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# **English language studies in Sydney**

Welcome to Kingsway Institute and congratulations on taking the first step in considering studying English language courses.

# **Kingsway Institute**

With a reputation for excellence, innovation and conveniently located in the Sydney CBD, here at Kingsway Institute, we have approachable and friendly staff who are willing to help you out with any difficulties. We are not only here to improve your English but to also ensure that your study and stay in Australia is enriching and rewarding. You will find that many of our staff members are from all parts of the world, providing you with a wealth of experience and knowledge to equip you for success in all your studies. With the various nationalities of students, socialising and making networks is all part of the English learning process. Kingsway Institute has a fine reputation as an exciting and innovative centre of learning English and is conveniently located in the centre of Sydney CBD. Kingsway Institute staff members are specially selected for their experience, qualifications and demonstrated success with students to give students a real and pleasant learning advantage. Kingsway Institute has a friendly and welcoming atmosphere with excellent facilities that support the many classrooms and social experiences of multicultural global learning in a relaxed cross-cultural environment with students from all parts of the world, including South East Asia, South America and Europe. Learning in the Kingsway English language centre can be a highly valuable and life-changing time that is excellent preparation for all studies. Kingsway Institute provides multi-level General English, IELTS Preparation and English for Academic Purposes (EAP) programs focused on tertiary studies, vocational, business and management courses for students wishing to be jobready. Kingsway Institute is the place to be for proven excellence in teaching and learning and with a relaxed entry to social, cultural and economic awareness and development. The team at Kingsway Institute welcomes you warmly as you make many new friends while learning English in this fabulous and famous Australian City of Sydney.

# **Our Location**

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# **Delivery Location**

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# **School Orientation Program**

On the first day of your course, you will attend an orientation program. The half-day orientation includes familiarizing yourself with living and studying in Sydney. Students are made aware of the social and cultural issues associated with living in Sydney. You will receive:

- Information about Kingsway Institute
- Tour of Kingsway Institute
- Student Card
- Student Handbook
- Course Outline: This contains the learning outcomes for each program, and a summary of these can be found on the website. Please bring your Passport, Offer letter and Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) with you to the orientation program.

# **Program Duration**

Programs will run to the following durations:

Program	Duration
070494D General English (Beginner to Upper Intermediate)	(2 to 75 weeks)
072572A IELTS Preparation (Level 1, Level 2, Level 3) (Intermediate to Advanced)	(2 to 30 weeks)
070495C English for Academic Purposes (Pre-EAP, EAP1 and EAP2) (Intermediate to Advanced)	(10 to 30 weeks)

# **Volume of Learning**

Students are expected to study a course for a specific duration of time, which under normal circumstances cannot be shorter than a minimum set period. This is often referred to as "Volume of Learning".

The volume of learning for the college programs is shown in detail in each program guide and is summarised below:

General English (Beginner to Upper Intermediate) (2 to 75 weeks)

CRICOS Course Code: 070494D

For more details about this course please use our websites www.kway. nsw.edu.au

The direct link is: http://www.kway.nsw.edu.au/content/general-english

IELTS Preparation (Level 1, Level 2, Level 3) (Intermediate to Advanced) (2 to 30 weeks)

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CRICOS Course Code: 072572A

For more details about this course please use our websites www.kway. nsw.edu.au

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The direct link is: http://www.kway.nsw.edu.au/content/ielts-preparation

#### English for Academic Purposes (Pre-EAP, EAP1 and EAP2) (Intermediate to Advanced)

CRICOS Course Code: 070495C

For more details about this course please use our websites <a href="www.kway.nsw.edu.au">www.kway.nsw.edu.au</a>
The direct link is: <a href="http://www.kway.nsw.edu.au/content/english-academic-purposes">http://www.kway.nsw.edu.au/content/english-academic-purposes</a>

#### KINGSWAY INSTITUTE Disclaimer

In accordance with National Code Standard D1.2, Global Education and Tourism Group Pty Ltd trading as Kingsway Institute (CRICOS Provider Code: 03177F) does not guarantee any migration, enrolment, employment, educational or any outcomes associated with any course to students who are enrolled at our college.

