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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.

As parents and family, you play an important role in supporting and guiding your 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



Why Deakin?



In the top 1% of all universities worldwide (1)



Ranked in the top 50 young universities in the world (2)



Highest level of overall student satisfaction among universities in the Australian state of Victoria for 13 years in a row (3)



Our largest campus is located in Melbourne, the no.1 city for students in Australia and no.5 in the world (4)

(1) Shanghai Rankings World University Rankings, QS Rankings

(2) QS Young University Rankings

(3) Australian Graduate Survey and Graduate Outcomes Survey, QILT

(4) QS Best Student Cities 2023

▶ Locally, Deakin is #1 in the Australian state of Victoria for

- overall student experience
- student support
- teaching quality
- learning resources
- skills development.



Why Deakin?

At Deakin University, high-quality teaching, excellent learning facilities and exceptional student support come together to help your child succeed.

No matter what your child wants to study, Deakin is the right choice. We are ranked in the top 1% worldwide in many study areas, including

- business
- computer science
- education
- electrical engineering
- law
- medicine
- nursing
- public health
- sport
- and more.

We focus on practical learning. Our programs are guided by our professional partnerships to address employers' needs. That is how our degrees stay relevant.

Work placements are available in every course so students get practical experience and share their knowledge while learning. Your child will develop the skills they need to graduate job-ready and prepared for the future.

Deakin continues to invest in the latest technology and state-of-the-art learning tools and facilities. Whether it is in these on-campus facilities or during a placement, our students have opportunities to learn in a real work environment.



The Deakin Values

At Deakin, we care about the same things as you.

- ▶ We care about the future and integrate sustainability into our everyday practice.
- ▶ We value diversity, embrace difference, and respect and welcome all.
- ▶ We are innovative, creative and flexible.
- ▶ We strive for excellence in everything we do.
- ▶ Our goal is to provide a safe and inclusive study experience for your child.

Dynamic

Ethical

Sustainable

Excellent

Inclusive

Brave



Preparing our students for the future.



▶ At Deakin, our focus is on preparing students for their dream career.

To ensure your investment in your child's future is worthwhile, your child will:

- experience practical, real-world learning
- be exposed to the most recent ideas
- have access to modern facilities
- get career advice and support to find employment.



▶ Learning while working

Deakin offers the opportunity for workplace learning, also called work integrated learning, so your child will develop marketable skills as part of their degree.

Workplace learning is flexible. In some programs, it is required. In other degrees, it is offered as an elective, meaning your child can choose to do it. Depending on the degree, workplace learning can be a few hours each week or an intensive full-time placement for a trimester.

Work integrated learning will give your child valuable experience in a real-world environment. It also helps them make connections in their chosen profession that can lead to opportunities after they graduate.



▶ Career advice and support

DeakinTALENT, our career service, offers advice and professional development opportunities for students at all stages of their education. If your child wants to work while studying, is seeking an internship as part their degree, or is looking for a job after graduating, DeakinTALENT is here to help.

DeakinTALENT manages an online job board and hosts career nights to These resources can connect your child with a suitable employer.

DISC, the Deakin International Student Careers program, is designed specifically for international students and graduates. DISC staff can help your child:

- understand the work rights specific to their visa
- understand the Australian job market
- write a better resume
- improve their interview skills through English language workshops.

▶ FreelancingHUB

The DeakinTALENT FreelancingHUB is an exciting initiative for developing work-ready graduates. It facilitates internships on cross-disciplinary, cross-cultural teams working with not-for-profit or community organisations. Each project team is assigned an experienced industry mentor.

The FreelancingHUB also gives student interns an opportunity to explore working for themselves as a self-employed professional. This helps them develop skills such as communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking. These internships are open to students across all study areas and campuses.

