

A guide for parents and families

# Deakin University

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UNIVERSITY



# Welcome to Deakin

I am delighted to introduce you and your family to Deakin University – a leading Australian university with a strong international reputation in education and research. Deakin offers an exceptional study experience, degrees that prepare our students for the jobs of the future, and a safe and welcoming environment.

The parents and families of our international students play such an important role in supporting and guiding their child in their choice of university, and making sure their transition into higher education is an enjoyable one. I want to assure you that Deakin University is here to do the same, to nurture your child to be the best they can be, and to ensure they enjoy every step along the way.

As one of Australia's largest universities, Deakin has extensive global networks, world-class research and, most importantly, an educational portfolio that combines the best of campus and digital delivery into a highly supportive and personalised study experience.

We will continue to be innovative and ambitious by exploring new approaches in teaching and learning. Deakin is a leader in the use of digital platforms and resources, and we are always expanding our community and industry connections, in Australia and abroad, to ensure our university offers students a globally recognised and respected qualification.

We look forward to providing you with more information about Deakin University and how we can help your child succeed. I look forward to welcoming them to Deakin one day soon.

**Professor Iain Martin**  
**Vice-Chancellor**  
**Deakin University, Australia**



In the Top 1% of all universities worldwide  
ShanghaiRankings World University Rankings



Ranked in the Top 50 young universities in the world  
QS Young University Rankings



Highest level of overall student satisfaction among universities in the Australian state of Victoria for nine years in a row  
Australian Graduate Survey and Graduate Outcomes Survey, QILT

# Why Deakin?

A high-quality education, excellent employment prospects and a university experience your child will love – that's what Deakin University has to offer.

Deakin University, Australia, is ranked in the Top 1% of universities worldwide (ShanghaiRankings), and is among the top 50 young universities in the world (QS).

Our degrees are world-class and we are on an impressive upward trajectory in global subject rankings. Deakin is ranked in the Top 1% of all universities worldwide in 28 study areas, including business, computer science, education, electrical engineering, law, medicine, nursing, public health, sport and more.

We offer programs in a number of different areas, including:

- Architecture and construction management
- Business
- Design
- Education and teaching
- Engineering
- Food, nutrition and dietetics
- Health sciences and allied health
- Humanities, social sciences and languages
- Information technology
- Law
- Media, communication and creative arts
- Medicine
- Nursing and midwifery
- Psychology
- Science and environment
- Sport.

Deakin's approach to learning places emphasis on practical experience and our curriculum is informed by the best in industry. Work placements allow our students to apply their knowledge and explore their career interests. That's how our degrees stay relevant and students develop the skills and knowledge they need to graduate job-ready.

As the world moves into an increasingly digital future, Deakin has invested in the latest technology, state-of-the-art learning tools and facilities to ensure our students are equipped with the skills and knowledge required for the jobs of tomorrow. From our cutting-edge Centre for Advanced Design in Engineering Training (CADET), to VeRITy, a 'Virtual Reality Intrapartum Touch Trainer' for nursing and midwifery students, our students have plenty of opportunities for hands-on learning.

Deakin has a variety of quality accommodation options. Your child may like to live on campus with other students, or off campus in nearby private housing. Either way, we can help your child find somewhere to live that best meets their needs.

Deakin is here to help your child succeed. We invite you to learn more about all that Deakin has to offer. Visit [deakin.edu.au/int-parents](https://deakin.edu.au/int-parents).

## The Deakin values

Our values are enduring; they inform who we are, what we believe in, how we behave and what we stand for as individuals and as a university community contributing to the public good.



Excellent



Ethical



Inclusive



Sustainable



## Preparing our students for the future

Deakin focuses on preparing our students for their dream career. They will experience practical, real-world learning, and be ready to enter the workforce with confidence.

Our graduate employment division DeakinTALENT is dedicated to providing expert career guidance and development, and will help your child connect with employers. DeakinTALENT offers a range of programs and services to start your child on the right path.

### Deakin International Students' Careers (DISC) program

DISC has been designed specifically for international students and graduates. It offers a suite of workshops to assist international students in understanding the workplace, learn what employers are looking for, and help them connect with and present confidently to employers.