# **Pre-requisite and Admissions Criteria Requirement**

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Program	Requirement		
070494D General English (Beginner to Upper Intermediate) (2 to 75 weeks)	There is no specific entry or minimum language proficiency requirement for General English, but students will be tested and placed in classes to their assessed level.		
072572A IELTS Preparation (Level 1, Level 2, Level 3) (Intermediate to Advanced) (2 to 30	Level 1 - 5.0 IELTS or equivalent or Kingsway General English Intermediate		
weeks)	Level 2 - 5.5 IELTS or equivalent or Kingsway General English Upper Intermediate or IELTS Level 1		
	Level 3 – IELTS 6.0 or equivalent or IELTS Level 2		
070495C English for Academic Purposes (Pre- EAP, EAP1 and EAP2) (Intermediate to	EAP Prep: Kingsway General English Intermediate; IELTS 5.0 Academic or equivalent		
Advanced) (10 to 30 weeks)	EAP1: Kingsway General English Upper Intermediate; IELTS 5.5 Academic or equivalent		
	EAP2: The successful completion of EAP1, IELTS 6.0 Academic or equivalent		

KINGSWAY INSTITUTE ensures that prior to enrolment into this qualification, each student is informed of admissions and prerequisite criteria, they have to meet to be able to study this program. This information includes that students:

- Must be minimum of 18 years of age;
- Have satisfactorily completed Australian Year 12 or overseas equivalent school qualifications;
- Have adequate core skills of being able to learn, read, write, research, use technology, work in teams and count as these skills are embedded in the study of this program;
- Must meet KINGSWAY INSTITUTE entry requirements for all courses.

As each of the qualifications may have specific requirements, please either read details from <a href="www.kway.nsw.edu.au">www.kway.nsw.edu.au</a> or request detailed information from our any of our staff: <a href="http://www.kway.nsw.edu.au/contact">http://www.kway.nsw.edu.au/contact</a>

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#### **Fees**

#### **Tuition Fees**

Program	Tuition Fees
070494D General English (Beginner to Upper Intermediate) (2 to 75 weeks)	\$290
072572A IELTS Preparation (Level 1, Level 2, Level 3) (Intermediate to Advanced) (2 to 30 weeks)	\$320
070495C English for Academic Purposes (Pre-EAP, EAP1 and EAP2) (Intermediate to Advanced) (10 to 30 weeks)	\$320

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# Material Fee Chart (Textbook rental available \$10/level/book—conditions apply)

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Courses	Duration	Standard Material Fee - compulsory	Optional Material Fee (with the book)	Number of books included
General English	2-4 weeks	\$50	N/A	No book
General English, EAP	5-10 weeks	\$65	\$55	1 book
General English, EAP	11-20 weeks	\$70	\$110	2 books
General English	21-30 weeks	\$85	\$165	3 books
General English	31-40 weeks	\$90	\$220	4 books
General English	41-50 weeks	\$105	\$275	5 books
General English	51-60 weeks	\$120	\$275	5 books
General English	51-75 weeks	\$135	\$275	5 books
IELTS Preparation	5-30 weeks	\$200	Incl. all course material	Incl. all course material

# **Administration and Other Fees**

Administration and Other Fees			
Non-Tuition Fees (Non – Refundable)			
Enrolment Fee (Non-refundable)	\$200		
Accommodation Placement Fee (Non- refundable)	\$250		
Airport pick-up (Non-refundable)	\$200		
Other Fees (Non- refundable)			
Late payment penalty per instalment (Non- refundable)	\$100		
Issuance of replacement certificate (Non- refundable)	\$100		
Amendment of Confirmation Enrolment (COE) (Non- refundable)	\$50 per COE		
Confirmation Letter (Non- refundable)	\$20		
Class change request (Non- refundable)	\$30		
Replacement / Renew Student Card (Non- refundable)	\$20		
Photocopying / Printing / Scanning (Non- refundable)	\$0.20 per page		

<sup>\*</sup> A payment schedule is in Letter of Offer.

Note: Prices may change without prior notice. For packaged/bundled courses, every course applied for after the first course; a COE fee is payable. For further details, please contact our marketing department via email at <a href="marketing@kway.nsw.edu.au">marketing@kway.nsw.edu.au</a> or on +61 2 9283 2388.

