

PICTURE YOURSELF STUDYING ABROAD IN VICTORIA

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

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A young woman with brown hair, smiling, wearing a dark school blazer with blue piping, a white shirt, and a red and blue striped tie. She is holding a white-framed sign in front of her. The background is a scenic view of the Twelve Apostles coastline in Victoria, Australia, with rocky sea stacks in the ocean and a sandy beach in the foreground. The image has a blue and purple geometric overlay.

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Are you looking for an exciting education adventure in one of the world's most popular study and tourist destinations?

Picture yourself taking part in one of our 3, 6, 9 or 12 month study abroad programs.

Living in Victoria, Australia, offers you new cultural and lifestyle experiences and our Victorian government schools offer a mix of academic programs with extra-curricular activities such as sports, dance and theatre. With a Study Abroad Program, you can improve your English while you stay with an Australian family.

Whether you choose the city of Melbourne or our student cities across Victoria, this is one of the best places in the world to live and study abroad. Victoria has sport, food and fashion to suit every taste, and there are activities to suit every interest. Victoria's quality education is matched by one of the highest standards of living in the world.



Picture yourself with 10 reasons to study in Victoria

10 reasons for choosing a Victorian government school

1

Australia's education state

Receive a high quality education

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Supportive and safe homestay families

Live a unique Australian lifestyle

2

Melbourne – Australia's best student city, world's top 10 most liveable cities and world's best sporting city

Offering big city benefits

7

Caring teachers

Receive individual 24-hour welfare support

3

Stunning natural environment and beautiful coastline

Go exploring or learn to surf

8

Flexible choice of over 90 subjects

Learn what you want to learn

4

World-leading science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) programs

Learn new skills that aren't offered at your home school

9

Wide range of extra-curricular activities, sports and academies

Helping you pursue your dreams

5

Tailored English language programs

Gain confidence in English

10

Become a global citizen

Make new friends and gain real world experience

Picture yourself living a unique Australian lifestyle

There's so much for you to see and do in Melbourne and Victoria. The great thing about living in Victoria is that you can experience surfing along the coast and skiing in the snow fields, while still having all the big city advantages.

Victoria is one of Australia's smallest states. So wherever you live in Victoria, nothing is too far away.

Whether you choose to study and live in Melbourne or our students cities across Victoria, there's so much to do in your spare time. Make new friends, explore new interests and try new things.



Cuddle a koala

Meet Australia's unique animals in their natural habitat. Visit Victoria's popular wildlife parks and zoos where you can cuddle a koala, feed a kangaroo or wallaby, and meet a wombat. Hang out with the penguins at Philip Island's popular penguin parade or watch the whales in Warrnambool. Your school has plenty of excursions and camps where you will get the chance to meet and study our unique animals and environment.



Try a new sport

There are plenty of sports for you to try in Melbourne – the Sporting Capital of the World*. Sport is a real passion for many people right across Victoria. Most popular is Australian Rules Football (AFL), otherwise known as 'footy.' Once you move to Victoria, your classmates and homestay family will help you to pick a team. Having a footy team and going to the game is a big part of how we make friends.

Footy isn't the only sport that's popular. We also follow soccer, rugby, cricket and basketball – so there's always something happening to take part in. Your school and local community is sure to have a team in your favourite sport. Join up and make new friends.

*Sport Business Anniversary Award – Ultimate Sports City at 10, 2016



Surf or swim our world-renowned coastline

We know you'll want to try surfing and living in Victoria means you're never far from the coast.

Swim, sail or fish in the bays around Melbourne or learn to surf at the ocean beaches close by. Most of our study abroad schools are located a short walk or bus ride to the beach, and our inland schools have surf camps and swimming, canoeing and water sports programs to give you the best of both worlds.

Victorians surf any time of the year – even in winter where you can stay warm in a wet suit. Victoria is world-renowned for surfing. The world's first surfing reserve was Bells Beach, Victoria along the Great Ocean Road. Your school will have open water swimming, surfing, surf lifesaving and outdoor education programs to teach you how to surf.



Get involved in outdoor adventure

If you like wide open spaces and the great outdoors, then you'll love Victoria. But you don't have to go far from Melbourne to find nature reserves such as the Dandenong Ranges. There are always walking and cycling trails close to home.

Everything from mountains and rivers to goldfields and the sea is here in Victoria. Choose your adventure with a day trip or weekend away with your homestay family or local relatives. Join a school trip with teachers and friends.