## Interns@Deakin

The Interns@Deakin program coordinates a range of internships each trimester within Deakin's faculties, divisions, research centres, the FreelancingHUB and international offices overseas.

### FreelancingHUB

The FreelancingHUB is an exciting initiative designed to develop work-ready graduates through work experience opportunities. The HUB positions students in not-for-profit or community organisations where they develop a solution to a real-world project.

### Internships as part of the degree

Many Deakin degrees offer the opportunity to complete an internship as part of the program. With the help of their lecturer, your child can find a short-term work opportunity in a local organisation to gain exposure to real-life projects.

# A safe and welcoming community

Australia is home to people from many different cultures and backgrounds. It is a welcoming country that greatly values the diversity that international students and their families bring.

This culture extends to Deakin University. Across our four campuses, and our innovative online learning platform Cloud Campus, students feel supported, safe and included thanks to the many support services, friendly staff and engaging study spaces available.

## Our locations

You can be sure that your child will become a part of an engaging community, no matter which Deakin campus they choose to pursue their studies. Our physical campuses are located across three locations: Melbourne, Geelong and Warrnambool. Each community is unique and gladly welcomes international students. International students work in local businesses and enjoy the wide range of recreational activities each town has to offer.

### Melbourne

A multicultural city, Melbourne is an international community that is home to people from all around the world.

Deakin's Melbourne Burwood Campus is our busiest campus, with around 30,000 students. Set in a leafy suburb with plenty of open spaces and parks, the campus includes architecturally impressive buildings and outstanding facilities.

### Geelong

If pristine air, green landscapes and a healthy coastal lifestyle is what your child is looking for, then Geelong is for them. Located a short train trip from Melbourne, Geelong has a stunning countryside and outdoor activities on its doorstep. And, most famously, it is the gateway to the surf coast with the iconic Bells Beach and Great Ocean Road.

Our Geelong Waterfront Campus is right on Corio Bay – in the heart of Geelong. Originally built as wool stores in the 19th century, the buildings have been extensively renovated, creating a modern, impressive campus.

Deakin's Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus is home to almost 7300 students who have access to world-class programs and superb facilities, and enjoy a relaxing, regional environment.

### Warrnambool

A train trip from Melbourne, Warrnambool is a welcoming campus, close to the town centre and beautiful surf beaches.

With close to 1000 students, Deakin's Warrnambool Campus offers a friendly, close-knit community environment. Set on the banks of the picturesque Hopkins River, the campus is close to local surf beaches and popular tourist attractions.



## Discover Australia

Australia is a country home to spectacular scenery, incredible food, international sporting events and more. We invite you to discover what Australia has to offer. Visit [australia.com](http://australia.com) to learn more.



# The support your child needs to succeed

We want your child to have a meaningful learning experience. To achieve this, Deakin offers a complete range of services, from orientation and welcome sessions to academic support and social activities.

## Getting started

We make it our priority to ensure that all new international students – many of whom have arrived in Australia for the first time – make a smooth transition to the University. Deakin's welcome program includes airport pick up, orientation, workshops, social events, study groups and opportunities for your child to get involved in campus life. You can be confident that your child will feel welcome and supported from day one.

## Students Helping Students

No one understands students better than students. That is why student mentors are available to assist your child with academic, practical or social matters to help students achieve their best results. This is a part of Deakin's Students Helping Students service.

## International Student Advisers (ISAs)

Friendly ISAs are located on each of Deakin's campuses. These advisers have lived and studied in other countries and have experienced firsthand the cultural and social adjustments involved. ISAs provide general support in person, online or over the phone.

## Is your child under 18 years of age?

The Australian Government requires international students who are under the age of 18 to demonstrate that they have adequate welfare arrangements in place, before they can be granted a student visa. Visit [deakin.edu.au/int-parents](https://deakin.edu.au/int-parents) to learn more about these arrangements and how Deakin can support you and your child in this regard.

## Deakin Medical Centre

Deakin Medical Centre provides professional medical and nursing healthcare and advice to students. Medical centres are located on all campuses, and campus nurse consultations are free and strictly confidential. Campus doctors bill directly through Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).

