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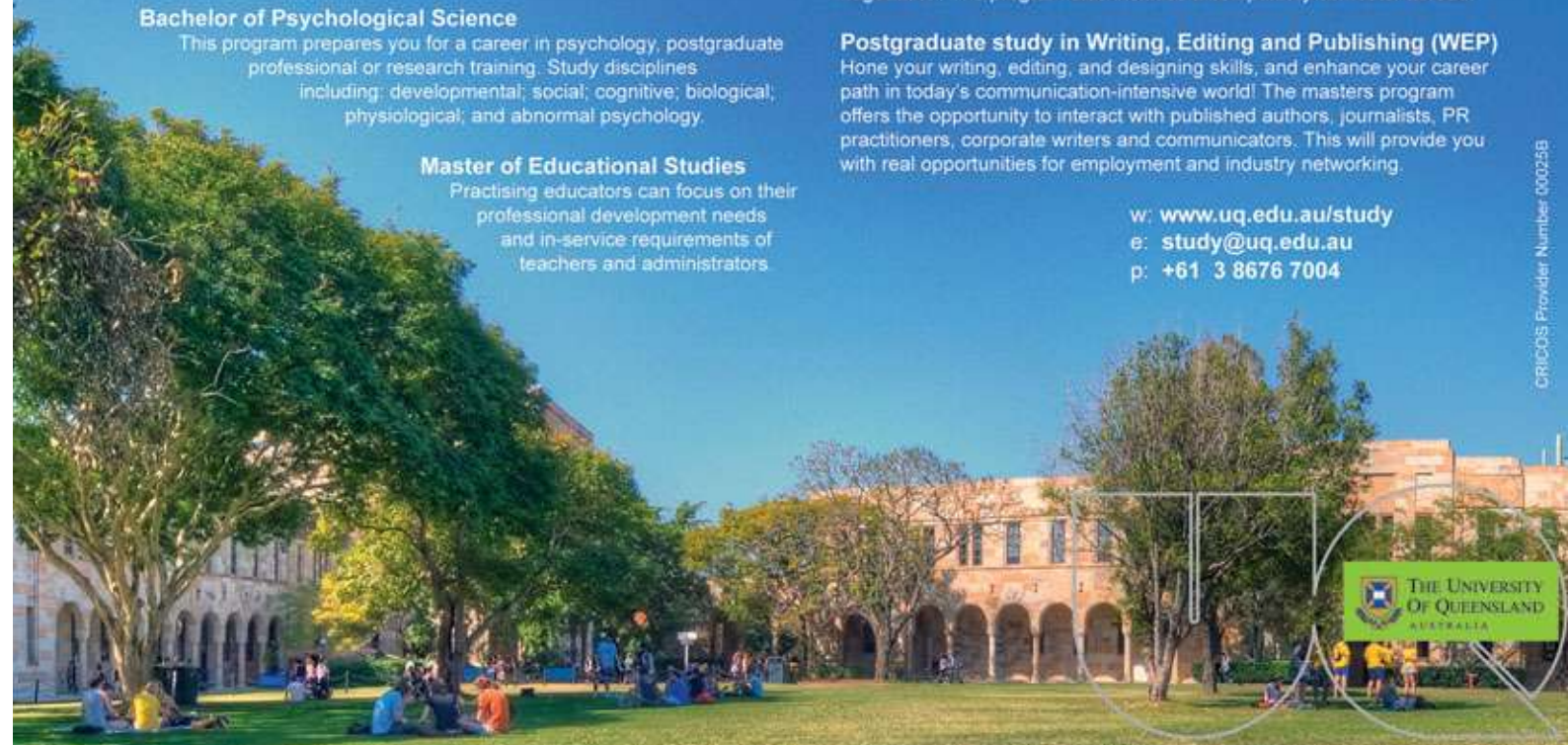
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# aussie rules!

Australia! The mere mention of it brings to mind different things to different people. Holidaymakers would conjure up images of golden sand and swimmable beaches, and yes, those lovely bronzed bodies. The adventurous would have the image of the outback or the Great Barrier Reef, where they can see first-hand the weird and wonderful (and sometimes scary) creatures that call Australia home. What's more, fashionistas can finally put on that stylish woollen overcoat without looking like you've done a hot yoga session.

Undoubtedly, part of the draw is the friendly locals - with a thirst for (social) life, adventure and... beer. Speaking of thirst, if you've got a thirst for knowledge, Australia is often the byword for 'further education'. Of course, Australia isn't new to those wanting to study abroad. At some point in your life, you must've heard about your neighbour's kid, or your cousin or your friend's sibling rattling on about an Aussie study experience - whether they've been there or want to go there. Well, if you can't beat them, why not join them?



**If you're on the fence about the idea, here are a few pointers to help you on your decision:**

#### Independent thinking you won't get kicked out for

Let's face it: there are thousands of schools around the world that you can set your foot into. And as a country that literally specialises in education, Australia knows it has to be competitive and different. If you're the type who hates memorising and fear the rotan when you get things wrong, fret not. Part of what makes studying here unique is the lack of Catholic-school strictness - instead, you'll be asked to think about practical solutions and work with your classmates. Just like in the real world - where memorising textbooks won't do you a lot of good.

#### Worldwide recognition

With thousands of students filling their brains in Australia each year, you can be guaranteed that education is taken seriously here. So much so that many other countries even look towards Australia for educational advice.

What's more, all the schools that you can attend in Australia are accredited by an independent body (AUQA), which provides international students with the most rigorous consumer protection in the world. So you know they really want you there.

#### WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?

With a whopping average of 5.8 million tourists per year, Australia's uniqueness certainly attracts all sorts. If you're looking to further your education overseas and want to know how your interests fit in Australia, you can take the quiz on page 12 and let CAMPUS break it down for you. Surf's up!



Whether you decide to study in the outback, or near the beach, you can be guaranteed to have an exuberant student life, to make friends with foreigners and locals, and to maybe get sand in funny places.

For more rattling on about Australia, go here: [www.studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au)



#### Real World, not Wayne's World

Vocational and training institutions serve your education real-world style, so that you can learn the practical side to your theoretical classes. Whether you're into sports or arts or anything in between, this gives you the chance to have 2 qualifications that would give you the edge over other grads. For real.

If you're into agriculture, veterinary science or environmental science, many campuses are spread throughout Australia's vast landscape, getting you up close and personal with your research, or your first farm experience. And just because Aussies are laid-back, it doesn't stop the scientists from getting numerous Nobel Prizes.

#### Livin' it up

Apart from the sun-soaked beaches, the pristine ski fields and the ochre deserts, those who stay longer (ie. you students) can experience the best of Australia's legendary night life and shopping as well. As a multicultural country, Singaporeans will feel right at home.

Like Singapore, Australia is a young, vibrant country. First timers will be struck by the friendliness of the locals: every sentence ends with the word 'mate', and everybody's always happy to have a barbie. No reservations? No worries, mate.



## DISCOVER YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

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#### Be industry ready when you graduate:

volunteers from Curtin Business School and the Faculty of Science and Engineering are gaining practical experience by organising the iNEXUS Australia National Robotics Competition. Health sciences students also have the opportunity to use their skills to develop sustainable health care programs in developing countries such as India, China, Ukraine and South Africa as part of the Go Global program.

#### Learn in world-class facilities:

Curtin's new Engineering Pavilion will be completed later this year, providing an interactive learning environment and a careers space for students to interact with industry. In addition, our Film and Television Studios have recently been upgraded with high definition broadcast-quality equipment.

#### Experience more:

we offer English and academic support programs, as well as pathway programs to help you gain entry to the University. We provide a 24-hour security service and after-hours bus service, a fitness centre, health services and on-campus housing. Curtin has campuses in Singapore, Sydney and Malaysia so you can study a Curtin degree closer to home.

