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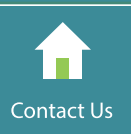
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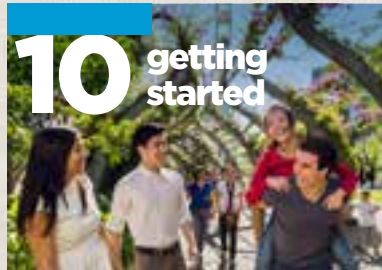


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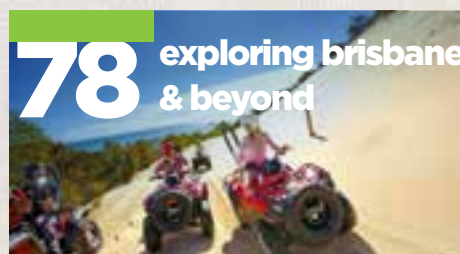
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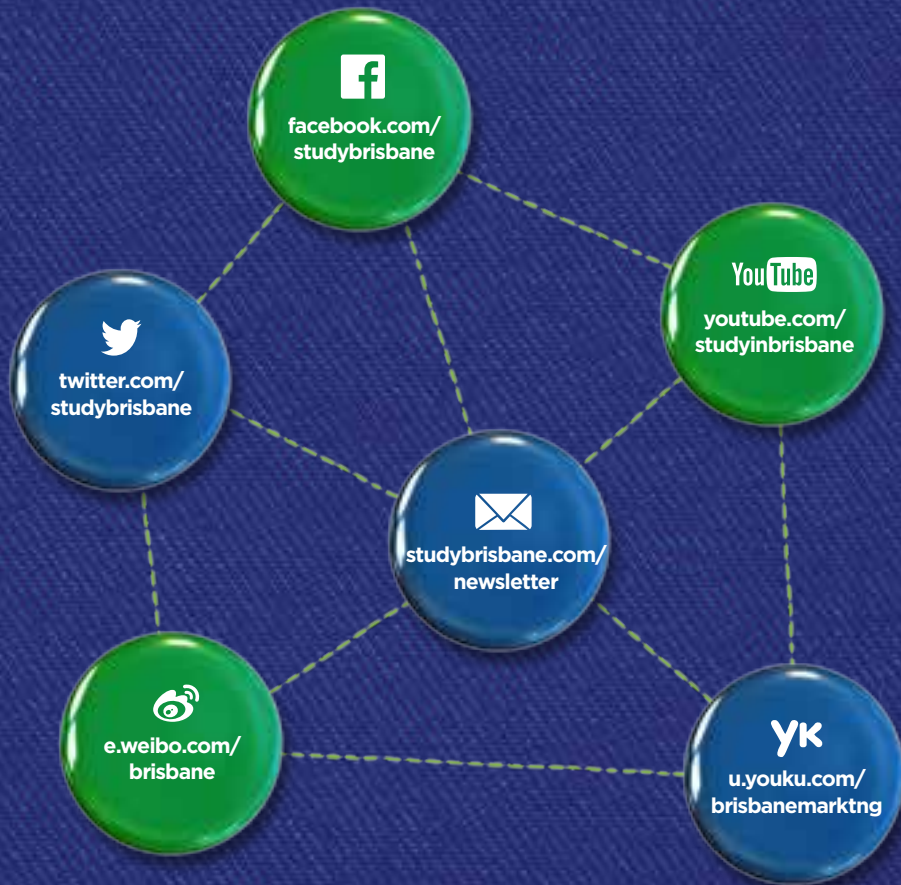
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Study Brisbane provides international students with year-round updates on everything to do with studying and living in Brisbane, across a range of platforms.



welcome to brisbane



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However, as Australia's new world city, Brisbane is also different from other cities in its efforts to make international students feel at home, right from Study Brisbane's special Airport Welcome.

I hope you will join me at the 2014 Brisbane Welcomes International Students (BWIS) festival on 1 March at South Bank. The event showcases over 60 exhibitors, providing information on all the things you could need during your time here in Brisbane.

As your study gets underway, I encourage you to stay connected to Study Brisbane's expanding local and international network via Facebook and Twitter, and feel welcome to share its YouTube videos with other students thinking of coming to study in Brisbane.

During the course of the year, I would also like each of you to join me at a Lord Mayor's

International Student Friendship Ceremony, where I will offer you lifelong friendship with our great city. Whether you decide to realise your career goals here in Brisbane, or abroad, we will always welcome you back warmly.

Finally, if you're returning to Brisbane to study in 2015, I also hope you will consider becoming a Brisbane International Student Ambassador when applications for this important role open in November.

Proudly supported by Brisbane City Council and Brisbane Marketing, the Study Brisbane International Student Guide will enhance your understanding of the unique student experience that sees more than 75,000 international student enrolments in Brisbane each year.

Good luck with your studies and I trust you will enjoy your time in Brisbane.

Graham Quirk
Lord Mayor



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Boasting Australia's best climate, Brisbane summers offer sub-tropical humid heat cooled by beautiful afternoon thunderstorms, while winters rarely dip below 20°C. Spring and autumn are favourite seasons for many Brisbanites, as it's easy to enjoy the outdoors with temperatures hovering in the mid-to-late 20s.

Located on the Brisbane River, the "River City" as it's affectionately known, is not just about stunning weather. With an expanding city skyline, cultural diversity, busy music and art scene, it's no wonder Brisbane was recently ranked in the top 50 best student cities in the world.*

Before you can really enjoy the best that Brisbane has to offer, there are a few things you'll need to get set up, including basics like where you're going to live and how to get connected.

In this guide you'll find plenty of information on accommodation options from on-campus

dorms to rentals. You'll get to know your rights as a tenant and where you can turn if things go wrong. Of course, you'll need to furnish your new home too, and we list a range of affordable places where you can start looking.

You'll also need to stay in touch with family back home, as well as new friends you'll make here in Brisbane. There are plenty of package options for both phone and internet, so setting these up won't be a problem.

Looking after your health while abroad will be a key priority – both for your own peace of mind, and that of your family. This guide will outline your responsibilities as an international student when it comes to health protection.

Of course, you won't get too far without having money available, so we've provided some banking information – from how to set up your bank accounts, to how to access your funds quickly and easily.



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accommodation

There are many different types of accommodation options in Brisbane, and it's best to check a number of things to make sure you find a place right for you.

First of all, what is your budget? This will help you narrow down your rental choices. Make sure you account for costs such as electricity, gas and water, as you may need to pay these in addition to your rent.

Most rental properties will require you to pay a bond up front. A bond is used as security and is usually equivalent to the amount of four weeks' rent. This will cover any money owing at the end of the tenancy for any damage to the property. The landlord or agent must lodge your bond with the Residential Tenancies Authority, which will hold it until you move out.

Check to make sure the place you are renting has furniture or whether you may need to buy or rent furniture. If you have a limited budget, you may consider sharing a house or apartment with several friends, or looking for

share house accommodation. This allows you to split the costs among several people.

When renting a house, check whether mowing or gardening is included in your rent. If you rent in a unit complex, there may be special laws regarding noise and use of common areas.

You should also think about how long you will be living in Brisbane. Some places may ask you to sign a lease committing to six months or 12 months, while others may be more flexible. If you leave early in your lease term, your landlord or agent may seek compensation.

Another thing to consider is location. It is important to think about whether your home is close to shops and restaurants, and how long it takes to travel to school and work. Consider living on-campus or close to your place of study, otherwise look into public transport options.

Rental costs vary depending on the accommodation style, type and suburb. You can find average rental costs on the Residential Tenancies Authority website at rta.qld.gov.au - search for median rents.

RENTING

7 TOP TIPS

- 1 Inspect the place before you pay \$
- 2 Read the contract before you sign it
- 3 Pay rent on time and get receipts
- 4 Keep the place clean, tidy and undamaged
- 5 Keep to the terms of your contract
- 6 Know your rights and responsibilities
- 7 Get your bond refunded into your Australian bank account



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my homestay experience

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Living with my Homestay family helps me to fully focus on study because they make me feel that I am one of their family members. They guide me in my everyday life and help me to experience more of Australia. I would suggest to other international students to consider living with a Homestay family, especially during the first year of coming to study in Brisbane. My Homestay family has taught me how to do things as Australians would do hand-by-hand, and has helped me settle into this new country comfortably.

Alice Shang
Chinese international student

your rights

ACCOMMODATION

You may be asked to sign a Tenancy Agreement if you are renting a property through a Real Estate agent or landlord. This is a contract that lists your responsibilities as a tenant, and is designed to help protect you and your landlord should any problems arise.

The Tenancy Agreement will include agreements about how much rent you will pay and if a bond is required, the length of time you will be allowed to stay and any special terms like carpet cleaning. Before you sign any agreement ensure you read through the contract very carefully.

You will also need to complete an Entry Condition Report that shows any pre-existing damage, whether items are working and what the condition of the place is like (e.g. is it clean or dirty). It is best to also take photos and keep a copy of the signed report in a safe place.

Remember you have rights and responsibilities when renting. You must pay your rent and keep the place clean and tidy. Your landlord must ensure the place is safe and secure and do repairs. They should also respect your privacy and give you notice if they wish to enter.

If you are unsure about anything, get advice from your school's International Student Adviser or speak to the Residential Tenancies Authority which hold your bond until the end of the tenancy. They offer a free dispute resolution service and also provide education on tenancy laws and processes. rta.qld.gov.au

types of accommodation

YOUTH HOSTELS & BACKPACKERS

Hostels provide budget-oriented, sociable accommodation. Rooms can be mixed or single-sex, although private rooms may also be available. These can be a very good short-term option while you are settling in Brisbane and looking for more temporary accommodation.

HOMESTAY

Homestay is an opportunity to live with an Australian family and experience Australian culture by participating in the daily routine of the host family's life. Host families assist students to adapt to their new environment. Typically, a homestay includes meals, but students are responsible for the costs of washing, ironing, telephone, internet and transport.

ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

Some institutions have accommodation available on their campus. This is ideal if you want to live with other students from the same institution and close to your place of study. These are typically multi-room residences where you are provided with a bedroom with a single bed, desk and chair and storage space. Bathrooms are commonly shared.

GUARDIANSHIP

International students who are under the age of 18 are required by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection to live in a homestay or stay with a relative who is eligible to be nominated as a carer until they turn 18. Guardians are responsible for the welfare of international students who are in their care.

INTERNATIONAL RESIDENCE

These are residences specialising in purpose-built student housing for students from any institution. You will be provided with a single study bedroom and have meals provided in a shared dining hall.

INDEPENDENT RENTING OF A HOUSE OR FLAT

There are a number of unit complexes or houses specifically for students in Brisbane. In most cases, students will rent the entire house or flat, but there are also opportunities to rent a single bedroom, and share lounge room, kitchen, bathroom and laundry facilities with other students who have been selected by the management. Some institutions also provide their own listings of flats or houses in the area, so check with your institution.



There are many different types of accommodation options in Brisbane. Make sure you find a place that's right for you.

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Real estate agencies can be found in different suburbs around Brisbane and will show you listings of properties available in their area. This can be a good option if you have seen a property you're interested in and would like to arrange to see the property in person.

Local papers may list houses, unit or room vacancies under the "to let" section. There are also a number of websites that you can search for vacancies. These include:

- brisbanehomestay.org
- realestate.com.au
- domain.com.au
- gumtree.com.au
- hostels.com
- thepad.com.au

CONNECTING UTILITIES

Before you move into your new rental property, check to see whether you will need to organise utility connections for services such as phone, gas or electricity.

There are a number of utility companies in Brisbane, so do your research to find which companies offer the best rates.

Keep in mind that some companies will also charge a service fee to get you connected.

If you rent a house, you may have to pay for water usage, so check your tenancy agreement.



HANDY HINT
You can buy used or second-hand furniture from thrift shops or online on sites like gumtree.com.au. These are also great options when it comes time to sell your furniture after you finish your studies.




Know your rights as a tenant. Get advice from the Residential Tenancies Authority.

furnishing your new home


Unless you move into a fully furnished home, you'll find that you'll need to buy some items to make your home comfortable. Think about what you'll need for the length of time you'll be living in Brisbane. If your home does not include basic furniture and kitchen items, there are still a number of ways you can furnish your home on a budget.

Buying everything new can be costly, especially for bigger items like a bed or a refrigerator. Stores like IKEA are renowned for their affordable furniture, but you can also check out second-hand stores (known as "thrift shops" or "op-shops") or look online for used furniture at websites such as gumtree.com.au or ebay.com.au. Second-hand doesn't always mean low quality!

If you need to pick up the essentials to stock your kitchen or bathroom, these can be found at your local supermarket. You can also visit discount stores, as they usually stock cheap basic items like mops, brooms and paper towels.

Second-hand stores are often affiliated with a charity. Not only can you get cheap items, but the money you spend often goes towards helping the charity.



IKEA

IKEA has a wide selection of affordable homeware and build-your-own furniture. Located in the Logan suburb of Slacks Creek, you can easily spend hours in its showroom, getting inspiration from room displays and getting tips on how to match furniture in your home.

DEPARTMENT STORES

Australia's major department stores include Kmart, Target and Big W, and are convenient stores if you're looking to buy bedding items, basic appliances, and kitchen and bathroom items all in one place.

OUTLET STORES

Brisbane's biggest outlet store is DFO. Alongside clothing fashion retailers, you'll find a good number of homeware and manchester stores featuring recognisable brands at great prices.

DISCOUNT STORES

Discount variety stores are a great place to buy everyday items like washing detergent, paper towels and stationery. Try stores like Daiso, The Reject Shop or Crazy Clarks, which are located in the city or at shopping malls throughout Brisbane.



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mobile phones

Staying connected with friends and family is important when you're living away from home. Setting up a mobile phone number is an easy way for family living overseas, and the new friends you make in Brisbane, to get in touch with you.

Before you arrive, check whether your current provider has an International Roaming Agreement which can be used in Australia. International charges can be expensive, so consider using this only for emergencies before you set up an Australian mobile number.

There are plenty of places to buy sim cards for Australian phone providers. You can either choose a "pre-paid" or a "monthly rental plan" for your mobile service.

Some monthly plans require a minimum contract commitment, so be sure to carefully read any contracts to understand your obligations. If you bring an unlocked mobile phone with you to Brisbane, choosing a pre-paid sim card which allows you to purchase phone credit is your best option.



This enables you to top up your phone credit as you need, without being billed on a monthly basis.

Don't forget to check the call rates offered by each option, as these can vary from phone company to phone company.

home phone & internet



Setting up a home phone is another option you might like to consider. Unlike mobile phones, the home phone is a fixed landline that is set up at your accommodation and can be used to connect your internet connection.

You can also set up an internet connection without a fixed landline number. This is something you can consider if you don't need an extra phone number and would like to save on the cost to set up a telephone line. Some internet service providers offer options such as Naked DSL or mobile broadband.

Just like mobile phone plans, there are many options available for home and internet plans. Shop around to see the deals offered by different communications companies - you may be able to get a better deal if you bundle all your services with a single company.

HANDY HINT

Using phone cards is generally about 80 per cent cheaper than calling an international number directly from a landline phone. Newsagencies and convenience stores sell a range of different cards. Check out what's on offer and find the best one for the country you want to call.

stay in touch

SKYPE

If you have a computer with an internet connection and a microphone headset, Skype is a great way to call anywhere in the world. Skype allows text, video and voice chat, and if your friends and relatives have Skype too, you can call them for as long as you want. For more information visit skype.com.

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banking

Being able to access your money is one of the most important things you'll need to do when you arrive in a new country.

