

# AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

## Study Abroad

(The Electronic Guide with Web Links!)



Semester & Year Abroad  
Summer Programs  
Internships  
Travel



**Australian  
Education  
Connection**



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## Why an Electronic Guide?

As you take time to consider study abroad options as part of your overall college experience, we at the AEC wanted to be able to provide you with as much information as possible so that you can make an informed decision about:

- where to study
- what to study
- how long to study (semester, year abroad or summer?)

and importantly, consider questions such as:

- how can I make this happen?
- does the AEC program meet my needs?

To make an informed decision, we realise you will require information and plenty of it! As a college student, we know that your ability to surf the net is above average, so rather than copying word to word information that is readily available to you on the internet and in print materials from individual universities, government and tourism organizations, we decided we would fast track you into finding the information you require so that you could make an informed decision! This is why the AEC web site, whilst providing as much upto date information as possible on the AEC semester abroad, year abroad, internships and summer programs, also provides direct links to our Australian and New Zealand university web sites.

This electronic guide contains web links which will connect to the most upto date source materials. For example, we have provided limited information about some of our universities in this guide, however, we have provided you with web links that will give you accurate and in-depth information.

Last but not the least, the electronic guide is meant to save paper resources and keep cost down. We rather invest our resources in providing you with great programs and a first class service!





## About the Australian Education Connection (AEC)

Read the back cover of this book.



[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/about.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/about.htm)

**Our People** - Info at [www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/about.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/about.htm)

**AEC Service** - Info at [www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

**AEC Advantage** - Info at [www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/advantage.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/advantage.htm)

### Professional Standards and Ethics

Info at [www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/standards.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/standards.htm)

### Membership and Support

Info at [www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/membership\\_and\\_support.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/membership_and_support.htm)

## About Australia and New Zealand

For countries that have small populations, Australia and New Zealand certainly are popular! Visitors and international students continue to visit these two countries and the numbers of students from North America to down under has continued to increase. To learn more about these two countries and the possibilities they present for study abroad, check the following:

### Importance of study abroad

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/importance.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/importance.htm)

### Country Information - Australia

[www.australia.com/ProcessSplashResults.aust?C=GB&L=en](http://www.australia.com/ProcessSplashResults.aust?C=GB&L=en)

### Country Information - New Zealand

[www.newzealand.com/travel/](http://www.newzealand.com/travel/)

[www.doc.govt.nz/index.html](http://www.doc.govt.nz/index.html)

Also read [www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/why\\_australia\\_or\\_new\\_zealand.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/why_australia_or_new_zealand.htm)

## Semester and Year Abroad Programs



[www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/semester.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/semester.htm)

The AEC offers an incredible semester and year abroad program to just about all cities in Australia and one city in NZ (soon this will be expanded to more universities and cities in NZ). The semester and year abroad programs are supported with a full array of services ranging from assistance with application and placement to on-going negotiations with your home school adviser about credit transfer, pre-departure, housing, assistance with visa, travel and on-arrival arrangements. By the way, we do guarantee you housing and no, we will not pressure you to take group airfares or particular housing packages! Our aim is to work with you – we realise you have a mind of your own and may require flexibility with travel or have special needs in relation to housing. Rest assured we will be willing to assist in any way possible. The AEC is a full service and experienced provider of students going down under. We can help you even more once you get a feel for the study opportunities available.

**Where AEC Students have come from** - Boston University, University of California (system wide), California State University (system wide), University of Maryland, University of Wisconsin, University of Idaho, Washington State University.

More info at [www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/aec\\_students.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/aec_students.htm)

## Admission Requirements/Credit Transfer/Explanation of Grade Transfer:

Australian/NZ universities have varying admission requirements ranging from a minimum of 2.5 GPA upwards. Most require students to hold at least sophomore status but there is some flexibility with this. All students will be required to be in good standing at their home schools.

More info at [www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/admission.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/admission.htm)

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/credits.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/credits.htm)

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/gradetransfer.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/gradetransfer.htm)

## Subjects on Offer

The AEC works with a large consortium of universities that provide access to a full curriculum. Whilst obviously not every university offers every discipline, the list of universities within the consortium provides plenty of choice. Check out your options by:

- checking the individual university profiles within this guide.
- checking out the individual university profiles on the AEC web site at:

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/locateaust.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/locateaust.htm)

Note: the AEC provides links directly to university web sites from the AEC site.