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# AUSTRALIA

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## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

A world unto itself.

If you're looking at the map and thinking WA's pretty far from the rest of Australia, and you'll miss out on all the action back east - fear not! Perth's social and foodie scene gives Sydney and Melbourne a run for their money, while little-known Ningaloo means you could be forgiven for skipping a visit to the GBR. Not to mention surfing (or wine tasting) at Margaret River. Needless to say, WA's got a lot going on, especially educationally, with leading schools like Curtin University and Murdoch University.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

There's a first time for everything!

Want to make your mark and experience lifetime firsts? Then SA might just be the place for you. From swims with sea lions and dolphins at Baird Bay to one of the world's best road trips (the 2,500km north from Adelaide to Darwin), SA's full of surprises. Meanwhile, tick 2 items off life's to-do list at once: see both kangaroos and penguins in the same day, just minutes from Adelaide on amazing Kangaroo Island. Wanna get rich quick? Try Coober Pedy - where you can noodle for opals, not to mention play desert golf.

## NORTHERN TERRITORY

At one with nature.

The capital Darwin is one of Australia's most compact yet happening cities, small enough to be really charming, but big enough to still have all the comforts of home like mee goreng or canto-pop - so the average Asian student will feel right at home. Meanwhile, for nature-lovers, NT redefines the meaning of "the Great Outdoors", from Kakadu to Uluru. Even better news is that NT has Australia's youngest and richest population per capita - and who doesn't wanna be young and rich, right?



## QUEENSLAND

A little of everything.

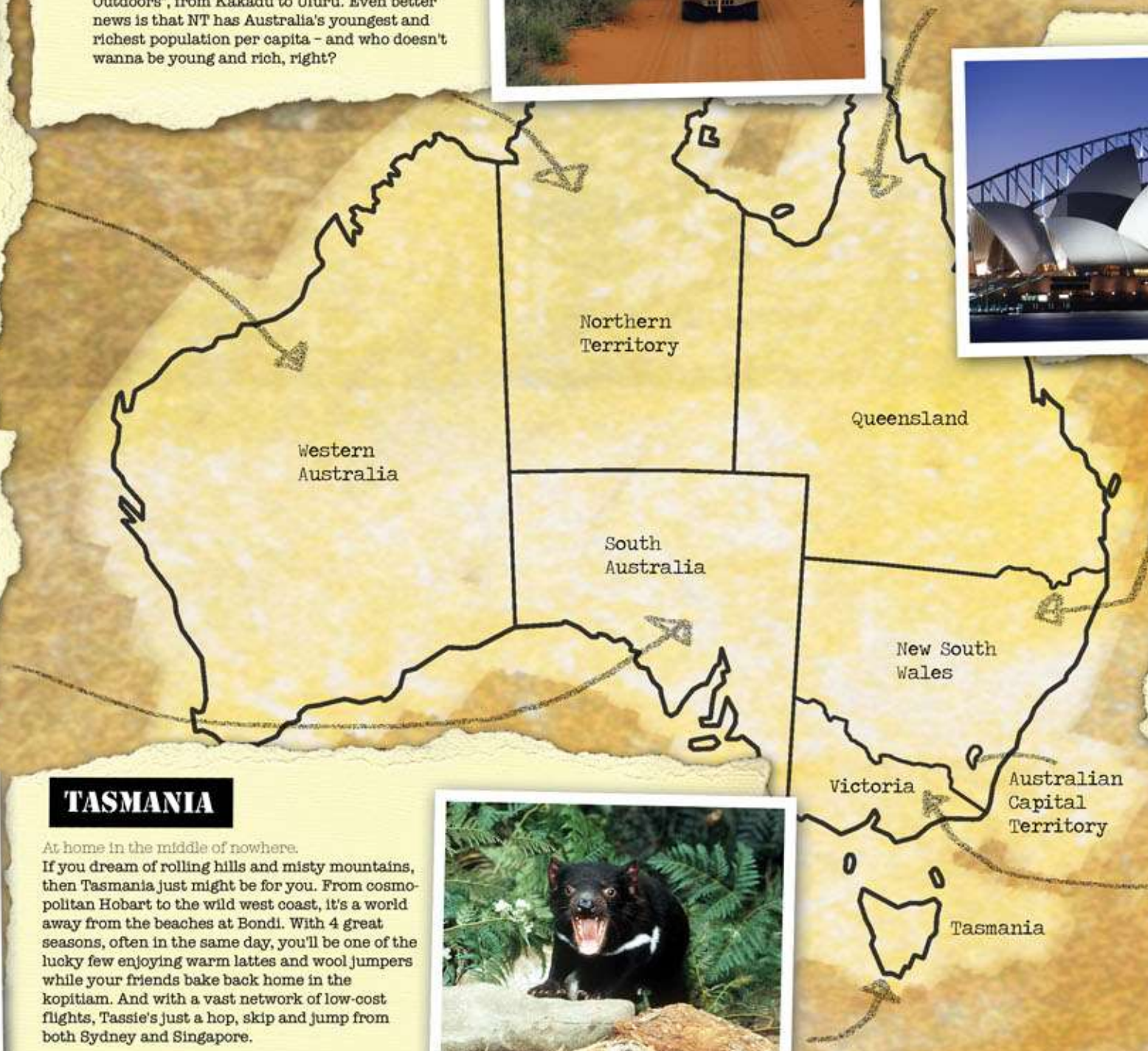
It's Australia's second largest state, and it's got a little (or a lot) of everything that's quintessentially Aussie - beaches, rainforests, the Outback. Sure, you say, you've seen it all before... but here's something you didn't know - Brisbane is Australia's fastest-growing city, with awesome nightlife that's given birth to everyone from The Bee Gees to The Veronicas, making "Brisvegas" Australia's hottest social scene. Add to that the Whitsundays, Great Barrier Reef and Surfers Paradise, and Queensland's got something for everyone, not to mention top schools like Bond University, James Cook University and the University of Queensland. For more on Queensland, check page 19.



## NEW SOUTH WALES

Surf's Up!

When you ask people about NSW, the knee-jerk response is always "Sydney!" And with its amazing harbour, famous Opera House, edgy Kings Cross and iconic beaches like Bondi, who can blame them. But when you scratch the surface, it's so much more than Sydney. The entire north coast is a surf mecca, while the Snowy Mountains make a great winter playground. Then there's the Outback, the Blue Mountains and of course, wine country. If that sounds like it'll keep you busy between classes, then try looking into leading schools like Macquarie University, the University of Newcastle and the University of Technology, Sydney.



## VICTORIA

Living it up, Victorian style.

By Aussie standards, Victoria's small. But everything's relative, since Victoria's as big as the entire UK, and it packs in a little of everything from the Outback, to beaches and surfing, to Australia's most dynamic city (according to all Melbournians). And best of all - there are 4 seasons! While you won't be making snowmen on Bourke St. Mall, you can a few hours drive into the mountains. The state's also home to many of Australia's top schools, including the University of Melbourne, RMIT, Swinburne University of Technology and Monash University. For more on Victoria, check out page 9.

## TASMANIA

At home in the middle of nowhere.

If you dream of rolling hills and misty mountains, then Tasmania just might be for you. From cosmopolitan Hobart to the wild west coast, it's a world away from the beaches at Bondi. With 4 great seasons, often in the same day, you'll be one of the lucky few enjoying warm lattes and wool jumpers while your friends bake back home in the kopitiam. And with a vast network of low-cost flights, Tassie's just a hop, skip and jump from both Sydney and Singapore.



For more on travel to Australia, visit [www.australia.com](http://www.australia.com).



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# an aussie experience rock australia this summer!