Get a new outfit in the fashion capital

If you're after fashion, Melbourne's the best place in Australia to be. Make up your own style from Melbourne's laneway boutiques, recycled clothing shops or one of the many fashion shopping strips and centres.

Discover tiny cafes, hidden designer shops and urban art in Melbourne's laneways. Jump on a tram and uncover the secret treasures of the city the old-fashioned way..



Eat great food

Melbourne is the restaurant capital of Australia. With so many cultures coming together you're sure to find the food you love. Try typical Aussie cuisine or food from any part of the world.

When you stay with us, you can try:

- Bayside or coastside for fish and chips and a burger
- Chinatown in the heart of the city for traditional Chinese food
- Richmond for cheap and colourful Vietnamese fare
- Carlton for classic Italian
- Spanish food in Fitzroy
- Just about anywhere for authentic modern Australian food.

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Picture yourself with a flexible choice of subjects

Victorian government schools offer a highly flexible education with over 90 subject choices. The Victorian school curriculum offers students the opportunity to study new and interesting subjects that will widen your view of the world and give you a strong foundation for future personal and career success.

Whichever direction you choose after school, our school subjects will help you get there – and we know you'll have fun along the way too.

Studying in a Victorian government school classroom means that you will:

- develop independent thinking skills
- learn new subjects
- increase your life skills
- face the future with confidence.

Your choice of subjects

Whatever your interest areas or career ambitions – we've got the subjects for you.

We have dance, theatre, music, photography and design subjects for budding performers and artists.

We have robotics, coding, engineering, outdoor and environmental studies and all the traditional science subjects for budding scientists and app developers.

We also have psychology, economics, fashion and plenty more to give you a taste of university life.

Studying in Victoria gives you the freedom to take responsibility and make decisions about the subjects you want to study. You can choose academic subjects through the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) while also gaining practical skills through the Vocational Major.

And we're right here to offer guidance about choosing your subjects at any time. We can even help you to change your subjects if you find they're not the right ones for you.

Subjects for any future dreams

Year 9 and 10 students are required to undertake only two compulsory subjects – English and maths. Year 11 and 12 students are required to undertake only one compulsory subject – English. The rest of your study plan is your choice.

You can choose any combination of subjects from any learning area.

There are over 90 Victorian Certificate of Education subjects across nine key learning areas:

- English
- Languages
- Science
- Mathematics
- Technology
- The Arts
- Humanities
- Business Studies
- Health and Physical Education.

A full list of available VCE subjects is provided at the back of this brochure.

Some schools also offer a range of university subjects and accelerated learning opportunities to ensure you have the opportunity to be challenged academically.

Picture yourself with a wide range of extra-curricular activities

We know that a great study experience doesn't end in the classroom. We encourage you to get involved in activities before and after class time either at your school or through local community organisations.

Schools offer many programs to help you pursue your interests, make friends and get the most out of your study abroad experience. There are different activities, academies and clubs ranging from sports like football (soccer), hockey and swimming to robotics and forensic investigation.

Each school is located in a community with access to a wide range of extra-curricular activities. This means that you have access to a world of extra-curricular opportunities.

Some examples of extra-curricular activities include:

Sports

- Hockey
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Swimming
- Australian Rules Football

Academies

- Surfing and surf lifesaving
- Open water swimming
- Outdoor education
- Photography
- Dance
- Forensic science

The Arts

- Drama/theatre
- Dance (classic, hip hop, contemporary, world cultures)
- Visual arts and design

Clubs

- Public speaking / debating
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)
- Student leadership
- Language and culture

Volunteering

- Sport coaching
- Fundraising for charities
- Environment and conservation
- Arts and media
- Social justice and global issues.

See the end of this brochure for a listing of all available subject choices.

WHICHEVER DIRECTION YOU CHOOSE AFTER SCHOOL, OUR SCHOOL SUBJECTS WILL HELP YOU GET THERE – AND WE KNOW YOU'LL HAVE FUN ALONG THE WAY TOO.



Picture yourself with a local homestay family

When you're away from your own family, a homestay is a great way to feel that you belong. Having the support of another family and a connection to your local community can make all the difference to settling in and improving your English language confidence. Our homestays will help you adjust quickly to your new life.

Live in the local school community

All our homestay families are local families who live in the school community. We have very strict standards to ensure the families provide a real home away from home. You'll have your own room with a bed, desk and chair to study at.