There are four major banks in Australia: ANZ, Commonwealth Bank (CBA), National Australia Bank (NAB) and Westpac. There are also many other local and international banks you can consider when making a choice based on your banking needs.

OPENING AN ACCOUNT

You can open a bank account before you leave home with any one of the major banks, and this will allow you to withdraw funds as soon as you arrive in Australia using your passport as identification. Once funds have been transferred into Australia, you will only be able to access them once you've arrived here.

If you've been in Australia for less than six weeks, you'll only need your passport as proof of identification to set up a new account. You can set up accounts after six weeks from arrival if you can meet additional identification requirements.

AUSTRALIAN MONEY

Australian bank notes are made from a plastic polymer recognised by its colourful appearance. These notes provide much greater security against counterfeiting and last much longer than conventional paper notes. The notes come in \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 denominations, and the coins used are silver 5 cent, 10 cent, 20 cent and 50 cent, and gold \$1 and \$2.



INTERNET BANKING

Most Australian banks will give you access to internet banking. It is a good way to keep track of your money and manage your account. You can also pay your bills with a range of payment methods, including direct transfer of funds or BPAY (usually for utility bills and rent).



FEES

Most bank accounts have account fees, however most bank account fees are waived for students. Talk to your bank about which options work best for your situation.

ACCESS YOUR MONEY

Once you have set up your bank account, you can withdraw your money in person at a branch, or at Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) at locations around Brisbane.

It is free to withdraw money from ATMs that are affiliated with your bank. You can withdraw money from any ATM, but some banks will charge a fee for using their ATM if you are not a client.

You can also withdraw money (known as "cash-out") when paying for goods by EFTPOS, though this option is not offered by all stores.

ATMS



Cash dispensing machines, known as Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs), are widespread.

It costs nothing to use your bank's ATMs. However, you may be charged a small fee to use ATMs operated by other banks. Money can be withdrawn from ATMs 24-hours a day. There is usually a daily withdrawal limit of about \$800-\$1000.

EFTPOS



Electronic Funds Transfer at Point of Sale (EFTPOS) is a common way to pay for items in Australia. It refers to paying by using your ATM card instead of cash. Funds will be taken directly from your savings or cheque account, or charged to your credit card. This reduces the need to carry a large amount of money, but remember there is usually a daily withdrawal limit. Many Australian retailers offer PayPass, which allows you to pay using EFTPOS without a pin number or signature for items less than \$100.

CREDIT CARDS



Credit cards such as MasterCard, Visa and American Express are readily accepted in Australia. These can be useful for paying for expensive things such as electrical items or furniture, and are good to have for emergencies. With credit cards, try to pay the balance off before the monthly cut-off date so you don't get charged the interest. International students may need to provide additional documents to secure an Australian credit card.



If you are using a bank card issued by an overseas bank, fees can be charged each time you use your card to pay for items or withdraw money.



opening hours

Banks are generally open Monday to Thursday 9.30am-4pm and Friday 9.30am-5pm (closed on weekends and public holidays).

BANK FEES

Bank charges are applicable to most accounts in Australia, but there are options to help you minimise these fees.

Some banks will waive fees on student accounts for the duration of your course.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER

The usual way of sending money from overseas is by an electronic transfer to your bank account. This may take up to two days, though at times international money transfers can take up to 10 working days.

To send or receive money, you may need information such as an International Bank Account Number (IBAN) or your bank's SWIFT code.

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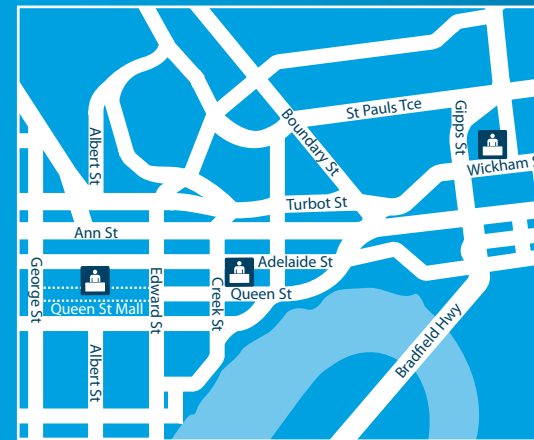
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essential services



As well as being a great city to visit, Brisbane is a convenient place to study abroad, with many services set up specifically for international students to make your stay that much easier.

Brisbane is very welcoming and offers students discounted public transport, fantastic study spaces and a variety of health and wellbeing facilities.

It is important that students are up-to-date with visa requirements. If you're not sure whether you have the correct visa, or want to check on details, you should contact the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.

Brisbane is a beautiful city, with lots of things for international students to see and do. It's easy to explore Brisbane through the city's wide range of public transport options. From buses and trains, our famous CityCat ferries, to the CityCycle bicycles and access to taxis, you'll have no problem getting around.

There are also plenty of paths and walkways, making Brisbane one of Australia's most compact and foot-friendly city centres.

To make things easy, TransLink – the organisation that manages Brisbane's ticketing

system – provides students with the flexibility to travel on train, bus and ferry services using just one card. The Go Card provides fares cheaper than buying paper tickets at the station, and the green student Go Card offers full-time students even further discounts.

With study being a top priority, there are some great spots to head to for making study time easy and convenient.

Your place of study will have handy places where you can relax and go over your notes, while the State Library of Queensland is an excellent public space with beautiful surroundings.

While Brisbane is an extremely safe city, as with anywhere you travel, you should always take steps to keep yourself away from potential danger. The Brisbane police are friendly and helpful and will always assist you if you feel unsafe. For any police, fire and ambulance emergencies, call 000.

Of course, when you're living in a city as beautiful as Brisbane, you'll want to find time to look after your health and fitness and enjoy the lifestyle the River City has to offer. Brisbane has a wide range of fitness and wellbeing options from gyms to day spas.



public transport

getting around

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

The first thing to do when you arrive in the city is to buy a Go Card – the green Go Card is available for full-time students and provides additional student concessions. To use a Go Card, you need to “touch on” – that is, touch your Go Card to the card reader – at the start of your journey and “touch off” when you depart. Once you complete nine journeys in a week using your Go Card, travel is free for the rest of the week!

TransLink provides a website which can be used to plan your journey. It shows maps of the streets and tells you the walking distance to the bus stop. I love the mobile version of the website, which uses your GPS location and tells you how you can reach your destination.



With TransLink, you will never get lost in the city. Visit translink.com.au for more information.

One special trait I have experienced here is saying “thank you” to bus drivers. I really love the polite, humble gesture in thanking the driver who bears a big responsibility of taking us around safely.

Revanth Araveti
Indian international student

BUSES

Brisbane has a comprehensive bus service that runs throughout the city, connecting the outer and inner suburbs to the CBD, major shopping centres, railway stations and ferry terminals. Special NightLink bus services run after midnight on Fridays and Saturdays for late-night travellers. There are also free weekday bus services – the Loop and Spring Hill Loop – which circle the city every 10 minutes and stop at destinations around the CBD and Spring Hill precincts.



TRAINS

Brisbane’s speedy network of electric trains covers the broadest reaches of Greater Brisbane and provides direct access to the city and outer suburbs. There is also an AirTrain service that is completely integrated into the Queensland Rail suburban network, with regular trains running from Brisbane Airport directly to Brisbane City and the Gold Coast. Passengers can travel on a single ticket from any station in South East Queensland to Brisbane Airport.



FERRIES

CityCats are one of the most enjoyable ways to get around the city. Brisbane’s CityCat and ferry services glide along the river, allowing travellers to sight-see and access key city spots. Tickets can be bought on board Brisbane’s CityCats and ferry services or at most newsagents and selected retail outlets, or you can use your Go Card. Students can also take advantage of the free City Hopper ferry service, which travels along the river from North Quay to Sydney St, New Farm.



BIKES

Brisbane has an extensive bicycle track running throughout the city. Getting around by bike is a great and inexpensive option. If you don’t own a bike, Brisbane City Council has CityCycle bikes for hire at key inner-city destinations. Safety is important, and courtesy helmets are available with many of the bikes at stations across the network. You’ll need to be a subscriber to the CityCycle program to access the bikes. Find out more about becoming a subscriber at citycycle.com.au.

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health

Brisbane has some of the highest-quality health services available in Australia. Australia's health care system includes high-quality hospitals, doctors, pharmacies, dental clinics, physiotherapists and many other support services.

As an international student studying in Australia on a student visa, you are required to take out health insurance known as Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the full period of your student visa.

This type of insurance provides cover that assists international students in meeting the costs of any medical and hospital care they need while in Australia.

Depending on the level of cover, most OSHC insurers will cover basic medical costs and contribute towards the costs of most prescription medicines and an ambulance in cases of emergency.

OSHC does not cover secondary medical services such as dental, optical, physiotherapy, or non-essential prescription medicines. Additional private health insurance will need to be purchased if these services are required.

Some health insurance providers in Brisbane include: Bupa, Medibank, NIB, Allianz Global

Assistance OSHC and Australian Health Management OSHC.

If you need medical help in Brisbane, make an appointment to see a doctor, also known as a general practitioner (GP), at your local medical centre.

GPs can provide assistance with minor illnesses, and offer general medical advice. In cases of medical emergency, you should immediately go to the emergency department of your nearest hospital, where medical staff can provide you with urgent attention.

It is important that you contact your OSHC insurer before being admitted to a private hospital. While private hospitals will still provide you with medical attention, be aware that not all their services will be covered by OSHC and you may have to pay extra for these services.

There are some exceptions to the requirements of OSHC, and students from Sweden, Norway and Belgium may have special arrangements. It is recommended that students from these countries check their visa requirements to understand their obligations.


For more information about Overseas Student Health Cover, visit the Department of Health website at health.gov.au.

wellbeing

While it is important to focus on achieving your study goals, it is essential to maintain an active lifestyle and ensure your health and wellbeing is looked after.

There are many gyms you can join in and around the city, and Brisbane has a wide range of free or low-cost activities catering to different age groups and interests.

Brisbane City Council hosts an Active Parks program which runs free activities across more than 50 local parks. Activities include boxing, tai chi, kayaking and more, so you can try out some different programs and see which you enjoy.

 **It is essential to maintain an active lifestyle and ensure your health and wellbeing is looked after.**

There are also a number of different sporting facilities including skate parks, tennis courts and bike paths – so there is always something available to keep your exercise routine interesting.

Swimming is another way to keep fit and cool down, especially in the summer months. If you're not lucky enough to have a swimming pool where you live, there are 20 local council pools across Brisbane.

Queensland University of Technology offers an excellent Aquatic Centre boasting a 50m FINA-approved pool, and holds classes such as aqua aerobics and learn-to-swim classes.

If you prefer to swim outdoors, across the river from Brisbane's CBD is Streets Beach, a unique, man-made swimming beach in the vibrant South Bank precinct.

You can find a list of council swimming pools in Brisbane at brisbane.qld.gov.au.

CBD 7 DAY MEDICAL CENTRE



Open every day, CBD 7 Day Medical Centre specialises in general medicine, sexual health, travel vaccinations, and student

health care. The CBD 7 Day Medical Centre also accepts all OSHC student cards and has access to interpreters for all languages.

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HOW DO I PURCHASE OSHC?

You can choose to purchase OSHC through your educational institution or by searching for a provider online. You have a right to choose your own OSHC provider, even if your educational institution makes a specific recommendation.

HOW MUCH DOES OSHC COST?

The cost of OSHC varies depending on the type of cover offered by the provider. The Department of Health notes that the average cost of minimum cover is approximately \$437 for one year of singles cover.

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safety

PERSONAL SAFETY

Where available, use pedestrian walkways and cross the street at pedestrian crossings or lights. Find out where the security office at your school or campus is and make use of campus security escorts and bus services where available. It is also a good idea to know where the local police station is in your area. Personal safety information and advice is offered by the Queensland Police Service to maximise the safety of everyone in Brisbane. Police can be approached safely if you need help with difficult situations.

BEACH SAFETY

Brisbane is close to some of Australia's most beautiful beaches. While you should enjoy your day in the surf, ensure you take care when swimming as beaches have powerful currents and tides. Lifeguards patrol some beaches, and areas that are safe to swim in are marked by red and yellow flags. Always swim between these flags. For more beach safety tips, visit the Surf Life Saving Queensland website lifesaving.com.au.

FIRE SAFETY

In Queensland, it is required that all homes and units are fitted with smoke alarms to alert you of smoke on the property. If your property doesn't have smoke detectors, talk to your landlord or real estate agent about having them installed. Don't overload any powerboards or electrical outlets, as wiring and electrical devices can overheat from too much use. If a small fire does occur, use a fire extinguisher to put it out; otherwise quickly leave the premises and call the fire department on 000.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

If you experience an emergency, Queensland Emergency Services can be contacted on 000, where the police, fire department or an ambulance can be sent to help. Police in Brisbane are friendly and helpful, and have a duty to protect everyone. They are committed to preventing crime and upholding Australian law and can be approached any time you need assistance with difficult situations. To find your nearest police station, visit police.qld.gov.au.



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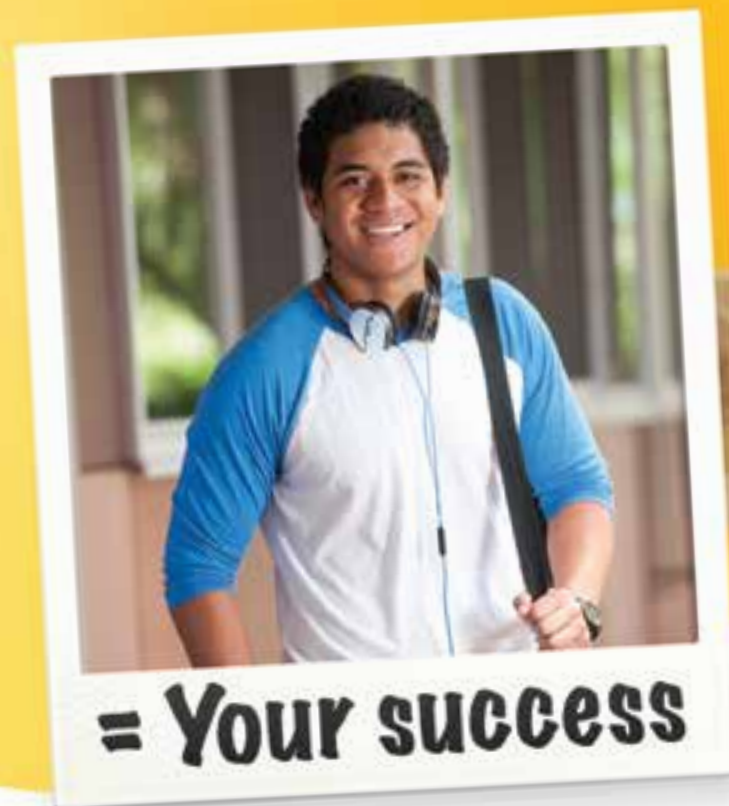
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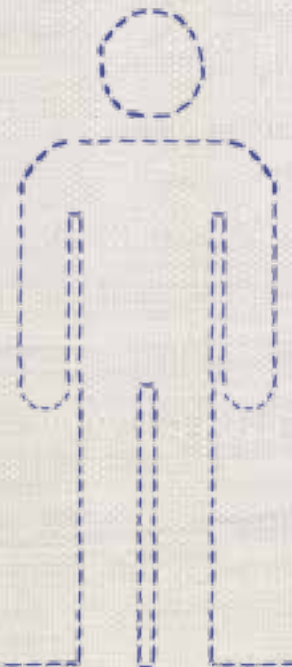
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student services

Student clubs and societies help you make friends and connect with like-minded students.