## Internships with Study Abroad

Internships are a great idea if you can undertake these as part of your study abroad program. Why? Simply because when you are on a study program with the AEC, your program fee would include medical insurance and usually this is for the duration of the visa. Example: semester abroad students would usually receive a visa for a period of 6 weeks beyond the study period. This provides opportunity then to undertake an internship whilst you have a student visa with medical coverage! Our aim is to give you access to the total experience, far beyond the academic. So how does it work?

Check out [www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/intern.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/intern.htm)

## Scholarships, Financial Aid and Work

For information on the AEC scholarship program, read the information at

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/scholarships.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/scholarships.htm)

For information about financial aid for study abroad read the information at

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/financial\\_aidconsortium\\_agreements.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/financial_aidconsortium_agreements.htm)

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/aid.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/aid.htm)

For information on working whilst studying read the information at

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/work.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/work.htm)

## Health and Safety

The well being of our students is of paramount importance to the AEC and our on the ground network of coordinators are there to assist in this process. Read the information at

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/health.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/health.htm)

## Medical Insurance

All students going on AEC semester and year abroad programs have student medical coverage for the duration of their student visas whilst in Australia and New Zealand. The Governments and universities also expect this as part of the visa process - in other words, no insurance no visa! The AEC program fee includes medical coverage. You will however, need to pay some deductibles.

## Student Visa

We know all about visas! [www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm#Visa\\_Process](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm#Visa_Process)

## On Arrival Services

We do a lot with on arrival - see separate section about orientation. Also read

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm#On-arrival\\_Services](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm#On-arrival_Services)



## 'Experience Australia' AEC 5 Nights Orientation Program



[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/expaust.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/expaust.htm)

The AEC offers an orientation & tour program for all Australia/NZ bound AEC students on semester and year abroad programs. There are no additional fees for this unique program. The program takes place prior to the start of orientation on campus. Some information about the program is as follows:

- students can arrive in Cairns to begin their AEC Experience Australia Orientation and Tour Program on any of 4 different dates prior to the start of semester. (Dates coincide with campus start dates.)
- duration of the program is 5 nights
- students have flexibility to purchase their own international airline tickets with the Cairns component or participate in AEC group airfare booking.
- there are various activities planned during the 5 days in Cairns including a tour of the Great Barrier Reef, white water rafting and various visits to major tourist attractions including a visit to an Aboriginal cultural center with the key feature of the program being a lecture specific to AEC students on Australia's Aboriginal History.
- many meals within the program are covered. (Breakfasts and lunches are usually included.)
- cost of tours and hotel is covered for the 5 nights

The overall intent of the program in Cairns is to provide students with a 'networking' opportunity that goes beyond the classroom while at the same time discovering a unique part of Australia that would not otherwise be accessible to semester and year abroad students.

(Bond University students will not be able to participate in this program due to schedule conflict with starting dates. Bond University students will be provided an alternative program.)

For those students not wanting to travel to Cairns for the 5 night AEC orientation, please note that the AEC will provide an alternate, equally exciting Sydney program for 5 nights. Students who are participating in the AEC Semester/Year Abroad program to a New Zealand university, will be offered the option to participate in the AEC 5 nights program in Cairns, Australia or Sydney Australia. Therefore, the airfare for NZ bound students will be arranged in a manner that students can fly to NZ via Australia. For those students going to NZ and not interested in participating in a 5 night orientation package in Australia, an alternate on arrival 5 night package in NZ will be offered. If you need to know more, please contact the AEC.

Further information about the program will be sent to students with their acceptance and pre-departure packages.



## Program Fees and Inclusions:

 [www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/prices.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/prices.htm)

Also check profiles of individual universities for a breakdown of fees for each university; this also includes info on housing options!