<sup>\*</sup> For further details, please look at <a href="http://www.kway.nsw.edu.au/content/fees">http://www.kway.nsw.edu.au/content/fees</a>

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# **Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)**

Kingsway Institute can assist you in choosing and purchasing OSHC.

As an international student, you must show evidence that you have health insurance cover before a visa can be issued. OSHC is required for the total duration of your studies. There are various Health Insurance Providers available in Australia from where you can purchase OSHC. Upon application to KINGSWAY, you are advised to visit the following website in order to choose from the providers of OSHC: <a href="https://www.oshcaustralia.com.au">https://www.oshcaustralia.com.au</a>

For more information on the OHSC requirements for international students in Australia, please visit:

http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/Publishing.nsf/Content/Overseas+Student+Health+CoverFAQ-1

#### **Potential Changes in Fees**

Fees may change from time to time, and while the college endeavours to maintain balanced pricing, students should be aware of the potential for prices to rise. In Australia, the average

inflation rate in the past five (5) years has been three (3) per cent (%) per annum. This means that the general price increases of around 3% for goods and services every year are quite likely.

The college may raise its fees annually, and this increase may be greater than 3%. It is, therefore, good practice to assume that fees will increase between 3% and 6% per annum and to plan one's finances accordingly.

#### Mode of Delivery

All courses offered by Kingsway Institute are delivered on campus full time with face to face classes for 20 hours per week for international students. There are no online, distance or blended delivery components.

The Institute uses the TESOL Method of delivery known as the "Direct Method". The lessons immerse the students in English, in the same way as when a first language is learnt. All teaching is conducted in English (the target language), grammar is taught inductively and there is a focus on speaking and listening.

# **Attendance Monitoring**

Attendance is compulsory for all international students. For details about attendance policy use this link http://kway.nsw.edu.au/content/attendance-monitoring-policy

# **Delivery Methods**

Face to face classes include lectures, group activities, role-plays/practical demonstrations

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and class presentations. The program is designed to allow for the adoption of a range of learning approaches to cater for differences in learning styles, learning interests and needs, and variations in learning opportunities. Students must attend all scheduled classes, and they are expected to undertake reading, writing, listening and speaking work in their own time.

#### **Assessment Methods**

- Kingsway provides flexible learning and assessment procedures that take into account the learning styles and preferences of learners
- Kingsway's assessment system includes the provision of assistance with targeted remedial aid to help students improve/achieve success in their studies
- A placement test is always conducted on the student's first day. A formal assessment of student achievement is held twice a week
- Each of the macro skills is assessed separately, and students will be assessed on the range and control of the language in appropriate contexts
- Assessment will take place in class under teacher supervision (e.g. Written report, role play, test)
- Assessment format may vary in regards to group sizes (individuals, pairs and small groups)
   and activities
- Students will be provided feedback on the outcomes of the assessment process and guidance on future options in relation to those outcomes either in writing or verbally

# **Course Progress**

All students must have a certain level of progress. It is a compulsory visa requirement for all international students. For details about the academic progress use this link <a href="http://kway.nsw.edu.au/content/course-progress-policy">http://kway.nsw.edu.au/content/course-progress-policy</a>

#### Intervention Strategy for students at risk

Kingsway Institute monitors students' academic performance at the end of each teaching cycle (15 weeks). At this time, students are assessed as to whether or not they have achieved satisfactory academic progress. Students are expected to level up within one cycle.

Kingsway employs an Intervention Strategy to assist students who have not made satisfactory academic progress, with the aim of enabling students to manage their studies successfully and maintaining satisfactory academic progress in future teaching cycles.

For details about the strategy use this link <a href="http://www.kway.nsw.edu.au/content/kingsway-policies">http://www.kway.nsw.edu.au/content/kingsway-policies</a>

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# **Direct Entry Pathways**

KINGSWAY INSTITUTE is working with vocational and higher education partners. The

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details can be accessed on this link <a href="http://www.kway.nsw.edu.au/content/direct-entry-pathway-programs">http://www.kway.nsw.edu.au/content/direct-entry-pathway-programs</a>

For further information, please contact our marketing department at <a href="marketing@kway.nsw.edu.au">marketing@kway.nsw.edu.au</a>

Generally, students may, after completing ELICOS programs apply for qualifications at certificates, diploma, advanced diploma or higher level. They can apply at a vocational provider, university or higher education provider of their choice.