Brisbane offers a wide range of services you can access to help make your life as a student in Brisbane easier and much more enjoyable.

Services range from student counsellors who can assist you with study-related issues, to on-campus bookshops, which offer both new and second-hand textbooks.

But studying in Brisbane doesn't have to be all about attending classes and preparing for exams. There are plenty of student clubs and societies to help you connect with like-minded students and add to your social life.

You can join cultural clubs, language clubs or clubs that focus on your interests or areas of study. Joining a club or society is one of the best ways to make friends and share what you love with fellow students who have similar interests to you.

While you're here, you may also want a job to gain valuable work experience before you graduate, as well as earn extra cash to support your daily expenses.

A great way to start your job search is by speaking to the student services and support team at your education institution. They can help provide you with resources, job-search advice and career development services.

There are a number of websites offering job listings which are searchable by industry and job type. You can also read the careers section of The Courier-Mail and local newspapers for weekly job listings.

If you want to get yourself out there, try knocking on the doors of businesses you'd love to work for. Of course, this won't guarantee a job, but your name will be in front of key managers and human resources staff if a suitable job arises in the future.

Once you find a job, don't forget your obligations and responsibilities. Students studying full-time for more than three months automatically receive a work visa. This means you can work up to 40 hours a fortnight during the semester and unlimited hours during designated holiday breaks.





brisbane international student ambassadors

The Brisbane International Student Ambassador program invites students from all over the world to tell their real-life Brisbane stories to their networks back home. Since launching in 2009, the program has become highly recognised in Brisbane and internationally.

The Lord Mayor of Brisbane appoints approximately 30 international students annually to undertake this important honorary promotional role. Applications for next year's program open in November.

To find out about our current Student Ambassadors or to apply to become an Ambassador, visit the Study Brisbane website at studybrisbane.com/ambassadors.

american student ambassador

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

I love the Ambassador program and applied because I wanted to have a greater connection with Brisbane while also representing my country, the United States.

This cultural exchange component is essential because as an Ambassador, you have to present yourself in a manner that is respectful of your country while also being open to learning about Australian culture and the many cultures of your fellow Ambassadors.

As an Ambassador, I have been exposed to activities that showcase how fun, unique, and diverse Brisbane is. From attending a Brisbane Broncos rugby league match

to exploring Moreton Island, you realise there's so much to do around Brisbane. I've shared my experiences extensively via social media, and have even had the opportunity to assist with official visiting delegations.

The program has given me significant responsibility, has allowed me to gain professional skills, and has given me the confidence to know that whatever task I am given, I am capable.

I've also made amazing friends with people who are keen on learning about Australian culture as well as sharing their own.

The application process consisted of an initial written application; then strong applicants were short-listed for an interview. The online application was convenient and accessible and you could even modify your application before the deadline.

I definitely recommend the program to new students who want to enrich their experience of studying abroad in Brisbane.



By joining the program, you will make a lifelong connection to your adopted city, lifelong friends, and learn an endless number of skills that will prepare you for life after study.

Terry Vo
American international student



student clubs

If you're a newly arrived international student, it can be daunting to make new friends. Joining a student association or club is the easiest and most effective way of meeting people who share common interests. You also have the added bonus of making friends with people who attend classes on the same campus as you.

Clubs range from academic-based groups from your school's different areas of study – including health, law and business – to cultural groups for international students. There are social interest groups for sports, games and religion. If you have a particular interest that is not catered for, you may be able to form a new club. Check with your institution's student union or guild to find out how to do this. You can also find a list of some of the clubs you can join at the different educational institutions around Brisbane at studybrisbane.com/studentclubs.

Indonesian students association

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

I am the vice-president of the Indonesian Students Association of Australia, Queensland branch. I knew about the association before my departure to Australia, so on Market Day at the University of Queensland, I signed up to become a member.

Since joining the club, I've gained many advantages including meeting new people from Indonesia and all across the world, developing my leadership skills, also absorbing from and sharing knowledge with other people.

I've been involved in all of the association's different activities. What I value and respect the



most is how all cultures blend together without borders to experience positive activities together.

Having fun, networking and doing positive activities with all students from across Queensland has been a great adventure and learning process for me. It has opened up numerous priceless opportunities for me, for which I will be forever thankful.

Dhina Mutiara Kartikasari
Indonesian international student

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libraries & study spaces

Finding the time and space to study at home can be hard, especially if you live in a noisy household, or are easily distracted by the comforts of home.

Whether you're studying at high school, an English language school, vocational training college or university, the first place you should go for space to study is your on-campus library. These are a great idea if you're looking for a study space before or after class – plus you'll be able to access books related to your areas of study. Some larger institutions often have more

than one library too, so you'll be able to pick a space you like best.

If you're looking for a central location to study, the State Library of Queensland in South Bank's Cultural Precinct is a great place to bury your head in your books. Beautifully refurbished in 2006, the library has plenty of quiet spaces, with views to the river and city skyline from most areas. One major drawcard for students is the free wi-fi, which means you don't have to wait in line to access one of the library's public computers.

There are 33 Brisbane City Council libraries across Brisbane, and they are open on Saturdays – convenient for those who are busy in classes or at work during the week. Becoming a library member is free to anyone who lives, works or studies in Brisbane. It allows you to borrow books, and also access a number of other facilities and services offered by council libraries.

Libraries have plenty of quiet study spaces that are free of distractions.

HEAD OUTDOORS



One advantage of living in Brisbane is the sunny weather and easy access to wonderful outdoor spaces. If you don't want to be inside while you review your study notes, grab a picnic rug and head to a local park. Brisbane City Council offers access to free wi-fi at 22 local parks. Alternatively, many coffee shops offer free wi-fi and are more than happy to let you sit quietly in a corner and work away.

LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP



Show proof of your current address and photo ID to become a Brisbane City Council library member. Membership allows you to borrow up to 20 items at a time for up to four weeks.

You must show your library card each time you borrow an item. Make sure you return or renew the book on time; otherwise you may be fined for late returns.

MEETING ROOMS



To cater for groups wanting quiet study or meeting spaces for groups, the State Library of Queensland and a number of council libraries have meeting rooms which can be booked free of charge for up to three hours. These rooms range in capacity and can fit between four and 14 people. Ensure that you are prompt when claiming your booking room, as most libraries will make your room available for other users if you are more than 10 minutes late.

MUSIC PRACTICE ROOMS



It can be difficult for music students to find a place to practise or rehearse their work. Luckily, the State Library of Queensland also offers a music practice room at the South Bank building. You must be a member of the library in order to book the music practice room. To register for a membership card, visit the information desk on level 3 of the library.

study tips

Studying in a new country is exciting. You may want to spend a lot of time sightseeing and exploring your new home, but don't forget to set studying as a priority to make the most of your education in Brisbane.

1. Make sure you set yourself up for success by being organised and planning your time well.
2. Establish a regular study routine to help you keep on top of your course work, or catch up with a study partner or group to help you keep motivated throughout the semester.
3. Know your habits – if you know you get distracted when studying at home, plan a day out at the State Library of Queensland or one of Brisbane's many council libraries to make the most of your time.
4. If you feel overwhelmed, your institution may have support services or counsellors to provide advice on how to deal with your workload.
5. Keep your study space clear of day-to-day distractions such as laptops, phones and iPads. You should find you have no other option but to study. There are even phone apps out there to help you disconnect from your devices and help you devote this time to study!

key academic dates

Listing	Dates
Semester 1 Orientation weeks	17-28 February
Semester 1 classes begin	24 February-3 March
Mid-semester break	18-25 April
Classes start after mid-semester break	28 April
Semester 1 exam period	7-28 June
Mid-year break	30 June-25 July
Semester 2 Orientation	14-25 July
Semester 2 classes begin	21-28 July
Mid-semester break	29 September-3 October
Classes start after mid-semester break	7 October
Semester 2 exam period	30 October- 21 November
Semester 2 break	13-24 November 2014 - 13 February 2015
Summer semester classes begin	17 November-1 December
Graduation weeks	8 December
Summer mid-semester break	22 December

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text books

As each new semester starts, most students will receive lists of textbooks required for use in each of their courses.

Most students will be looking to pick up their books at the beginning of each semester, so bookshops may run out of stock. Avoid spending your first few weeks in lectures without a textbook to refer to and start your search for required course materials as soon as you receive your list.

It is also a good idea to start budgeting for the books you need before the semester starts. With so many books required for all your subjects, it can be a tough time financially, particularly if you're on a limited budget.

Buying books brand new isn't the only option, and savvy students can pick up cheaper textbooks with a little planning and a lot of research.



BUY NEW

New textbooks can be bought from bookshops on campus or from the Co-Op bookshop, either online or in-store. The Co-Op Bookshop website allows you to search for books based on your institution, semester of study and even the subject name of the course you're doing. If you're in primary or secondary school, book lists are usually provided, along with a list of recommended booksellers where you can buy your books in one convenient location.

SECOND-HAND

Textbooks can get expensive, and a great way to save money is to buy these second-hand. Check to see if your campus has a second-hand or student guild bookshop where these are available. It's also worth checking noticeboards at your school, as fellow students may be trying to sell their old textbooks. **Top tip:** Make sure you buy recent editions of the textbook.

BORROW OR SHARE

If you've forgotten your textbook, your campus library may have a copy for you to borrow for your class or study session. Copies are limited though, so these may become scarce during exam periods. If you have a classmate you live with or spend a lot of time with, then sharing a textbook can halve the price of the textbook. This works best when you are used to studying with the person you share the book with. Remember, sharing is caring.

SELL

Once you've finished your semester, think about selling your old textbooks. This will help free up space on your bookshelves AND get back some of the money you spent on the books. Different campus bookshops have different methods of taking your books, from consigning books, book exchanges, and buying outright. Check the options and work out what's best for you.

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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

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CQUNIVERSITY

CRICOS: 00219C

CQUniversity graduates are among the highest-paid in the country, and their researchers are rated as world-class in a number of disciplines, fostering a culture of success across the institution. The university is one of the nation's most inclusive, offering higher education to many who would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience it.

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

CRICOS: 00233E

Griffith University is home to world-class expertise in the environment, corporate sustainability, Asia, and the emerging bioscience industries. Situated in tranquil native bushland, Griffith University offers more than 300 degrees across five campuses and is home to more than 43,000 students from 131 countries.

JMC ACADEMY

CRICOS: 03068M

JMC Academy has led the way in creative industries education for over 30 years. Its students benefit from small class sizes, leading facilities and equipment, multi-campus locations and industry-connected teachers. Unique industry learning opportunities and its cross-disciplinary integration program give its students the competitive edge in this exciting sector.

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

CRICOS: 00213J

QUT is recognised for real-world courses and was awarded five stars in the QS Star Rated for Excellence (2012). QUT's business school is ranked among the top 1 per cent of universities worldwide and the only university in Australia to receive the prestigious "triple crown" of international accreditation – US-based AACSB International, European-based EQUIS and UK-based AMBA.

THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

CRICOS: 00244B

USQ has forged a reputation as one of Australia's leading providers of on-campus and distance education. The Springfield campus provides a unique educational experience, combining the latest in study options with impressive facilities supported by a student-focused approach to learning.

vocational training

Undertaking vocational training is a great stepping stone to help further your study or career. Brisbane's vocational and training (VET) system enables you to achieve career-focused, practical skills that are valued and sought-after by employers.

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS SCHOOL

CRICOS: 03264G

ABS is one of Queensland's newest international schools offering vocational qualifications. Offering internationally recognised Certificates and Diplomas in Business, Management, Information Technology and Digital Media, ABS prepares students to integrate into the workforce or best Australian universities.

AUSTRALIAN CHILD CARE CAREER OPTIONS

CRICOS: 02483D

ACCCO is a successful and well-established registered training organisation established in 1996. Its focus is on providing quality education, with particular emphasis on meeting the practical requirements of the industry into which you are entering.

CHARLTON BROWN

CRICOS: 02476C

CHARLTON BROWN is a registered training organisation specialising in aged care, child care, youth work, justice studies and disability care, situated in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane. Since 1985, CHARLTON BROWN has trained and placed over 10,000 community services professionals across Australia and the world.

THE EAGLE ACADEMY

CRICOS: 02480G

The Eagle Academy delivers courses to Australian and international students in Sport, Fitness, English, Business and Outdoor Recreation. They have three campuses; Brisbane, Broadbeach and Coolangatta. Their aim is to provide high quality of teaching and coaching, in high quality surroundings, to give their students a distinct advantage over others.

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QUEENSLAND INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

CRICOS: 01737F

Queensland Institute of Business and Technology (QIBT) has worked with Griffith University since 1997 to help over 7000 Australian and international students gain access to tertiary studies, earning its reputation as Queensland's leading university pathway provider.

QUEENSLAND SCHOOL OF FILM AND TELEVISION

CRICOS: 03267D

QSFT is a nationally registered training organisation offering fully accredited courses in all technical disciplines of filmmaking. It specialises in the behind-the-scenes aspects of film and television and has established links with the local industry.

SOUTHBANK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

CRICOS: 03020E

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university pathways

Foundation studies or pathway studies are an opportunity to study a pre-university year within a fully accredited specialist program as the first step to completing tertiary studies. Classes are taught in English, and students are offered a choice of programs specially developed to meet university requirements.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SERVICES

CRICOS: 01697J

International Education Services (IES), The University of Queensland's Foundation Year (UQFY) program, prepares international students for entry into the first year of all undergraduate courses at UQ.

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english language schools

Brisbane's English language institutions offer a range of general and specialised courses where you can learn English in an English-speaking environment. Courses are offered for beginners to advanced English speakers, with the opportunity to meet and interact with students from all over the globe.

BROWNS ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL

CRICOS: 02663M

BROWNS English Language School offers language courses taught by experienced teachers, and provides a wide range of English courses to suit your needs and requirements. All courses are based on the Common European Framework, which is currently also used by Cambridge University's English Foreign Language Department.

QUT INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

CRICOS: 02663M

QUT International College offers a range of English language and academic pathway programs to assist international students to improve their English for personal, professional or academic purposes, as well as meet the entry requirements for university degree programs.

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CRICOS: 00213J

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QUEENSLAND INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

CRICOS: 01737F

Queensland Institute of Business and Technology (QIBT) has worked with Griffith University since 1997 to help over 7000 Australian and international students gain access to tertiary studies, earning its reputation as Queensland's leading university pathway provider.



schools

Brisbane schools are internationally recognised for providing high-quality education to all students, and there is a wide range of both government and non-government schools.

CANTERBURY COLLEGE

CRICOS: 01609C

Canterbury College has an inclusive educational environment with opportunities for all students to pursue their dreams through flexible pathways to university, further education or employment.

JOHN PAUL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

CRICOS: 00500B

John Paul International College offers courses for primary and high school preparation, and packaged visas in the University Entry Program course.

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN COLLEGE

CRICOS: 01406C

St John's Anglican College is the leading kindergarten to Year 12 co-educational school in south-west Brisbane. Its programs provide international students with the opportunity to study intensive primary or secondary preparation courses before starting school.

ST JOSEPH'S NUDGEE COLLEGE

CRICOS: 00572G

St Joseph's Nudgee College is a boys' day and boarding Catholic school set on a 136 hectare campus, just 15 kilometres north of Brisbane. The combination of technologically advanced classrooms, world class sporting facilities, and a wide variety of extra-curricular activities, provides students with an exceptional educational experience.

