

THE LA TROBE COMMUNITY

This guide contains valuable information to prepare you for your arrival in Australia. You can also find more detailed information on our website:

www.latrobe.edu.au/international/predeparture

When you arrive at La Trobe University you will be provided with an Arrival Guide which will give you essential information on living and studying in Australia, including learning styles, university and campus facilities and practical information about the city in which you will be living. You can also access it now at the website mentioned above.

PREPARING YOURSELF

At La Trobe University we are very confident that you will enjoy studying and living in Australia. Coming to a new country for most students may however require a period of adjustment. When you first arrive in Australia you may be feeling excited and a little anxious.

It may be hard to leave friends and family behind. If this is your first time in a new country, it may be hard to settle in and you may feel a range of emotions.

To help adjust to Australian life, keep in mind the following suggestions:

- Find someone to talk to about how you are feeling. You may want to discuss your concerns with friends and family, particularly those who have also travelled abroad.
- Read about Australian culture.
- Make yourself at home. Bring some of your favourite things with you, including photos of family and friends, and learn to cook some of your favourite dishes.
- Make sure that you arrive in time to participate in the Welcome Festival Orientation program as well as the General Orientation program for all students. Attending the Welcome Festival Orientation is compulsory, and the best way to ensure you will hit the ground running and be successful in your studies. You will learn important information, as well as meet other students and staff, and make new friends.

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MELBOURNE (BUNDOORA) CAMPUS

La Trobe International (LTI)*
La Trobe University, Bundoora, Victoria 3086
Australia

*LTI Reception is located on Level 2,
Peribolos East Building

Tel (+61 3) 9479 1199

Fax (+61 3) 9479 3660

Email international@latrobe.edu.au

For information relating to Student Life,
International Student Support Services,
please email: studentsupport@latrobe.edu.au

BENDIGO & ALBURY-WODONGA CAMPUSES

La Trobe International (Regional Campuses)*
La Trobe University, Bendigo, Victoria 3550
Australia

*LTI (Regional Campuses) Reception is located in the
Engineering Building.

Tel (+61 3) 5444 7924

Fax (+61 3) 5444 7926

Email iobendigo@latrobe.edu.au

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (ISSS)* (ALBURY-WODONGA CAMPUS)

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Email iso.aw@latrobe.edu.au

PREPARING FOR DEPARTURE

CAMPUS OF STUDY

As an international student you will be placed at one of three campuses: Melbourne (Bundoora), Bendigo or Albury-Wodonga campus. If you are not sure which campus you are studying at, please check your letter of offer. It is important to take note of your campus of study so that you are fully prepared for where you will be living and studying.

Melbourne (Bundoora) campus

This campus is the largest of La Trobe University's campuses and one of the most attractive university campuses in Australia. The campus covers 330 hectares (approximately 500 acres) of stunning parkland with its own waterways and a wildlife sanctuary.

For further information about the campus and living in Melbourne, please visit:

www.latrobe.edu.au/bundoora

www.visitmelbourne.com.au

www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au

Bendigo campus

This campus is the University's second largest campus. It is situated on 33 hectares of attractive bushland, three kilometres from the Bendigo city centre.

For further information about the campus and living in Bendigo, please visit:

www.latrobe.edu.au/bendigo

www.bendigotourism.com

Albury-Wodonga campus

This campus is located in Victoria in the City of Wodonga, with the City of Albury just over the Murray River in New South Wales. The campus is situated on Australia's main inland route linking Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney, with easy access by train, plane and bus services.

For further information about the campus and living in Albury-Wodonga, please visit:

www.latrobe.edu.au/aw

www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au

www.wodonga.vic.gov.au

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2009

The standard La Trobe University academic year is divided into two semesters. **Important dates for 2009** are listed in the table on the last page of this Guide. Please refer to this calendar when booking flights home or making holiday arrangements. We have specified the last possible day that you may have to sit an exam, but you may finish exams before this date. Some courses may have different commencement dates. We recommend you refer to your letter of offer for your exact commencement and/or orientation dates.

STUDENT VISAS

You will need to use your electronic **Confirmation of Enrolment (eCOE)** (issued by La Trobe International when you accepted your offer) in order to apply for a student visa, at your nearest Australian diplomatic mission. Please note that you will also be required to demonstrate that you have **sufficient funds** to cover your tuition fees and living expenses. The information that you will be required to submit as part of your visa application to the Australian diplomatic mission will be dictated by the Visa Assessment Level assigned to your country.

Visa Assessment Levels are determined by your country of citizenship and the type of course/s you will be studying. Only those who are from Visa Assessment Level 1 countries can be granted their initial student visa in Australia. Everyone else (from countries with Visa Assessment Levels 2-4) must obtain a student visa before they travel to Australia.

For more information on Visa Assessment Levels, please refer to form 1219i online at:

www.immi.gov.au/allforms/booklets

Please note The University is unable to provide advice concerning immigration matters.

For up-to-date information on student visa regulations and a list of Australian Diplomatic Missions, or for general information about immigration matters, you may visit the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) website at www.immi.gov.au

Assistance with visa applications is available from La Trobe University's representatives:

www.latrobe.edu.au/international/agents

STUDENT VISA CONDITIONS

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) issues student visas with a number of conditions attached, including, but not limited to, the following conditions with which all students must comply:

- 8101: You cannot work without permission to work.
- 8105: You cannot work more than 20 hours per week when your course is in session (other than work which has been registered as a part of the course). No work limits apply during vacation periods. You cannot undertake work until you have commenced your course in Australia.
- 8202: You must remain enrolled in a registered course, satisfy academic requirements, make satisfactory academic progress, and complete your course within the time stated on your eCOE.