 [www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/locateaust.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/locateaust.htm)



Firstly, let's talk about what your AEC semester abroad package includes. For a basic package it includes a lot! Your program costs include:

- tuition - full time study load on campus.
- medical insurance (deductibles do apply)
- student union and all other compulsory dues payable for admission to the university
- 5 nights on-arrival AEC Orientation and 'EXPERIENCE AUSTRALIA' EXCURSION FOR STUDENTS prior to starting their on campus orientation. Information about the AEC Orientation program is listed at: [www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/expaust.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/expaust.htm) AEC covers cost of hotel room, all breakfasts, most lunches and all tours. (Due to conflict in dates, Bond University students will be provided an alternative program.)
- enrolment management by the AEC so we take you from point of application until your return home. Yes, your return home! We do not simply get you to Australia - we will monitor your progress and be available to you. You will be provided 24 hrs emergency cell phone access numbers prior to departure. These can also be accessed by your parents and advisors.

More info at: [www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm) and at [www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/advantage.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/advantage.htm)

- advising
- assistance with subject selection, credit transfer and financial aid matters.
- guaranteed housing - info at: [mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/housingoptions.htm](http://mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/housingoptions.htm)
- travel options/advice - info at: [www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/intern.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/intern.htm)

- access to AEC group airfares - the AEC now negotiates very good group airfares for those students that do not want to have the hassle of making their own arrangements. These group airfares provide a direct service to Australia and New Zealand with options for stop overs in Fiji and other Pacific destinations.
- access to the AEC 4 week internship [www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/intern.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/intern.htm)
- on arrival Australia arrangements
- all visa assistance and documentation for mandatory student visa processing
- continuous updates and predeparture advising
- International Student ID Card (ISIC)
- orientation on arrival at university campus (after the AEC orientation in Cairns)
- access to AEC in country coordinators.
- option to extend your stay in Australia to an additional semester abroad or further study
- full access to student services available through the Australian/New Zealand university
- university transcript available at end of program

Not included in semester cost are: study books - allow \$200, visa fee - allow \$300, incidentals or spending money based on your requirements (AEC suggests \$1000), meal plans or self catering - allow \$800-1200, housing application/refundable deposits - allow \$200-500, travel allow \$1450-1700. Please also be aware, that a few Australian universities do impose additional charges for science and lab based courses.

Finally: Remember, this is your money either coming from personal funds, your parents' funds, loans or financial aid, so use it wisely! We ask all our students to compare the AEC program with other programs, ask questions; find out if you are getting all the inclusions that are available with AEC programs; don't settle for anything less than what you want from your study abroad experience. Importantly, read the fine print!



THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY



**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 000120C

**University also referred to as:** ANU **Location:** Canberra

**Approx. Number of Students on Campus:** 10000

**Credits Semester Abroad:** 9-16 credits **Year Abroad:** 18-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 3.0

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis

**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$8500 + housing \$2200

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

**Start Dates:** Semesters start in January, May and September

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Asian Studies, Australian Studies, Business & Finance, Development Studies, Computer Sciences, Earth Sciences, Peace Studies, Politics, Engineering, International Relations.

**More information**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/anuprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/anuprofile.htm)



**BOND UNIVERSITY**

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 00017B

**University also referred to as:** Bond **Location:** Gold Coast, Queensland

**Approx. Number of Students on Campus:** 4000

**Credits Semester Abroad:** 12-16 credits **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 2.5

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis

**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$10000 + housing \$2600

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

**Start Dates:** Semesters start in January, May and September

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Asian Studies, Australian Studies, Business & Finance, Communications, Economics, Engineering, English, Information Technology, International Relations, Journalism, Tourism, Women's Studies.

**More information**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/bondprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/bondprofile.htm)



**CURTIN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 00301J

**University also referred to as:** Curtin **Location:** Perth, Western Australia

**Approx. Number of Students on Campus(es):** 36,000+

**Credits Semester Abroad:** 12-16 credits **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 2.75

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis

**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$7500 + housing \$2100

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc** [www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July.

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Architecture, Art History, Asian Studies, Australian Studies, Banking and Finance, Biology, Business Administration, Chemistry, Communications, Dramatic Arts, Economics, Fine Arts, Geography, History, International Relations, IT, Journalism, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science and Government, Pure and Applied Mathematics, Sociology, Urban & Regional Planning.

**More information**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/curtinprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/curtinprofile.htm)



**DEAKIN UNIVERSITY**

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 00113B (Vic)

**University also referred to as:** Deakin **Location:** Geelong and Warrnambool (regional) and Burwood & Toorak (Melbourne campuses)

**Approx. Number of Students on Campus(es):** 26,000

**Credits Semester Abroad:** 12-16 credits **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 2.8

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$7500 + housing \$2900

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July.