December is the 'official' start to the Australian summer. It's also the start of festival season, when Aussies kick off their shoes, kick up their heels and toe-tap their way through a line-up of local and international acts that rock and roll along well into April. Blues, pop, trance, folk, funk, comedy - everyone gets their moment in the summer sun.

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## across australia

It's the favourite time of year for multi-day festivals, with the **FALLS FESTIVAL** held in two venues, in two states. In Victoria, it's on a beautiful farm in the Otway rainforest near Lorne on the Great Ocean Road, where the festival is staged in a huge natural amphitheatre, framed by rainforest. In Tasmania, it's also held on an idyllic farm, surrounded by forest and with views over Maria Island. The ticket price covers two nights camping and a diverse range of acts including top bands, roving performers, moonlight cinema and comedy.

**SUMMADAYZE**, kicking off in Sydney on New Year's Eve and rolling around the country, is the season's premier electronic dance music celebration. It started in Melbourne a decade ago, but it has grown up, and now Sydney, Melbourne, the Gold Coast, Adelaide and Perth all get to see tens of thousands of revellers dancing their heads off to the world's best DJs and dance bands for around 12 hours straight.

January sees the biggest of the summer's touring concerts: the **BIG DAY OUT**. The name says it all, with a mix of mega international acts and local heroes, performing across seven or eight stages, and shows in Sydney, Melbourne, the Gold Coast and Perth. Plenty of local bands have ridden the sling-shot to stardom after appearing at BDO alongside some of the planet's most famous bands.

January 26 is **AUSTRALIA DAY** and the nation celebrates the holiday with music and entertainment, countrywide. There's a free live music festival in The Rocks in Sydney, while in Canberra, the free concert at Parliament House - held beneath the huge, floodlit national flag - features a line-up of home-grown talent.

The last of the multi-city big music events is **GOOD VIBRATIONS**, bringing the best beat-based party music from overseas downunder, to huge crowds in Melbourne, Sydney, Perth and the Gold Coast.

## adelaide, south australia

The **ADELAIDE FRINGE FESTIVAL** - which runs for 24 days - is renowned for spontaneity, innovation, edginess and fun. The Adelaide Fringe is the largest arts festival in the Southern hemisphere: 80,000 people attend the opening night party, and a million or more enjoy the shows at 260 venues across the city.

## byron bay, queensland

Summer's last gasp heralds **BLUESFEST**, held over the Easter weekend in the travellers' mecca of Byron Bay. Over the 5 days, you can wander between the 5 stages, grab a snack at one of the many market stalls, and take your pick from over 120 artists, not to mention countless buskers playing blues, roots and world music and just about anything in between.



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## sydney, new south wales

The first of the really big summer festivals is **HOMEBAKE** - the music event that celebrates home-grown talent. Most of Australia's (and NZ's) top bands have strutted their stuff on the Homebake stage and each year the line-up - and the crowds - get bigger. Homebake has found a home in Sydney's Domain - the historic parkland in the centre of the city that is the spectacular setting for a summer-full of free performances that span symphony, jazz, and the now world-famous Tropfest short film festival.

Sydney-siders take summer seriously, devoting 3 whole weeks in January to the **SYDNEY FESTIVAL** which, including the free Domain concerts, sees up to 80 events and 500 local and international artists land in the harbour city - and around a million people turn out to see them.

## tamworth, new south wales

You don't have to be a country and western fan to have a wild time at the famous **TAMWORTH COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL** in mid-January. It's been the launch pad for the likes of Keith Urban and Kasey Chambers and you can spot the stars, check out the wannabes, take in the rodeo - and get boot-scootin'.

## welbourne, victoria

In February, the free **ST KILDA FESTIVAL** is one of Melbourne's favourite events, held on the foreshore of Port Phillip Bay and celebrating summer with Australian musical talent.

## perth, western australia

Not to be outdone by the east-coasters, the **PERTH INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL** brings together some of the best artists and performers from around the world, covering theatre, music, dance and fine arts. It runs for 4 weeks from February to March and is Australia's oldest international arts festival.

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## What to Study?

With thousands of courses to choose from, here's just a few of the up-and-coming degrees Australia excels at:

### Occupational Therapy

Want to study medicine and help people, but not sure if being a doctor is for you? Consider Occupational Therapy or O.T. - a field that literally helps people get back on their feet, adjust to injuries and often change how they live their lives. The demand for practitioners has never been higher.

OT offers everything from orthopedics to cutting-edge specialisations like Assistive Device Technology, with possible hands-on internships in remote communities across South East Asia.

While a degree-course in Occupational Therapy isn't available in Singapore, schools like the University of Sydney are world-leaders in the field, offering full 4-year bachelor programmes.



Ornig! Will I have to do this as well?

### Marine Biology

Our oceans are home to an amazing 80% of all life on earth. They're coming under increasing environmental pressure every year and that means students of marine sciences are set to be in higher demand than ever.

And where better to study the seas than in Australia - home to 33% of the world's marine reserves, stretching over 34,000km of coastline, covering thousands of unique marine ecosystems like the world-famous Great Barrier Reef, making it the world's best classroom for young marine biologists, environmental scientists and oceanographers.

Australia's home to numerous bachelor, master and PhD programmes specialising in marine sciences including James Cook University.

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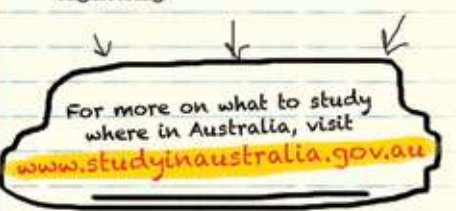


Hi-tech. That's the way I like it!



### Other in-demand degrees

Just a few of the other in-demand industries Australia specialises in include high-tech approaches to agriculture, new media and mining engineering.



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And yet, the Parkville campus is a short distance from Melbourne's central business district area, a vibrant, multicultural city where students can engage with the many sporting and cultural activities which are hosted each year.

Find out more about studying at Melbourne  
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### AUSTRALIA'S BEST

The University of Melbourne is ranked the top University in Australia and 36th in the world.\*

\*The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2010

### GET INVOLVED

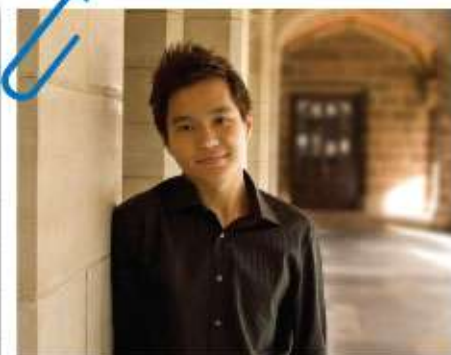
The University has over 100 affiliated clubs and societies for you to explore new interests, develop new skills, and most importantly meet some new friends.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The 2009 Nobel Prize for Medicine winner Professor Elizabeth Blackburn completed a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science at the University of Melbourne.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The University of Melbourne offers over 340 different graduate degrees.



Boon Han Koh  
 Bachelor of Commerce  
 Singapore



Yingyi Wong,  
 Bachelor of Arts  
 Singapore

### To me, studying at Melbourne means:

"An all new and exciting experience. Studying abroad has always been my dream, as it is really an eye-opener for me, and allows me to break out of my own comfort zone. However, in order to survive in a new environment, I know that I must keep an open mind and heart, and be willing to learn from others while sharing with others whatever I can. In order to get the best out of the 'Melbourne experience', I know I must be daring to try new things and not be afraid to make new friends."

"Studying at Melbourne has introduced me to numerous career options. I wish to pursue further studies in educational psychology to assist young people with diverse needs."

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### 1. Great Ocean Road:

Drive the 250km along it, or tackle the Great Ocean Walk along this spectacular stretch of coast, which is home to the Twelve Apostles.

### 2. Melbourne City Circle Tram:

The trams provide free hop-on-hop-off travel to city sights and attractions with commentaries.

