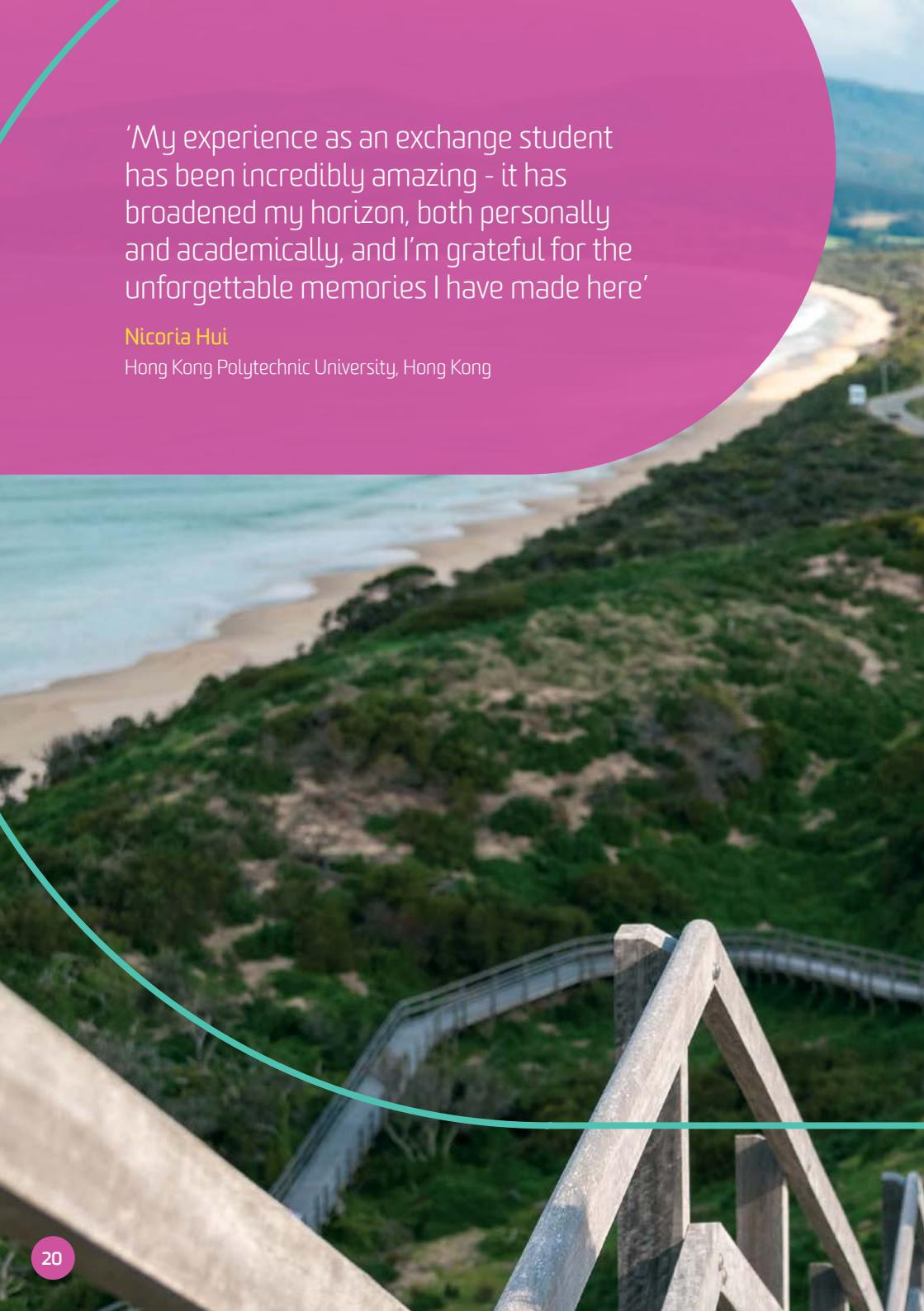
The Australian Government requires international students to have an **Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)** for the duration of their stay. This cover helps with the cost of medical care in Australia.

Refund policy

Should your plans change, Deakin has a clear refund policy. Depending on your circumstances and the timing of your withdrawal, you may be eligible for a full or partial refund of tuition fees. Visit our website for full details.