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Archaeology, Art, Architecture, Asian Studies, Australian Studies, Biological Sciences, Business Administration, Chemistry, Communication, Computing, Dramatic Arts, Development Studies, Economics, Education, English, Environmental Studies, Fine Arts, Geography, Health and Behavioural Sciences, History, Information Technology, International Relations, Journalism, Management, Philosophy, Political Science & Government, Pure & Applied Mathematics, Sociology, Sport Science, Women's Studies.

**More information**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/deakinprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/deakinprofile.htm)



## EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 00279B

**University also referred to as:** ECU **Location:** Perth

**Approx. Number of Students on Campus:** 23,000

**Credits Semester Abroad:** 12-16 credits **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 2.5

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis

**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$7750 + housing \$1700

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July.

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Aboriginal and Intercultural Studies, Asian Studies, Australian Studies, Aviation Science, Banking & Finance, Biology, Business, Communication, Dramatic Arts, Economics, Education, English, Geography, History, Hospitality/Tourism Management, Journalism, Leisure Studies, Media Studies, Music, Information Technology, Performing Arts, Philosophy, Political Science & Government, Pure & Applied Mathematics, Sociology, Sports Science, Tourism, Women's Studies.

**More information**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/edithprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/edithprofile.htm)



## GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 00233E

**University also referred to as:** Griffith **Location:** Brisbane

**Approx. Number of Students on Campus(es):** 19,000

**Credits Semester Abroad:** 12-16 credits **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 2.5

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis

**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$8100 + housing \$1700-2900 (dep.on campus)

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July.

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Asian Culture & Language, Australian Studies, Business Administration, Biology, Communications, Creative & Performing Arts, Chemistry, Development Studies, Economics, Education, English, Environmental Sciences, Fine Arts, Geography, Health, History, Humanities, Information Technology, Music, Physics, Political Science, Pure & Applied Mathematics, Sociology, Sports Science, Women's Studies.

**More information:**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/griffithprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/griffithprofile.htm)



## JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** Queensland:00117J

**University also referred to as:** JCU

**Location:** Townsville (main campus) and Cairns (smaller campus)

**Approx. Number of Students on Campus(es):** 14,000

**Credits Semester Abroad:** 12-16 credits **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 2.5

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis

**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$7900 + housing \$2500

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July.

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Anthropology, Aquaculture, Archaeology, Asia Pacific Community Development, Australian Studies, Biochemistry, Biomedical Sciences, Botany, Business, Chemistry, Cinema, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Economics, English Literature, Education, Engineering, Environmental Science, Geography, Geology, Graphic Design, History, Indigenous Studies, IT, Journalism, Mathematics, Marine Biology, Microbiology, Music, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Politics, Pharmacy/Pharmacology, Tropical Biology/Ecology, Visual Arts, Women's Studies and Zoology.

**More information**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/jamescookprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/jamescookprofile.htm)



## LATROBE UNIVERSITY

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 00115M

**University also referred to as:** La Trobe

**Location:** Bundoora (Melbourne) and regional campuses in Bendigo and Albury-Wodonga, Victoria

**Approx. Number of Students:** 21,000

**Credits Semester Abroad:** 12-16 credits **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 2.5

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$7400 + housing \$3100

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July.

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Agricultural Science, Archaeology, Asian Studies, Art History, Australian Studies, Banking & Finance Biological Sciences, Business Administration, Chemistry, Cinema & Media Studies, Communications, Development Studies, Drama, Economics, English, Environmental Sciences, Fine Arts, Geography, History, Information Technology, Music, Peace Studies, Photography, Political Science & Government, Physical Sciences, Sociology, Sports Science, Tourism, Women's Studies.

**More information**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/latrobeprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/latrobeprofile.htm)



### THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 00109J

**University also referred to as:** Newcastle **Location:** Newcastle

**Approx. Number of Students:** 23,000

**Credits Semester Abroad:** 12-16 credits **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 2.5

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$7600 + housing \$2300

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July.