# Materials, Resources and Library Access

Students will receive course materials in class before each class starts. Also, students can either buy or borrow books which are going to be used during the class. College is using an online system in classrooms where teachers can access online teaching materials. Students can also use school computers which also contain the school learning materials. The college also has a small library of printed books that are accessible by borrowing or reading at the library. Moreover, teachers will use multimedia to deliver content, such as showing YouTube videos.

Some of the textbooks used for teaching: We use "Cutting Edge" and "Life" as our core textbooks. We also have supplementary books, such as "Read it Write it Australasia", "Just Listening and Speaking", "World English", "Effective Reading", "Collins English for Life", "Speakout", and "New Opportunities". Students will receive a textbook on the orientation day. Teachers will give out the supplementary learning material such as worksheets in class.

Students will need to have access to a document processing software, such as Microsoft Office, and a computer or laptop or access to these. The college does provide computers and software at no cost to students, but these are accessible during college hours only.

Students may join the City of Sydney Library Service through the online website access at <a href="https://library.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Montage/Join.aspx">https://library.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Montage/Join.aspx</a>
The City of Sydney Library Services branches are located at the following:

- Customs House Library
- Glebe Library
- Green Square Library
- Haymarket Library
- Kings Cross Library
- Newtown Library
- Pyrmont Link
- Surrey Hills Library
- Library Express
- Ultimo Library
- Waterloo Library

The street address, contact details and opening hours of all City of Sydney Library

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Services branches listed above can be found by visiting the following website at <a href="https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/explore/libraries/our-network">https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/explore/libraries/our-network</a>

**The conditions of membership are as follows:** • Membership is free to all residents of New South Wales • Students must agree to abide by all City of Sydney Library Service policies and conditions of use and:

- Accept responsibility for all items borrowed on the library card
- Pay replacement costs plus processing charges for any items lost, stolen or damaged
- Students must report lost/stolen cards to the City of Sydney Library Service immediately
- Return borrowed items on or before the due date or check whether the item can be renewed
- Respect the rights and security of staff and other library users
- Notify the City of Sydney Library Service of any changes to contact details provided
- Students can find further information by visiting the City of Sydney Library
   Service website at http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/library/Default.asp

#### **College Facilities**

The college is centrally located with access to a range of services. It is close to public transport, shopping and various workplaces, and combines the convenience of centrality with a calm learning environment in which to study.

The college is equipped with the following facilities:

- 1. Campus-wide Wi-Fi
- 2. Study and lecture rooms equipped with whiteboards and audio-visual equipment
- 3. Open plan areas for student relaxation
- 4. Dedicated space for the college library
- 5. Student study room
- 6. Computer room equipped with PCs with access to the internet
- 7. Kitchen and food heating facilities
- 8. Multiple charging stations for laptops and mobile devices

While parking is not available at the college, several paid parking stations exist within a short walking distance from the college. Several motorcycle parking spaces around the college are also available for a fee and are managed by private car parks. Some car parks also provide bicycle security facilities for a fee. The college does not have bicycle racks or parking spaces available.

#### **Course Progress**

The college takes student progress seriously given its central role in ensuring students achieve consistent progress in their study. Details can be found on this link <a href="http://www.kway.nsw.edu.au/content/course-progress-policy">http://www.kway.nsw.edu.au/content/course-progress-policy</a>

A copy of the KINGSWAY INSTITUTE Maintain Course Progress and Intervention Policy

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and Procedure will be given to you at orientation, and the process will be fully explained.

# **Support Services**

As well as the academic support described in the previous section, KINGSWAY INSTITUTE offers support in the following areas at no cost to the student:

- Enrolment & registration
- Fees and refunds
- OSHC enquiries
- Access to the student portal
- Update contact details
- Attendance
- Deferring / changing course
- CoE extension
- Student withdrawal/refund
- Student appeal
- Support through psychological difficulties or crises

More information on these forms of support can be obtained from the administration office.

