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# Transition to Graduate Studies and Australian Culture

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The University of Melbourne acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the unceded land on which we work, learn and live: the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and Bunurong peoples (Burnley, Fishermans Bend, Parkville, Southbank and Werribee campuses), the Yorta Yorta Nation (Dookie and Shepparton campuses), and the Dja Dja Wurrung people (Creswick campus).

The University also acknowledges and is grateful to the Traditional Owners, Elders and Knowledge Holders of all Indigenous nations and clans who have been instrumental in our reconciliation journey.

We recognise the unique place held by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the original owners and custodians of the lands and waterways across the Australian continent, with histories of continuous connection dating back more than 60,000 years. We also acknowledge their enduring cultural practices of caring for Country.

We pay respect to Elders past, present and future, and acknowledge the importance of Indigenous knowledge in the Academy. As a community of researchers, teachers, professional staff and students we are privileged to work and learn every day with Indigenous colleagues and partners.



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# Why do we have an acknowledgement of country?

Explore an indigenous perspective  
campus tour:  
[https://murrupbarak.unimelb.edu.au/  
home/about/billibellarys-walk](https://murrupbarak.unimelb.edu.au/home/about/billibellarys-walk)



# TODAY'S TOPICS



**Adjusting to Australian Academic Culture**



**Interacting in class and with your lecturers and professors**



**Extracurricular Activities and Professional Associations**



**Key dates & timelines**



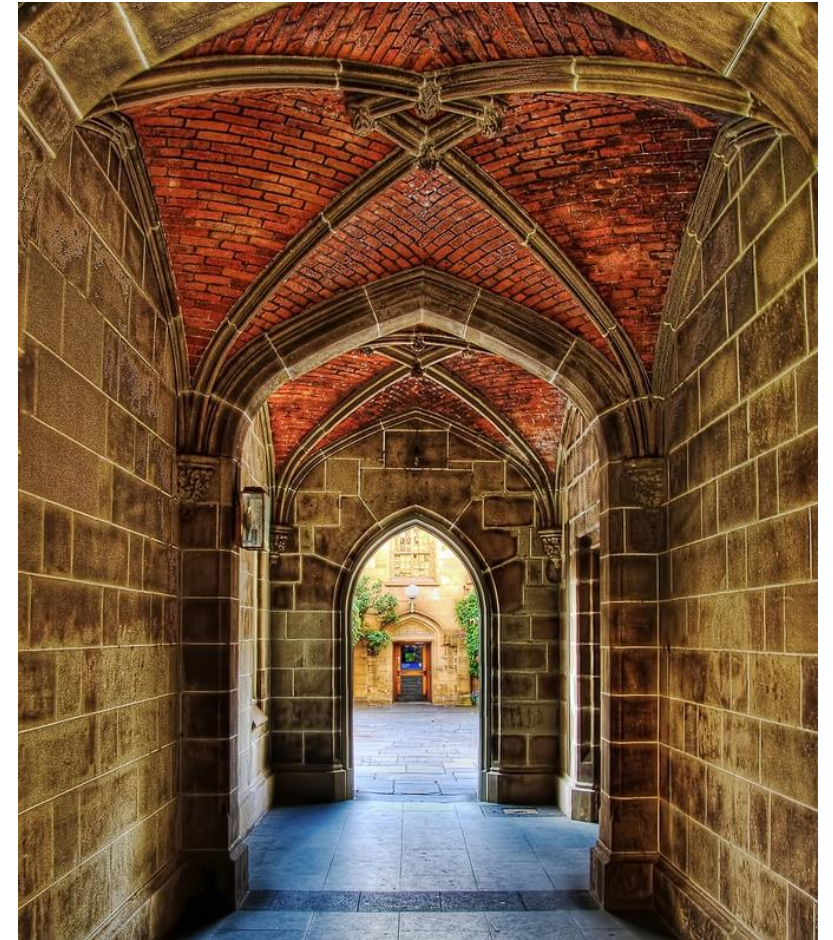
**Special consideration and support services**



**Study spaces for FEIT students**



**Questions**





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# Who's in the room?