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Aboriginal Studies, Anthropology, Architecture, Asian Studies, Australian Literature and Film, Australian Studies, Banking & Finance, Biology, Business Administration, Chemistry, Communications, Dramatic Arts, Economics, English, Environmental Sciences, Fine Arts, Geography, History, Philosophy, Political Science & Government, Information Technology, International Relations, Journalism, Music, Physics, Pure & Applied Mathematics, Tourism, Visual & Creative Arts, Womens Studies.

**More information**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/newcastleprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/newcastleprofile.htm)



**University of the Sunshine Coast**  
Queensland, Australia

### UNIVERSITY OF THE SUNSHINE COAST

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 01595D

**University also referred to as:** USC **Location:** Sunshine Coast

**Approx. Number of Students on Campus(es):** 4,280

**Credits Semester Abroad:** 12-16 credits **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 2.5

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$6900 + housing \$2300

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

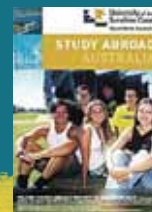
**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Computer-Based Art and Design, Cultural Studies, Communication Studies, Creative Writing, Tourism and Hospitality, Environmental Studies, Australian Politics, International Politics, Psychology, Accounting, Economics, Human Resources Management, International Business, International Marketing, Marine Dynamics, Aquaculture, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Indigenous Australia, Transnational Management, Export Management and Sport and Event Marketing.

**More information**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/uscprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/uscprofile.htm)



**The University of Sydney**  
Australia



### THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 00026A

**University also referred to as:** Sydney **Location:** Sydney

**Approx. Number of Students:** 46,000

**Credits Semester Abroad:** 12-16 credits **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 3.0

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$10000 + housing \$3800

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July.

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Aboriginal Studies, Agricultural Science, Architecture, Archaeology, Asian Studies, Art History, Australian Studies, Banking and Finance, Biology, Chemistry, English Literature, Economics, Environmental Studies, Fine Arts, Government (Politics), Geography, History, International Relations, Information Technology, Languages (including Asian), Marine Sciences, Music, Philosophy, Political Science & Government, Physics, Pure & Applied Mathematics, Sociology, Womens Studies.

**More information**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/usydprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/usydprofile.htm)



UniSA

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 00121B

**University also referred to as:** Uni SA **Location:** Adelaide

**Approx. Number of Students:** 25,000

**Credits Semester Abroad:** 12-16 credits **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 2.5

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$7650 + housing \$1750

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July.

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Aboriginal Studies, Architecture, Arts, Art History, Asian Studies, Australian Studies, Banking & Finance, Biology, Business Administration, Business Management, Chemistry, Communications, Economics, English, Engineering, Environmental Studies, Fine Arts, Geography, Health Sciences, IT, Journalism, Outdoor Education, Physics, Psychology, Pure & Applied Mathematics, Sports Science, Science & Technology, Tourism, Urban & Regional Planning.

**More information**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/unisaprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/unisaprofile.htm)



## MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 00002J

**University also referred to as:** Macquarie **Location:** Sydney

**Approx. Number of Students:** 18,000

**Credits Semester Abroad:** 12-16 credits **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 2.5

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$8000 + housing \$3800

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July.

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Anthropology, Asian Studies, Australian Studies, Behavioural Sciences, Banking & Finance, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Communication, Early Childhood Studies, Economics, English, Environmental Studies, Geography, Geological Sciences, History, Information Technology, Journalism, Philosophy, Political Science & Government, Physics, Sociology, Women's Studies.

**More information**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/macquarieprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/macquarieprofile.htm)



## RMIT UNIVERSITY

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 00122A

**University also referred to as:** RMIT **Location:** Melbourne

**Approx. Number of Students:** 57,000

**Credits Semester Abroad:** 12-16 **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 3.0

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$7900 + housing \$3000

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July.

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Business, Art, Design and Communications, Constructed Environment, Life Sciences, Applied Sciences, Education Language and Community Service, Engineering, Introduction to Australian Society, Community Service Volunteer Program.

**More information**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/rmitprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/rmitprofile.htm)



## SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 01241G

**University also referred to as:** SCU **Location:** Lismore

**Approx. Number of Students:** 9,000

**Credit Semester Abroad:** 12-16 **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 2.7

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$7400 + housing \$1900

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July.