ST MARGARET'S ANGLICAN GIRLS SCHOOL

CRICOS: 00511K

St Margaret's Anglican Girls School is an independent day and boarding school, located in Ascot, Brisbane. In a supportive Christian environment, the School aims to provide excellence in teaching and learning within a broad, balanced and flexible curriculum complemented by other school activities; preparing confident, compassionate, capable women able to contribute in a global community.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

CRICOS: 00515F

St Paul's has an excellent reputation for assisting students achieve their best outcomes and their international students have entered top universities in Australia. Their Preparation Program gives students the English language proficiency, study and interaction skills they need for mainstream Australian education.



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working

If you plan to work while you study in Brisbane, you will need to understand your rights and responsibilities to ensure you protect yourself and comply with your visa requirements.

Most student visas allow you to work up to 40 hours per fortnight during the semester, and an unlimited number of work hours during scheduled vacation breaks.

Whether you are working to gain postgraduate experience, or need a casual job to help support your living expenses, there are plenty of ways to find work that suits your situation. Online websites such as [seek.com.au](https://www.seek.com.au) provide regularly updated work listings, which you can search by industry. Recruitment firms also help to place people in casual or short-term work.

You might consider applying for a post-study visa after you graduate from your tertiary studies. Graduates of an Australian Bachelor degree, Masters by coursework degree, Masters (extended) degree, Masters by research degree or Doctoral degree will have access to the new post-study work arrangements, provided they meet the other eligibility requirements of this visa.

working in hospitality

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Working in hospitality can be heaps of fun! It gives you the chance to interact with different people and it certainly improves your communication skills. I began working in a casual job in hospitality just before university started and it gave me the perfect exposure to get used to the Australian accent and slang. It helped me improve my listening and speaking skills, which prepared me for university.

Finding the balance between study, work and social life took me a little while. The great thing with casual work is that you can always work fewer hours during the busy assignment periods, and work a little more during breaks.

Visa requirements can be found online and there are heaps of services universities offer to help explain your work limits and regulations. The latest changes, allowing international students to work 40 hours a fortnight instead of 20 hours per week, are more flexible which



makes it easier to adjust the working hours to your study needs.

Finding a job depends on the industry and size of the company. Food outlets in food courts for example mainly take walk-in CVs – that's how I got my first job. Bigger companies usually only recruit online, so search the careers section on the website of the company you want to work for and apply online.

Marlene Kastner
German international student

Before you start working, you will need to apply for a Tax File Number in order to receive an income in Australia. Your employer is usually required by law to pay money into a superannuation account for you – which is an Australian form of pension. If eligible, you may be able to access this money when you permanently leave Australia.

To apply for a Tax File Number or find out more about superannuation, visit the Australian Tax office website at ato.gov.au.

Everyone working in Australia, including international students or those on working holiday visas, has basic rights at work. Australia's strict laws relating to employment

conditions are there to protect you, providing you with:

- A minimum wage
- Protection from unfair treatment or dismissal
- Breaks and rest periods during longer working hours
- A healthy and safe work environment

To find out more about your work rights, visit the Australian Government's Fair Work website [fairwork.gov.au](https://www.fairwork.gov.au).

food & drink



Whether it's fine dining for a special occasion, quick and easy takeaway lunches, shopping for home cooking or celebrating with friends on a Friday night out, you'll find a variety of food and drink options available in Brisbane.

Brisbane's dining scene offers something for all tastes and budgets, with the city's multicultural flavour reflected in its cuisine.

Fortitude Valley is a favourite destination for a night on the town. Here you'll also find a range of bars, pubs and cocktail lounges for an easy night out in one of Brisbane's trendiest spots.

If you're looking for a night out at a nice restaurant, Eagle Street Pier is home to some of Brisbane's best restaurants, offering beautiful food and stunning views of the Brisbane River. Of course, not all of Brisbane's best restaurants are located along the river. Venture into the city and you'll find restaurants rated as some of Australia's best - many of these are perfect venues for a rare treat or special occasion.

For something more casual and more affordable, suburbs such as New Farm, West End or

Paddington offer plenty of cafe and coffee house options for a relaxing weekend brunch. Further afield in Sunnybank or Inala you can find cheap eats and a variety of ethnic cuisines to whet your appetite.

For everyday eating out or a meal on the run, Brisbane provides a variety of food courts with popular options like sushi, kebabs, and well-known fast-food chains.

And if you own a Brisbane Buddy card, many cafes and restaurants will offer great additional discounts.

Of course, if you're happy to prepare your own food, you might take advantage of one of the city's green spaces to meet friends for a picnic or barbecue. Some of the city's well-known public areas, such as the popular Kangaroo Point cliffs, have free barbecues for use.

To stock up your cupboards at home, you'll find a huge selection of supermarkets from traditional to organic and Asian to European. The weekends are particularly good for visiting some of the many fresh produce markets, making home cooking a simple task after your day of study.



cheap eats



The image of a poor student is a familiar one, but even if you're cash-strapped, it doesn't mean you're condemned to a diet of two-minute noodles during your years of study. If you know where to look, you can find a tasty meal for a good price.

If you're meeting up with friends for a meal, avoid dinner and opt for a lunch date instead, as lunch specials can offer significant discounts on selected menu items.

Tuesday nights will become your new favourite day of the week as "Cheap Tuesday" special offers are popular. Places like The Caxton Hotel on Petrie Terrace offer two-for-one main meals, or you can get discounts on pizzas from local joints for a lazy night in.



HANDY HINT

Why not try sushi for an alternative to the standard fast food options? It's a healthy and affordable solution for those on the run.

my top picks

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Brisbane is a melting pot of all things delectable and there is an abundance of food choices everywhere. I like Asian Fusion because it offers many cuisines, from Chinese to Japanese, Korean, Thai, and Vietnamese – the choices are endless, and the price is very affordable, especially for students like me!

For coffee lovers, I highly recommend Vintaged Bar at the Hilton. Sip a perfect cup of coffee while lounging on plush leather chairs and listening to relaxing music.

For a massive feed, head down to Fortitude Valley. My friends and I frequent Balti, a Hyderabadi Indian fast-food joint where \$10 can feed two to three people, depending



on your appetite of course. We love Balti's chicken biryani smothered in curry and raita, a minty yoghurt sauce. It's the best Indian joint out there!

Paul Mariano
Filipino international student

THE BUN MOBILE FOOD TRUCK

Picking up on the food truck movement, The Bun Mobile offers twice-cooked pork, teriyaki chicken or wagyu beef, and other mouth-watering combinations served on steamed buns as part of the menu. With meals under \$10, keep your eye on the website to find out where the truck's headed next.

W: thebunmobile.com.au

BURGER URGE

Brisbane's original gourmet burger bar Burger Urge will satisfy your "dude food" cravings. Using free-range eggs, and bacon and meat from farms and barns (not cages!), you'll feel better about eating a burger knowing the ingredients were sourced locally and cruelty-free. Try the sweet potato chips on the side for something a little different.

A: 542 Brunswick St, Fortitude Valley

THE FISHMONGER'S WIFE

Fish and chips are the cornerstone of the corner store, and a well-known East Brisbane local serving everything from barramundi to Thai fishcakes is The Fishmonger's Wife. The traditional cod, served grilled, crumbed or battered with chips, will set you back less than \$12.

A: Shop 6, 83–93 Lytton Rd, East Brisbane

GOVINDA'S VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT

If you're low on your vegetable intake, or would like some vegan and gluten-free options, check out Govinda's Vegetarian Restaurant. There are combo meals available, but you can also get the \$12.90 all-you-can-eat feast meal, which includes curries, lentil soup, and vegetable puffs. The feast meal drops to \$10 if you're a student visiting the city store!

A: Stones Corner, West End and the city



You can find a tasty meal for a good price if you know where to look.

HARAJUKU GYOZA

Dumplings and beer... it's like the two were made for one another, and you'll find them both at Harajuku Gyoza. Dumplings are \$8 a dish and you can also order a range of izakaya items. Order the sake, and the waitresses will rejoice and sing a sake song to celebrate!

A: 394 Brunswick St, Fortitude Valley

LA VIA

Lovers of Italian food won't be disappointed with the delightful pizza creations at La Via. The generous sized wood-fired pizzas are ideal to share, and the thin crusts ensure the toppings remain the star of the dish. Lunch time specials are fantastic for student budgets, with pizzas starting from \$10 – almost half price off their dinner menu!

A: Shop 6E, Little Stanley St, South Bank

MRS LUU'S

For a taste of Saigon, head to Milton's Mrs Luu's for key authentic Vietnamese dishes. The fresh and simple menu includes gourmet Banh Mi with an impressive selection of fillings, Goi Con rice paper rolls and vermicelli salads. You'll find a lunch line winding out the door most days, so get in early.

A: 25 Railway Tce, Milton

THE PINEAPPLE HOTEL

The Pineapple Hotel is a Brisbane icon, and with meal deals every night of the week, it's a great option if you're looking for a hearty meal on a budget. Just \$10 will get you a gourmet pizza, Mexican special or steak and chips depending on the night of the week. The Pineapple also has two-for-one dinner specials.

A: 706 Main St, Kangaroo Point

cafes

THE THREE MONKEYS COFFEE & TEA HOUSE

Whether you're meeting friends, classmates or first dates, there's just something about The Three Monkeys that keeps everyone coming back to this West End institution.

The walls are covered with rich rugs and signed photos of famous friends and customers, and its ambient lighting is relaxing and inviting.

Order a gigantic chai latte or a sweet Turkish apple tea and lean in for some cosy conversation in one of the many nooks and crannies.

Sweet teeth will also be tempted by the large selection of cakes.

If you are in a competitive mood, borrow one of the chess sets or board games from the counter at no extra cost.

A: 58 Mollison St, West End

PEARL CAFE

If you're enjoying a day of window-shopping at Woolloongabba's antique precinct, head to Pearl Cafe for its brilliant coffee and old-world charm.

The French-inspired cafe has a seasonal menu that is heavy on nostalgia, with dishes such as a cheesy croque monsieur, rabbit pie, and a fish finger sandwich.

You also won't be able to resist the homemade cakes, waiting for you temptingly on the counter as you enjoy your coffee.

You may need to wait for a table at this popular cafe, but it's open for breakfast, lunch and dinner so try your luck and find out why it's one of Brisbane's most popular cafes.

A: 28 Logan Rd, Woolloongabba

THE SPRING COOKING SCHOOL

Back to school doesn't always have to mean in the classroom. Roll up your sleeves and join us in the Spring Cooking School and prepare to work for your dinner. The Spring Cooking School teaches you the ins and outs of Spanish, Italian, French, Australian, Mexican and Asian food and many more cuisines. If you've got a sweet tooth, you won't want to miss our Chocolate Masterclass, Mighty Macarons and Creative Cupcakes. With plenty of classes to choose from, and expert chefs to teach you, Spring will fill your mind with knowledge, and tummies with a treat. Whether you're looking for something fun to do or for tips on how to feed yourself during uni, Spring is happy to host both public and private classes all week long. For more details, visit spring.com.au/cooking-school.html.

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bars



ALFRED & CONSTANCE

You can't help but feel like you're catching up with old mates when you visit Alfred & Constance. Named after the two Fortitude Valley street corners on which it sits, this establishment is actually two neighbouring Queenslanders linked by a walkway, and has a number of different eating and drinking spots. There are six uniquely themed nooks under the tin roofs, housing a gastro pub, beer garden, dessert bar and fun-loving Tiki bar. The decor is delightful, with Astroturf, a wall of speakers and bicycle seats posing as moose heads.

A: Corner Alfred and Constance Sts, Fortitude Valley



RIVERBAR & KITCHEN

Located on the promenade level of Riparian Plaza overlooking the water, Riverbar & Kitchen has relaxed seating areas both inside and outside the restaurant for you to have a bite to eat, a morning coffee or after-work drinks. A 20m-long bar extends from indoors out to the boardwalk beer garden, which features several big-screen televisions and a tropical garden setting. The vintage boatshed-esque bar is best enjoyed with a cocktail jug and bucket of fresh prawns under one of the yellow beach umbrellas, riverside.

A: Riparian Plaza, Promenade Level, 71 Eagle St, Brisbane



SUPER WHATNOT

Tucked away on Burnett Lane is one of the city's best kept secrets. Super Whatnot is a little laneway bar with a whole lot of personality. Enjoy a rotating range of craft beer, eclectic boutique wines by the glass, classic and original cocktails, and gourmet snacks and share plates designed for grazing. Soak up the industrial-inspired luxury fit-out in this little hole-in-the-wall. With only 100 seats on offer, this inner-city hideaway is the place to be Super.

A: 48 Burnett Lane, Brisbane



TIPPLER'S TAP

Tippler's Tap is an exciting addition to the boutique beer revolution, featuring a rotating selection of 10 tap beers and 72 bottles. While a variety of wines and ciders is also available, it's the beer that keeps the masses flocking. Quality is the aim of the game, with top-notch local and imported beers coming from all different countries. Aside from beer, Tippler's Tap is THE home to Chicago-style comfort food, indulging diners with delicious sliders, cheese jaffles, Chicago-style hot dogs and 1kg serves of Buffalo wings.

A: Unit 1, 22 Masters St, Newstead

multicultural restaurants



AHMET'S TURKISH RESTAURANT

If you're looking for the richness of Turkish culture and cuisine, you'll find it at Ahmet's Turkish Restaurant. Complete with authentic interiors and lively belly dancing, Ahmet's brings a little taste of traditional Turkish culture to South Bank. Hungry diners can opt for the "prince" or "king-sized" feasts, sample mixed grill platters, oven-roasted vegetables and tasty falafel balls.

A: Shop 10/168 Grey St, South Bank



BECCOFINO

Beccofino offers a great selection of northern Italian-influenced dishes and is touted as having Brisbane's best authentic wood-fired pizzas. Nestled among Teneriffe's famous wool stores, the restaurant focuses on traditional flavours with fresh, contemporary presentation and good local produce. Simple entrees, delicious pasta dishes, hearty mains and decadent Italian desserts feature on the menu.

A: 10 Vernon Tce, Teneriffe



HAKATAYA RAMEN

Hakataya Ramen does one thing and it does it well: ramen. Sure you can get a side of gyoza with your meal, but the star here is the ramen and the exceptional pork broth it's served in. Hakataya says its broth is simmered for 39 hours, and you can taste the richness of this effort. Sit down at one of the long wooden benches in this tiny store and enjoy your little bowl of Tokyo.

A: Shop 27B Sunnybank Plaza, corner of Mains Rd and McCullough St, Sunnybank



LEFKAS TAVERNA

Greek food is meant to be shared, and the generous portions at Lefkas make this easy. This family-run restaurant has been around for over 20 years, so you know the food must be good. Try its traditional moussaka, yiros or souvlaki. Share platters are designed for two people, but could easily feed more.

A: 170 Hardgrave Rd, West End



CAROLINA KITCHEN

You won't find Carolina Kitchen in one of the main restaurant precincts of Brisbane, but the tempting soul food on the menu makes this place worth the trip out to Coorparoo. Order the classic American cheeseburger or chilli dog, ribs, or spicy and blue cheese on chicken wings for a delicious taste of South Carolina.

A: Shop 2/38 Macaulay St, Coorparoo



CHOUQUETTE

Walk through the doors of this little French patisserie and you'll be greeted by French-speaking staff with a "bonjour!" Whether you're popping in for a crusty baguette, indulging in a sweet pastry, or sitting down for a weekend breakfast, Chouquette is the perfect place to enjoy a little slice of Paris.

A: 19 Barker St, New Farm



MU'OOZ ERITREAN RESTAURANT

Mu'ooz means "tasty and healthy" in Tigrinya, the language of Eritrea and parts of Ethiopia, and you'll certainly find tasty and healthy North African food at this Moorooka restaurant. Aside from offering traditional dishes such as the Tsebhi Kantisha, a rich mushroom stew, this not-for-profit social enterprise also helps to train and give work experience to African refugees.