Please get out your phone and  
follow the link / QR to participate



[PollEv.com/bethhunter956](https://poll-ev.com/bethhunter956)



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# Who's in the room?

# Australian Culture



Australians think\* they are:

- **Friendly**
- **Relaxed or Laid-back attitude**
- **Irreverent or “larrikins” – not very serious**
- **Egalitarian – believing that everyone deserves “a fair go”**
- **Love an outdoor lifestyle**
- **Not afraid of hard work or “hard yakka”**
- **Value “mateship” – looking after your friends and colleagues**

**Do you think this is very different to any other country?**

**If everyone seems friendly, how can you tell if they are trying to become your friend?**

\*actual results may vary



# Australian Culture



## Some things don't match with this "relaxed" attitude:

- **Queueing diligently** - People will be cross if other people push ahead of them in line
- **Arrive on time** - For formal meetings, but also social occasions such as meals or coffees
- **Generally follow (most) rules**

**Please be respectful of other people's time and expect them to respect yours.**

**If you are running late, call, text or email to inform the other person.**

**If your lecturer or professor has Office Hours, please use these, or email asking to arrange a mutually suitable time if you can't make those hours.**

**Did you know?** Almost a third of the population was born overseas and 23 per cent speak a language other than English at home.

## Applying this at uni:

- Don't feel awkward when calling your professor by their first name. Using casual names for your teachers (or superiors at work) is fine. Respect is implied and shown through other politeness.
- Being on time for meetings and appointments is appreciated and shows you respect each other's time. This applies to getting your work done on time in groupwork situations! Your group members should be reliable.
- A useful phrase: "I'm flat out!" = I'm very busy!
- Question: "How's work going?"  
• Answer: "I'm flat out, mate!"
- Short for "flat out like a lizard drinking"



I'm so busy!

# Intercultural Awareness

Coming up this semester:

**Intercultural Career Mentoring Program.**

- group mentoring with several alumni working in industry and a diverse group of FEIT students.
- formal training on managing different expectations and behaviours of people of different cultures
- an opportunity to make connections in industry and learn more about your future industry in a local context
- make friends and network with students studying other specialisations

**Keep an eye on the newsletter to apply!**





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# Academic Culture at Melbourne

## What to expect at Graduate Level

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# A Culture of Inquiry



A Culture of Inquiry at The University means that we have an environment which supports students to learn to:

- Ask questions
- Seek out different perspectives
- Think about how different perspectives impact on solutions

We want students to ask questions about topics, issues, theories and concepts.

Students need to have tried to answer some of these questions first, through their own research, and then clarify further by asking professors, lecturers or tutors.



# Some Important Values to Nurture



Collaboration to help each other, gain different perspectives, and to network.

Academic honesty to ensure fairness and the development of each student.

Critical thinking and focus on understanding different perspectives.

Empowerment of students to learn new skills and competencies, after graduation.



# Studying at The University



- Lectures, Tutorials and Laboratories are places where you get to clarify ideas from your studies.
- You will also be given academic and industry relevant material to read through and understand before the lectures and tutorials.
- Most students form study groups to discuss ideas, and then formulate their own thoughts about the ideas.
- Learning from **Peers** is important, but students must also develop their own ideas.



# Not Just in the Classrooms



- Student growth and development goes beyond the classrooms, laboratories, and lecture theatres.
- Start learning and researching about your potential employers – we have many events and programs where employers come to campus to talk to you.
- Think of your own well-being and development. Volunteer and join clubs. Develop a wide range of people skills.
- Think about internships and work placements where feasible. We also have Exchange Studies opportunities and mentoring programs.