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Aboriginal & Islander Studies, Art History, Asian Studies, Australian Studies, Biology, Business Administration, Chemistry, Communications, Contemporary Music, Economics, Environmental Studies, Forestry, Geography, Information Technology, Journalism, Media Studies Resource Sciences & Management (includes Environmental Sciences & Sport Management and Exercise Science), Music, International Relations, Political Science and Government.

**More information**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/south\\_crossprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/south_crossprofile.htm)

## UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA

UNIVERSITY OF  
CANBERRA

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 00212K

**University also referred to as:** UC **Location:** Canberra, ACT

**Approx. Number of Students:** 9,000

**Credits Semester Abroad :** 12-16 credits **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 2.5

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

**Prices US\$:** program fees 7000 + housing \$1900

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

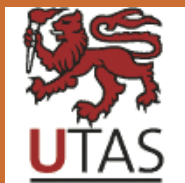
**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July.

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Communications, Education, Environmental Design, Languages, Science, Sport Studies.

**For more information**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/canberraprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/canberraprofile.htm)



## UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 00586B

**University also referred to as:** U Tas **Location:** Hobart & Launceston

**Approx. Number of Students:** 13,000

**Credits Semester Abroad :** 12-16 credits **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 2.8

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis

**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$6600 + housing \$2300

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July.

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Aboriginal Australia, Agricultural Science, Antarctic Studies, Architecture, Asian Studies, Australian Literature, Australian Studies, Banking & Finance, Biology, Business Administration, Chemistry, Economics, Environmental Studies, Fine Arts, Flora and Fauna of Tasmania, Geography, History, Hospitality and Tourism, Journalism and Media Studies, Life Sciences, Performing Arts, Philosophy, Political Science & Government, Physics, Pure & Applied Mathematics, Sociology, Tourism, Urban & Regional Planning, Womens Studies, Zoology.

**Want more information**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/utasprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/utasprofile.htm)



UNIVERSITY OF  
TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY

## UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY (UTS)

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 00099F

**University also referred to as:** UTS **Location:** Sydney,

**Approx. Number of Students:** 24,000

**Credits Semester Abroad:** 12-16 credits **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 3.0

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$7900 + housing 3900

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July.

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Applied Sciences, Art History, Banking and Finance, Business Administration, Chemistry, Communications, Design, Dramatic Art, Economics, Environmental Sciences & Management, Film, Fine Arts, Forestry, Government, History, IT, Journalism, Leisure Studies, Music, Physics, Pure & Applied Mathematics, Literature, Urban & Regional Planning, Womens Studies.

**More information**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/utsprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/utsprofile.htm)



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



## UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 00126G

**University also referred to as:** UWA **Location:** Perth

**Approx. Number of Students:** 14,000

**Credits Semester Abroad:** 12-16 credits **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 3.0

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$8950 + housing \$2750

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July.

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Agriculture, Archaeology, Australian Studies (History, Politics, Anthropology), Architecture, Art History, Asian Studies, Banking & Finance, Biology, Business Administration, Chemistry, Cognitive Sciences, Creative Writing, Dramatic Arts, Economics, English, Environmental Sciences, Fine Arts, Geography, Geology, History, Human Movement, Information Technology, International Relations, Life Sciences, Music, Philosophy, Political Science & Government, Physics, Psychology, Sociology, Pure & Applied Science, Sports Science, Theatre Studies, Womens Studies, Zoology.

**More information**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/uwaprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/uwaprofile.htm)



## UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY (UWS)

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 00917k

**University also referred to as:** UWS **Location:** Various campuses located in the greater (or outer) Sydney area including Parramatta, Bankstown, Campelltown, Penrith and Hawkesbury.

**Approx. Number of Students:** 30,000

**Credits Semester Abroad:** 12-16 credits **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits

**Minimum GPA:** 2.5

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$7200 + housing \$2200

**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)

**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July.

**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**

Agricultural Science, Australian Studies, Business Administration, Communication, Ecology, Economics, Eco-tourism, Environmental Sciences, Food Sciences, Hospitality Management, IT, Marketing, Nutrition, Physics, Pure & Applied Mathematics, Sociology, Tourism, Urban & Regional Planning, Womens & Asian Studies, Art History, Banking & Finance, Dev. Studies, Fine Arts, Journalism, Music, Peace Studies, Physics, Political Science & Government, Pure & Applied Mathematics, Sociology, Sports Studies, Tourism, Aboriginal Studies, Dramatic Arts, Education, Engineering, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Relations, IT, Journalism, Law, Music, Nursing & Health Sciences.