Looking after your wellbeing

Your school will protect you and make sure you're happy in your homestay arrangement. Your International Student Coordinator and school understand how important it is to feel happy with where you live.

Your homestay family takes their responsibilities very seriously, especially your safety. They'll be well aware of your needs as a new arrival in Australia.

They really want you to enjoy your homestay. There are opportunities for extra-curricular and social activities, but they'll also make sure that you're home at a reasonable hour and spending enough time doing study and homework.

Helping you to settle in

Our homestay families often have a child or children of their own. Your homestay family is also a very valuable link to your local community. This will help you make friends both in and outside of school. You'll feel like you really belong.

Extending your network

Friends are important, but having a homestay family is something else altogether. It means getting involved with the broader community, not just your school.

You'll be introduced to a new network of friends and family, local community events and activities.

A second family

Unlike other accommodation options, homestay gives you the chance to fully immerse yourself in another culture and language.

Your host family will become like a second family. They'll introduce you to their family and friends, involve you in their day-to-day activities and show you around their local area. Soon you'll see that your homestay family also wants to learn from you, get to know you and understand your culture.

Of course this comes with your own responsibilities. You'll be expected to get involved in family activities and clean up after yourself. Helping with household activities and daily meals will help you grow into a confident and capable young adult.

Selecting homestay families

Our schools select homestay families according to a clear set of criteria and the needs, preferences and expectations of individual students.

Our homestay families come from a variety of backgrounds and cultures. For example, there are:

- families with children your age
- single older people
- families with young children
- older couples whose children have grown up and left home.

Regular site visits

A school representative regularly visits the homes of our homestay families to make sure the accommodation is comfortable and of a high standard for:

- living and relaxing
- doing homework
- bringing friends over
- sharing in family life.

Interviews and screening

We interview new homestay providers to check how well they can look after an international student. This includes making sure that everyone in the household over 18 years of age has a Working with Children Check from the government.

Making a homestay profile

Your school representative will put together a profile so you and your own family can get to know your new hosts before you arrive. When you get this profile it's very exciting. It marks the beginning of your experience of homestay in Australia. You can use it to start contact with your homestay family.

Monitoring homestay families

Our schools monitor and regularly connect with our homestay families and will:

- visit homestay families at least once a semester
- invite families to school events and activities so they're a part of your school community
- involve the homestay family in helping you settle into your studies
- do an annual review of all homestay families to make sure they're meeting our high standards of care.

Picture yourself with new friends

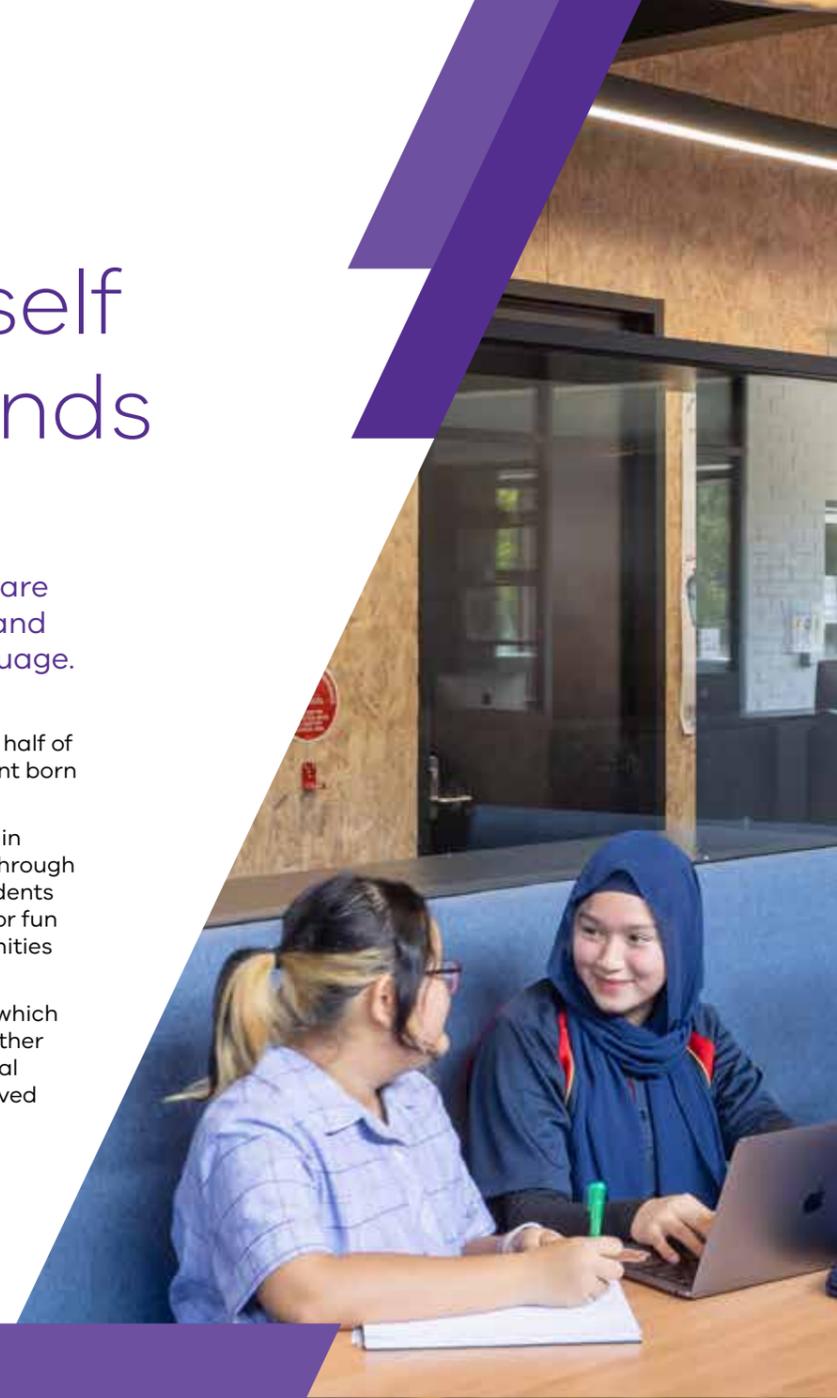
The great thing about studying in Victorian government schools is that you have thousands of students who are looking forward to being your friend and learning about your culture and language.