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deakintalent.deakin.edu.au

deakintalent.deakin.edu.au/disc

deakintalent.deakin.edu.au/freelancinghub

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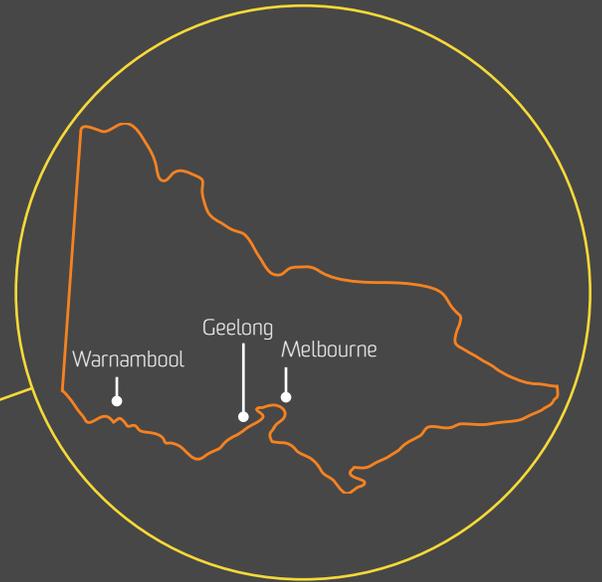
Moving to Australia

Australia is a popular destination for international students. It is a country with spectacular scenery, unique wildlife, incredible food, international sporting and cultural events and more. Along with getting a great education, when your child studies here they will have life experiences that shape their future.

Australia is a safe destination that is home to people from many different cultures and backgrounds. Australians welcome the diversity that international students and their families bring to the country.



Australia



Victoria

How will my child adjust to living away from home?

Moving away from home for the first time can be hard. Moving to a new country can be harder! Some students experience some form of homesickness or culture shock when they are no longer surrounded by the family, friends and familiar places.

But going to university is a time when a young person becomes more independent and starts to build a new life. They will soon make new friends from all over the world. And they will discover that Australia is a very multicultural country where they can find many of the foods, activities and traditions that they experienced back home. They also have access to supports at Deakin. Whether it is through peer groups or counsellors, there is someone at Deakin they can talk to about their situation.

You will also miss your child as much as they miss you. But technology makes it easy to stay in touch – we have students tell us that they speak with their parents almost every day.



Australia, Victoria and Deakin

Deakin locations

Deakin University's campuses are in the state of Victoria in south-eastern Australia. Victoria is a diverse state that is a great place to live or visit. Students can experience everything from the urban environment of Melbourne to the surf beaches of the southern coast to the ski fields of the Victorian Alps.

Our campuses are in the cities of Melbourne, Geelong and Warrnambool. Students from more than 130 countries come together on these campuses to learn with and from each other. They feel supported, safe and included thanks to the friendliness of the students, staff and community.

Some programs are offered on more than one campus. Programs that require special equipment are usually only offered on only one campus. This ensures that our facilities are top quality.

Each community is unique and gladly welcomes international students. Students work in local businesses and enjoy the wide range of recreational activities each town has to offer. You can be sure that your child will become a part of an engaging community, no matter which Deakin campus they choose.



We value the contribution that international students make to our campuses and communities.





Melbourne

Melbourne is a major city that is home to people from at least 200 countries speaking more than 250 languages. It is often ranked as the best city for students in Australia and one of the top 10 in the world. It is well known for food, sport and the arts.

Deakin's campus is in the multicultural suburb of Burwood. It is our busiest campus, with approximately 30,000 students. The campus includes architecturally impressive buildings and outstanding facilities in a spacious, park like setting. The campus is surrounded by multicultural neighbourhoods so everything students need is close by.

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deakin.edu.au/melbourne-campus

Geelong

Geelong is Victoria's second largest city. It offers a mix of city and coastal lifestyle, making it an ideal place for your child to study.

The Geelong Waterfront Campus is in the heart of the city on Corio Bay. It features 19th century warehouses extensively renovated into modern teaching and research facilities. Conveniently located in the city centre, there is a beach across the road from campus!

The Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus is home to almost 7300 students who have access to world-class programs and superb facilities. It is a relaxing, regional setting that is loved by staff, students and nature enthusiasts.

The cost of living in Geelong can be less than in Melbourne, which is only an hour away by train, car or ferry.

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deakin.edu.au/live-in-geelong

Warrnambool

Warrnambool is a welcoming regional city to the west of Melbourne and Geelong. It is friendly, close-knit community environment. Warrnambool can offer your child an experience they will never forget while getting the same world-class education they would receive in the larger cities.