### 3. Yarra Valley:

Sample wines, and enjoy life's culinary pleasures in this wine country.

### 4. The Grampians:

Experience Australia's indigenous culture, where dozens of rock art sites are set in a stunning landscape.

### 5. Phillip Island Nature Park:

Home to the famous nightly Penguin Parade, as well as a koala sanctuary and seal nesting site.

# top 10 THINGS TO DO IN VICTORIA



### 6. Queen Victoria Market:

Opened in 1878, it's the largest and oldest market (for food, entertainment and shopping) in the Southern Hemisphere.

### 7. Mt. Buller and Falls Creek:

The best place in Australia for skiing and snowboarding!

### 8. Falls Festival:

Featuring music from Joan Jet to Public Enemy and everything in between, it's one heck of a New Year's concert.

### 9. Melbourne Cricket Ground:

The spiritual home of Australian cricket as well as the Australian Football League.

### 10. Coffee State:

Victoria is coffee country, where you can have an amazing cuppa anywhere from uber-chic Collins Street to St. Kilda.



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Discover more about living and learning in Victoria at  
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**About Monash**

In just half a century, Monash University has grown to become Australia's largest university. It is also one of the country's most prestigious.

The university incorporates eight campuses (and a study centre) across four continents. With a count of over 20,000 international students among a total of 60,000 students, nearly 1,700 come from Singapore.



**Where is Monash**

Monash's six Australian campuses are all based in the south-eastern state of Victoria. Five of them are spread throughout the city of Melbourne, the state's capital and one is in the picturesque regional area of Gippsland. Melbourne is defined by a blend of sophistication, sporting passion, culinary brilliance, as well as high-quality infrastructure and a safe environment. The city is consistently ranked as one of the world's most liveable cities by independent ratings agencies.

Melbourne is famous for its cultural diversity. Living side by side are people from more than 200 nations who speak 230 languages and follow 120 religious faiths.

Monash also has comprehensive campuses in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Johannesburg South Africa as well as a study centre in Prato, Italy and a joint research academy in Mumbai, India.

**Courses**

Monash offers courses from a vast selection of both traditional and emerging disciplines.

Award-winning educators and researchers lead 10 specialised faculties:

- Art and Design
- Arts
- Business and Economics
- Education
- Engineering
- Information Technology
- Law
- Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences
- Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Science

Course options within these faculties include single and double bachelor and honours degrees, diplomas, postgraduate coursework degrees, advanced research degrees, and PhDs.

For students who may not be quite ready to move directly into an Australian university course, we also offer pathway programs, courses designed to prepare students for our challenging degrees. Monash College is the largest provider of pathway programs into Monash University and offers diploma courses in Australia as well as many international locations.



**STUFF THAT YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW**

- Monash is a member of the Group of Eight, a coalition of prestigious Australian universities, renowned for the high standard of education they provide.
- Eight scientists from Monash University shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with fellow members of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), as well as environment campaigner Al Gore.
- More than 89% of Monash students gain permanent employment within six months of graduating (according to the Times Higher Education Supplement World University Rankings, 2009)
- The foundation campus in the suburb of Clayton is the largest campus. In fact, it's so large (1.1 square kilometres) that it has its own postcode.

**HERE'S WHAT THEY SAY**



A Monash University degree helped Alice Yeh secure a prestigious job at Singapore's largest and oldest hospital. The 21 year old is a medical technologist at Singapore General Hospital (SGH), having been offered a job almost immediately after returning to Singapore from a year of study at Monash. Alice took advantage of an arrangement between Monash and Singapore's Republic Polytechnic, by which students complete a two-year Advanced Diploma of Biomedical Sciences in Singapore, then study another year at Monash in Australia to gain a Bachelor of Biomedical Science qualification.

For Alice, the Monash experience was life changing, a reward for her commitment as well as her effort as she had declined the offer of a scholarship in Singapore to study in Australia.

She says the challenging curriculum had a strong emphasis on practical experience in the laboratory. She was attached to a different Monash University laboratory for every module of study she undertook, meaning she gained a wide range of experience in a short amount of time. "You can see it in books, but I got to experience it in real life," she says. "I actually managed to visit Australia's stem-cell labs. I think that was a really very good opportunity for me." Back home in Singapore, employers were impressed by the quality and strength of her training at Monash. "They were very surprised when I told them of the lab experience I had," she explains.

Today she is focused on building her career, but hopes to go back to Monash University in the future. "It is quite multi-racial at Monash, so I actually made a lot of friends and did a lot of team work, so I will definitely go there again to do my masters or my honours." Alice's advice to students considering Monash as an overseas study option is simple. "It is definitely worth the investment. Try it... it is a very good experience."



Sitting in his office in the heart of Singapore's Chinatown, Ryan Lee grins as he produces a portable media player from his pocket.

At 32, Ryan is the CEO of XMI the company he founded in 2006. At first he survived on savings and juggling bank credit. This year the company has more than a dozen staff and is expected to turn over S\$12 million. The key to his success is the tiny speaker design, dubbed the X-mini, a pocket-sized speaker system with a sound that defies its size.

Ryan, a Monash University Master of Applied Economics degree graduate and a self-confessed gadget nut, said he came up with the idea when he couldn't buy a quality pocket-sized portable speaker.

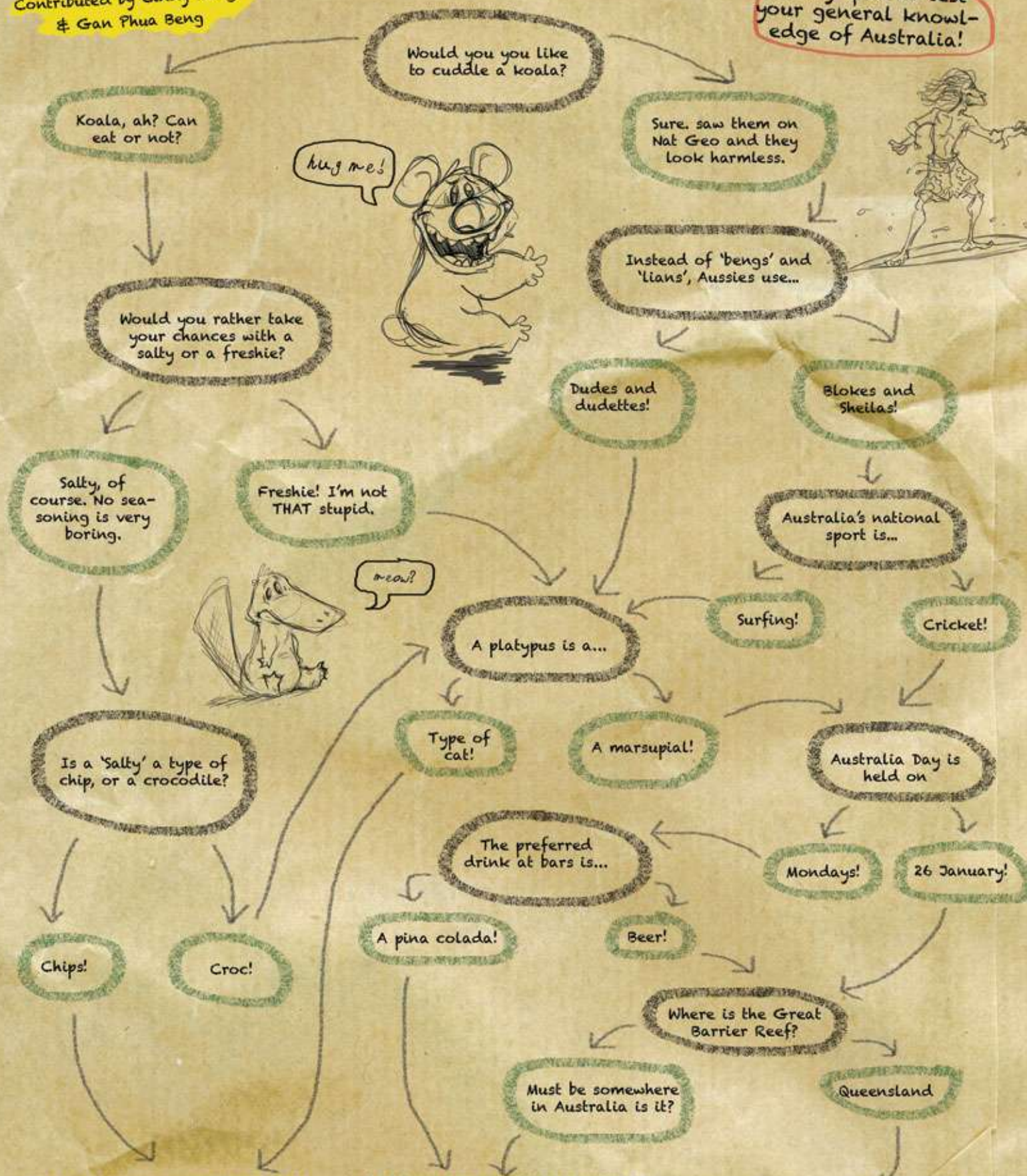
With an estimated one billion portable devices - used for music, games, DVDs and computing - across the world, Ryan has tapped a massive market. The capsule speakers sell for about \$50 and are available in 58 countries on six continents.