- 8533: You must advise the University within seven days of your arrival in Australia of your current residential address and of any changes of address within seven days of each change.
- 8501: You must maintain acceptable health insurance cover during your entire stay in Australia.

The University is obliged to notify DIAC if you breach any visa conditions, change your course, intermit (defer), discontinue your studies or make any changes affecting the duration of your study.

For a complete listing of student visa conditions please visit the following link: www.immi.gov.au/students/visa-conditions-students.htm

STUDENTS WITH SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

If you have school-aged dependants accompanying you to Australia, it is a visa requirement that you enrol them in Primary or Secondary school.

Unless you are the recipient of an Australian government scholarship, you will also be required to pay school fees for your dependants whether they are enrolled at a government or non-government school.

The minimum fee payable in 2008 was A\$6 180 per year; these fees may increase in 2009.

A list of schools that admit international students is available at:

www.study.vic.gov.au

Please note that some students have been able to negotiate fees with non-Government schools.

If you hold a 576 (AusAID or Defence Scholarship) or 574 (postgraduate research) visa, you are not required to pay school fees for your dependants at government schools in Victoria.

OSHC WORLD CARE

If you have purchased your Overseas Student Health Cover with OSHC Worldcare through La Trobe University, we will give you instructions on how to obtain your card once you arrive at the University.

Emergency Helpline

OSHC Worldcare offers a 24-hour emergency helpline, including an interpreting service, legal advice and medical assistance.

Tel: 1800 814 781

(free-call in Australia)

www.oshcworldcare.com.au

LIVING COSTS

AVERAGE LIVING COSTS FOR ONE STUDENT

The table below shows estimated average annual costs for a single student sharing rental accommodation, living in a one-bedroom flat and living on campus (non-catered).

Total figures are for the 37 weeks of the academic year only. Please note that we have not included the cost of clothing or travel expenses for leisure purposes.

AVERAGE LIVING COSTS FOR A COUPLE WITH CHILDREN

For information on average living costs for a couple with children, please visit:

www.latrobe.edu.au/international/supportservices/costs

Don't forget to ask for a *Students with Families* information pack at your La Trobe International office.

Table Key:

1. Assumes shared with 2 others.
2. Note that it is sometimes possible to negotiate to pay less rent in advance with colleges.
3. Bond is usually refunded at the end of your stay provided no money is owing, you have given the required period of notice, and that you have caused no damage to the property. Note that some private student accommodation providers will deduct a cleaning charge at the end of your stay.
4. Transport for education and work purposes.
5. Some college libraries contain key textbooks that could reduce expenditure.
6. Includes non-refundable costs of social and transition programs and other miscellaneous fees.
7. A\$150 includes telephone and internet connection, and A\$50 phone credit.

	MELBOURNE (BUNDOORA)			BENDIGO			ALBURY-WODONGA		
	Renting Shared House or Flat	One Bedroom Flat/ Apartment	Campus Non - catered	Renting Shared House or Flat	One Bedroom Flat/ Apartment	Campus Non - catered	Renting Shared House or Flat	One Bedroom Flat/ Apartment	Campus Non - catered
ESTABLISHMENT COSTS									
Bond ³	563 ¹	952	500	347 ¹	650 ¹	n/a	368 ¹	498	275
Rent in advance	563	952	776	347	650	2 755 ²	368	498	2 160 ²
Telephone connection	23 ¹	69	n/a	23	69	n/a	23 ¹	69	150 ⁷
General Establishment Costs	350 ¹	750	623 ⁶	350 ¹	750	655 ⁶	350 ¹	750	255
Total	1 499	2 724	1 899	1 067	2 119	3 410	1 109	1 815	2 810
ANNUAL COSTS									
Books, stationery, photocopying, etc.	650	650	650 ⁵	650	650	650 ⁵	650	650	650 ⁵
WEEKLY COSTS									
Weekly rent/board	130 ¹	220	179	80 ¹	150	145	85 ¹	115	105
Household "Kitty" (food, cleaning products, etc.)	60	70	60	60	70	60	60	60	60
Food (lunch and snacks)	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Utilities (gas, electricity, phone)	25	40	15	25	40	15	25	15	15
Travel (public transport/fuel)	28	28	20 ⁴	25	25	20 ⁴	30	30	20 ⁴
Spending money	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Average weekly costs	363	478	394	310	405	360	320	340	320
Total estimate (one academic year = 37 weeks)	15 017	20 107	16 351	12 840	17 104	14 625	13 231	14 547	13 140

ACCOMMODATION

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

You can access information about temporary accommodation in Melbourne or Albury-Wodonga at: www.latrobe.edu.au/international/accommodation/temp or you can contact our Admissions Officer for information on temporary accommodation in Bendigo: campussupport@latrobe.edu.au.

ACCOMMODATION (LONG-TERM)

There is a wide variety of student accommodation designed to meet the needs of all international and local students. In addition to providing university-owned housing both on and off campus, the University provides information about privately-run accommodation.

Guaranteed accommodation at the Melbourne (Bundoora) and Bendigo campuses for international students joining La Trobe in 2009!

Students commencing in Semester 1, 2009 will need to apply before 1 December 2008 for the guarantee to apply. We highly recommend that students who have not experienced living on their own should apply to live on campus. Included in the cost is access to pastoral care, academic support and social programs. It will give you the best chance to settle into life in Australia quickly, with many people at hand to assist you so you can concentrate on your studies. For further details about this accommodation guarantee, the application deadline, as well as the terms and conditions, please check our website:

www.latrobe.edu.au/accommodation

We strongly advise you not to accept any long-term off-campus accommodation without sighting it first and checking the suitability of the premises. Make sure you understand all the conditions of any contract you sign, as well as the payment and bond conditions and procedures. Standard leases, condition reports and other tenancy information are available at:

Accommodation Services Office

Tel: (+61 3) 9479 1565

www.latrobe.edu.au/accommodation

Useful information about the Residential Tenancies Act and starting a tenancy can be found on the following websites:

www.tuv.org.au

www.consumer.vic.gov.au

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

When moving into a vacant house, you will need to pay for electricity, gas and telephone connection fees, furniture, bond (usually one month's rent), and one month's rent in advance.