# Settling into a new city





# Start preparing for employment now!



**Start learning about your industry now:**

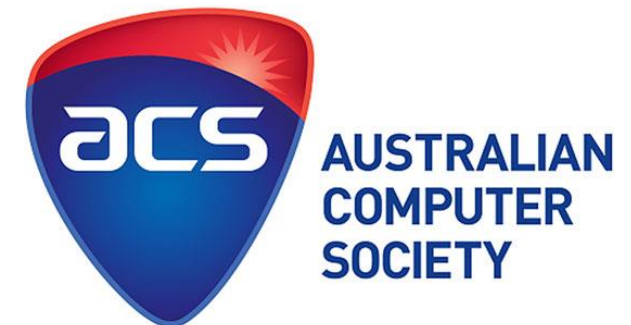
## **Attend:**

- Industry information sessions
- Employer information sessions
- Networking sessions

## **Join professional bodies**

- Engineers Australia
- Australian Computer Society

## **Utilise Careers Online**



# PROGRESS YOUR CAREER

<https://go.unimelb.edu.au/7z8e>



There are numerous opportunities, programs and events available to Engineering and IT students at the Faculty to participate in **outside the classroom**.

All the opportunities at the Faculty can be categorized under 5 different series types:



INDUSTRY SERIES



PROFESSIONAL SKILLS  
SERIES



TECHNICAL SKILLS  
SERIES



WELLBEING SERIES



INTERNATIONAL  
SKILLS SERIES

# Engineering and IT Clubs



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Melbourne University Biomedical Engineering Society (MUBES)	Aerospace and Robotics Engineering Society (ARES)	Melbourne University Electrical Engineering Club (MUEEC)
Computing and Information Systems Students Association (CISSA)	Engineers Without Borders University of Melbourne Chapter (EWB)	Robogals
Melbourne Uni Civil and Structural Society (MUCSS)	Melbourne University Civil & Structural Society (MUCSS)	HackMelbourne
Women in Science and Engineering (WISE)	Women in Tech (WIT)	MUGS - Melbourne University Geomatics Society
» Melbourne University Chemical Engineering Students Society (MUCESS)	Melbourne University Environmental Engineers' Society (MUEES)	MSP - Melbourne Space Program
Engineering Music Society (EMS)	Mechanical Engineering Student Society (MESS)	MUR - Melbourne University Racing
MIS Graduate Association (MISGA)	Master of Energy Systems Association (MESA)	RECS
Aerospace and Robotics Engineering Society (ARES)	UniMelb Competitive Programming Club (UMCPC)	And more!

# Social Clubs



This is a small selection of the 200 clubs and societies that you can access through the University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU)

# University of Melbourne Student Union



**A non-profit organisation run by students for students**

**All students automatically have access to all Student Union services including:**

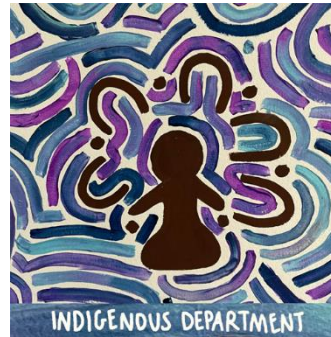
- Student Clubs
- Activities
- Buddy Programs
- Legal advice
- Support Services

**If you have a dispute with the university, UMSU is there to support you.**

**You will also find the lost property office at their information desk in Building 168**




# University of Melbourne Student Union



# Student Union / Clubs Events



<https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/summerfest/>

 **Join a Club**


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Explore your niche interests and meet your future besties with our 200+ clubs!

 **What's On**


**What's On**

Keep track of our smashing two-week line up with the SummerFest Events Calendar!

 **Make Friends**

**Make Friends**

We're here to help you find YOUR people at SummerFest!

 **Find Support**

**Find Support**

Confused, lost or just overwhelmed? Don't worry, we've got you!

# Engineering and IT Newsletter



Eng and IT Express is our fortnightly email newsletter full of exciting opportunities and events for FEIT students.

It will keep you in the loop about a range of fantastic activities and opportunities, such as:

- |                          |                       |                               |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Exchange Opportunities   | Careers Events        | Ambassador or mentor programs |
| Internship Opportunities | Networking evenings   | Scholarship Opportunities     |
| Student Club Events      | Well-being activities | All things Student Enrichment |





# Engineering and IT Hoodies



**Keep an eye on your email!**

**There will be more collection dates in Week 3 or 4.**

**Details coming soon!**



# Study Abroad and Exchange



Semester or year-long programs

Short-term coursework programs  
(usually a 12.5 point elective)

Short-term research programs  
(December – February)

Look up the exchange club!