Ryan said he enjoyed his Masters study at Monash University in 2001, particularly its strong focus on practical learning. "I didn't need a degree to start the business," he admits, "but to be honest, a degree was part of the learning process," he said. "It's given me a better general view, a better macro view. You are able to have a much better grasp of the whole picture." Ryan's blend of business sense and creativity means he is already working on a number of ideas to capture new niche markets and hoping to bring a smile to the face of the next generation of gadget lovers.

**How Australian Are You?**

Contributed by Cindy Yong & Gan Phua Beng

A silly quiz to test your general knowledge of Australia!



QUIZ!

# STUDY IN AUSTRALIA

By Cindy Yong

## your way!

If you're looking to further your education overseas (we hear you, mate), and want to know how your interests fit in Australia, take a quick peek at the quiz below and let CAMPUS do the breaking down for you!

### 1. YOU LIKE TO SPEND YOUR WEEKENDS:

- A. Exploring the great outdoors – hiking, canoeing, fishing and more, you're the absolute nature lover and nothing beats spending a day in union with nature!
- B. Checking out the latest events happening in town – the clubs, the parties, gigs; they're not started till you get there.
- C. Trawling the shopping malls of Singapore – you head to ION Orchard to marvel at the mere excessiveness of commercialism, then stroll over to quaint indie hotspots like Haji Lane, and end your weekend at a heartland mall near home.
- D. Reading a good book, hang out with your crazy actor's group, or indulge in some out-there arts and crafts project – you probably make duct tape rings for all your friends.



### 4. IN A GROUP PROJECT, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO:

- A. Does the research and assembles the data.
- B. Makes things happen – you put together everybody's contributions.
- C. Is the Team Leader. You help break down the project into manageable parts.
- D. Makes a great wingman – you take on the persona of the supporting role.

### 5. YOU'RE PSYCHED TO STUDY IN AUSTRALIA BECAUSE:

- A. Of the diverse and exciting wildlife they have there, in addition to the enriching outdoor opportunities they have for people with interests like yours!
- B. Of the attractive social scene and nightlife that thriving, cutting-edge cities such as Sydney and Melbourne offer.
- C. Of the countless business opportunities you see, potential money to be made and empires to be forged.
- D. Of the more active and promising arts scene that Singapore just simply cannot contend with.

### WHAT DO YOUR ANSWERS MEAN?



**If you answered mostly As,** you're a nature lover, and an animal lover to boot. Check out Environmental Sciences, where you can study animals and work in natural environments. The industry is currently thriving thanks to environmental changes around the globe. Put your love to use and help make a difference!

**If you answered mostly Bs,** you're most cut out for the events industry! You love to have fun, and what better way to fully enjoy your future career than to do what you love! Look to event planning courses, communication majors, and even hospitality majors that are offered at universities across the country.

**If you answered mostly Cs,** you're clearly an entrepreneur at heart. Business probably comes natural to you. Learn the ropes and gain some business knowledge at some of the best business schools in Australia.

**If you answered mostly Ds,** you're bound for the arts industry. Even if acting isn't your thing, the arts industry is broad and offers countless different positions from graphic artists to actors to journalists.

### 3. YOU ARE INTERESTED IN:

- A. Animals. Ace Ventura has nothing on you.
- B. Fashion, Parties, and the High Life. You seek excitement and having fun is almost always on the top of your to-do list!
- C. Making money. Renting pushcarts in shopping malls? Been there, done that. Online retail ventures? Heck, you'd sell your tee-shirt online if you had a buyer.
- D. Literature, Dance, the Arts. You're the kooky one, the artsy one they label "slightly strange but very interesting." The muddled version of Luna Lovegood.



"A lot of things have opened up since I started the masters, and I've had some negotiation for going back home for the summer holidays for a sort of lecturing position in a public university there, so that's exciting."

Luciana Lo,  
Master of Health Services Management



"I feel Sydney is very international, so it's easy to fit in. I don't feel like a stranger. It's western enough to feel like I'm in a different country, and it's eastern enough so that I don't feel strange. UTS is in the city; there are always things to do. Sometimes I just catch a bus, go to Circular Quay, walk around, see the Opera House, the Harbour Bridge, or get some fresh air. There are so many places to go."

Sirinut Sawatdeharunat,  
PhD in Education

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- > Law
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"I chose UTS because it's very industry based. In the accounting faculty, all the lecturers and staff are industry based, and the course is recognised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants and by the Certified Public Accountant body."

Thimira Caldera,  
Bachelor of Business



"If you want to think about technology, undertake courses with an incredibly practical approach and use awesome facilities – don't miss the opportunity to study at UTS!"

Abhijeet Zargar  
Master of Engineering Studies  
(Telecommunications Engineering and Telecommunications Networks) and Master of Engineering Management



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James Cook University (JCU) is the second oldest university in Queensland and Australia's leading university in the tropics. Offering excellence in teaching and research, JCU is a vibrant, multi-campus university with its main sites in the tropical Queensland cities of Townsville and Cairns, and modern city campuses in Singapore and Brisbane. Courses are also delivered through our education partners in Asia and the Pacific.

JCU's activities have a strong focus in regional Queensland but its impact and reach are international, as recognised in the respected Shanghai Jiao Tong University ranking system which has placed JCU in the top 400 universities in the world and in the top 4% of universities worldwide. There are over 300 programs available to international students to study at JCU.



**James Cook University** (JCU) is Australia's leading tropical University, offering diverse and practical study options from Bachelors through to PhDs. Ranked as one of the **world's top** academic teaching and research universities\*, our vision is to create a **brighter future** for life in the tropics worldwide, with a focus on graduates and discoveries that make a difference.

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#### Why Choose JCU

- Vibrant, multicampus university
- Global quality degrees
- Supportive study environment
- Positive graduate outcomes
- Unique study location in the tropics
- Leading Research



#### A NATURAL CHOICE FOR STUDY

Significant for JCU students in Australia is the university's unique, natural location. Visitors and residents enjoy living in some of the country's most livable cities and also enjoy a huge range of leisure activities including diving on the Great Barrier Reef and visiting ancient rainforests.



At JCU's Singapore campus, students will experience quality Australian education in a dynamic Asian metropolis.