In share accommodation you generally move into an already established house, flat or unit.

Connection fees are already paid and the rest of the house is usually furnished. When enquiring about shared households you should ask about many things, such as sharing of food, cleaning, cooking and utility bills, smoking, parties and noise, pets, small children, and visits from family and friends/partners, before you decide whether the house is right for you.

Furniture

Most rental properties are completely unfurnished. Prices of furniture vary widely, depending on what you are prepared to spend. Many students reduce the cost of furnishing their homes by buying second-hand furniture available at garage sales, second-hand shops or markets. Buying furniture from other students who are returning home is a convenient way to get what you need.

MELBOURNE (BUNDOORA) CAMPUS

ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

We recommend you apply for your choice of on-campus accommodation as soon as you can after you have accepted your offer, or by 1 December 2008 if you are commencing studies in 2009.

Please note that all on-campus accommodation houses both male and female students.

Applications for on-campus accommodation for 2009 open on 1 September 2008 and continue until places are filled. Students who apply between 1 September and 1 December 2008 will receive an outcome for their application in the first round offer between 1 and 24 December 2008.

Students applying after this date will be responded to as applications are received and will be subject to priority and availability. Therefore accommodation on-campus can not be guaranteed after this time.

Application fees and refundable bonds differ between accommodation providers.

For information about on-campus accommodation and facilities, including up-to-date rates, please visit:

www.latrobe.edu.au/accommodation

To apply for on-campus accommodation please visit: www.latrobe.edu.au/accommodation/bundoora/applying

Residential colleges

There are three residential colleges on the Melbourne (Bundoora) campus – Menzies College, Chisholm College and Glenn College. They provide single furnished study-bedrooms, shared kitchen, bathroom and laundry facilities, and communal recreational and study areas.

Significant academic, pastoral, cultural and sporting programs are also provided to residents, although these differ between the colleges. The colleges are located within a two-minute walk of the campus centre.

Please visit individual college websites for further information:

Menzies College –
www.latrobe.edu.au/menzies

Chisholm College –
www.latrobe.edu.au/chisholm

Glenn College –
www.latrobe.edu.au/glenn

Residences for postgraduate/mature-age students

University Lodge and Graduate House cater for the needs of postgraduate and mature-age students, offering a quieter and more independent lifestyle.

Both are self-catering and offer single and shared rooms, limited rooms for couples with double beds, shared lounge areas, fully-equipped kitchens, self-service laundries, and recreational facilities. Initial sheets and towels are provided and rooms are cleaned weekly for a deferred charge of A\$45.

For further information, please visit:

University Lodge –
www.latrobe.edu.au/accommodation/bundoora/unilodge

Graduate House –
www.latrobe.edu.au/accommodation/bundoora/gradhouse

OFF-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

The private rental market is very competitive and real estate agents and landlords may receive many applications for the one property. We recommend you arrive at least a few weeks early if you only book yourself into temporary accommodation and plan to rent privately.

Where should I look?

Information including advertisements for vacancies, real estate agents, maps, and useful links to the Student Accommodation Service database is available at:

www.latrobe.edu.au/accommodation

You can also look for housing ads at:

www.realestate.com.au

www.flatmatefinders.com.au

www.domain.com.au

<http://melbourne.gumtree.com.au>

www.melbourneexchange.com.au

BENDIGO CAMPUS

Please refer also to “Living Costs” on page 3 for a cost comparison between different types of accommodation.

ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

Six different styles of on-campus accommodation are available. Please note that all on-campus accommodation houses both male and female students. Every effort is made to accommodate students, providing your application is made well before arrival in Australia.

It is important that you identify and let us know, before departure, the type of accommodation you would prefer on arrival so that we can endeavour to secure your preferred choice.

If you wish to decide on accommodation after you arrive, so you can look at the various options available, we will arrange temporary accommodation for you upon request.

For more information regarding fees and application dates for on-campus accommodation in Bendigo please visit the following website: www.latrobe.edu.au/residentialservices

Please note Linen packs and a towel are also available for purchase from residential services (A\$179).

OFF-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

You can find a range of information related to accommodation including advertisements for vacancies, real estate agents and more on the noticeboards in the Student Union building and throughout the campus. You can also look for housing advertisements in *The Bendigo Weekly* on Fridays or *The Bendigo Advertiser* on Saturdays.

Where should I look?

www.bsabendigo.com.au
www.realestate.com.au
www.flatmatefinders.com.au
www.domain.com.au
<http://melbourne.gumtree.com.au>
www.melbourneexchange.com.au

ALBURY-WODONGA CAMPUS

ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCES

Please refer also to “Living Costs” on page 3 for a cost comparison between different types of accommodation.

Eleven fully-furnished, self-contained units are available on campus, each with six study-bedrooms, lounge/dining/kitchen areas, two bathrooms and a laundry. Residences are mixed gender and are shared with students from the Wodonga Institute of TAFE.

Please be aware that since places in on-campus accommodation are very limited, students should be prepared to consider off-campus accommodation options.

On-campus accommodation is allocated through an application and ballot process. The application form is available from the following website: www.latrobe.edu.au/aw/accommodation/oncampus

OFF-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

Student Services staff and an International Student Officer are available to assist students to find suitable accommodation. Please keep in mind that we do not prearrange or match accommodation for you, but help you through the process of finding accommodation. We can also arrange for an International Student Host to assist you, including arranging transport to inspect your accommodation choices.