## Safety

Deakin's campuses and communities are safe places for students. Even so, security officers are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at all campuses to ensure the safety of your child. Safer Community is a service available for support, advice or information if something just doesn't feel quite right. SafeZone is a free phone app for all Deakin students that connects them directly to the security team.

## Cutting-edge digital support

Deakin Genie is an award-winning mobile app that helps students keep on track with their studies. They can use Genie to keep a calendar of upcoming classes and assignments; set goals for the year and motivate themselves to achieve them; and access support services and learning tools from around the University.

# Scholarships

At Deakin, we believe everyone should have the opportunity to go to university. That is why Deakin offers a range of scholarships to international students.

Most scholarships are incredibly competitive. Still, we encourage all eligible students to apply as scholarships offer a great opportunity to save a significant amount of money while pursuing a world-class degree.

Deakin scholarships recognise international students with high academic performance and the potential to make a positive contribution to the University and its community.

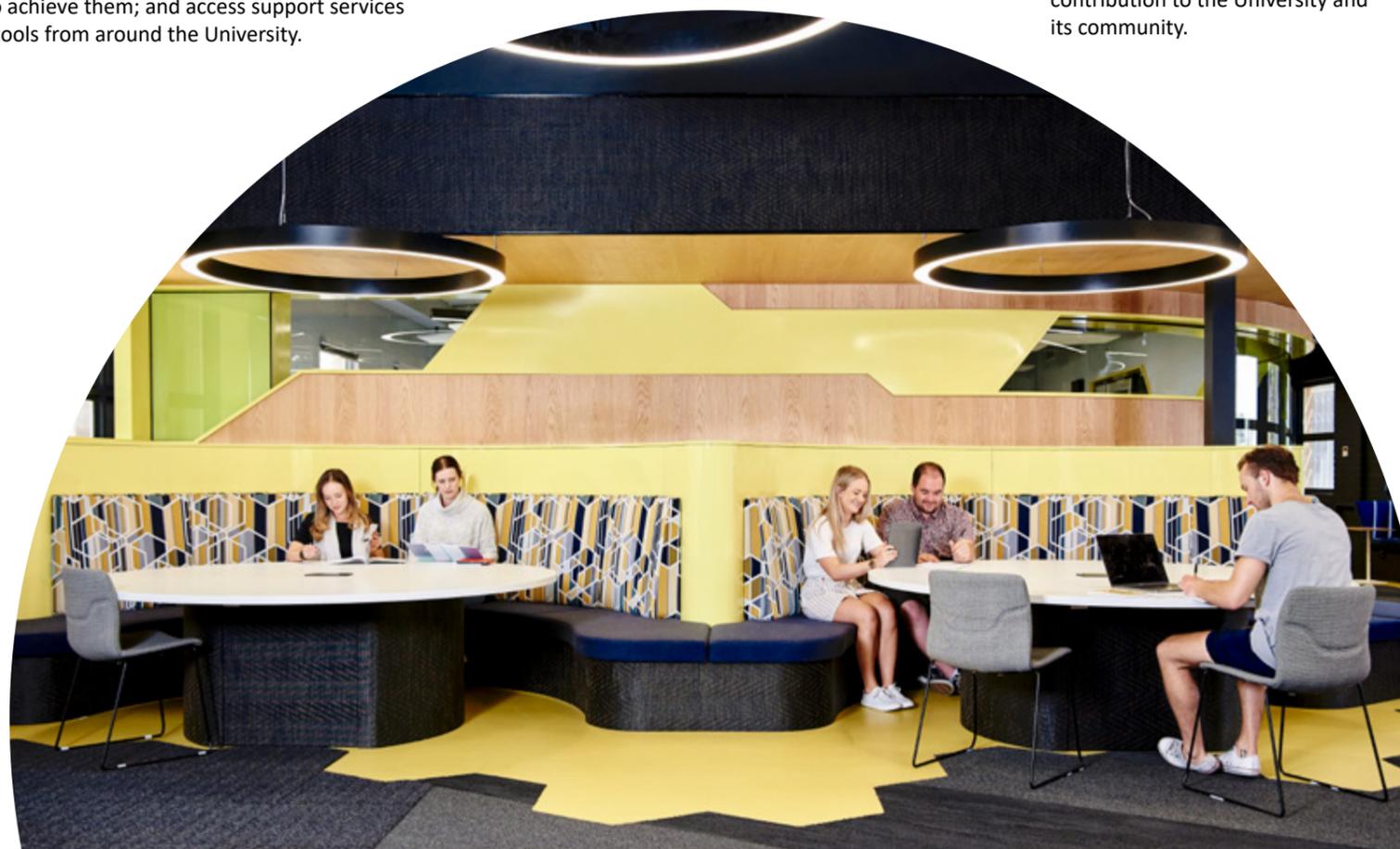
Deakin offers a variety of scholarships to support high-achieving students, including:

- Deakin Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarship offers a 100% or 50% tuition fee reduction for the normal duration of the course.
- Deakin International Scholarship offers 25% tuition fee reduction for the normal duration of the course.

Both scholarships recognise students with consistently high academic performance who have the potential to make a leading contribution to the University and its communities.

Deakin also offers scholarships related to specific study areas and degrees, and to support students from certain countries and backgrounds.

The Australian Government also offers scholarships. Visit [studyinaustralia.gov.au](https://studyinaustralia.gov.au) to learn more.



# Frequently asked questions

We have no doubt you have questions and we are always available to assist you and your child to answer them. Below are some of the questions we are asked by parents and families and they may help in providing you with more information.

## What are the living costs associated with my child studying in Australia?

Beyond tuition fees, there are a number of other costs that you need to consider. The Australian Government provides average living cost estimates for international students living and studying in the Australian state of Victoria. Costs vary depending on where they live. For example, living in Melbourne is slightly more expensive than living in Warrnambool.

The 12-month living cost estimated by the Department of Home Affairs is A\$20 290 per year, per person. For more detailed information visit [studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://studyinaustralia.gov.au).

## What academic support is available to my child?

There are a range of academic support services available both online and in person. Deakin's writing mentors will guide your child to plan, research and structure their assignments. They can also help them to understand their marks and manage their time.

Faculty mentors assist with social and academic transition into the faculty. And our Library staff are available to assist students in making the most of what the Library has to offer.

Friendly ISAs are located on each of Deakin's campuses. These advisers are an excellent source of support and can help your child ease into studying at university and also introduce you to the clubs, societies and events that will help you get the most out of your time at Deakin.

## What if my child does not meet the English language requirements for a Deakin degree?

There are many ways to meet Deakin's English language requirements. Students can improve their English at the Deakin University English Language Institute (DUELI) - located at two of Deakin's campuses. DUELI is recognised as one of the best English language centres in Australia. Successful completion of DUELI's English for Academic Purposes (EAP) pathway programs can provide your child with entry into most degrees at Deakin University.



## Where can my child live while studying at Deakin?

Deakin offers support in finding accommodation for students, whether they want to live on-campus or close by in a local community.

Living on campus offers a unique opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the Deakin experience. Accommodation is available at all of our Australian campuses, and various lease lengths are offered.

Deakin can assist in searching for off-campus accommodation for your child. Deakin students also have the option of staying in a host family home. This provides a great opportunity for students to improve their English in everyday situations and to learn more about living in Australia.

## Could my child experience culture shock in Australia?

Moving away from home for the first time can often be daunting, let alone moving to a new country! Sometimes our students experience some form of culture shock because they are no longer surrounded by their familiar environment and family and friends. But they soon discover that Australia is a very multicultural country where they can find many of the foods, activities and traditions that they experienced back home. Regardless, Deakin is always here to support students who are feeling culture shock or home sick.

## Can my child work while studying at Deakin?

As an international student at Deakin, your child can work part time up to 40 hours per fortnight in a trimester when their course is in session. During trimester breaks and holidays, they can work as much as they want. Deakin can even help to find a job that suits them – whether they'd like some extra income, or if they would like to get some work experience related to their degree.

## Contact us

Deakin is always here to help. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please email us at [study@deakin.edu.au](mailto:study@deakin.edu.au).



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