[Instagram.com/melbourneglobal](https://www.instagram.com/melbourneglobal)

# Where can I go?

Nearly anywhere!

UniMelb has 200 exchange partners

[Start with the Partner Institution List](#)

Where are FEIT students this semester?

- Aalborg, Denmark
- Espoo, Finland
- Bangkok, Thailand
- Shanghai, China
- Stockholm, Sweden
- Seoul, South Korea
- Munich, Germany
- Delft and Enschede, Netherlands
- Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan
- Birmingham and Sheffield, UK
- Vancouver, Canada
- Illinois, USA



Read the Eng & IT  
express newsletter for  
upcoming info sessions  
and exchange  
opportunities for FEIT  
students

# Internships – domestic and international



- Access exclusive internships only open to students undertaking the ENGR90033 Internship or CHEN90028 Chemical Engineering Internship subject or source your own internship
- Looks impressive on your resume - Develop a competitive edge for the graduate job market
- Grow your professional network through industry experience
- Use your theoretical knowledge and skills in industry



Find out if you're eligible:



Questions? Contact the team:  
[engit-placements@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:engit-placements@unimelb.edu.au)

# ENG & IT INTERNSHIPS NEWSLETTER



The Internship Newsletter is sent to students that are **eligible** to complete either ENGR90033 or CHEN90028.



What should I do if I am not receiving this newsletter?

- Visit the FEIT Internship webpages to familiarise yourself with eligibility into the subject.
- Contact the Student Enrichment Team.



What's the purpose of this newsletter?

- highlight vacant internships that are currently advertised on the Careers Online portal. You will not have access to this if you are ineligible to complete the subjects.



How often will I receive this newsletter?

- The newsletter is circulated fortnightly on Tuesdays



What else will I find in the newsletter?

- Helpful tips to securing an internship
- Workshops, events re. employability



Anything else?

- Any questions, please direct to [engit-placements@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:engit-placements@unimelb.edu.au)

# MENTORING PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSITY



## ASK Alumni Program

- **Duration:**  
One meeting (0.5 – 1 hour)
- **Connection Type:**  
1:1 (1 mentee + 1 mentor)
- **Benefit:**  
Great way to talk to multiple professionals and hear from a variety of different perspectives



<https://go.unimelb.edu.au/p5qs>

## STEM Industry Mentoring

- **Duration:**  
6 month mentoring program
- **Connection Type:**  
1:1 (1 mentee + 1 mentor)
- **Benefit:**  
Delve into your field of interest in depth with an experienced professional



<https://go.unimelb.edu.au/c8ii>

## Intercultural Career Mentoring

- **Duration:**  
8-week mentoring program
- **Connection Type:**  
7:3 (7 mentees + 3 mentors)
- **Benefit:**  
Connect with like-minded cross-disciplinary and cross-cultural peers and professionals

<https://go.unimelb.edu.au/wq8s>





# Spaces and Resources for FEIT students

Where to study  
(or not study)