Tel: (+61 2) 6055 6606

Email: iso.aw@latrobe.edu.au

Most international students choose homeboard or shared rental accommodation arrangements at Albury-Wodonga. A listing of off-campus accommodation is available from the accommodation section of the following website: www.latrobe.edu.au/aw/accommodation/offcampus

Where should I look?

Rental properties are advertised in *The Border Mail* newspaper: www.bordermail.com.au, at real estate agents, on campus notice-boards and on the Tertiary Student Accommodation Register (TSAR).

Please note There are differences between the NSW and Victorian Tenancy Acts.

COMING TO AUSTRALIA

AIRPORT RECEPTION

If you are arriving at Melbourne Airport, La Trobe International (LTI) is pleased to provide you with a complimentary Airport Reception service. Please note that you may only book your Airport Reception once you have accepted your offer AND you have confirmed accommodation.

For information on how to book your Airport Reception, please visit: www.latrobe.edu.au/international/predeparture

If you have booked Airport Reception, please notify LTI at your campus of study of any changes to your travel arrangements.

Melbourne (Bundoora) and Albury-Wodonga students:

If you have arranged for Airport Reception at Melbourne Airport and there are changes in your arrival details less than 48 hours before you are expected to arrive, you should also inform TOGOTO of these changes IMMEDIATELY by contacting TOGOTO staff direct on (+61) 419 433 922 or (+61) 409 503 646. If you fail to inform us of any changes or do not use the service once it has been requested, you will be charged the cost incurred (A\$45).

Bendigo students: La Trobe International (LTI) at Bendigo can arrange for you to be met on your arrival at Melbourne Airport and taken to your accommodation in Bendigo. To use this free service, please complete the Airport Reception Advice Form and forward it to LTI as soon as possible. This form is available online at: www.latrobe.edu.au/international/predeparture/bendigo_arrival

Special note for Albury-Wodonga students:

Travel times to Albury-Wodonga are:

From Melbourne – 3.5 hours by train and 1 hour by plane;

From Sydney – 6 hours by train and 2 hours by plane.

To book a domestic flight to Albury please visit: www.latrobe.edu.au/international/predeparture/awreception_sydney.html

Train from Melbourne: If you are arriving at Melbourne Airport and wish to make your onward journey by train, LTI can arrange for you to be met by TOGOTO at Melbourne Airport and taken to Southern Cross Station for your onward journey by V-line train to Albury.

You will need to complete an online booking form, as mentioned above. For information on Victorian Train Service:

www.vlinepassenger.com.au

Train from Sydney: If you are arriving at Sydney Airport and wish to make your onward journey by train, you will need to first take the train to Central Station.

From Central Station, take a Country Link train to Albury.

For train information please visit: www.countrylink.info

To arrange airport reception at the Albury Airport or Railway Station please complete the online Albury Airport/Railway Reception Form. www.latrobe.edu.au/international/predeparture/aw_receptionform

ALL Students

If you do not wish to use the Airport Reception service, please visit: www.latrobe.edu.au/international/predeparture for information on other ways of reaching your accommodation.

QUARANTINE AND CUSTOMS

Australia's quarantine laws are very strict.

Many foodstuffs, plant products, animal products, wood, shell, feather and some medicines cannot be imported into Australia.

You are required to declare such items on the incoming passenger card you receive on the plane before disembarkation.

If you declare an item, it will be inspected by a quarantine officer and returned to you if it passes inspection. Articles may need to be treated before being returned to you.

If you do not declare items of quarantine concern, you may be liable for on-the-spot fines or even prosecution. For more information visit the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service website: www.aqis.gov.au

If you are bringing any medicines with you, check with your local Australian diplomatic mission to confirm if the amount and kind of medicine you require is permitted. It may be useful to bring a letter from your doctor describing the medicine and its purpose.

For further information contact your local Australian diplomatic mission or see the Australian Customs Service website: www.customs.gov.au

LIVING & STUDYING IN AUSTRALIA

WHEN YOU FIRST ARRIVE

Contact home! Your family and friends want to know that you have arrived safely. It is very important to make contact with someone from home as soon as possible after your arrival.

INTERNATIONAL PHONE CALLS

International calls can be made direct from all phones in Australia, including payphones. Simply dial the following: the international access code (0011), your country code (if you are unsure of your home country's code, dial 13 22 00 for information), the area code for your city (remember not to dial the first zero), your family's phone number (for example). You can buy international phone cards in many shops on campus and off-campus, including milk bars, newsagents, post offices and some pharmacies. Note that for some phone cards you need to insert coins (usually 50 cents) into the phone before you can make a call.

EMERGENCY

To engage the EMERGENCY services of the fire brigade, ambulance or police in Australia, phone 000. State the service you require and remember to give your address. This is a 24-hour, free service from any phone.

INTERNET

Internet access is available at all campuses. Most on-campus accommodation and some off-campus accommodation will already have arrangements in place to enable internet access for students. Please check with your accommodation provider.

VOLTAGES

Domestic electricity in Australia is 240/250 volts/50 Hz. The Australian three-pin outlet is different from most other countries, so you may need to purchase an adaptor plug for any electrical appliances (e.g. laptop computer) you bring with you. Transformers and adaptors are easily obtained from an electrical appliance or travel goods store in Australia.

MOBILE PHONES

If you plan to bring your mobile phone with you to Australia, check that your SIM card is compatible and not blocked for international use or locked to the phone network you use in your home country.