# **Admissions Procedure and Important Formal Procedures**

The admissions process adopted by the college is based on the merit of the application provided by the student. An important factor in deciding to admit a student into a course at the college is their ability to complete the program, their current academic and work achievements and their desired career outcomes after completing the course. This includes

literacy and numeracy skills.

The college's Student Services will administer all applications and will be responsible for monitoring any conditions of the offer.

The college will review all applications and all evidentiary documents will be cited before an offer of admission been made to the intending student.

A Letter of Offer must be authorised by and signed by the Principal Executive Officer (PEO) or their authorised officer.

The college may withdraw or cancel an offer if the student provides incomplete or incorrect of false and misleading information.

In all cases, the intending student has the right to appeal such a decision by accessing the college Appeals and Complaints Policy and Procedure.

An intending student who has accepted an offer of admission to the college, but has failed to complete the enrolment process stated in the Letter of Offer by the due date specified therein will attain a "Failure to Enrol" status.

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An intending student may request a review of the admissions decision using the college Complaints and Appeals Form, which can be downloaded from the college web site <a href="https://www.kway.nsw.edu.au">www.kway.nsw.edu.au</a>

Intending students should complete the admission application form provided on the college web site or in hard copy or through an agent.

All documentation sent with the application as evidence should be in original form or as a certified copy.

All documents must be in the English language or translated by a certified translator and stamped with a signifying sign that includes the translator's details and their registration number/s.

Applications that are not accompanied by original or certified documents will have a special condition inserted in the Letter of Offer indicating that acceptance and the issuance of a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) can only take place once the required (original or certified) documents are received by the college and are in good order.

Clear and legible copies of documents are required for the application to be assessed.

Student Services (enrolment) staff at the college will check the completeness of documents and assess the equivalency and authenticity of the qualifications provided.

Student Services staff will determine if the applicant meets the requirements of the course.

If the student applying for an admission is an overseas student already studying in Australia, Student Services will check that the applicant has completed at least six (6) months of studies of their primary course of study before processing the application.

If the student has not yet completed six (6) months, Student Services will check if one (1) of the following is correct before processing the application:

a) The student has a valid release letter from the original institution

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b) The student's course from the original institution is no longer registered or is discontinued

Applicants holding qualifications from overseas which are not in English must have them translated by an authorised translator

NAATI translators or other authorised translators are accepted by the college as translators of these documents.

Applicants must provide the certified translation along with certified copies of originals with the application

Assessing an international student's qualifications will be via the Australian Government AEI Country Education Profiles (CEP) online at <a href="https://www.internationaleducation.gov.au">www.internationaleducation.gov.au</a>.

Letters of Offer must be on college letterhead and must be approved and signed by the Principal Executive Officer (PEO) or their authorised officer. If there are special

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conditions attached to the offer, these will be stated on the Letter of Offer

Payment methods of fees include bank transfer to the college's nominated bank

account. Other payment methods may be agreed to by the college from time to time.

#### **Recommended Student Time Commitment**

All courses offered by Kingsway Institute are delivered on campus full time with face to face classes for 20 hours per week to meet the requirements for international students.

# Australia's Quality System for Education and Your Rights

The Australian education systems place significant emphasis on the quality of education and seek to protect domestic and international students and assure the quality of educational delivery. Before accepting an offer to study with the college, international

students should familiarise themselves with the Educational Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) framework, a guide as to how education providers, such as this college, need to provide services to international students.

The framework is well-explained on the Australian Education International web site at: <a href="https://internationaleducation.gov.au/regulatory-information/pages/regulatoryinformation.aspx">https://internationaleducation.gov.au/regulatory-information/pages/regulatoryinformation.aspx</a>

The Department of Education and Training (DET) regulates the education and training sector in Australia with regard to the provision of services to international students. The focus of this regulation is to ensure a quality education service is provided to the international student and sets minimum standards for that quality. This is to ensure providers adhere to high levels of professional and academic conduct.

The government in Australia has legislated a national approach to registering providers so that the quality of education and the care for students is at the highest levels possible.