Deakin's Warrnambool Campus is the smallest, with only 1000 students. Set on the banks of the picturesque Hopkins River, the campus is close to local surf beaches and popular tourist attractions such as whale watching and penguin viewing.

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deakin.edu.au/live-in-warrnambool



Residence

Living at Deakin

There are many accommodation options for your child at Deakin. They may want to live on campus with other students or off campus in nearby private housing. The team at Deakin can help find them a comfortable place to live.

Living in on-campus housing is safe and convenient. There are options to live in a single apartment or a private room with shared common areas. All of these are an opportunity for your child to meet other students from around the world. Residences are staffed 24 hours a day.

Students tell us they feel supported, connected and safe living on campus.

Students living in residence can be part of study groups and attend social events. These are a great way to meet new friends and colleagues who will be part of their future.

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accommodation.deakin.edu.au



What if my child is under 18?

If your child is under 18 years of age when starting at Deakin, you will need to demonstrate that there are suitable welfare arrangements in place before they can be granted a student visa. These arrangements include being accompanied by a parent/legal custodian or a relative over 21 years or an agreement with one of the Deakin approved caregiver services and homestay arranged through Student Accommodation Services.

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deakin.edu.au/int-under-18



Supports and services

We want your child to have a meaningful learning experience. To achieve this, Deakin offers a range of supports and services so they can focus on their studies.

Getting started

We make it our priority to ensure that all new students – many of whom have arrived in Australia for the first time – make a smooth transition to the University.

Deakin staff and authorised agents are available to help you and your child understand the study options and make the right decision. We can even help with the application process to make it as easy as possible.

On arrival, we can meet your child at the airport and take them to their accommodation. During Orientation Week, staff and student volunteers will introduce them to campus life.

Academic support

There are a range of academic support services available.

- 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.
- Library staff are available to assist students in making the most of what the Library has to offer.

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. They are available for support, advice or information if something just doesn't feel quite right.

They can even do things like escort your child home if they are out late at the library. Students can download an app to their phone to have quick and direct access to security.

Medical and health support

Deakin Medical Centre provides professional medical and nursing care and advice to students. Medical centres are located on all campuses, and consultations are free and strictly confidential. We also have registered psychologists and social workers with extensive experience working with students with mental health issues.

Campus health services bill directly through Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).

Students Helping Students

No one understands students better than other students. Students Helping Students is a mentoring program to support your child with social, practical and academic issues. Mentors are both local and international students, so your child will connect with a diverse range of ideas.

International student advisers (ISAs)

International Student Advisers 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.

Spiritual support

Deakin is a multicultural institution. We have multifaith chaplains on all campuses who are available to speak with your child. They can also help find a place of worship where they can connect with a community. Campuses also have prayer rooms available.

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deakin.edu.au/int-support

deakin.edu.au/int-health-and-safety

Cost of study in Australia

Tuition and other costs

Tuition fees are based on the degree your child is studying. The cost of each degree can be found on the course pages of the Deakin website or at

deakin.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/fees-and-costs/fees-estimator

The cost of living in Australia will vary by location. Melbourne may be slightly more expensive for accommodation than Geelong, for example. The Study Australia website has a calculator to help you estimate how much it will cost for your child to live in Australia.

studyaustralia.gov.au/english/live/living-costs

Living in university accommodation can be a good option to help keep costs stable. The price is set at the beginning of each year, making it easier to budget. And being on campus reduces transportation costs.

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deakin.edu.au/int-costs

studyaustralia.gov.au/english/live/living-costs

Working while studying

Your child may wish to work while studying to help with their living costs or just to have spending money for their free time. The number of hours they can work is outlined on the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs website.

immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500

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. Our DeakinTALENT career service is here to help.

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deakin.edu.au/work-in-aus

immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500





Scholarships

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

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

Deakin offers scholarships and bursaries related to specific study areas and degrees, and to support students from certain countries and backgrounds. Most of these cover a percentage of tuition for the entire length of the degree.

The Australian Government also offers scholarships. Visit studyinaustralia.gov.au to learn more.

Two of the most prestigious scholarships at Deakin are:

- 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.

deakin.edu.au/int-fees-scholarships

Pathways to 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.