**More information**

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/uwsprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/uwsprofile.htm)



**UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG (UOW)**

**CRICOS (Aust Govt approval code):** 00102E  
**University also referred to as:** Uni Wollongong **Location:** Wollongong,  
**Approx. Number of Students:** 12,500  
**Credits Semester Abroad:** 12-16 credits **Year Abroad:** 24-32 credits  
**Minimum GPA:** 3.0  
**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.  
**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$7900 + housing \$2300  
**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**  
[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)  
**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July.  
**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**  
 Australian Studies, Biological Sciences, Environmental Sciences, History, Southeast Asian Studies & Visual Arts.  
**More information**  
[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/wollongongprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/wollongongprofile.htm)



**THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND - NEW ZEALAND**

**University also referred to as:** U Auckland **Location:** Auckland  
**Approx. Number of Students:** 28,600  
**Credits Semester Abroad :** 12-16 credits **Year Abroad :** 24-32  
**Minimum GPA:** 3.0  
**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.  
**Prices US\$:** AEC program fees \$8200 + housing \$3100  
**Visa, Pre-departure, etc -**  
[www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/AEC/service.htm)  
**Start Dates:** Semesters start in February and July.  
**Key Subjects Available (this is not a complete list - check website):**  
 Architectural Studies, Education (teacher education, special needs, educational psychology), Business and Economics, International Business, Marketing, Management, Anthropology, Political Science, Psychology, Ethnomusicology, Dance and Theatre Studies, Biological and Biomedical Science, Marine and Environmental Science, Forensic Science, Sports and Exercise Science, Computer Science, Software Engineering.  
**More information**  
[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/aucklandprofile.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/aucklandprofile.htm)

We have even more universities for you! The full list of universities is at

**[www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/locateaust.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/locateaust.htm)**

Note: Prices are subject to change if university and housing prices increase or currency fluctuations occur.

**How to Apply?**

So you want to apply? We'd love to receive an application from you, but before you embark on the application process, take the time to research your options from the universities listed on the AEC web site as not all our universities are listed in this guide. (At the time of going to print, some information was still not available - this information will be on the web site.)

Again, look up [www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/semester.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/semester.htm)

**Applications Online and through the Mail**

Read the information at [www.mystudyaustralia.com/app\\_instruct.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/app_instruct.htm)

Once you complete the online application process, send by mail to the AEC:

- 2 photographs
  - faculty/advisor reference
  - \$50 program deposit
- and don't forget to request your home school to send to the AEC your official transcript.

If you are eligible to apply for an AEC scholarship or an internship, this is the time to do it!

Scholarship information is at [www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/scholarships.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/scholarships.htm)

and internship information is at [www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/intern.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/intern.htm)

## Summer Programs

The AEC does assist students with some summer opportunities. As universities advise the AEC of summer options, the AEC will continue to list these on the AEC web site. Information that we have already received about next year's summer programs is at:



[www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/summer.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/summer.htm)

## Internships and Travel

The AEC has several good internship and travel packages - the information and application packages are at:



[www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/intern.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/intern.htm)

## EAP & Exchange Students (we can help you!)

So what can we offer students that are not participating in an AEC semester or year abroad program? A whole bunch of services!

If you are not an AEC semester/year abroad student, however, you are participating in your home school's Education Abroad Program (EAP) or Exchange Program to Australia or New Zealand, you could access the following services through the AEC:

- the 5 night on-arrival Cairns or Sydney orientation program
- the one month internship program at the conclusion of your EAP or exchange program
- travel programs within Australia at the conclusion of your EAP or exchange program



[www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/eap.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/eap.htm)

To access the above services, you will be required to provide proof of acceptance into your home school's EAP or exchange program. In the case of an internship, you will also be required to provide a copy of your current transcript. The AEC will inform you when these documents are required.

The AEC will continue to develop services for EAP and Exchange Students. So keep looking up information on the AEC web site. Our aim is to be a comprehensive service provider to students going down under!