Graduate  
Lounges and  
Libraries

Maker Spaces

# Study lounges for graduate FEIT students

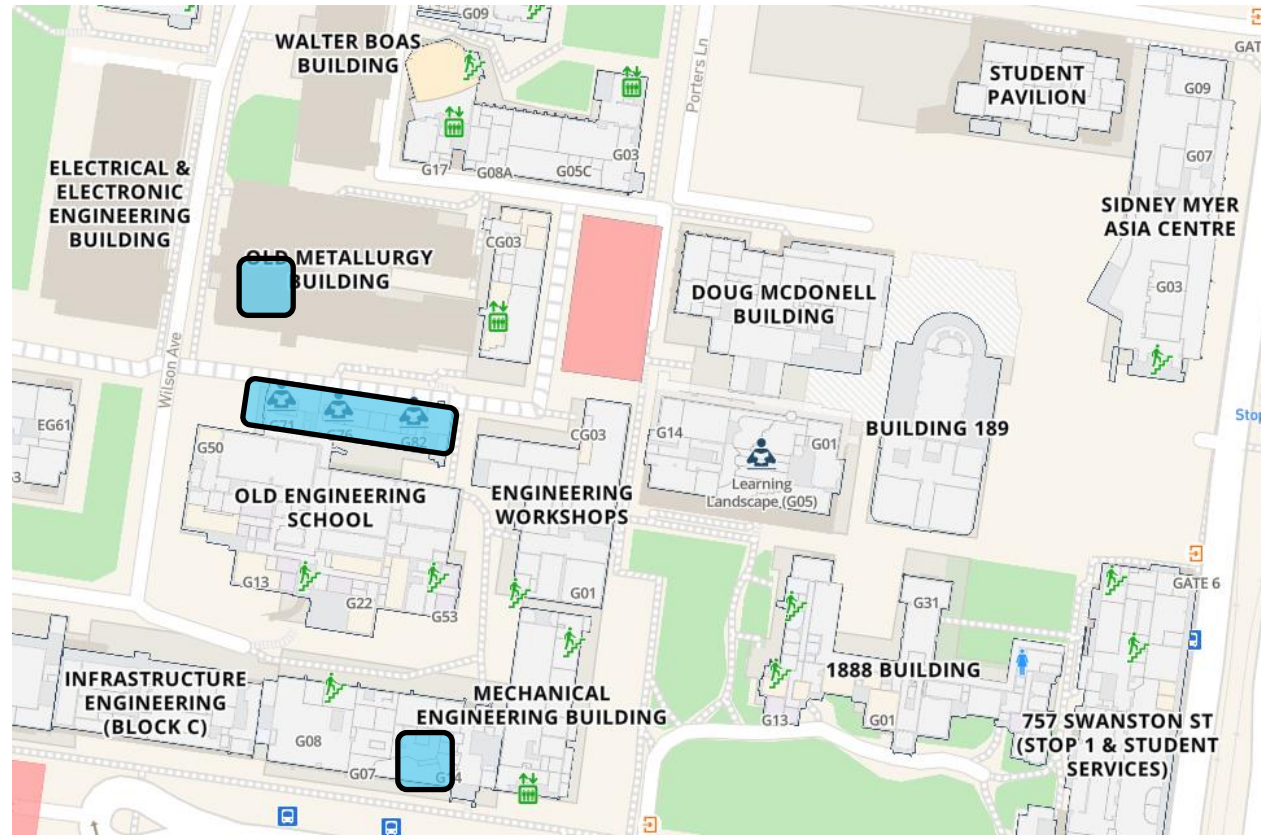


**Old Metallurgy (Building 166)**  
Study lounges, Design Studios 9 & 10,  
and 4 syndicate rooms

**Old Engineering (Building 173)**  
North Wing Study Lounge

**Block D (Building 176)**  
Postgraduate Lounge

Open 7am – 1am



<https://eng.unimelb.edu.au/students/coursework/study-resources/building-access-and-id-cards>



# Libraries and Lounges



## Building access

Your student card is automatically programmed to give you access to the University's main libraries, some study spaces and computer labs:

- **Baillieu library**
- **Brownless Biomedical library**
- **Eastern Resource Centre (ERC) library**
- **Architecture Building and Planning (ABP) library**
- **Giblin Eunson library**

Graduate students are also automatically granted access to the Graduate Centre in the 1888 building, including after-hours access.