#### THE PROGRAMS

James Cook University's study areas include the arts and humanities, business, the creative arts, education, engineering, health sciences, information, technology, law, medicine, social sciences and science. Importantly, JCU works with employers and industry to ensure courses are relevant and cutting edge, and is constantly adapting and updating its programs to meet students' demands.



#### DID YOU KNOW

- 17000 students study at JCU, including 5000 international students
- Our international students come from over 100 countries
- There are over 300 programs available to study at JCU
- JCU's first international campus, JCU Singapore was opened in 2003 and is home to over 2000 students
- JCU is ranked in the top 4% of universities worldwide \*



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### The green campus

Students love the 126-hectare parkland setting in Sydney, with classes, accommodation, activities and all services located on the one green campus - truly an inspirational setting to study. When you want a break, however, it's an easy 30-minute ride straight from the campus train station to the city centre, and all the attractions and excitement that Sydney has to offer. The campus is also located next door to one of Sydney's largest shopping malls, including a 16-screen cinema.



### A reputation for Business

Macquarie University is renowned as a leader in key areas of business including Finance, Accounting, Actuarial, Marketing, Human Resources and Management. Programs are devised and regularly reviewed in conjunction with the Faculty of Business and Economics Industry Advisory Board, which includes executives from AMP, Qantas, Macquarie Bank and the Australian Trade Commission. Programs offer frequent guest lectures by industry leaders and internship opportunities that can open doors for employment.



### Scholarships

The Macquarie University International Scholarships (MUIS) program is one of the most generous of its kind, with 40 full tuition scholarships available across all of its undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. Successful MUIS recipients pay no tuition fees for the duration of their degree. The scholarships are awarded primarily on the basis of academic merit, with an emphasis on applicants that can demonstrate the values of global citizenship that the university promotes.

### STUFF THAT YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW

- \* One third of Macquarie University graduates will have studied part of their degree at a partner university overseas, thanks to generous travel grants.
- \* The Wiggles met as students in the Macquarie University Early Childhood programs.
- \* In 2011 the university will open its new library, with a robotic automated storage and retrieval system that holds most of the books underground.
- \* All the coffee outlets on campus serve Fair Trade coffee.
- \* There are over 100 social and special interest clubs you can join on campus.
- \* Macquarie University has two hotels on campus - great for when parents want to visit and check up on you.
- \* The whole campus is a sculpture park.

### Stand out from the crowd

Macquarie University's commitment to flexibility and cross-discipline learning enables you to explore and tailor your degree to your interests. Support your international business degree with comprehensive language and cultural studies, take a double major in media and psychology, or take elective subjects in recording arts alongside your biomolecular sciences program.



### HERE'S WHAT THEY SAY

Her second internship was undertaken with Pathways Foundation. Pathways work with children between the ages of 12-15 in harm prevention and promotion of social values.

"The internships gave me a variety of experiences. I wrote research reports for websites, ran workshops and developed corporate relations," says Azhani.

Though her time in Australia hasn't been all work, Azhani has travelled extensively along Australia's East Coast, Melbourne and Perth. Yet the highlight of her Macquarie experience has been on-campus living. "The two years I spent at Dummore Lang College were great. Being part of such a big community helped me to socialise, make friends and feel comfortable in Sydney. Living with locals allowed me to learn about Australia and understand the culture."

The best advice Azhani has to offer new students at Macquarie is to jump outside their comfort zone. "To make the most out of it, you really need to open your mind and be accepting of differences. That's the fastest way to feel at home in another country."

"Working for non-profit organisations makes you aware there is more to life than money," believes Azhani Ismail.

After completing two internships with not-for-profit organisations, Azhani has learnt lessons far beyond the classroom. The media student from Singapore recently finished her studies and is now working in the design industry. Gaining professional experience in Sydney's diverse media industry through internships gave her a competitive edge in seeking work after university.

The first of Azhani's internships was with the Inspire Foundation, an organisation that uses the internet and other digital methods to raise awareness of youth mental health.

For more information on Macquarie University's media and communication courses, see [www.international.mq.edu.au/study](http://www.international.mq.edu.au/study).



STUDYING IN AUSTRALIA

# FAST FACTS



## ACCOMMODATION

Everybody knows you need a permanent roof over your head. Here are some accommodation types:

### Homestay (about A\$110 to \$270 a week)

If you don't want to give up the comforts of living at home (ie. you still need someone to pay your bills and cook your meals, you big baby), then a homestay is ideal.

### Hostels and guest houses (about A\$80 to \$135 a week)

Usually run by Youth Hostels Australia or YMCA, staying at a hostel is like staying permanently at a backpacker's inn (ie. sharing kitchen and bathroom).

### Shared accommodation (about A\$70 to \$250 a week)

If you want to live like the cast of Friends, you can get a bunch of pals to share a house, apartment or bed-sit. At least you know who's sleeping in the next room.



### Rental accommodation (about A\$100 to \$400 a week)

Want your own pad to show off to your friends and bring back dates? Plenty of options are available: you just have to connect your own electricity & gas (about A\$30 each), and water & phone (about A\$60 each).

### Campus accommodation (about A\$80 to \$250 a week)

On-campus residential colleges and halls of residence provide meals and not surprisingly, are very popular, and only full-time students are accepted.



## WORKING

To pay for your excesses, sorry, expenses, international students are allowed to work for up to 20 hours a week on a casual basis BUT you need to apply for a permit to work (costs you about A\$60). You can easily make that back, as you'll earn A\$6-15 an hour, plus more on Sundays/public holidays. Of course, it all depends on what you do: you can earn more by tutoring (if you think you're smarter than your student-to-be), earning you A\$40/hour!

Of course, you'll be liable for tax (nothing is free) when you work. However, if you earn more than A\$450 a month, you'll be entitled to the Australian version of CPF (called Superannuation Guarantee) which you may be entitled to when you leave the country (called Departing Australia Superannuation Payment).

## TUITION FEES

Basic tuition fees (excluding your books, stationery, excursions, etc) are to be paid in advance. Here's the breakdown:

### UNIVERSITY

Foundation	A\$9,000 - \$14,000/year
Undergraduate (ie arts, business, etc)	A\$10,000 - 13,500/year
Lab-based Undergraduate (ie. science, engineering, etc)	A\$11,000 - 16,500/year
Postgraduate (graduate certificate/diploma)	A\$9,000 - \$16,000/year
Masters/Doctoral Degrees	A\$11,000 - \$18,500/year

### VOCATIONAL & TRAINING INSTITUTION

Diploma & Advanced Diploma	A\$5,500 - \$18,000/year
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## TIME ZONES

**Australian Eastern Standard Time**  
(Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania & Queensland):  
+ 2 hours Singapore (+3 for daylight savings)

**Central Standard Time**  
(South Australia & Northern Territory):  
+ 2.5 hours Singapore

**Western Standard Time**  
(Western Australia):  
no difference from Singapore



## LIVING EXPENSES

**A\$18,000 a year**

Prospective student visa applicants must have access to this amount to meet the living costs. Here's the breakdown:

- \* Loaf of bread - A\$2.50 to A\$3.00
- \* Jar of instant coffee - A\$3.00 to A\$4.00
- \* One banana - 60 cents to 90 cents
- \* Chicken (600 grams) - A\$7.00 to A\$8.00
- \* Bottle of soft drink - A\$1.50 to A\$3.00

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Bond University offers programs in the following areas:

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[www.bond.edu.au/international](http://www.bond.edu.au/international)



## top 10 THINGS TO DO IN QUEENSLAND



### 1. Surfer's Paradise:

Learn to surf at this legendary spot that's home to some of Australia's best breaks.

### 2. The Whitsundays:

Go island hopping - whether you're 'bareboating' or luxury yachting - to the 74 beautiful islands in the area.