After you arrive in Australia, we suggest you talk to students who have been in Australia for some time for tips on the best phone company and network to use. Some phone companies will not supply services to people who are temporary residents in Australia, but you can always use a pre-paid phone system. Pre-paid mobile phones also ensure that you will never be faced with an unexpectedly high mobile phone bill.

BANKING

You can open a bank account with the La Trobe University Credit Union (www.latrobeunicredit.com.au/intstudents.html) or the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (www.commbank.com.au) before you leave home. It is recommended that you do this, as you will only need your passport to withdraw funds when you arrive in Australia, rather than carrying around large amounts of cash, which can be risky. Once you open a bank account with the La Trobe University Credit Union, or the Commonwealth Bank of Australia you can transfer funds from overseas to be ready for you when you arrive.

Note that you need to be 100% sure you are coming to Australia, as you can only access these funds once you have arrived and provided identification. To open a bank account at any bank after you arrive in Australia you will need to take photographic identification, including your passport, into a bank. Ask about student accounts which attract much lower account-keeping fees. Banks are generally open Monday to Thursday 9.30am – 4pm and Friday 9.30am – 5pm (closed public holidays). Money can be withdrawn from Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) 24 hours a day, and there is usually a daily withdrawal limit of around A\$1 000. We advise you only carry as much cash as necessary for a few days at a time.

FINDING SOMETHING TO EAT NEAR THE MELBOURNE (BUNDOORA) CAMPUS

Shopping for groceries

The Preston Market is open Wednesdays 8am-3pm, Thursdays 8am-6pm, Fridays 8am-8pm and Saturdays 8am-3pm. It has a selection of cheap, quality fresh fruit, vegetables and meat. To get there, take Tram 86 to stop 49 and walk down Murray Road towards Preston train station. It also includes a Safeway supermarket (open 7am-midnight every day).

Coles and Safeway Supermarkets

- Summerhill Village (Tram 86, stops 57 and 56, open 6am-midnight)
- Bundoora Square (Tram 86, stop 66, open 6am-midnight)
- Northland Shopping Centre (Bus 550, Coles: open 6am-midnight, Safeway: open 6am-10pm)

Cafes, restaurants, fast food

Within walking distance of La Trobe University:

There is a McDonalds on Plenty Road, next to Tram 86, stop 60. There are also two petrol stations on Plenty Road; one next to tram stop 59 (BP) and the other next to tram stop 61 (Metro Fuel), where you can buy 'emergency' food and toiletries.

Along the Tram 86 route:

Summerhill Village shopping centre is 5 minutes south of the University, at tram stop 56.

There you can find a variety of stores, supermarkets and food outlets including Food Star, an all-you-can-eat restaurant.

If you continue travelling on the tram towards the city for about 15 minutes you will find a range of nice restaurants on High Street (including Italian, Malaysian, Vietnamese, Thai and African food). There are supermarkets as well. Bundoora Square is 10 minutes north of the University, at tram stop 66. There you can find Cafe Lucio, Nando's, Fine Fruits, Noodle Bar, Baker's Delight, the Pizzeria, two Chinese restaurants and much more. There is also the Bundoora pub and Coles and Safeway supermarkets.

Accessible by bus:

Bus 550 will take you from the University to Northland Shopping Centre (open Monday-Wednesday 9am-5pm, Thursday and Friday 9am-9pm, Saturdays 9am-5pm, and Sundays 10am-5pm). The trip takes about 20 minutes and the buses leave from the University on Fridays until 6.20pm and Saturdays until 5.10pm. This is the largest shopping centre in the area and you should be able to find nearly everything you need.

WELCOME FESTIVAL ORIENTATION

The Welcome Festival Orientation is designed to assist new students in their transition to studying in Australia and at La Trobe University. The Festival provides a range of important information sessions, and is an excellent opportunity to meet other students and staff and to make new friends.

Some orientation sessions help students familiarise themselves with the academic environment at La Trobe University.

There are also fun and entertaining activities introducing students to the local area.

Success in your studies can depend on your adjustment to studying and living in Australia. It is therefore compulsory for you to attend the Welcome Festival Orientation activities at your campus. Studies have shown that those students who attend their orientation programs are more likely to succeed, and our feedback from students is always good.

Visit our website to read what our current students say about the Welcome Festival Orientation:

www.latrobe.edu.au/international/predeparture/wf

All students who attend the Welcome Festival Orientation will receive a funky La Trobe University satchel.

GETTING TO THE UNIVERSITY

MELBOURNE (BUNDOORA) CAMPUS

Travel between central Melbourne and the campus is easy and takes about 20-30 minutes by bus or car and 50 minutes by tram.

Note that while the Central Business District (CBD) of Melbourne is compact, the suburban sprawl of Melbourne is very large and spans more than 85 kms.

Below are some examples of distances between the suburb of Bundoora and other Melbourne suburban destinations:

Bundoora to Dandenong:	42 kms
Bundoora to Clayton:	31 kms
Bundoora to Footscray:	37 kms
Bundoora to St Kilda:	26 kms

Suburbs located on train lines nearest to campus, and are also good places to look for off-campus accommodation, include Reservoir, Preston, Thomastown, Greensborough, Macleod, Watsonia and Heidelberg.

For further information about suburban distances please visit:

<http://maps.google.com.au>

Public transportation information

The Melbourne (Bundoora) campus is well serviced by Melbourne's metropolitan public transport system, which incorporates train, tram and bus services. The Number 86 tram and Numbers 250, 340 and 350 buses run direct from the CBD to the Melbourne (Bundoora) campus. Depending on where you join the services, the bus services usually provide a quicker journey time than the tram.