A: Ranchod Arcade, 197-201 Beaudesert Rd, Moorooka



SATAY CLUB NOODLE HOUSE

It wouldn't be hard to simply walk past the Satay Club Noodle House without realising it was there. The shop front on Charlotte St doesn't look like much, but what it lacks in decor it more than makes up for in delicious halal Malaysian food. Order the stand-out boneless duck in any one of the noodle dishes.

A: 66 Charlotte St, Brisbane

home cooking

While there are plenty of dining options in Brisbane, there is nothing like sitting down to a home-cooked meal. Authentic ingredients may not always be readily available in some of the major supermarkets, but if you look around you'll find delicatessens and ethnic grocers who'll have what you're looking for to create that taste of home.



YUEN'S ASIAN SUPERMARKET

One of Brisbane's larger Asian supermarkets, Yuen's is a one-stop shop for everything Asian. It's worth making the trip out to Sunnybank for your weekly shop as you'll find Chinese, Malay, Korean, Japanese and Vietnamese ingredients all under one roof. In the front, you'll find Chinese vegetables such as taro, lotus root and bok choy. Head to the frozen section for sliced meats and fish balls perfect for a steamy hot pot. There's also a built-in fish market in the back where you can find whole fish and live crabs.

A: Market Square, corner Mains Rd and McCullough St, Sunnybank

KOZ ASIAN GROCER

If you need some sweet potato noodles to make your japchae, or your food tastes bland because you ran out of gochujang, head to Koz Asian Grocer and pick up the essentials for your Korean meals. There are aisles of Asia's most famous fast food – packets of instant ramen noodles – in more flavours than you could imagine, perfect for student budgets. There are also snacks, like boxes of Pocky or green tea and red bean paste ice cream if you're feeling peckish for some sweet Asian flavours.

A: 85 Elizabeth St, Brisbane

ALL INDIA FOODS

Getting the flavours right for an Indian curry made from scratch can be hard if you don't have the right spices. So if you're one spice short of the perfect dish, head to All India Foods at Woolloongabba, where you'll find an entire warehouse of ingredients for East Asian cooking. Aromatic spices, giant sacks of basmati rice, lentils, chutneys and curry pastes sit alongside a large selection of Indian breads and sweets. You can also pick up Bollywood movies, as the latest DVDs are available for rent.

A: 31 Balaclava St, Woolloongabba

HELLENE FOOD BROKERS

Hidden in the industrial backstreets of West End, you'll find shelves of Turkish, Greek, and Italian goods at Hellene Food Brokers. Here you'll find stuffed green olives, fetta and haloumi cheese and dried herbs and spices that you can add to cuisines beyond the Mediterranean. You can also buy Greek sweets, imported goods and basic ingredients. Prices are extremely competitive when buying in bulk, so stock up your pantry.

A: 2/17 Duncan St, West End

Experience Sunnybank!

Your home away from home!

Sunnybank is the Chinatown of the Southside located just 12km from Brisbane City. Combined, Sunnybank Plaza & Sunny Park Shopping Centre are home to over 50 dine-in & takeaway options, a Coles Supermarket, Woolworths, Kmart, Hoyts Cinemas and over 170 specialty stores!

You'll be amazed at our extensive international dining and entertainment precinct including two karaoke restaurants, a snooker centre and Funhouse. Plus with Chinese, Hong Kong style, Taiwanese, Vietnamese, Japanese, Korean and Indian cuisines, we've got all your favourite food in one place!

The area also boasts two of Brisbane's biggest Yum Cha Restaurants, Landmark and Parkland; as well as some more casual favourites including Australia's first MOS Burger and more.

Sunnybank is not only a great place to shop, but offers the perfect place to meet friends, catch a movie and enjoy a meal.

How to get here

Sunnybank Plaza and Sunny Park are located at the busy intersection of Mains Road & McCullough Street, Sunnybank and only 15 minutes drive from Brisbane CBD on the South East Freeway.

Bus

Take bus routes 130 or 140 from Queens St Bus Station, Creek St or Adelaide St.

Stop at Mains Road, Sunnybank, between Sunny Park Shopping Centre and Sunnybank Plaza. For more information or to access bus timetables phone 13 12 30 or visit www.translink.com.au.

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shopping

From world-class designers to unique market finds, you can easily spend an entire weekend shopping in Brisbane.

If you're into fashion, then you won't be disappointed with the range on offer in Brisbane. From world-class designers and high-end boutiques, to chainstore bargains and unique market finds, you can easily shop away an entire weekend.

Brisbane's Queen Street Mall is home to over 1000 stores, four vibrant shopping precincts, six shopping centres, over 250 local and international designers and the state's largest collection of flagship stores and unique boutiques.

For trendy buys and the latest fashions, head to New Farm's James St, or Brunswick St in Fortitude Valley, where you'll find plenty of boutiques. Paddington is also great for vintage finds if you're someone who likes to spend time searching through racks of pre-loved clothes to put together cute and quirky outfits.

If you love to shop for more than clothes, don't worry - there are plenty of homewares, gift shops and specialty boutiques throughout the city.

There are also several large shopping centres, such as Chermanside Shopping Centre - the second largest in Australia - boasting high-street fashion, electronics, food courts and a massive cinema complex, not to mention supermarkets such as Coles and Woolworths. These shopping centres have something for everyone, so you can really make a day of it.

Bargain hunters will love the Direct Factory Outlet (DFO) stores at Jindalee and the Brisbane Airport. These outlet stores are the places to go for fantastic discounts off Australia's most popular brands.

Brisbane also offers a great variety of outdoor markets, such as Jan Power's Farmers Markets - where you will find fresh produce and gourmet food stalls - or the Chandler Markets, where folks come to sell second-hand goods.

This guide has many more suggestions on where to shop for the best deals - explore these pages and learn more about where to find hidden bargains in your new city.



shopping tips

FRESH IS BEST

Buy foods in season, when they are cheapest and at their best. This applies to items like seafood and fresh produce. Fresh fruit, vegetables and meat are often sold at markets at prices cheaper than the supermarkets. If you have a green thumb, you can also pick up potted herbs at markets so you will have a fresh supply all year.

LOOK FOR CATALOGUES

Check your mailbox and you're likely to find a stack of unsolicited material called "junk mail". While most people throw this in their recycle bin on the way to the front door, it is worth flipping through the catalogues you receive from your local supermarket, as this is where they'll list all their weekly specials.

PRICE CHECK

Supermarkets not only show you the price of the item, but they also provide you with details such as the cost per weight or piece. A six-pack of something may appear to be on special, but you can see how each one of the six items compares to the cost of an individual product, and make an informed choice about the item you buy.

WAIT FOR SALES

In Australia, 30 June marks the end of financial year, and many retailers hold sales leading up to this time. The Christmas/New Year period is another busy sales period and the Boxing Day sales are where you can get huge discounts on different merchandise.

shopping

SUPERMARKETS

Woolworths, Coles, IGA and Aldi are some of Brisbane's major supermarkets.

You'll find fresh fruit and vegetables, packaged goods and tinned food at supermarkets, as well as non-food items such as bathroom products and cleaning tools.

If you're shopping for a lot of items, use a trolley available at the front of the store to cart around your goods. Goods are paid for at the "checkout" before you leave. If you only have a few items, use self-service or express checkout lanes.

PAYING FOR GOODS

Prices in Australia are fixed, so it's not usual practice to bargain or haggle with shopkeepers. Most items will be labelled with a price tag. There are a variety of ways you can pay for goods, including:

- Cash
- EFTPOS (Electronic Funds Transfer at Point Of Sale) using your ATM card
- Credit card (some retailers charge a 1-2% surcharge, so make sure you check with them before you pay)
- Lay-by (where you can buy something over a period of time but you cannot take it home until it is fully paid for)

In Australia, it is at the retailers' discretion as to how they receive payment.

GST & TAX REFUNDS

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) in Australia is a Value Added Tax of 10% on the supply of most goods, services and other items sold or consumed in Australia.

Some short-term travellers may be eligible to claim a refund through the Tourist Refund Scheme, subject to certain conditions, of the Goods and Services Tax and Wine Equalisation Tax that you pay on goods you buy in Australia.

For more information, visit the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service website customs.gov.au.

OPENING HOURS

Most retailers are open between 9am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday. Late night trading happens on Thursday for suburban shopping malls and Friday in the city, with stores closing at 9pm. Weekends have shorter trading hours, with usual hours roughly 10am-5pm. Stores generally close on public holidays.

centres

Heading to a shopping centre or mall can provide you with a great place to meet up with friends and spend a few spare hours. With supermarkets, department stores and more under one roof, they're a convenient location if you're looking for multiple items.



DFO (DIRECT FACTORY OUTLETS)

Bargain hunters should make a point of heading to DFO for some outlet shopping. Located next to the Brisbane Airport, with another based in the suburb of Jindalee, DFO stocks leading Australian and international brands at up to 70 per cent off original retail prices. Whether you're shopping for fashion, homeware items, beauty or electronics, stores at DFO can heavily discount as they offer discontinued lines, previous season's stock, current end-of-season products and other special purchases.



INDOOROOPILLY SHOPPING CENTRE

Indooroopilly Shopping Centre is the largest in the western suburbs of Brisbane. It is home to 120 specialty stores and retailers, including an exciting array of Australian and international fashion brands. There's also a gourmet food precinct on Level 1, and a new outdoor dining precinct if you start to feel the hunger pangs while you shop. If you're a student at The University of Queensland's St Lucia campus, this is the closest shopping mall you'll find.



WESTFIELD SHOPPING CENTRES

Westfield shopping centres are home to hundreds of shops and retailers. There are three main Westfield centres around Brisbane - Chermiside, Garden City Mt Gravatt and Carindale. Each has a different mix of retailers, including well-known fashion brands, department stores such as Big W, Myer, David Jones and Kmart, supermarkets, cinemas and food courts.



LOGAN HYPERDOME

Logan Hyperdome is 20 minutes south of Brisbane City and is a convenient location for Griffith University students who are based on the Logan campus. It is one of Australia's largest single-storey shopping centres, and major retailers include Myer, Big W, Kmart, Hyperplex Cinemas and AMF Bowling. The centre is also home to four major supermarkets and over 220 specialty stores. Logan Hyperdome, and the neighbouring Hyperdome Home Centre, provide a comprehensive shopping and dining experience.

precincts

THE CITY

From Queensland's largest selection of fashion and award-winning food and drink, to an extensive free entertainment program, the city offers a discovery in every direction. There are over 1000 stores to choose from, including the state's largest collection of flagship stores and unique boutiques. Discover the largest collection of Good Food Guide-awarded restaurants, cafes and bars in Queensland – there are hundreds of options from which to choose. And you won't find it hard to keep yourself entertained. There are over 1000 events each year, cinemas, a casino, parks, galleries, nightlife options and The City Sounds program for music lovers.

FORTITUDE VALLEY

Home to Brisbane's Chinatown Mall, Fortitude Valley has been a hub of commercial and cultural activity since it officially opened in 1987. It is known for its Asian restaurants and lively music scene, and you won't be disappointed with the shopping on offer in this precinct. The weekly Saturday markets and their myriad of bric-a-brac are worth a browse, while serious shoppers should head to Ann St or the range of stores on Wickham and Brunswick Sts for funky boutiques. The TC Beirne Centre, which connects the Chinatown and Brunswick St malls, also features some surprising finds.

NEW FARM & TENERIFFE

New Farm's James St has become known for its retail and lifestyle precinct. It's an ever-expanding lifestyle mecca where cafes, bars and restaurants blend seamlessly with art galleries, designer boutiques and the flagship stores of leading Australian and international fashion labels. James Street Markets offer locals fresh seafood and produce. The precinct is also known for its furniture and homeware retailers, and interior design students can find inspiration from stores like Matt Blatt, Space Furniture and French and English.

PADDINGTON & ROSALIE

The rolling and leafy hills of Paddington, Rosalie and nearby Red Hill are speckled with quaint cottages turned into enticing shopfronts, restaurants that spill out onto the pavement and a mixture of traditional tin and timber houses and renovated Queenslanders. Browse for quirky keepsakes, vintage and designer fashion, antique and second-hand treasures, retro goodies, homeware and artwork for something a little different. The Barracks is home to exclusive specialty shops and exotic restaurants, and is the perfect place to treat your taste buds or pick up something one of a kind.

SOUTH BANK

Fashionistas should head to South Bank for the perfect day out. South Bank is a melting pot for up-and-coming and established designers, offering an eclectic mix of fashionwear for all tastes and styles. Stores along Grey St and Little Stanley St will impress shoppers with edgy designs. Those preferring delicately handmade garments can spend a day browsing through the array of rare and beautiful craft and work by local artisans, fashion, jewellery, health and lifestyle products and homewares on offer at the South Bank Lifestyle Market.

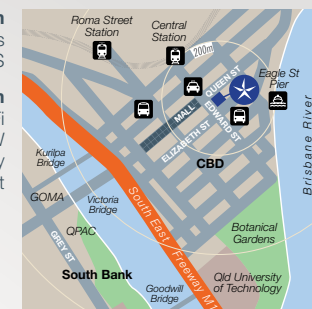
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markets



JAN POWER'S FARMERS MARKETS

For farm-fresh, fabulous food, visit Jan Power's Farmers Markets which travel to the Brisbane Powerhouse, the city, Mitchelton, Manly and Albion throughout the month. The markets host more than 100 stalls to create a cultural and community-focused experience. Traders come from far and wide with offerings of fresh mud crabs, homemade cheeses, fresh vegetables, Turkish pizzas, Cornish pastries, homemade ginger beer and freshly baked breads.

RIVERSIDE MARKETS

Nestled below the glass giants of Brisbane's downtown business district, the Riverside Markets at Eagle Street Pier are one of Brisbane's most charming shopping experiences. Shop for freshly baked breads and pastries before going on to discover everything from handmade jewellery, rugs and wood carvings to household goods, second-hand books and clothing of every kind. Open every Sunday from 7am to 3pm; you'll also find a weekly line-up of live music and entertainment.

KELVIN GROVE VILLAGE MARKETS

QUT students based on the Kelvin Grove campus can tell you that every Saturday from 6am to 1pm is the best time to do your fresh-food shopping. The Kelvin Grove Village Markets, at the end of Blamey St, are a great place to taste ethnic cuisine, save dollars on fresh fruit and vegetables, and browse a selection of plants, flowers and crafts.

SATURDAY FRESH MARKET, ROCKLEA

Saturday Fresh Market at Rocklea is the largest fresh food and lifestyle market in Brisbane. The market is open every Saturday from 6am to midday, with over 190 stalls offering a huge selection of fruit and vegetables, quality meats and poultry, fresh-cut flowers, breads and baked goods, a huge range of indoor and outdoor plants and lifestyle products.

DAVIES PARK MARKET, WEST END

A visit to West End's Davies Park Market is your chance to mix with some of Brisbane's most cosmopolitan residents. Held under the canopy of

Davies Park's giant fig trees, these markets are open every Saturday from 6am. Explore the array of stalls filled with organic produce, flowers, pre-loved clothing and bric-a-brac as well as taste some of the fresh cuisine and local produce on offer.

SOUTH BANK LIFESTYLE MARKET

Set in Brisbane's premier recreational, cultural and leisure district, the South Bank Lifestyle Market is a hive of activity and a "must-see" experience while in Brisbane. Open every Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday, the South Bank Lifestyle Market features an exciting range of art, craft, homeware, collectables, exotic items, designer fashion and much more. If you'd like to see the best of Brisbane's up-and-coming designers and artists selling a range of fashion and accessories, jewellery, homeware, object design furniture and art, you can also check out the Young Designers Market on the first Sunday of every month, alongside the weekly South Bank Lifestyle Market.