### 3. Night out in Brissie:

Brisbane is the party capital of Queensland, with the best clubs concentrated in Fortitude Valley.

### 4. Great Barrier Reef:

Swim, snorkel, dive or take a boat ride in one of the world's 7 wonders, famous for its amazing marine diversity.

### 5. Big Day Out: \*

The biggest music event in Australia, next year's Gold Coast date is Jan 23, with Tool frontlining.

### 6. Australia Zoo: \*

Popularised by Steve Irwin, see (and cuddle) Australia's endemic critters like koalas and wombats at this iconic zoo.



### 7. The Outback:

Birdsville, famous for its pub, is a quintessential outback town. Tackle the 517km Birdsville Track, which runs across the driest deserts of Australia.

### 8. Gold Coast Theme Parks:

Grab a Theme Park Pass, and experience some of the most exhilarating and advanced rides and attractions in the world.

### 9. Tilt Train:

Ride the picturesque coastal train route between Cairns and Brisbane, passing by Hervey Bay, Gold Coast and the Great Barrier Reef.

### 10. The Far North:

Drive a campervan around Far North Queensland, where you'll encounter Australia's exhilarating wildlife first-hand.



## UQ SCIENCE

### WHY UQ SCIENCE?

The University of Queensland prides itself on

- a long standing reputation for quality and excellence
- achievements in winning national teaching awards
- a graduate employment rate five percent higher than other Australian universities
- an international ranking (41 in the world, and 28 in Life Sciences and Biomedicine) 2009 UK Times Higher Education Supplement's annual top 100. Top 5 Australian universities and number one in Queensland by Shanghai Jiao Tong.

*This means that the high calibre of your degree will be recognised internationally.*

Students choose to study science at The University of Queensland because it

- houses 1800 laboratories across four campuses
- boasts Australia's most extensive marine science teaching and research facilities, with field stations on the Great Barrier Reef (Heron Island), Low Isles and Moreton Bay (North Stradbroke Island)
- houses Australia's most comprehensive range of electron optical instrumentation, within UQ's Centre for Microscopy and Microanalysis
- offers exposure to commercialisation and development opportunities
- is committed to the student experience, offering the
  - Interactive Learning Centre (ILC)
  - Science Learning Centre (SLC)
  - Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS)
  - Science Student Societies.



### OUR PROGRAMS

The Faculty unites biomedical and biological sciences, chemistry, earth sciences, geographical planning, maths and physics, and marine and the environmental sciences. Programs range from undergraduate to masters level, to research higher degree. For more information visit [www.science.uq.edu.au](http://www.science.uq.edu.au).



### PROFILE

Ms Dian Farziana (Mohd Farid)  
BSc major in Molecular Cell Biology

"Prior to commencing my studies in Australia I attained a diploma in Medical Technology in Singapore Polytechnic. I was then awarded a scholarship to study a Bachelor of Science with Honours by the Singapore Ministry of Education. I chose to study here in Australia because of the close proximity to home."

"The Australian bioscience industry is also booming, with its many achievements. I chose UQ as it has a balance of good teaching proven by the teaching awards obtained and its reviews from peers. The UQ staff were also very friendly and helpful during my process of application."

[www.science.uq.edu.au](http://www.science.uq.edu.au)

# AUSSIE ALUMNI



**Education:**  
The University of Sydney  
(Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy), 1996)

**NAME:** SARAH WONG  
**OCCUPATION:** Chief Physiotherapist  
**WORKPLACE:** Kids Focus Physiotherapy

After choosing to pursue physiotherapy for my undergraduate degree, I then had to decide where to study abroad because physiotherapy programmes are not offered here in Singapore. It was down to either New Zealand or Australia and I went with the latter because they have the largest batch of graduates from physiotherapy programmes. Not to mention, The University of Sydney has the number one programme in the world for that field.

My experience in Australia benefited me academically and socially. After graduating and applying for jobs, employers saw my degree and would already have an understanding for the prestige and quality it held. I can work anywhere in the world, whereas degrees from other countries in physiotherapy are not as widely recognised and therefore graduates may encounter difficulty in getting a job upon graduation.

My friends and tutors abroad were a huge reason I was even able to graduate on time. While in Australia, my dad passed away and I had to take some time off school to cope. They all were extremely supportive and accommodating. Here in Singapore, I heard similar stories with schools not being as accommodating in those types of unfortunate situations and the outcomes were always negative.

After graduating and moving back to Singapore, I found that The University of Sydney has a very proactive alumni association which actively reaches out to its Australian and international graduates. I have had many opportunities to network (on a number of different platforms) with a multi-faceted group of graduates from a wide spectrum of backgrounds. This is invaluable to me and certainly something of a 'bonus', as I never expected this level of contact when I first graduated over 15 years ago. Looking back, my Australian education will always be a defining factor in my life because of its impact on my career and myself.



**Education:**  
Curtin University  
(BA in Food, Science and Nutrition, 1999)  
Curtin University  
(Post Graduate in Health Promotion, 2001)  
University of Sydney (Distance Learning)  
(MA in Health Science Education, 2004)

**NAME:** ELAINE WONG  
**OCCUPATION:** Nutrition Scientist  
**WORKPLACE:** Abbott Laboratories

One of the most beneficial aspects of my education in Australia was the hands-on, practical teaching methods of my lecturers. With a high-level of professionalism, they provided countless real life examples to compliment the textbook material. I found they really put in the time to give you proper mentoring and coaching.

Learning took place not only in the classroom, but outside as well through work attachments and internships that my professors helped me to obtain. While pursuing my undergrad, I completed an attachment with the Health Department of Western Australia assisting with media writing and various programmes. I also participated in the National Heart Foundation as well as did internships at 5 hospitals. On top of my busy schedule, upon recommendation from my professor, I also took up a part-time health promotions position through my university.

I found that if you worked hard, you got what you deserved. When I asked a professor to write me a reference letter, instead of just getting a piece of paper, he offered me a job and that really is indicative of the entire culture. You get out, what you put in.

## AUSTRALIAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE (AAS)

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Maj Thomsen in *Invisible Stains*. Photo by Jeff Busby.

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# WHAT IT'S LIKE TO STUDY IN AUSTRALIA...

**ZHAO YUAN YE (China)**  
University of Technology, Sydney  
BSc in Information Technology, graduated 2009

#### WHY DID YOU PICK AUSTRALIA?

"I wanted to study in Australia to improve my English skills and make international connections, which would help me in the global job market. The opportunity to travel around Australia was also an added incentive."

#### WHAT WAS YOUR BEST EXPERIENCE STUDYING ABROAD?

"I particularly enjoyed the project subjects that were done under supervision by an academic. I was honoured to be part of a project in the Magic Lab (the Innovation and Enterprise Research Laboratory) to explore visualising and representing the AIBO robot puppies in virtual reality, such as Second Life. I was involved in the UTS robot soccer team and competed at RoboCup 2008. Our team came second in the world in the four-legged league!"

#### HOW HAS STUDYING IN AUSTRALIA BENEFITED YOU THUS FAR?

During my time at UTS I secured a summer internship with Macquarie Group and as a result was offered a graduate position with them as an IT professional when I'd finished my degree.



*Zhao, robot man*

**CHERYL LEE (Singapore)**  
Murdoch University, Perth  
Bachelor of Mass Communication, graduated 2010

#### WHY DID YOU PICK AUSTRALIA?

Having already visited many times, I felt like I belonged. The great weather, the people, the lifestyle - all things that made Australia my choice. Plus it's near Singapore, so I was never far from home, but it gave me an experience Singapore simply couldn't offer.

#### WHAT WAS YOUR BEST EXPERIENCE STUDYING ABROAD?

Australia isn't just about what you learn in class. My memories include the friends I met, the activities, the last minute before a big exam, even little things like eating lunch in Bush Court - these were moments that defined the experience. And of course, going on ROAD TRIPS! I loved going from cosmopolitan Perth to the serene outback or fantastic white beaches in just a short drive: all of which was new to a city girl like me - definitely an awesome experience!