We're a really multicultural bunch with more than half of all Victorians either born overseas or have a parent born overseas. So you'll fit right in!

There are plenty of opportunities to make friends in your class, through extra-curricular activities or through your school's buddy program which puts new students in touch with student mentors. Taking up a sport or fun activity outside of school will also create opportunities to make friends in your local community.

We also have events, activities and competitions which helps students from across the state meet each other and build friendships. Ask your school International Student Coordinator about how you can get involved in our statewide events.

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Select a study period that suits

You'll need to plan your study abroad to fit with our term dates.

Term dates 2024

School term	Dates
Term 1	29 January – 28 March
Term 2	15 April – 28 June
Term 3	15 July – 20 September
Term 4	7 October – Year 9: 20 December Year 10: 29 November Year 11: 22 November

Term dates 2025

School term	Dates
Term 1	28 January – 4 April
Term 2	22 April – 4 July
Term 3	21 July – 19 September
Term 4	6 October – Year 9: 19 December Year 10: 28 November Year 11: 21 November



Picture yourself in the right choice of school

Bayside P-12 College

- ✓ Located close to the beach and city centre with modern learning facilities emphasising science, technology, and the arts
- ✓ Welcoming and inclusive school community with frequent school activities and international student excursions each term
- ✓ Highly experienced coordinator, staff and host families in giving study abroad students a safe, fun and supportive program

Belmont High School

- ✓ Safe and friendly learning environment
- ✓ Quality homestay program and unique Australian surf coast lifestyle
- ✓ Successful sports, music and camps program

Elwood College

- ✓ Location – very close to the city/beach
- ✓ Small school (800+ students) with very caring and enthusiastic staff
- ✓ Academic focused school with a range of extra-curricular activities

Fairhills High School

- ✓ Unique STEM spaces, programs and resources as well as a Connect program focusing on community engagement
- ✓ An extensive range of student centred electives for Year 9/10 students
- ✓ Extra-curricular activities including camps, performing arts and the specialised basketball program

Forest Hill College

- ✓ Multicultural and caring environment
- ✓ Rich curriculum
- ✓ Sports and performing art academy

Frankston High School

- ✓ Highly respected academic school with specialist programs in sports, music, arts and leadership
- ✓ An interesting array of elective subject choices, including aviation, outdoor education, journalism, photography, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)
- ✓ Safe, friendly environment – a short walk from the beach – with welcoming students and teachers and caring homestay families