While there is no direct train service to campus, the Epping and Greensborough/Hurstbridge train lines include stops close to campus, with a continuing bus service that can be accessed just outside the train stations of Reservoir (Epping line) and Macleod (Greensborough/Hurstbridge line).

Important note Using train/bus combinations to get to campus from these stations will mean you are travelling in two transport zones and higher ticket fares will apply.

Be aware that international students (with the exception of exchange students that have been granted a concession card) are NOT eligible for concession prices on public transport.

Expensive fines will apply if you are caught travelling on a concession ticket when you are not eligible.

Train and tram services generally operate between 5am and midnight, Monday-Saturday, and 8am – 11pm on Sundays. Operating hours vary for local bus services.

Travel times by trains, trams and buses will vary. For timetable and service information as well as full details on the entire range of tickets available visit the Metlink website:

www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au

BENDIGO CAMPUS

Local bus information

All local bus routes travel to and from the centre of Bendigo. Route 14 (Strathdale) services the Bendigo campus, and Route 11 (Spring Gully) is closer for the Halls of Residence (Osborne St).

Timetables for each route are available from the local bus company:

www.christiansbus.com.au

Please note There is no bus service on Sundays or public holidays.

ALBURY-WODONGA CAMPUS

Local bus information

Bus timetables are available from the local bus company: www.mylon.com.au

The pick-up point is in the North car park.

LA TROBE INTERNATIONAL (LTI)

As soon as possible after your arrival in Australia, please come in and register at LTI. You will be asked to fill out a simple registration form and will receive useful on-arrival information.

As LTI and most other university offices are closed on weekends, we recommend you arrive on a weekday. If you do plan to arrive on a weekend, bring a copy of LTI's weekend survival guide available from our website:

www.latrobe.edu.au/international/predeparture

LTI can also advise you of your rights according to the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act and the National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students.

Information on these policies is available on the website:

<http://aei.dest.gov.au/AEI/ESOS/default.htm>

You can also find further information on La Trobe University's policies and guidelines pertaining to international students at:

www.latrobe.edu.au/international/policies

LTI, Melbourne (Bundoora) campus: Open Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm.

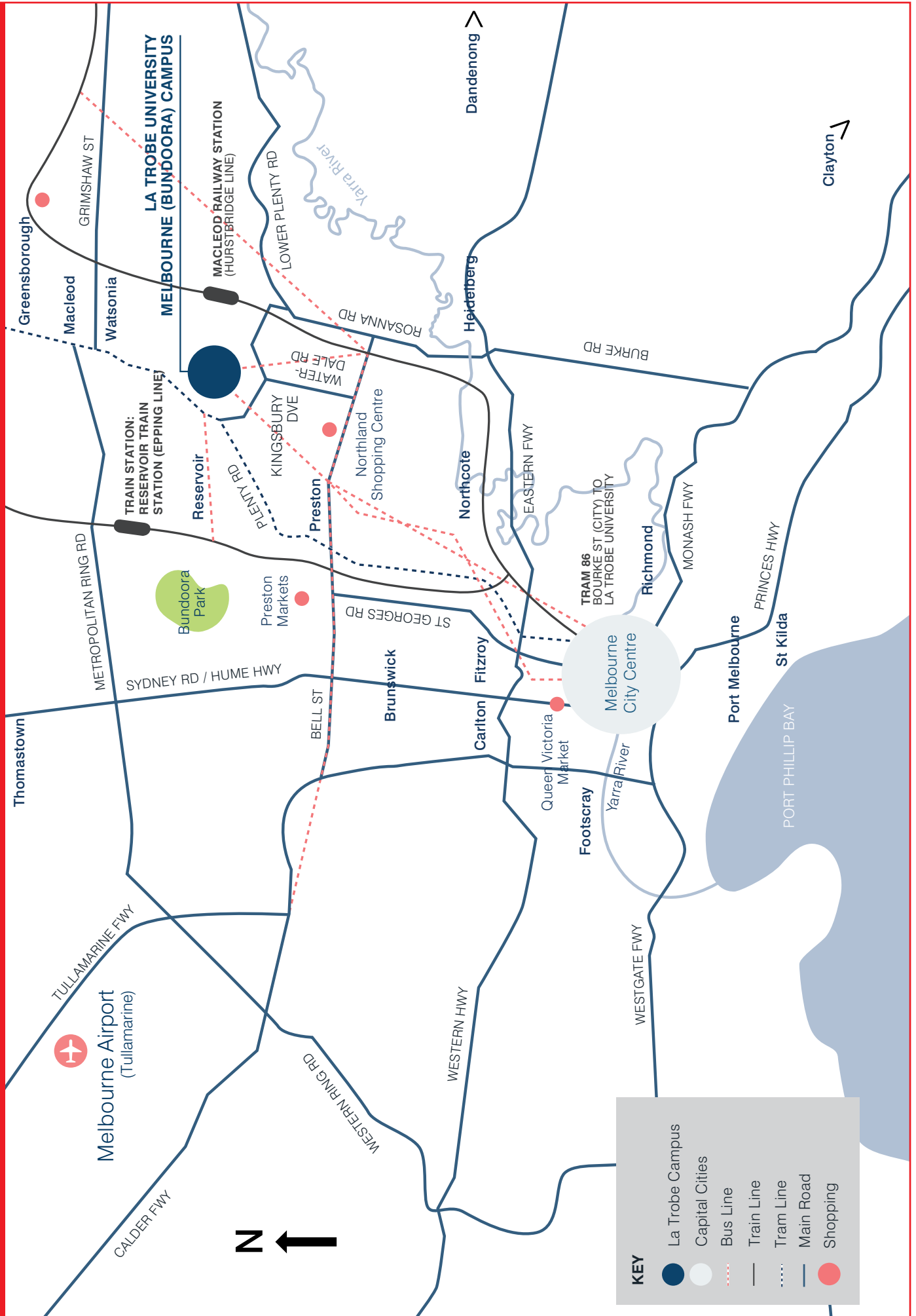
LTI, Regional campuses: Open Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm, closed for lunch 12.30 to 1.30pm.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (ALBURY-WODONGA CAMPUS)