BLEEDING HEART MARKETS

The Bleeding Heart Markets are held quarterly, right in the heart of the city, and offer an assorted mix of handmade items and art from local artisans, with stalls wrapping around the gallery verandah and flowing out to the front gardens. Trawl through a mix of handmade art and vintage items like prints, illustrations and jewellery, accessories, and meet the talented people responsible for these clever crafts.

SUITCASE RUMMAGE

On the first and third Sunday of every month, the Suitcase Rummage sets up in Reddacliff Place between midday and 5pm. Unlike traditional markets, there are no fold-out tents, tables or clothing racks. Everything is sold from the inside of old suitcases, and you're encouraged to dig around or have a "rummage" through the goods. You'll

find local artists trying to sell their handmade wares, or young folks looking to unload some bric-a-brac. You can also register to sell your own suitcase full of goods.

CHANDLER MARKETS

If you head a little further away from the city, you'll find the Chandler Markets, where farmers and growers come to display their produce and locally produced food items. There are more than 400 stalls selling food, produce, plants and collectables, so put on your walking shoes. There's also a live jazz band which performs every week at the market. Get up early, these markets open every Sunday from 5.30am and finish at 1pm.

THE VALLEY MARKETS

For originality and pure atmosphere, it's hard to top the Valley Markets which are on every weekend. Located in the heart of Fortitude Valley in

the Brunswick Street Mall and Chinatown Mall, these markets showcase this vibrant and fun part of town. Best known for their original, locally designed-and-made creations, the city's young and talented designers use these markets as an outlet for their chic designs.

THE FINDERS KEEPERS MARKETS

Unlike some of the more regular weekly or monthly markets, The Finders Keepers Markets happen only twice a year and feature some of the most highly sought-out goods in Australia. Showcasing the work of talented emerging designers and artists from all around Australia and New Zealand, it will be impossible to pass these stalls of designer clothing, stationery, jewellery and more without picking up a high-quality, one-off piece to call your own.

straight from the farm

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

When it comes to food, what I enjoy most are the farmers' markets and the great variety of fresh produce they offer. It is also an option that's better-suited for student budgets!

Because of the multicultural communities, you can find a lot of ingredients for Asian and Middle-Eastern cuisines. The markets I go to most often are the Jan Power's Markets at Reddacliff Place in the city on Wednesdays, and the West End Markets at Davies Park on Saturdays. The West End Markets have a great atmosphere, and are a nice place to visit with friends, have breakfast and just chill.

Ines Valenzuela
Peruvian international student



events & entertainment

Students can access great experiences at discounted prices using the Brisbane Buddy.



When it comes to entertainment and events, Brisbane offers a huge number of activities, days out and things to do for anyone and everyone, regardless of taste or budget.

For experiences unique to Brisbane, there's Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, where you can cuddle a koala, or the amazing Story Bridge Climb. Popular Brisbane events such as the spectacular Riverfire, the famous Ekka and, for sports lovers, the State of Origin, are all must-dos when they appear on the calendar.

Brisbane also hosts a variety of cultural and food events throughout the year such as the Paniyiri Greek Festival and the Caxton Street Seafood Festival.

If you're into live music, The Valley is your go-to destination for local gigs at venues like The Zoo and The Tivoli, while international acts often visit the Brisbane Entertainment Centre, and superstars pack out Suncorp Stadium in the heart of the city.

Lovers of live performance and theatre are well catered for at the Brisbane Powerhouse and Queensland Performing Arts Complex, where comedians, musicals and ballet performances appear on stage.

Movie fans will find everything from the trendy Dendy cinema at Hamilton's Portside for independent films, to the major cinema chains for the latest blockbusters.

While students can access some great experiences at discounted prices using the Brisbane Buddy card, there are also plenty of free things to do around the city.

The Brisbane Cultural Centre, home of the Brisbane Museum, Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art (QAGoMA), offers free entry for their permanent exhibitions. Once you've had your dose of culture, head to South Bank, where you can enjoy a cheap meal in the parklands or a swim at Streets Beach overlooking the Brisbane city skyline.

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student events

Moving to a new city can be daunting – especially when you’re about to embark on something as important as study. Fortunately, Brisbane hosts a range of initiatives specifically designed to help international students feel welcome during their stay and help them become familiar with the city.

BRISBANE WELCOMES INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FESTIVAL

The Brisbane Welcomes International Students (BWIS) festival is the ultimate annual welcome experience for Brisbane’s new and existing international students.

Held at South Bank in early March, BWIS is Australia’s largest international student inclusion and city orientation day event, welcoming students from all over the world.

Learn about leisure activities, employment and migration services, city health and safety, transport, accommodation and more, and enjoy a great mix of local and international food and entertainment, as well as a stack of competitions throughout the day. Of course, this event also gives you a chance to meet plenty of other students and key people who can help you throughout your stay.

LORD MAYOR’S INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FRIENDSHIP CEREMONIES

Another important event is the Lord Mayor’s International Student Friendship Ceremonies. At multiple times and places throughout the year, the Lord Mayor of Brisbane holds Friendship Ceremonies to thank international students for choosing to study in Brisbane and to encourage them to remain lifelong friends of the city.

The ceremonies are a rare opportunity for students to receive a personally signed Certificate of Friendship and have a photo taken with the Lord Mayor.

You’ll also experience traditional, Indigenous Australian culture with a live performance by Aboriginal dancers. A student band, a great resource bag and a hearty free lunch round out the day.

ORIENTATION WEEK

Finally, as you start a new course or degree, you’ll need to become acquainted with your new campus and your local student associations. You’ll also need to meet your teachers and professors, as well as the staff who will be looking after you while you study.

Orientation Week (O-Week), held at the beginning of each semester by most institutions, is designed to assist students with this transition to campus life in a relaxed atmosphere. Get ready for plenty of info sessions, market stalls and group activities, with a few parties thrown in as well.



Brisbane hosts a range of initiatives to help international students feel welcome during their stay.

fun on a budget

FREE MUSIC

Brisbane has been home to some of the most influential Australian bands and artists of the past 40 years, from 1980s jangle-pop band The Go-Betweens to alternative rock band Powderfinger. Music lovers can continue to discover local talent through Australia's largest, longest-running, free live music program, The City Sounds. With music in nine CBD locations every week, head to the city to enjoy a range of genres, including alternative, acoustic and folk, to jazz, reggae, and electro.



Chilling out at Streets Beach in South Bank after a barbecue is just awesome.

*Remy Scotto D'Apollonia
French international student*

SPORTING VENUES

Australians love their sport, and Brisbane has some of Australia's best sporting grounds and venues. Whether you want to experience a game of soccer, rugby union or rugby league, head to Suncorp Stadium, where there's hardly a bad seat in the house. The world-famous Gabba is the place for cricket but it's also home to the Brisbane Lions if you'd like to see a game of Australian rules.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Take advantage of the warm summer nights and watch a movie in the park. Bring along a picnic rug and a hamper of snacks, and take advantage of Brisbane City Council's free outdoor movies in selected parks across Brisbane. For information about movie dates and times in your area, check the council website at brisbane.qld.gov.au.



BRISBANE POWERHOUSE

The Brisbane Powerhouse presents a diverse and much-loved free program of events and exhibitions to complement its packed paid program and dining options. Each week you can catch famous, or soon-to-be famous, comedians and musicians entertaining the crowd, thanks to the Powerhouse's free programs like Livewired, Saturday Sessions and Live Spark. The walls at the Brisbane Powerhouse are home to a number of free visual arts exhibitions throughout the year from Australian and international artists.

HANDY HINT

Access a fantastic range of activities and discounts throughout Brisbane with the Brisbane Buddy card. Find out how you can visit Lone Pine, go on a river cruise, and get discounts at a great range of retailers around Brisbane and more for one terrific price at studybrisbane.com/buddy.

MOUNT COOT-THA LOOKOUT

There's no better place to take in the breathtaking panorama of Brisbane City than on the top of Mount Coot-tha. By day, you can see the sun shining over Brisbane and out to Moreton Bay. By night, a fairyland of glittering lights and starlit sky surrounds you - the perfect place for a night of romance and wonderment. A cafe and restaurant located at this lookout make this a great place to spend a few hours enjoying the view.

CHEAP TUESDAYS

Tuesdays are a day to look forward to, with local haunts offering great value to those in the know. You can score 2-for-1 meals at restaurants like Paddington's Caxton Street Hotel, or \$2 tacos at the Regatta Hotel. Catch the latest movies on a Tuesday and take advantage of discounted tickets from most cinemas across Brisbane. If you're looking to have a fun night out, why not head to Strike Bowling in the Wintergarden, where you can knock down some pins at a 2-for-1 price.

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SOUTH BANK

Brisbane's iconic parklands offer everything from yoga to dance classes and aqua activities in various venues dotted around this 2km stretch of green space. Streets Beach is a highlight as Brisbane's only inner-city beach and you can enjoy a swim while overlooking Brisbane's beautiful skyline. There are weekly outdoor markets every Friday to Sunday, a cinema showing the latest blockbusters, shops and a number of cafes, bars and restaurants to keep you entertained at South Bank.

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parks & outdoor spaces

Brisbane has plenty of parks and outdoor spaces that can be accessed year-round.

KANGAROO POINT CLIFFS PARK

Offering impressive early morning or evening views, extending across the river to the city and beyond to the mountains, the cliffs are a popular picnic spot, as well as an abseiling destination for thrill-seekers.

The cliffs offer gas barbecues and eating spots, interspersed between vibrant river's edge sculptures, walking and cycling tracks.

Those who want to do more than just spend a day by the Brisbane River can head to Riverlife for activities like kayaking and paddle boarding.

A: Kangaroo Point Cliffs, River Tce, Kangaroo Point

BRISBANE BOTANIC GARDENS MOUNT COOT-THA

Queensland's premier subtropical botanic gardens, the Brisbane Botanic Gardens at Mt Coot-tha are home to the largest collection of Australian native rainforest trees in the world.

Discover the collection of native and exotic plants in the 52ha gardens or take a walk through the Japanese garden for the collection of bonsai trees.

If you're into astronomy, head to the Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium to see recreations of Brisbane's night sky in the cosmic Skydome.

A: Mt Coot-tha Rd, Toowong

HANDY HINT

Find a park near your suburb by visiting the Brisbane City Council website at brisbane.qld.gov.au

NEW FARM PARK

Only three CityCat stops from the CBD are the beautifully shaded surrounds of New Farm Park. The wide open spaces are perfect for picnickers or those who just want to lie down and soak up the sunshine.

The historic Brisbane Powerhouse is right next to New Farm Park, as is an enclosed dog park where your pooch can make some furry friends.

If you're there on a weekend, you may be lucky enough to catch the Jan Power's Farmers Markets which are on twice a month.

A: Lamington St, New Farm



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If there's one thing you can be sure of when visiting Brisbane, it's that you'll be welcomed with open arms and encouraged to truly embrace our many proud traditions.

Brisbane hosts a range of iconic events and festivals that observe the traditions important to us and that celebrate our culture.

Australia Day is celebrated nationally on 26 January and marks the landing of the first settler Australians at Port Jackson in present-day Sydney. The day now expresses the national diversity which has become such an important part of the Australian character, and many new citizenship ceremonies are held on this public holiday.

On 25 April every year, Anzac Day is held to commemorate the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli on that date and to honor the Australian servicemen and women who have served since then.

The Brisbane Festival is a show of fine arts such as classical music, theatre and live performances, running for almost a month in September at various locations across the city. Culminating in the Riverfire event, feast your eyes on our most spectacular fireworks display paying tribute to the Brisbane River.

Known as Brisbane's Biggest Street Party, the Valley Fiesta is a must-do event. The three-day festival sees some of the country's best musicians take to a range of stages to perform for free.

Some say you're not a true Queenslander unless you follow a sport – be it rugby union, rugby league, AFL or cricket. For a true Queensland sporting experience, don't miss the State of Origin, a Queensland versus New South Wales rugby league match, the biggest sporting event uniting the state like no other.

Then there's the iconic Ekka – our annual royal show. There's plenty to do to keep you entertained over this 10-day exhibition. Enjoy thrill rides at Sideshow Alley, see the range of exhibits such as baby farm animals and wood-chopping competitions and indulge in carnival foods like fairy floss and dagwood dogs.

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MOVIES

Whether you're a fan of Hollywood blockbusters, romantic comedies, or art-house films, losing yourself in a movie can be a great way to capture your imagination and escape reality, at least for a couple of hours.

No matter what type of movie you enjoy, Brisbane has a number of venues you can head to, to be entertained.

Conveniently located in the Myer Centre, Event Cinemas offers new movie releases and blockbusters with regular film sessions throughout the day and night. Or head to the former Imax cinema at South Bank, where you can watch the latest movies at student-friendly prices.

If independent and international films are more to your liking, the Palace Cinemas in New Farm or at The Barracks are stylish cinema venues that often play host to international film festivals. Otherwise, head to Hamilton's Portside Wharf precinct where the Dendy cinema complex offers cinema-goers luxury stadium seating and a fully licensed bar.



MUSIC

Brisbane's The City Sounds program offers visitors to the CBD free live music every week, but there are a number of music venues across Brisbane that music lovers can head to for the freshest line-up of local, national and international acts.

One of the most popular music venues in Brisbane, The Tivoli has hosted many great bands on its intimate stage. Smaller than many venues, it puts you up close and personal with your favourite musicians at an affordable price.

Beginning as a cafe and pool hall, The Zoo in Fortitude Valley has reached iconic status, having hosted more than 1000 live acts, including Ben Harper, Silverchair, Spiderbait and Powderfinger.

Queensland's premier entertainment venue, the Brisbane Entertainment Centre, hosts the biggest performers from around the world, including Beyonce, Coldplay and Bruno Mars. Just 16km from the CBD, the Entertainment Centre is conveniently located near the Boondall train station, and regular buses travel to and from Boondall.



MUSEUMS & ART

Spend some time learning about the history of Brisbane at the Queensland Museum. Located at Brisbane's Cultural Centre in South Brisbane, the museum houses permanent and changing exhibitions. It also provides in-depth educational experiences, innovative public programs, and showcases the natural history, cultural heritage, science and human achievement that reflect the changing story of Queensland's history.

On the other side of the Cultural Precinct lives Queensland's premier visual arts institution, the Queensland Art Gallery (QAG) and Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA). Connecting people and art through a dynamic program of Australian and international exhibitions, both galleries showcase work from a diverse range of historical and contemporary artists. Entry is free for any permanent exhibitions, though the galleries often host an array of exclusive international exhibitions. Past exhibitions have included Andy Warhol, the Valentino Retrospective, Portrait of Spain and the Asia Pacific Triennial.

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public holidays & cultural events



BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY

Each year, South Bank hosts the Buddha Birth Day Festival, in the first week of May. The most significant day of the year for Buddhists, Buddha's birthday celebrates the birth, enlightenment and death of Sakyamuni Buddha, the founder of Buddhism. Attracting 200,000 visitors each year, the festival features a range of displays, cultural customs and entertainment and vegetarian food stalls. It is recognised as one of the largest annual Buddhist festivals in the world.



PANIYIRI

Starting as a way for the Greek community to come together every year, the Paniyiri Greek Festival has become Queensland's longest-running cultural festival and a way for Greek Australians to share their cultural traditions with Brisbane. Held in West End's Musgrave Park, the festival attracts more than 50,000 people each year to enjoy morsels of honey puffs, souvlaki and haloumi from over 30 food stalls, while watching famous Greek dances like the Zorba being performed on stage.