McClelland College

- ✓ A great school to experience the Australian way of life and school
- ✓ 5 mins to the beach with a strong camps and sports program, including our school-owned ski camp
- ✓ We tailor a school program around your students' passions and needs

Mentone Girls' Secondary College

- ✓ A girls-only secondary school with outstanding academic results
- ✓ Providing a broad range of science, technology, engineering, arts and maths (STEAM) and humanities subjects
- ✓ 5-minute walk to Mentone Beach

Mount Clear College

- ✓ A unique opportunity to live and study in large, vibrant student city only one hour from Melbourne
- ✓ Opportunities for students to integrate and become part of the community
- ✓ Extensive leadership program providing opportunities to be part of community groups, public speaking, work experience program and more

North Geelong Secondary College

- ✓ High Academic Expectations and the College is committed to providing the best quality of education
- ✓ Supporting International students to adapt to their new educational environment and life in Australia.
- ✓ Many science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) opportunities

Parkdale Secondary College

- ✓ Academic success and enrichment academy programs
- ✓ Community engagement, we teach the whole student to prepare them for the real world
- ✓ Beachside location

Sandringham College

- ✓ Offering a wide range of subjects and extra-curricular clubs and activities
- ✓ Caring beachside community, close to the city
- ✓ Senior campus with a young adult learning environment

Strathmore Secondary College

- ✓ Highly respected academic school
- ✓ Excellent sport options
- ✓ Highly respected, extensive music program, drama and visual arts

Templestowe College

- ✓ Elite basketball program, robotics, battle of the band, extensive outdoor learning experience and a huge range of electives
- ✓ Lovely safe leafy environment with excellent public transport to the city
- ✓ Long standing international program with knowledgeable, dedicated and caring staff with emphasis on student wellbeing

Williamstown High School

- ✓ Friendly school community that places a big emphasis on respect, achievement and safety
- ✓ A wide range of different study programs and extra-curricular activities
- ✓ Friendly and helpful international program support centre that assists with all aspects of the student's life and experience in Melbourne



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The subjects displayed are a guide only and may not be offered every year due to local student demand.

Picture yourself with over 90 VCE subject choices

A full list of available VCE subject choices are provided below. It doesn't matter whether your choice of school offers these subjects or not. We can help you study your choice of special subjects through your school's local network. Usually there is no additional charge to study a VCE subject at another school. There is a small fee for VCE VET subjects. The list of VCE subjects offered include:

Performing Arts

- Dance
- Drama
- Music
- Theatre Studies

Design and Technologies

- Agricultural and Horticultural Studies
- Food Studies
- Product Design and Technology
- Systems Engineering

Science

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Physics
- Psychology

Business and Economics

- Accounting
- Business Management
- Economics
- Industry and Enterprise
- Legal Studies

Languages

- Arabics
- Chinese
- French
- German
- Greek
- Indonesian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Latin
- Spanish
- Vietnamese

For more languages, visit the Victorian School of Languages at: <https://www.vsl.vic.edu.au/>

Digital Technologies

- Algorithmics (Higher Education Scored Study)
- Applied Computing

Visual Arts

- Art Making and Creating
- Media
- Studio Arts
- Visual Communication Design

Mathematics

- Foundation Mathematics
- General Mathematics
- Mathematical Methods
- Specialist Mathematics

English

- Bridging English as an Additional Language
- English and English as an Additional Language
- English Language
- Foundation English
- Literature

Humanities

- Australian and Global Politics
- Classical Studies
- Geography
- History
- Philosophy
- Religion and Society
- Sociology
- Texts and Traditions

Health and Physical Education

- Health and Human Development
- Outdoor and Environmental Studies
- Physical Education

VCE Vocational Major

- VCE VM Literacy
- VCE VM Numeracy
- VCE VM Work Related Skills
- VCE VM Personal Development Skills

VCE VET Programs

- Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management
- Animal Studies
- Applied Fashion Design and Technology
- Applied Language
- Automotive
- Building and Construction
- Business
- Cisco
- Civil Infrastructure
- Community Services
- Creative and Digital Media
- Dance
- Electrical Industry
- Engineering
- Equine Studies
- Furnishing
- Hair and Beauty
- Health
- Hospitality
- Information, Digital Media and Technology
- Integrated Technologies
- Laboratory Skills
- Music Industry
- Plumbing
- Small Business
- Sport and Recreation

Extended Investigation

- Extended Investigation

Note: this study may cover content from all areas.



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