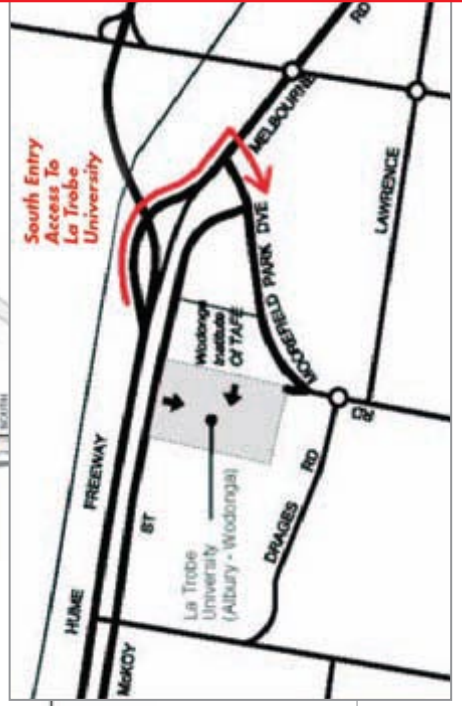
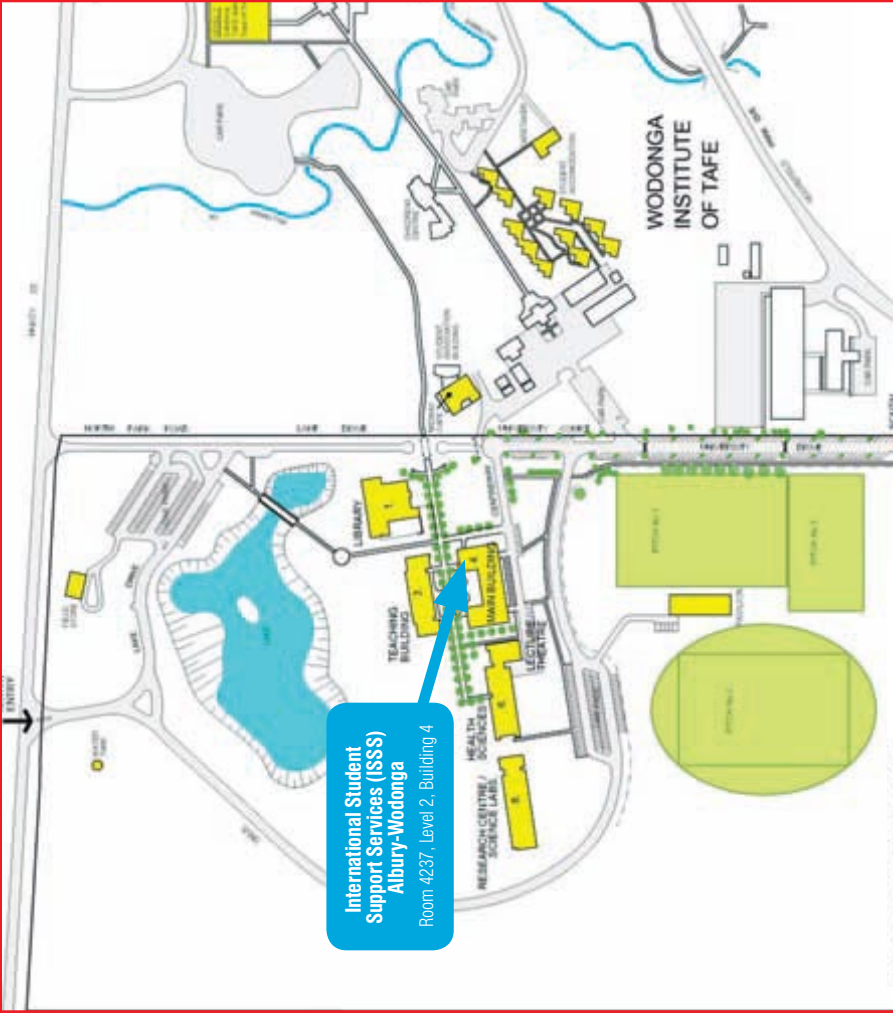
As soon as possible after you accept your letter of offer please email International Student Support Services (Albury-Wodonga) to notify them of your intended arrival in Albury-Wodonga. They can help you to plan your arrival.