#### HOW HAS STUDYING IN AUSTRALIA BENEFITED YOU THUS FAR?

Living by myself, I learned independence. I have always loved travelling, but living in a city and not just visiting it are very different things. I learned to adapt to totally new surroundings. More than just a lecture or classroom, these were the real life lessons.



*Cheryl, the road trip lover*

**YEUNG KING HEI, RICKY (Hong Kong)**  
Curtin Business School  
Master of Marketing, third year

#### WHY DID YOU PICK AUSTRALIA?

I chose Australia to experience another culture. I picked Perth because it is quieter than other Australian cities, and I wanted to study at Curtin Business School because it's the best business school in Western Australia.

#### WHAT WAS YOUR BEST EXPERIENCE STUDYING ABROAD?

I've enjoyed making friends from different countries and doing projects with people from different cultural backgrounds.

#### HOW HAS STUDYING IN AUSTRALIA BENEFITED YOU THUS FAR?

I'm trying to go into marketing or international education, in a non-profit organisation. The good learning environment and professional classes have prepared me for my career.



*Big-hearted Ricky*

**AI MOK (Singapore)**  
The University of Queensland, Queensland  
Bachelor of Social Work, fourth year

#### WHY DID YOU PICK AUSTRALIA?

One of the main reasons I chose Australia was because of the positive stories from family and friends who've studied in Australia. More importantly, Australia is well known for its excellent social work courses and is a country close to home.

#### WHAT WAS YOUR BEST EXPERIENCE STUDYING ABROAD?

Not only will I receive a bachelor degree, but I've also developed independent living habits and embraced the various cultures that I came into contact with. There were countless exposures I had over the 5 years that I would not have received studying in my home country.

#### HOW HAS STUDYING IN AUSTRALIA BENEFITED YOU THUS FAR?

I had an opportunity to gain insights of social work in the Australian context which is vastly different from an Asian background. I've also built friendships with people from different countries, cultures, and backgrounds. The greatest benefit of studying in Australia is that I have learnt much more during my stay than I did previously.



*Kissie Loves Ai*



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We offer undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD programs across five faculties: Business and Law; Education and Arts; Engineering and Built Environment; Health; Science and Information Technology.

With a student population of some 33,000, we welcome students from around the world - including more than 7,300 international students from over 80 countries.

We are in the top 10 Australian universities for research, the top 60 universities in the Asia Pacific and rank strongly in the Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities. Our research strengths are in health, science and engineering, and energy and the environment, with emerging strengths in humanities and social sciences.

We have built an international reputation for our innovative approaches to teaching and learning. Our academics are acknowledged as among the best in Australia - some ranked in the top one per cent in their field in the world.

#### STUDY IN AUSTRALIA

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# AUSSIE SLANG!

Sure, you may know common words like 'mate' and 'fair dinkum', but learn just little more strine, and you'll have a rip snorter of a time in Oz!



(sc)eeo loose in the paddock...

## Useful study words

- Doco = a document
- Bludger = lazy person
- Tall Poppies = a successful person
- Kangaroo's loose in the top paddock = "blur like sotong"



## Time of day

- Sparrow's fart = dawn
- Arvo = Afternoon

## Everyday words

- Bonzer / Ripper = great!
- Cactus = not functioning
- Hooroo = goodbye



## Out and About

- Shark Biscuit = a new surfer
- Screamer = a party animal
- Exy = expensive
- Two pot screamer = a person who can't handle their alcoholic drink



## Eating

- (A) dingo's breakfast = no breakfast at all
- Amber fluid / Grog = beer
- "Who opened their lunch?" = "Who just farted?"
- Barbie = barbecue
- Bog in = to eat food with enthusiasm
- Boozer = a pub
- Dead horse = tomato sauce
- Snag = sausage



## Clothes

- Thongs = flip flops
- Togs = swim suit



## Emergency

- Ambo = Ambulance
- Servo = petrol station

## Know your Aussies

(only said in a joking manner)

- Cane toad or Banana bender = person from Queensland
- Cockroach = person from New South Wales
- Crow eater = person from South Australia
- Gumsucker = person from Victoria
- Sandgroper = person from Western Australia
- Apple eater = person from Tasmania

Salty or Feehive?



The Aussie penguin march

## People

- Rellie = relatives
- Dag = funny person
- Sheila = woman
- Oldies = parents



# DESTINATION: RMIT UNIVERSITY

RMIT University is the destination for over 72 000 students and its campuses in Melbourne are home to over 11 000 international students.

With its heart in the centre of Melbourne, RMIT is a truly urban and internationalised University with links to industry and communities across the world. The University's mantra of 'learning by doing' has contributed to RMIT's graduates being recognised as some of the most employable across the world. At RMIT University, world-class theory meets real-world skills.

## RMIT inspires Design

RMIT's College of Design and Social Context is one of the most renowned Design institutions in Australia.

The College's eight schools encompass the art, communication, design, education, humanities, property and social science discipline areas. Students address compelling, contemporary issues such as climate change, globalisation and rapid urbanisation in ways that facilitate cultural change through design.



## RMIT means Business

RMIT has an established reputation for excellence in business and management education, providing high quality programs for sixty-five years. The Business College provides industry responsive programs relevant to both students and employers with a wide range of award programs, executive education and training that can be tailored for the workplace. Alongside established programs covering international management education, financial markets, and international accounting and law, specialist programs such as entrepreneurship and logistics are offered.

## RMIT knows Science, Engineering and Health

Science, Engineering and Health programs are focused on providing practical solutions to real-life problems. They are committed to developing and applying new ways of thinking about the environment and sustainability, health and wellbeing, and advanced technologies through education and research. Strong links with industry ensure programs remain relevant and provide students and professionals with opportunities for workplace training, clinical practice and participation in joint research projects.



## Stuff you may or may not know

- » RMIT is ranked 10th in Australia in the 2010 QS World University Rankings. We were also ranked fourth worldwide for the international profile of our student cohort.
- » RMIT is recognised as the top entrepreneurial university in Australia\* and is Australia's largest dual-sector educational institution. (\*2009 GSEA annual Top Entrepreneurial Universities List)
- » RMIT has an International Experience and Research Program (RIERP) which sees over 200 students travel to different continents to gain work experience with the world's leading companies.
- » Over the past three years RMIT students have worked with Rolls-Royce, Boeing, Volkswagen, Robert Bosch, Calvin Klein, Guess, KPMG and Australia's biggest banks.
- » The creators of the SAW (I-VI) movie franchise are RMIT graduates!

## Here's what they think...



I intend to work in a law enforcement agency after I graduate. My degree is directly related to that field and explores the study of crime. It looks at why most people are law abiding citizens while the minority engage in criminal activity and at the challenges of combating crime on a global level.

I found the program interesting because it required me to engage in critical thinking and not just look at things from only one perspective.

The lecturers were really good in their respective fields (police, prisons, law) and helpful too. Plus I made some great friends or should I say, mates!!

Melbourne is a great city to live in. A perfect day for me would be to chill out at one of the cafes; just relaxing and chatting away while watching the hustle and bustle of the city.

Vincent Sagaram, Singapore  
Bachelor of Arts (Criminal Justice Administration)

'My course integrates Chinese Medicine with Western Medicine to provide a more holistic treatment for patients. The teachers are so approachable and helpful—all you have to do it ask!

Highlights of my experience in Melbourne? Friendships with people from all over the world, independence and learning to cook new dishes!

Venessa Denise Pei Yun Lim, Singapore  
Bachelor of Applied Science (Chinese Medicine)/  
Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Biology)



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