#### **Other Important Documents to Consider**

You need to consider a range of options and a wide array of conditions, considerations and policies before you decide to enrol in one of our programs. The documents associated with this flyer is available from the college web site as well as by contacting your marketing agent. The most important documents to consider and read are:

- 1. The Student Handbook at <a href="http://www.kway.nsw.edu.au/content/downloads">http://www.kway.nsw.edu.au/content/downloads</a>
- 2. Visa conditions at https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing

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4. The Student Agreement and sample Letter of Offer

#### **Agents**

KINGSWAY INSTITUTE ongoing partnerships with a number of student recruitment agencies, the details of which can be found here: <a href="http://www.kway.nsw.edu.au/content/agent-section">http://www.kway.nsw.edu.au/content/agent-section</a>

#### **Useful links**

Links to several useful sites, including the Australian Tax Office, the Fair Work Ombudsman, the Department of Home Affairs, Lifeline, and others, can be found on <a href="https://www.kway.nsw.edu.au">www.kway.nsw.edu.au</a>

# **Airport Pick-Up**

Kingsway Institute can arrange for students to be met at Sydney Kingsford International or Domestic Airport upon arrival. Please inform the school at least three days in advance for this service. If you have requested this service, you will receive an Airport Pick-Up Notice before your departure with your name. Please display the notice and do not leave the airport until you have been picked up. Please make sure you have coins to make phone calls to the number listed on the Airport Pick-Up Notice.

#### Visa

Students can travel to Australia on a Student, Tourist or Working Holiday visa. There are mandatory and discretionary conditions that are attached to Student Visas. Some examples of the conditions are:

- You cannot work more than 40 hours per fortnight when your course is in session (other than work which has been registered as a part of the course).
- Note: No work limits apply during recognized periods of vacation offered by your education provider. A fortnight means any period of 14 days commencing on a Monday and ending at the end of the second following Sunday.
- You cannot undertake work until you have commenced your course in Australia. You must remain enrolled in a registered course (unless you are an AusAID/Defense student or secondary exchange student in which case you must maintain full-time enrolment in your course of study or training). Note: a registered course is one that is on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).
- You must maintain adequate arrangements for health insurance during your stay in Australia. Note: this means that you must maintain Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).
- You must notify your education provider of your residential address in Australia within 7 days of arriving in Australia. You must notify your education provider of any change in your residential address within 7 days of the change. You must notify your education provider of a change of education provider within 7 days of receiving the electronic Confirmation of Enrolment certificate or evidence of enrolment.

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Please refer to the Immigration website for more details on Student Visa conditions: <a href="https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500">https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500</a>

#### **Health Cover**

Medical treatment in Australia can be very expensive, so everyone should have some form of health insurance. If you are on a Student Visa, one of the conditions of the visa is that you must maintain adequate arrangements for health insurance during your stay in Australia. If you are on a Tourist or Working Holiday visa, you are not covered by Overseas Student Health Cover and must make your own insurance arrangements before you travel.

# **Climate Sydney**

Sydney has a comfortable, temperate climate with warm summers and mild winters. Sydney has, on average, 7 hours of sunshine a day. Its temperature ranges from an average winter minimum of 9 and a maximum of 17 degrees Celsius to a peak summer maximum average of 30 degrees. Sydney's rainfall averages 1213 millimetres a year, with an average of 11 wet days per month. More than 40 per cent of this rain falls between March and June. Annual rainfall in 2015 was 1337.2mm. For more information on weather conditions in Sydney, visit the <a href="www.bom.gov.au">www.bom.gov.au</a> (Australia Bureau of Meteorology)

#### Clothing

You will need to bring clothes for both summer and winter. Most Australians dress casually unless they are working or going to a formal party or job interview. You will need:

- Light, comfortable clothing for the warmer months
- Jumpers, jeans, jacket and boots for the colder months
- Raincoat and a strong umbrella, like Sydney, can get wet and windy.

#### Living costs in Australia

Information on living costs in Australia can be found here:

https://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/english/live-in-australia/living-costs

Knowing the average living costs in Australia is an important part of your financial preparation. For your reference, here are some of the costs associated with living and studying in Australia. (All costs are in Australian dollars and linked to the consumer price index.)