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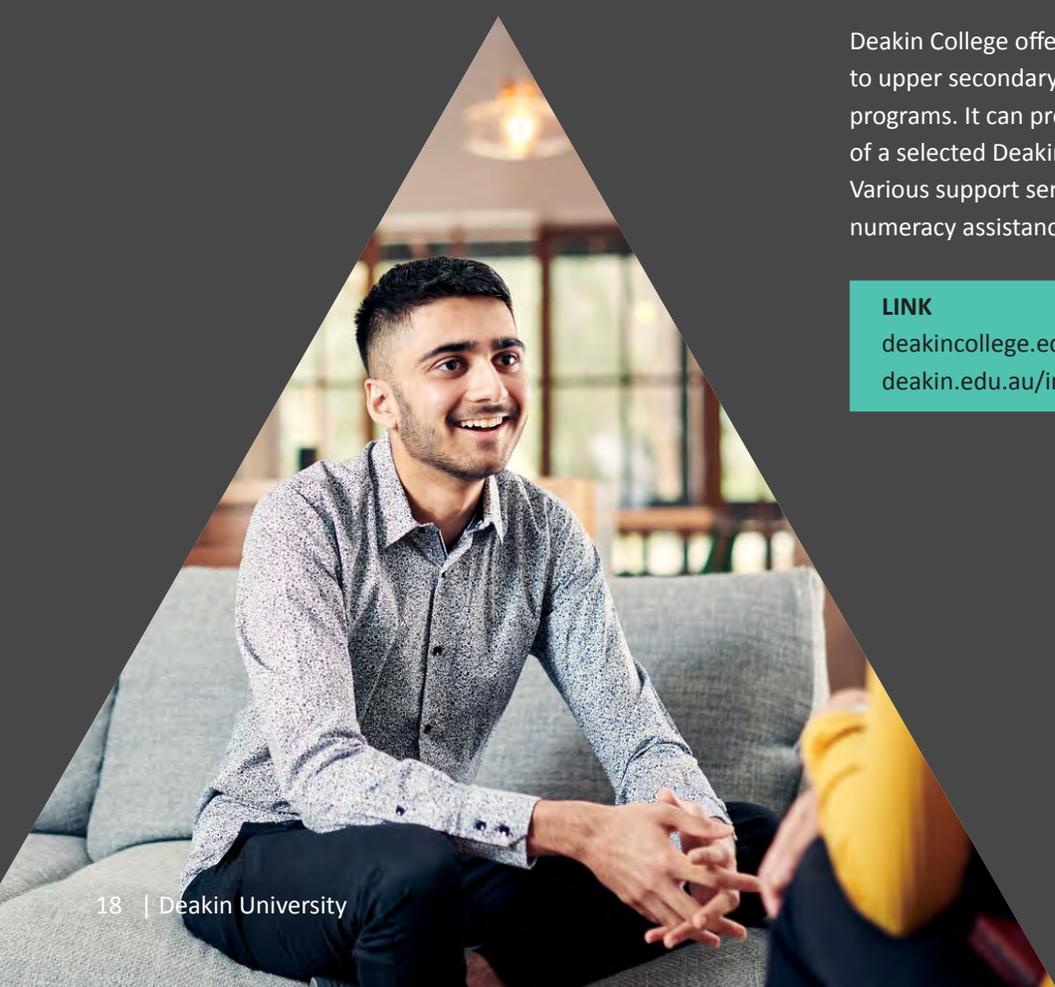
deakin.edu.au/english-reqs
deakin.edu.au/dueli

What if my child does not meet the academic entry requirements?

Deakin College offers a Foundation Program that is equivalent to upper secondary school (Year 12) and university foundation programs. It can prepare your child for entry into the first year of a selected Deakin University bachelor degree. Various support services focus on language, literacy and numeracy assistance.

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deakincollege.edu.au
deakin.edu.au/int-pathways



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Our network of Deakin authorised agents

Deakin strongly recommends contacting an authorised agent to assist you and your family. They can provide advice, liaise with the University on your behalf, and help you through the entire application process. Their assistance can make the process much easier, particularly when it is time for your child to apply for their student visa.

deakin.edu.au/int-agents