# Places to Not Study

## Rowden White Library

Student Pavilion (near Swanston St tram stop)

Has the following for you to use:

- PS5
- Nintendo Switches
- Gaming PCs
- Books
- Manga
- Magazines
- Puzzles
- Games

Does NOT have:

- Textbooks
- Room for studying

**>> Please do not study here 😊 <<**



**Telstra Creator Space is an accessible fabrication lab located in the University of Melbourne's innovation precinct, Melbourne Connect.**

**Practical Skills Training**

**Design Fabrication Review**

**Access to a variety of tools and equipment to help bring your project to life**

**Battle Bot competitions**

**Open to all students**



**General enquiries:**  
[telstra-creatorspace@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:telstra-creatorspace@unimelb.edu.au)



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**Telstra  
Creator  
Space**

# Explore the campus!



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It's YOUR campus – go exploring!



Take a self-guided tour <https://www.unimelb.edu.au/campustour/self-guided>



# KEY DATES AND TIMELINES

The following tools can be used to assist in your enrolment and throughout your course

Academic  
Integrity

Exams and  
Results

Special  
Consideration

# Plagiarism and Academic Integrity



Plagiarism, collusion and cheating are forms of academic misconduct that can have very serious consequences.

Possible consequences include:

- Formal reprimand
- Failing an assignment or exam
- Failing an entire subject
- Termination of enrolment

Not sure what is expected?

<https://academicintegrity.unimelb.edu.au>

<https://students.unimelb.edu.au/academic-skills/explore-our-resources/referencing>



<https://go.unimelb.edu.au/8nw6>

# EXAMINATIONS



If your exam is taking place on-campus, you must be in Melbourne to sit your exams.  
You must sit your exams in the format they are offered.

## Semester 1, 2024

### Examinations:

3 June – 21 June 2024

### Final result release date:

5 July 2024

### Special/Supplementary Examinations:

11 July 2024 – 18 July 2024

## Semester 2, 2024

### Examinations:

28 October – 15 November 2024

### Final result release date:

29 November 2024

### Special/Supplementary Examinations:

5 December – 12 December 2024



URL: <https://go.unimelb.edu.au/6kqr>

### TIP!

Organised and planning for 2025?  
The exam schedule is already available!

<https://www.unimelb.edu.au/dates>

# Results



Refer to Grading and Results policy

Your Weighted Average Mark (WAM) can be viewed on your student portal

The Dean's Honours List celebrates students who have achieved results that place them in the top 5% of their cohort.

Result Release Dates 2024:  
Friday 5 July  
Friday 29 November

University of Melbourne Grade		Percentage Grade
First Class Honours	H1	80–100
Second Class Honours – Division A	H2A	75–79
Second Class Honours – Division B	H2B	70–74
Third Class Honours	H3	65–69
Pass	P	60–64
		55–59
		50–54
Fail	N	45–49
		0–44



<https://go.unimelb.edu.au/8nw6>

\*except in the case of unexpected and unforeseen circumstances resulting in allowing of a special exam



# SPECIAL CONSIDERATION



## Unforeseen Circumstances

If you find you are sick or unable to complete your work, you can apply for Special Consideration. Applications must be submitted within **4 days** after the examination or assessment due date and be supported by appropriate documentation.

### Potential ‘Adjustments’ may include:

- Extensions on due dates
- Special Exam arrangements
- Reweighting of assessments

Example circumstances	Example supporting documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physical Illness</li><li>• Mental Illness</li><li>• Assault/theft or other victim of crime</li><li>• Bereavement (death)</li><li>• Urgent caring duties</li><li>• Other hardship or trauma</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report from doctor or hospital</li><li>• Report from psychologist or counsellor</li><li>• Police report</li><li>• Documentation confirming relationship and death of person (e.g. death announcement or certificate)</li><li>• Relevant documentation confirming carer status and current issue.</li><li>• Anything official that you can supply is helpful.</li></ul>

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# Assignment Extensions



## Extensions can be granted when circumstances warrant them.

Listen to your lecturer in your first week to find out if there are any unusual rules for your subject. If so, follow those:

Generally:

Engineering and IT	
Apply to subject coordinator for:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Extensions of up to 10 days</li><li>- Assessment less than or equal to 25%</li></ul>
Apply for official Special Consideration via Stop 1 for:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Extensions over 10 days</li><li>- Assessments worth more than 25%</li><li>- Examinations</li><li>- Ongoing issues</li></ul>

Find out more about Special Consideration:



URL: <https://go.unimelb.edu.au/2wur>

# Ongoing assistance



**Academic support and adjustments are available for students experiencing ongoing impact, so that the University of Melbourne is accessible for all.**

## Examples of Ongoing Impact

- Elite athletes or performers
- Students with disability
- Chronic medical or mental health
- Cultural or religious observance
- Carer duties
- Reservists and emergency volunteers



Academic adjustments might include access to assistive technologies, flexibility with attendance, notetaking support, exam venue arrangements.