## Other Information

### Comments from students and parents

We have listed on our web site various comments we have received from students and their parents. Take the time to read these. Your advisors and parents can contact the AEC if they'd like to speak to our network of past students and their parents. We understand that sometimes giving a description of services or stating the strengths of an organization are simply not enough for anxious parents or their advisors and that they'd prefer to talk to someone who has been on the program and experienced first hand the service of the AEC. We're happy to hear from your parent, advisor and you!

Comments from students and parents are listed at

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/comments.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/comments.htm)



## Studying with friends

If you're keen to participate in the AEC program with a group of friends, we would be happy to provide you with a discounted package. Read the information at

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/offers.htm#Groups](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/Universities/offers.htm#Groups)

## Full Degrees

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/degree.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/degree.htm)

## Web Links

The gallery of pictures

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/aec\\_gallery/index.html](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/aec_gallery/index.html)

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/FAQ.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/FAQ.htm)

Information about full degrees in Australia

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/degree.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/degree.htm)

(We will be adding a section on full degrees in New Zealand over the next few months)

Information for returning students and how to get your transcript on return

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/information\\_for\\_alumni.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/StudyinAustralia/information_for_alumni.htm)

Downloadable documents - this is where we hold university specific brochures on study abroad

[www.mystudyaustralia.com/downloads/index.htm](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com/downloads/index.htm)

Financial Aid Information Sites (usually these are for students undertaking full degrees but some of these sites will confirm the eligibility of Australian and New Zealand universities as accredited universities for the purpose of US financial aid)

[www.iefc.com](http://www.iefc.com)

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

[www.salliemae.com/](http://www.salliemae.com/)

[www.ed.gov/](http://www.ed.gov/)

[www.ed.gov/finaid.html](http://www.ed.gov/finaid.html)

[www.ed.gov/prog\\_info/SFA/StudentGuide](http://www.ed.gov/prog_info/SFA/StudentGuide) [www.rotary.org/foundation/educational](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

**We hope this Guide assists you with your plans to study in Australia or New Zealand.**

**If you have any comments, feel free to email the AEC at [enquiries@MyStudyAustralia.com](mailto:enquiries@MyStudyAustralia.com)**

**We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.**





## Our Organization:

We are an organization that has been built from the ground up by a team of dedicated international education professionals who remain committed to the world of study abroad.

## Our Mission:

We provide students with affordable opportunities to participate in culturally enriching academic experiences in some of the safest destinations in the western hemisphere - Australia and New Zealand. We believe study abroad should be accessible to students of all socio-economic backgrounds because it is through study abroad that our young adults will learn to interact with the world at large, appreciate humanity's common bonds and learn to build harmonious and peaceful societies. The organization therefore, works hard to bring affordable programs to students whilst not compromising the integrity of the services on offer - a comparison of prices and services offered by the AEC and those offered by even not-for-profit organizations will confirm how serious we are about our mission!

## Our History:

The AEC program has been in operation for 9 years and we currently work with 30 Australian and New Zealand universities. (We are in the process of expanding our base of New Zealand universities.) Our people make up our history - we come to the AEC from positions in government and academia. Most of us have either worked at universities and colleges or at international education organizations. All of us have studied and worked in more than one country so we know first hand the value of study abroad. Given our background in internationalization, we are even more aware of the difference we can make to the lives of young people. This is where we began and this is where we are today - assisting students to be better prepared through study abroad to meet the challenges of globalization.

## Our Network (AEC coordinators are also available on site!)

### USA

#### Australian Education Connection (AEC)

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Ft Lauderdale, Florida 33330

USA

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Email: [enquiries@mystudyaustralia.com](mailto:enquiries@mystudyaustralia.com)

Web Site: [www.mystudyaustralia.com](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com)

### AUSTRALIA

#### Australian Education Connection (AEC)

Unit 5, 2 Montford Crescent

Lyneham, ACT 2602 (Canberra) Australia

Mailing Address: GPO Box 1424

Canberra City, ACT 2601, Australia

Telephone: **61-2-62487110**

Facsimile: **61-2-62487190**

Email: [canberra@mystudyaustralia.com](mailto:canberra@mystudyaustralia.com)

**STUDENT HOT LINE: 1-800-565-9553**

**[www.mystudyaustralia.com](http://www.mystudyaustralia.com)**

**[www.mystudynewzealand.com](http://www.mystudynewzealand.com)**