LUNAR NEW YEAR

Lunar New Year is the longest and most important celebration in many Asian cultures, including Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean. Beginning on the first day of the lunar calendar, usually in late January or early February, this holiday is traditionally spent celebrating with family. Celebrations are held in Chinatown for the Chinese community who come out and watch lion dances, martial arts performances and light firecrackers to bring in the New Year.

2014 Public Holidays

New Year's Day - 1 January
 Australia Day - 26 January
 Good Friday - 18 April
 Easter Saturday - 19 April
 Easter Monday - 21 April
 Anzac Day - 25 April
 Queen's Birthday - 9 June
 Ekka People's Day - 13 August
 Labour Day - 6 October
 Christmas Day - 25 December
 Boxing Day - 26 December



BRISASIA FESTIVAL

From Friday 31 January to Saturday 1 March 2014, Brisbane will be celebrating the BrisAsia Festival.

Featuring a range of traditional and contemporary Asian arts and cultural events and programs across the city, this Brisbane City Council initiative celebrates the connections and friendships Brisbane has with our local Asian communities.

Look forward to experiencing traditional arts and culture through the work of Asian artists, and engage with local Asian businesses, communities and other international students.

For more information about the Council's BrisAsia Festival events visit brisbane.qld.gov.au/BrisAsiaFestival.



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While Brisbane offers easy access to the rest of Australia – with short flights to all states available from Brisbane Airport – there’s plenty to do in and around the beautiful Sunshine State of Queensland.

Spend time at Mt Coot-tha’s botanical gardens for a relaxing day out, or head to Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary to get close to iconic Australian wildlife.

Greater Brisbane is home to a wide range of activities. Explore lush rainforests in the Scenic Rim, see whales and dolphins in Moreton Bay, go horse-riding or skydiving in the Lockyer Valley, see the heritage buildings of Ipswich or enjoy locally caught seafood in the Redlands.

An hour’s drive south of Brisbane will get you to the Gold Coast, home to some of the world’s best theme parks – Warner Bros. Movie World, Dreamworld and Sea World – and some of the world’s most famous beaches.

A little further south you’ll find yourself in northern New South Wales, where you can enjoy world-renowned Byron Bay or hidden treasures such as Tweed Heads and Coolangatta.

Take a detour and you’ll find yourself at Mt Tamborine, where you can take in spectacular

views, delicious homemade food, wineries and specialty shops.

For a less touristy take on Queensland beaches, head north of Brisbane to the stunning Sunshine Coast. Known for its delicious cuisine, beautiful beaches and quiet calm, the Sunshine Coast offers something for all ages.

The Sunshine Coast is also home to Australia Zoo – owned by the family of the late Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin – and Underwater World, where you’ll get up close and personal with an abundance of sea creatures.

If it’s a weekend getaway you’re after, there are plenty of affordable options.

North Stradbroke Island – or Straddie as it’s known in Queensland – is a short drive and ferry trip away. It’s the second-largest sand island in the world and offers both resort and camping options, making it a great budget getaway.

Of course, if you want to explore the rest of Australia, Brisbane Airport will take you there. With Sydney just an hour’s flight away and Melbourne just two hours away, you’ll be experiencing the heart of Australian culture in no time.



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know your suburb

Arriving in a new city is an exciting time. Everything is new and you can't wait to discover all there is to know about your new home. So where do you start exploring?

Brisbane is divided into residential areas called suburbs, each with a distinct feel and charming characteristics. Spend a day of shopping in the city, relax with an afternoon coffee in West End, and head to Fortitude Valley for a night of music and dancing.

Discover some of Brisbane's unique suburbs and find out why the locals love them.

THE CITY

In the very heart of Brisbane is the city. It is known as the Central Business District (CBD), and thousands of people flock here every day for work, study and shopping. The streets are named after British royalty, with male names running east-west and female names running north-south. Queen Street Mall is well known for its fantastic shopping options, but head to King George Square and take a tour of City Hall, or walk along Eagle Street Pier to catch the CityCat and enjoy a view of Brisbane's beloved Story Bridge.

ASCOT & HAMILTON

Flowering poinciana trees line the streets of Ascot and Hamilton, providing a canopy of red flowers set against a backdrop of gracious old homes and white picket fences. Racecourse Road is the central spine of the area, home to fine dining, sophisticated cafes and boutiques. On race days the street is flooded with fashionistas and traditional racegoers as they stroll towards Eagle Farm Racecourse. Towards the river, Portside Wharf Cruise Terminal sits among trendy riverside apartments in Hamilton and is a welcome port for world-class restaurants, gourmet delights, designer fashion, weekend markets and an art-house cinema.

BRISBANE GREETERS

Let Brisbane Greeters introduce you to our city's warmth and welcoming heart. Brisbane Greeters are proud and passionate local volunteers who want to share Brisbane's best spots and introduce you to our vibrant city. The friendly team of Greeters know the city's hidden corners and want to ensure you get the most from your Brisbane experience.

BULIMBA & HAWTHORNE

Bulimba and Hawthorne are home to classic old cinemas, art galleries, bookshops, alfresco eateries and beautifully renovated Queenslanders, making this former sugar cane and pineapple growing district a great place to visit and explore. With features reminiscent of an old fishing town, the quaint riverside suburbs of Bulimba and Hawthorne combine village charm with contemporary elegance. Oxford St pulses during the day, with visitors and locals spending time between shopping in the eclectic boutiques and enjoying cappuccinos in the chic cafes.

FORTITUDE VALLEY

The Valley, as it's affectionately known by locals, was Australia's first dedicated entertainment district and continues to be a hive of activity, alive with the sounds of people and music. Live music thrives in venues such as The Zoo and Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts, and international DJs are drawn to the clubs and bars that come alive at night. Home to Brisbane's Chinatown Mall, The Valley is where heritage-listed properties proudly stand among new and contemporary structures.

They have more than 100 Greeters who can help you find your way in more than 20 different languages. Whether you're a local, here on business, a student, visiting or choosing Brisbane as your new home; they're looking forward to meeting you.

To book your free greet, go to brisbanegreeters.com.au.

KANGAROO POINT & WOOLLOONGABBA

Few other suburbs can match Kangaroo Point for its views and natural beauty. Standing atop the ancient cliffs, the unmasked views of the river, city attractions and mountains show Brisbane at its best whether it's as the sun is rising or as the city skyline lights up in the evening. Head further south and you'll reach Woolloongabba. Perhaps best known for its sports stadium, The Gabba, its reputation as Brisbane's antique precinct has bargain hunters and furniture enthusiasts browsing the stores on weekends.

MILTON

Milton is Brisbane's little corner of Europe, with the iconic La Dolce Vita taking centre stage since 1989. A distinctly Brisbane attraction with a European flavour, you'll find cafes and restaurants nestled under a miniature replica of the Eiffel Tower. Football lovers flock to the suburb most weekends as Suncorp Stadium comes alive to host rugby league, rugby union or soccer games.

NEW FARM & TENERIFFE

Originally a farming area and later an industrial hub with boat moorings and commercial wool stores, Teneriffe has undergone an urban transformation. Trendy apartments replaced the old wool stores and sugar refinery, and restaurants, cafes and boutiques have followed. New Farm encourages an outdoor lifestyle, with tree-lined streets and unique spaces such as Brisbane Powerhouse and the heart of the suburb, New Farm Park. Nearby, fashion precinct James Street offers high-end fashion boutiques, trendy watering holes, cheeky cafes and a movie theatre that screens fabulous foreign films.

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SOUTH BANK

Cross the river from the CBD on the Victoria Bridge and you'll find South Bank, Brisbane's thriving cultural heart. Home to the Cultural Centre, where you'll find museums, art galleries and theatres, the suburb has a solid reputation for securing large-scale musicals and international art exhibitions. South Bank also has a more playful side and is a popular destination for locals and tourists alike who come to the parklands to bask in the glorious Queensland sunshine, swim at the man-made beach or relax at the cafes, parks and boardwalks.

WEST END

The inner-city suburb of West End is a lively mixture of cultural attractions and is the bohemian heart of Brisbane. The quirky local style can be described as a fusion of the multicultural and the alternative. Vintage shops line the streets alongside ethnic grocers and restaurants. A suburb with a hipster feel and a hippy heart describes the atmosphere that reflects this suburb's eclectic personality.

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THE REDLANDS

From the bustling coastal village of Wellington Point – known for its great fishing, boating, and water sports – to Victoria Point, where seaside parks and esplanades draw family and friends to picnic, cycle, and swim, the Redlands is both a charming and revitalising experience. Cleveland has many preserved links to its colonial past, and history buffs will be keen to visit sites along Cleveland's local Heritage Trail.

NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND

North Stradbroke Island, or Straddie, is known for some of the most spectacular scenery in Australia. Three little townships on the island provide a relaxed village atmosphere, with a variety of cafes and restaurants often filled with locals, surfers and sun-baked tourists. Go whale watching from a number of vantage points or try some of the best scuba diving in the world from Point Lookout.

LOCKYER VALLEY

The Lockyer Valley offers a unique experience, a world of fascinating history, rich culture and stunning contrasts of natural beauty. Enjoy the perfect mix of town and country living, with everything from top class restaurants and art galleries to hot-air ballooning, skydiving, birdwatching, horse riding, stunning national parks and country markets within easy reach.

LOGAN CITY

Logan City offers a wealth of hidden treasures, from pristine natural bushland and diverse native wildlife to adrenaline-pumping adventure and historic landmarks. This vibrant city has stunning riverside parks and endless options for retail therapy. Nestled between Brisbane and the Gold Coast, Logan is perfect for a day trip.



SOMERSET

The rolling hills and green open spaces of Somerset are only an hour away from the lights of Brisbane City. Horse-riding enthusiasts will relish the tracks that weave and climb throughout the pastures and hillsides of Esk, and lovers of water sports will find it hard to stay away from the lure of the giant lakes within Somerset and Wivenhoe. You can also go hiking, mountain climbing, abseiling and experience some of the best skydiving in the Southern Hemisphere.

IPSWICH

Attracting visitors to its vast green spaces, heritage buildings and growing cosmopolitan dining options, Ipswich's urban charm holds an ever-present appeal. As Queensland's oldest provincial city, Ipswich is surrounded by history. Enjoy the old buildings, antiques and specially designed Heritage Trails and Tours. With over 5000 ha of parklands and conservation estates, you can picnic, hike, mountain bike or horse ride while admiring the best that nature has to offer.

MORETON ISLAND

Just off Brisbane's shore is the third-largest sand island in the world. Moreton Island's crystal-clear lakes and lagoons exist among tall sand dunes, abundant wildflowers and pristine beaches. After you've hand-fed the dolphins under the stars, organise a trip to dive or snorkel among the mysterious wrecks and colourful coral reefs. The adventurous can try quad biking, four-wheel driving or sand tobogganing.

SCENIC RIM

Follow the changing landscape west and you'll find yourself in the Scenic Rim, Brisbane's World Heritage-listed backyard, home to lush rainforests, spectacular mountain ranges and ancient landforms. Food and wine, camping, bushwalking, art, history and adventures are all here, tied together by the landscape and the beautiful towns and villages dotted throughout. Experience the hot-air ballooning, fishing, water skiing and wine tasting as you discover the winding roads and natural fauna and flora.

SUNSHINE COAST

An hour and a half north of Brisbane are the pristine beaches, freshwater rivers and lakes and subtropical forests of the Sunshine Coast. The beaches of Noosa, Maroochydore and Caloundra are well loved, while the cool and creative types can enjoy the hinterland villages of Maleny, Montville and Mapleton. You'll also find attractions like Australia Zoo, Aussie World and UnderWater World.

GOLD COAST

From the iconic Surfers Paradise beach to the sophisticated dining precincts of Main Beach and Broadbeach and out to the lush, green hinterland, the Gold Coast offers fun and exciting experiences only an hour from Brisbane. Thrill seekers can enjoy a day at one of the many theme parks which include Dreamworld, Movie World, Sea World and Wet 'n' Wild Water World.

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BRISBANE WHALE WATCHING

Whale watching is an exciting experience, and while most people will never get to see this extraordinary natural marvel, you can see humpback whales migrate to warmer waters only 30 minutes from Brisbane's CBD. Head to Redcliffe and jump aboard Brisbane Whale Watching's luxury vessel, Eye Spy, to see the southern humpback whales migrate from the Antarctic region all the way to Queensland's Great Barrier Reef for mating season between June and late October.

W: brisbanewhalewatching.com.au

LONE PINE KOALA SANCTUARY

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary is the first and largest koala sanctuary in the world. It is on natural surrounds on the Brisbane River and you'll find over 130 koalas living alongside kangaroos, dingoes, wombats and many other Australian native animals. Spend the day interacting with Australia's unique wildlife and cuddle a koala, hand-feed kangaroos and lorikeets, and if you're brave, have your photo taken holding a snake or baby crocodile!

W: koala.net

NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND SURF SCHOOL

Surfing is synonymous with the iconic golden beaches of Australia. If this is an activity you'd like to try during your time in Brisbane, North Stradbroke Island Surf School can help you get up on a board and begin surfing like a professional. Lessons are held in the pristine waters of Point Lookout on North Stradbroke Island, a short water taxi ride from Cleveland on Brisbane's bayside.

W: northstradbrokeislandsurfschool.com.au

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W: sbac.net.au

TANGALOOMA WRECKS

The clear waters, excellent visibility and pleasant water temperature make Moreton Bay Marine Park a diving and snorkelling haven. Hundreds of species of colourful fish, crustaceans, coral, turtles, and dolphins are found around the many wrecks and reefs scattered around Moreton Island - in particular, the wrecks just north of Tangalooma which have become an accidental underwater home to a veritable myriad of amazing marine life.

W: visitbrisbane.com.au



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Surrounded by crystal-clear waters and fringed by Moreton Island National Park, Tangalooma offers a wide range of accommodation and dining options to suit all budgets and tastes. The star attraction is undoubtedly the unforgettable experience of hand-feeding wild bottlenose dolphins. All overnight and various day cruise packages allow you the opportunity to wade into the water and feed these playful creatures.

Guests also have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of tours and activities, including: Desert Safari tour with sand tobogganing, ATV quad bike tours, Whale Watching Cruise (June to October),

Marine Discovery Cruise, four-wheel-drive tours, parasailing, snorkelling, helicopter scenic flights and many more. There is also the option of 40 free land-based activities. Visit the Tangalooma Marine Education and Conservation Centre to gain an insight into the marine life that call Moreton Bay home, or participate in one of the guided tours accompanied by an eco ranger. Dining facilities at the resort include Turisops Buffet Restaurant, Beach House Rotunda Restaurant, Beach Cafe and Coffee Shop.

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North Stradbroke Island – or Straddie as it's known in Queensland – is a short drive and ferry trip away. It's the second-largest sand island in the world and offers both resort and camping options, making it a great budget getaway.

South of the border and you're in northern New South Wales where you'll find the beaches of Byron Bay.

For a true tropical adventure, a two-hour plane ride will take you to Cairns where you'll have access to the world-famous Great Barrier Reef, with its spectacular snorkelling and diving opportunities.

Of course, if you want to explore the rest of Australia, head to Brisbane Airport and you'll be experiencing the heart of Australian culture in no time.

Qantas, Virgin Australia and Jetstar are the three main airlines offering flights in and around Australia. Each regularly announces sale fares, so keep your eyes on their websites for deals that will get you to your next travel destination.

Fly into Sydney, just an hour's flight away, for the famous Opera House and Harbour Bridge, while Melbourne, known for its restaurant and cafe culture, is just two hours away.