Email: iso.aw@latrobe.edu.au

MELBOURNE (BUNDOORA) CAMPUS LOCALITY MAP



ALBURY-WODONGA CAMPUS

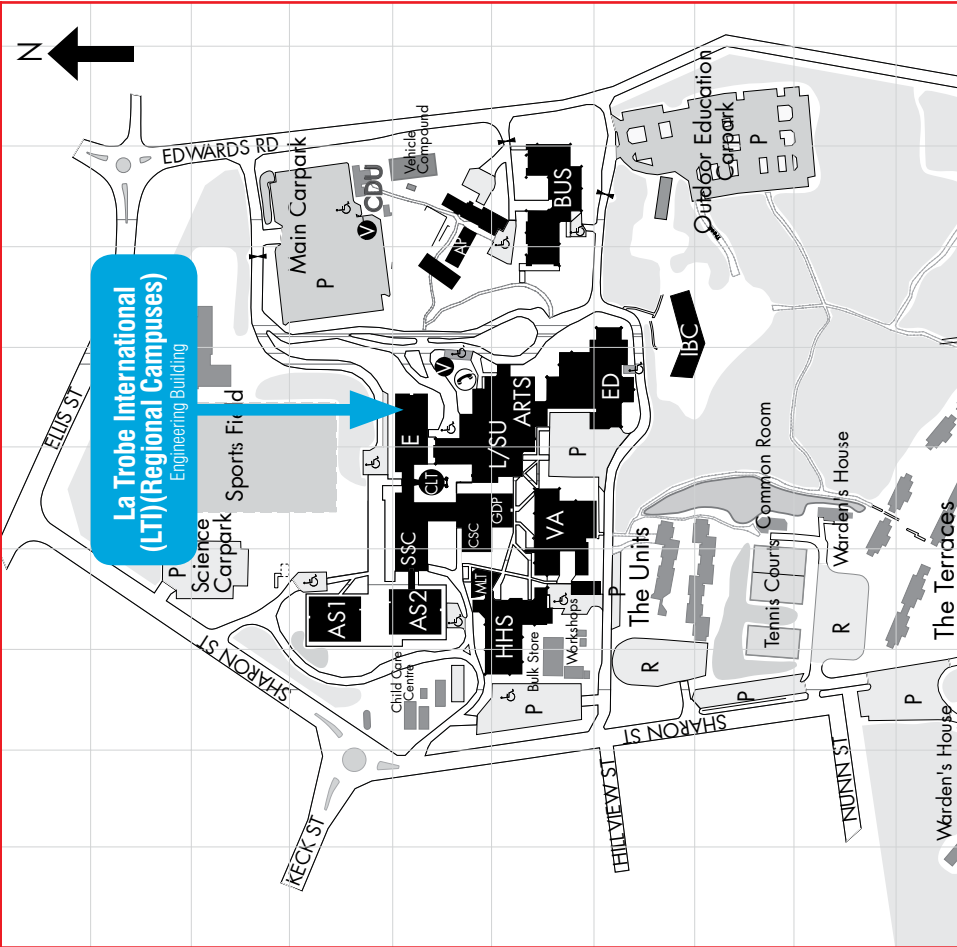


LA TROBE UNIVERSITY



LOCALITY MAP

BENDIGO CAMPUS



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- Visitor Parking
- Residential Parking
- Permit Parking
- Disabled Parking
- Telephone
- Gate

YOUR PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

PREPARING YOURSELF

- Arrange your student visa
- Book your flights (where applicable); we recommend you arrive at least a few days before your orientation program commences
- For students coming to Melbourne who have only booked temporary accommodation, we recommend you arrive at least two weeks before orientation to give you time to look for off-campus accommodation
- View the Welcome Festival Orientation program for your campus: www.latrobe.edu.au/international/predeparture/wf
- If you are arriving at Melbourne Airport, book your airport reception online: www.latrobe.edu.au/international/predeparture/airport
- Albury-Wodonga students: book your Albury Airport/train reception online: www.latrobe.edu.au/international/predeparture/aw_receptionform
- If you require temporary accommodation in Melbourne, Albury-Wodonga or Bendigo, visit: www.latrobe.edu.au/international/accommodation/temp
- If you wish to apply for on-campus accommodation, please visit: www.latrobe.edu.au/accommodation
- If you wish, open an Australian bank account when overseas. You can then transfer funds ready for you to withdraw when you arrive: www.latrobe.edu.au/international/predeparture/banking

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

- This pre-departure guide
- A valid passport containing a current student visa
- Your letter of offer from La Trobe University and a copy of your Offer Acceptance Form
- Original transcripts if you only have a Provisional Offer
- Receipts for any payments already made to La Trobe University
- Letter of award of scholarship/sponsorship (if applicable)
- Any orientation and enrolment information that accompanied this booklet
- Other official identification e.g. driver's licence, national ID card, etc.
- Any medical records (particularly of immunisations) and any necessary medication prescriptions
- Some Australian currency for the first few days
- A personal reference, if you plan on looking for privately-owned accommodation
- A reference from your previous employer/s and your CV, if you plan to seek part-time employment after your course has commenced
- A copy of the relevant Weekend Survival guide: www.latrobe.edu.au/international/predeparture

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

- If you have arranged Airport Reception, meet our driver, or make your own way to your accommodation
- Phone or email home – your family and friends may be waiting to hear from you!
- Register your arrival at La Trobe International as soon as possible
- After you register, follow the instructions given to order your Overseas Student Health Cover membership card online (if applicable)
- Open a bank account, or if you opened one when overseas, take your passport in to withdraw funds
- Attend the Welcome Festival Orientation, including any enrolment sessions

2009 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Semester 1 (March intake)	Commencing	Ending
International Welcome Festival Orientation (Bundoora)*	16 February	20 February
Enrolment	23 February	24 February
General orientation	23 February	27 February
Semester 1 (including examination period)	2 March	2 July
Mid-semester break (Easter)	10 April	17 April
Study break	9 June	11 June
Examinations	12 June	2 July
Mid-year vacation	3 July	26 July

Semester 2 (July intake)	Commencing	Ending
International Welcome Festival Orientation (Bundoora)*	15 July	21 July
General orientation	20 July	24 July
Enrolment	22 July	24 July
Semester 2 (including examination period)	27 July	26 November
Mid-semester break	28 September	2 October
Study break	2 November	5 November
Examinations	6 November	26 November

* For information on Welcome Festival Orientation programs at the Bendigo and Albury-Wodonga campuses please refer to www.latrobe.edu.au/international/predeparture

Some courses have non-standard start dates, e.g. graduate programs in the Faculty of Law and Management.

Please refer to your letter of offer for your exact start date.

This calendar is also available online at:

www.latrobe.edu.au/international/calendar

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