Kailyn Robertson,
University of Windsor, Canada.



'My experience as an exchange student has been incredibly amazing - it has broadened my horizon, both personally and academically, and I'm grateful for the unforgettable memories I have made here'

Nicoria Hui

Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong



Application process

Before you apply

Understand the academic requirements

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You must have completed Year 12 or equivalent or have at least two trimesters of full-time study outside Australia. You will also need a minimum GPA of 2.6 out of 4 (or equivalent). See deakin.edu.au/studyabroad for up-to-date information.

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Understand the English language requirements

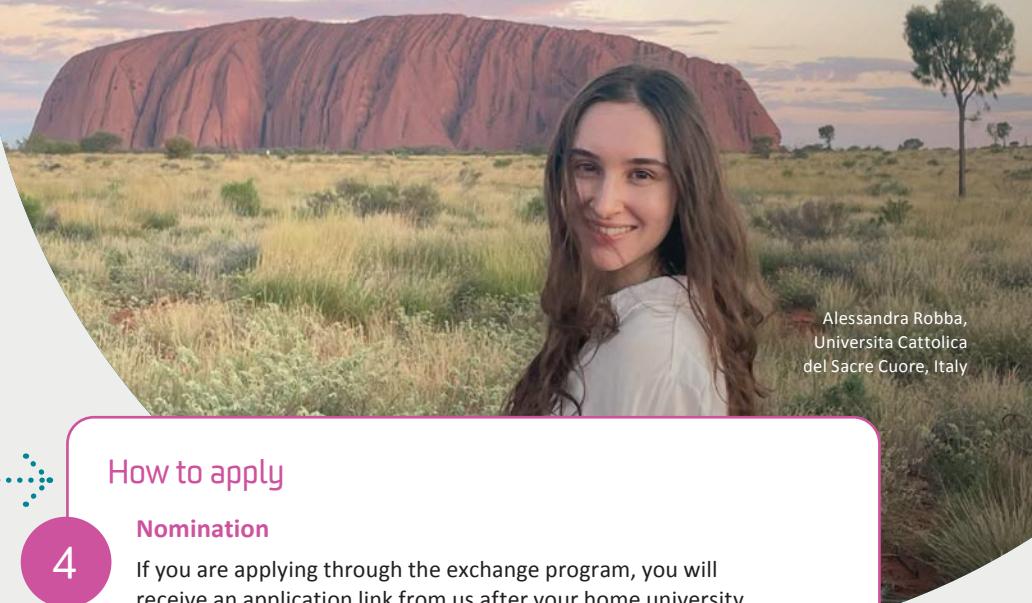
If English is not your first language or the language of instruction at your home institution, documentary evidence of your English skills will be required. Visit deakin.edu.au/english-req for more.

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Check the campus and trimester of your preferred units

Before selecting your units, ensure that each unit is available at your chosen campus by checking the Deakin Handbook at deakin.edu.au/handbook. You should also confirm that the units are offered in the trimester you plan to study by referring to the academic calendar at deakin.edu.au/courses/key-dates. Additionally, make sure you meet any listed prerequisites or admission requirements for your selected units.





Alessandra Robba,
Università Cattolica
del Sacro Cuore, Italy

How to apply

Nomination

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If you are applying through the exchange program, you will receive an application link from us after your home university has officially nominated you.

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Apply online

Complete the online application available on [How to apply for study abroad and exchange](#). Include relevant documents such as your passport, evidence of your academic qualifications and/or transcript, and proof of English language proficiency (if applicable). You will also need to list at least five to six units per trimester, in case certain units are unavailable in your trimester of choice.

After you apply

Acceptance procedures

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If your application is successful, you will receive a Letter of Offer listing the units of study you have approval to enrol in, any tuition fees (if applicable), and the [Overseas Student Health Cover \(OSHC\)](#) information. The letter will outline how to accept the offer and the next steps. To avoid any delays, accept your offer as soon as possible.

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Apply for a student visa

After you accepted your offer, we will issue your electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) document, which you need to apply for your **student visa**. Once your visa is granted, you are all set to begin your journey at Deakin University in Australia!

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