Let's not forget Adelaide, with its beautiful wine regions; the busy metropolis of Perth; and Australia's capital city Canberra.

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Whitsundays: Visit an island paradise! Relax on white sandy beaches, have fun snorkelling, or go sailing.

Cairns: Fly to Cairns and see the beautiful Great Barrier Reef. You will be amazed at the colourful fish and coral while snorkelling or scuba diving.

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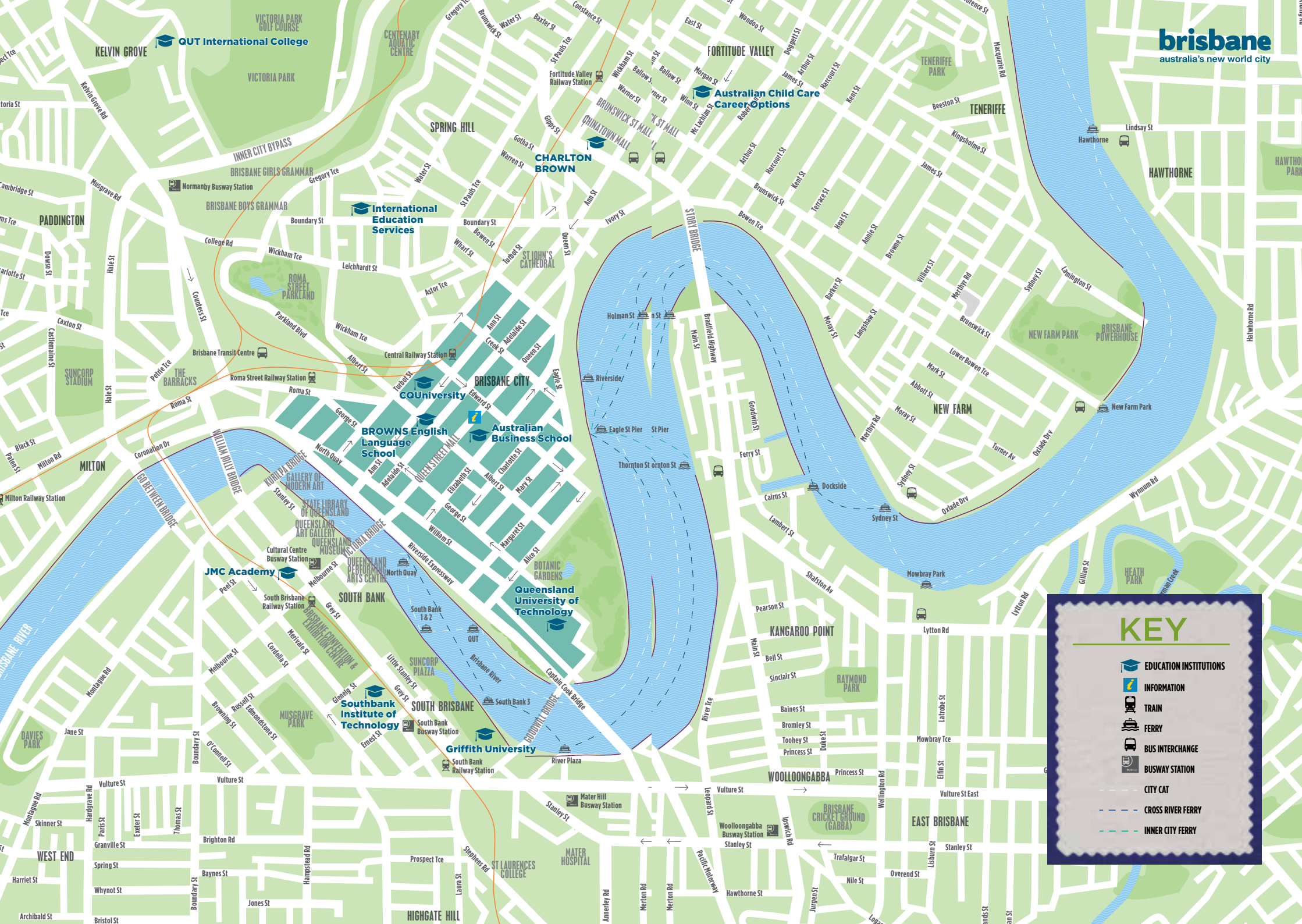
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
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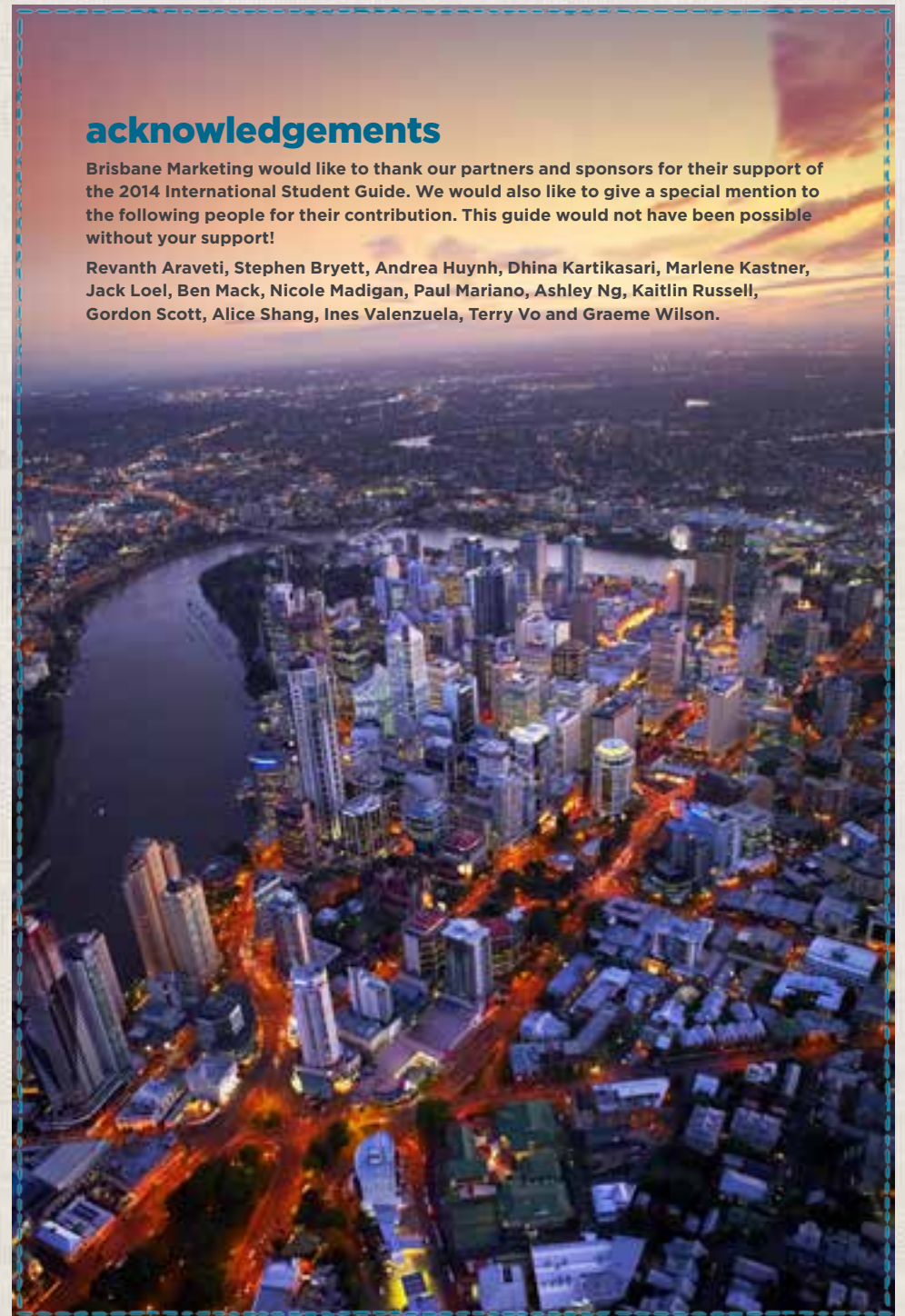
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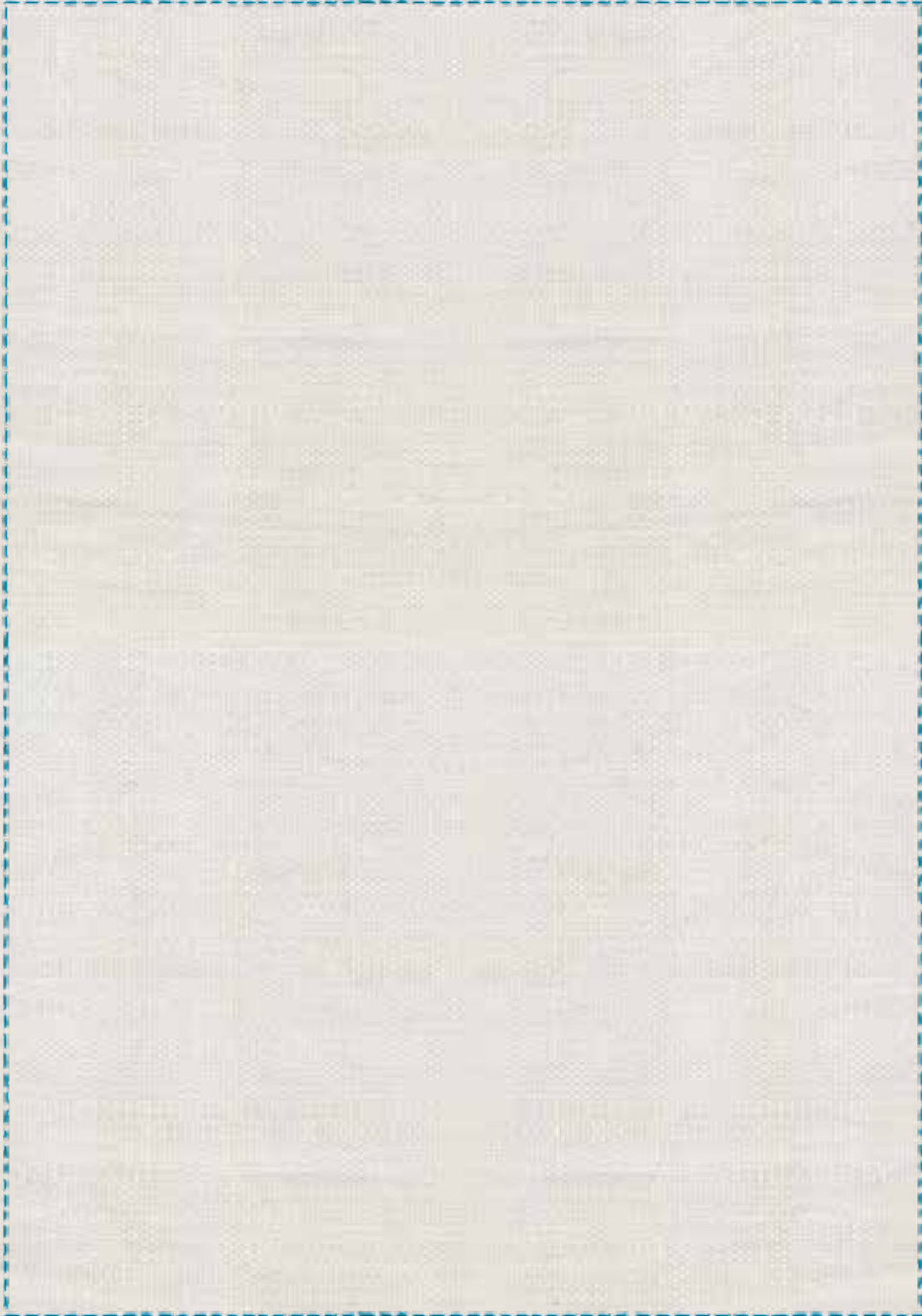
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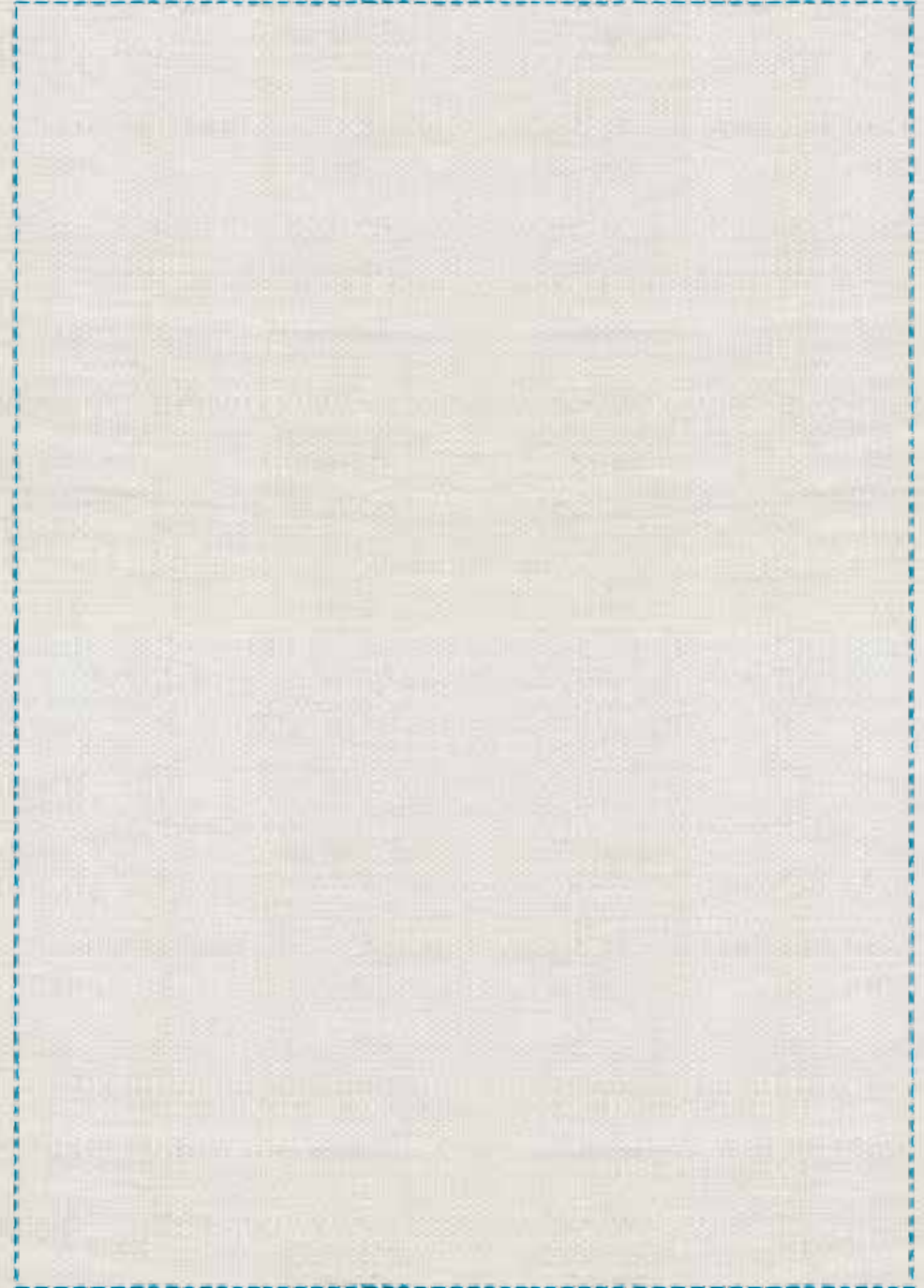
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