Register for ongoing support early to access support when you need it.

# SAFETY ON/OFF CAMPUS

**Australian Emergency Number: 000 (Fire, Police, Ambulance)**

**University Security Number: 1800 246 066 (free) or 03 8344 6666**

**Safer Community program: <https://safercommunity.unimelb.edu.au/>**

The Safer Community Program provides support and advice to members of the University of Melbourne community about inappropriate, concerning or threatening behaviour.



# STOP 1



Students can contact Stop 1 for assistance for any of the below:

- Student Administration
- Course Planning
- Enrolment
- Timetable
- Fees and Scholarships
- Wellbeing and accommodation
- Student Visa
- Special Consideration
- Exams and Results
- Graduation
- Global Study and Exchange
- And more!

## How to contact Stop 1

**Location:** 757 Swanston Street, Parkville

### Opening Hours:

Monday to Wednesday: 9AM – 4:45PM

Thursday and Friday: 10AM – 4:45PM

Closed on Weekends and University Holidays

[Book an Appointment](#)

[Submit an Enquiry](#)



**URL:** <https://go.unimelb.edu.au/n8rj>



# Making Connections



A lot of people are new and looking for friends.  
Maybe you're the new friend they are searching for!

- Speak up in tutorials and interact on class message boards
- Join/suggest study groups or revision coffee sessions
- Join clubs (course-based and otherwise) and go to Student Union events
- Attend free sessions and events run at the university e.g. Careers, academic skills, sustainability workshops, community garden groups.
- Embrace a hobby or pick up a new one

# International Series Events at FEIT



5 March – Engineers Australia – membership and Skilled Migration tips

6 March – Australian Computer Society session – membership and Skilled Migration tips

14 March – International Employability event- STEM Internships in Australia Event! (for International Students)





# Fun things coming up in Melbourne



**Antipodes Festival 24-25 March** – Celebrating Greek culture in the city

**Moomba 7 – 11 March** – an annual festival held along the banks of the Yarra River (Birrarung), including the “Birdman” Rally on Sunday 10 March

**Melbourne International Comedy Festival - 27 March – 21 April**

**Summer Night Markets at Queen Vic Market until 13 March**  
(look out for the Winter Night Markets later in the year!)



# Things to be aware of in Melbourne at the moment



## Tram track works impacting Swanston St trams to Parkville Campus

<https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/disruptions/major-works-this-summer/major-disruptions-on-trams/>

## New underground train line works – allow extra time to get to buildings south of campus

<https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/metro-tunnel/about/overview>

**Regular protests in the CBD.** Allow extra time on Friday nights and on Weekends around lunchtime. Avoid crowds if you feel unsafe.





# IN CONCLUSION

What's Next?

Feedback  
Survey

Questions?

# WHAT TO DO AFTER ORIENTATION?



Visit the '**After Orientation**' Webpage to learn about your next steps.

**Here you will find:**

1. **Orientation Feedback Survey** – Tell us your thoughts about Orientation!
2. **Keep in touch** – learn about the Student Calendar & Newsletter!
3. **Find out more** – scholarships, resources, programs and opportunities to help you grow!



<https://go.unimelb.edu.au/raa8>

# OPPORTUNITY TO WIN MERCHANDISE!



Win University of Melbourne merchandise by telling us what you thought about Orientation!



Simply click the survey below to submit your answers and go into a draw to win!



OR <https://go.unimelb.edu.au/2tqs>

# QUESTIONS



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