# The minimum cost of living

The Department of Home Affairs has financial requirements you must meet to receive a student visa for Australia. From October 2019, the 12-month living cost is (https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500#HowTo):

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for students or guardians - AUD21,041

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- For partners coming with you AUD7,362
- For a child coming with you AUD3,152

# Other living expenses

- Groceries and eating out \$80 to \$280 per week
- Gas, electricity \$35 to \$140 per week
- Phone and Internet \$20 to \$55 per week
- Public transport \$15 to \$55 per week
- Car (after purchase) \$150 to \$260 per week
- Entertainment \$80 to \$150 per week

All costs are per year in Australian dollars. To convert to your own currency, visit <a href="http://www.xe.com">http://www.xe.com</a>

#### Accommodation

Kingsway Institute can arrange for students to be placed with a homestay family. Students will be provided with full board accommodation for which a set weekly fee is charged. Living with a homestay family can be an enriching and enjoyable experience. Students will share cultural and language experiences with the homestay family and improve their English language skills through regular conversation with the family. Please inform the school at least 2 weeks in advance for this service. If you want to live independently, you can find shared accommodation from \$150 – \$250 per week; or rent a one-bedroom flat from \$250 - \$380 per week. For details contact our marketing or administration department. You can also look below on the details of the companies who provide homestay accommodation for our clients.

Several companies provide homestay accommodation in Sydney. This means that the student would be staying with an Australian family, which provides opportunities for understanding Australian culture, the Australian way of life and the English language. Homestay options are varied and can range from Shared Houses and Apartments where

students live together in a shared house, to Furnished Houses and Apartments which provide for greater comfort as they are equipped with a range of household furniture and appliance items.

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- Hostels and Guesthouses \$90 to \$150 per week
- Shared Rental \$85 to \$215 per week
- Homestay \$235 to \$325 per week
- Rental \$165 to \$440 per week

# **Accommodation links**

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- Oz Homestay <u>www.ozhomestay.com.au</u> Phone (02) 8765 9063
- ▶ Iglu Student Accommodation <u>www.iglu.com.au</u> Phone (02) 8024 8600
- ➤ 2Stay Accommodation www.2stay.com.au Phone (02) 8005 1299
- ► Urbanest <u>www.urbanest.com.au</u> Phone (02) 8091 9959

Many students share apartments or may decide to live on their own. It is essential to arrive in Sydney earlier than the course start date to allow you time to locate suitable accommodation, see apartments and meet with landlords or prospective housemates before the term starts.

The web sites below are a good place to look for interim accommodation until you find the unit or place you prefer to stay in over the longer term:

- www.wakeup.com.au
- www.glenferrielodge.com
- www.domain.com.au
- www.realestate.com.au
- www.unilodge.com.au

# Other Useful Information about Sydney, NSW, Australia.

Food: Most Asian products and most European food products are readily available in Sydney, and you do not need to bring these with you. There are strict rules for bringing food into Australia so check the customs website before you fly.

Currency: Australia uses a dollars and cents system of decimal currency with 100 cents in a dollar. The banknotes in use are \$5 (purple), \$10 (blue), \$20 (orange), \$50 (yellow) and \$100 (green). Coins used are silver 5 cents, 10 cents, 20 cents and 50 cents, and gold \$1 and \$2 coins. The Australian currency is the only legal tender in Australia. Changing foreign currency or travellers' cheques is usually easy at banks throughout Australia or licensed money-changers such as Travelex or Amex in cities and major towns.

Customs and quarantine: As Australia has been an isolated continent for many years and is relatively free from pests and diseases, there are very strict quarantine laws controlling the importing of food and plants. Don't bring any plant or animal material into the country (e.g. mushrooms, fruit, Chinese herbs, pork, noodles, spices etc.) However, if you must bring any of these, please remember, ALL FOOD AND PLANTS YOU BRING INTO AUSTRALIA MUST BE DECLARED AT CUSTOMS. For more information, please refer to https://www.agriculture.gov.au/travelling/to-australia#before

Electrical appliances: Electrical appliances operate on 240 volts. The Australian three-pin plug is different to that used in many other countries and will require an adaptor plug.

We hope that your studies will be both successful and enjoyable and that we may have the pleasure of welcoming you to our college.

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