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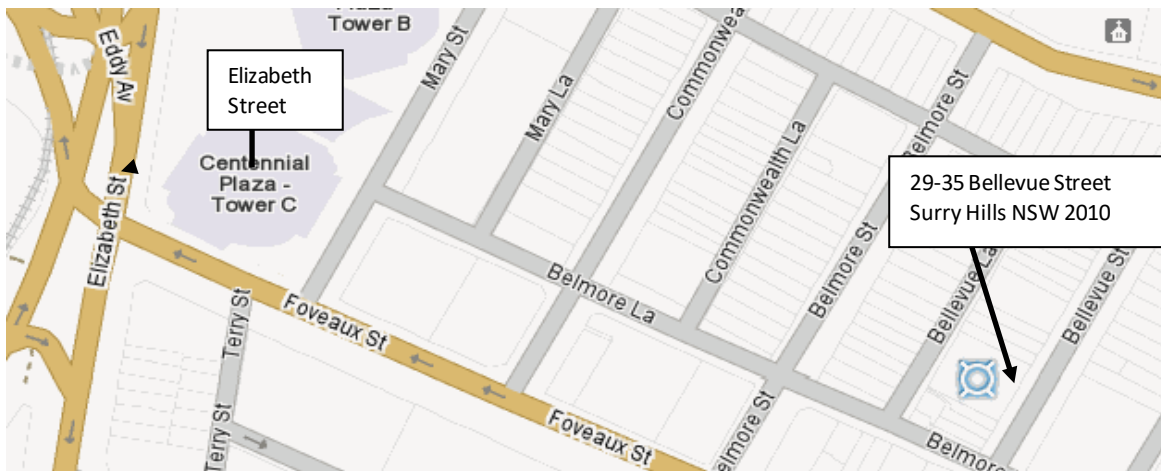
WELCOME

UniSQ SYDNEY EDUCATION CENTRE WELCOMES YOU TO STUDY IN SYDNEY

This Pre-Arrival information is designed to assist you in organising and preparing for your arrival to Sydney. UniSQ Sydney Education Centre (UniSQ Sydney) wishes you well in your travel to Sydney.

For further information about UniSQ Sydney please visit the [website](#).

LOCATION



UniSQ Sydney is located in an office building in Bellevue Street. You can get to UniSQ Sydney by bus or train.

If you travel by bus get off at Central, and walk towards Elizabeth Street.

If you travel by train get off at Central Station, take the Elizabeth Street exit and walk towards Foveaux Street.

Please visit the [transport NSW](#) website for more information regarding travel via bus or train.

Bellevue St is located on the left of Foveaux St as you walk towards Foveaux St from Central station. The location is indicated on the map and also noted below.

Location:

Reception, Level 1,
29-35 Bellevue Street,
Surry Hills, NSW, 2010
AUSTRALIA
Ph: +61 2 9280 3733

PRE DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

As you prepare to depart your country for UniSQ Sydney, you may use this checklist to ensure you are adequately prepared for your journey.

Pre-Departure During the COVID-19:

Please make sure that you:

- Check and meet the travel requirements of the [Department of Home Affairs](#)
- Make sure you know [what you need to do before you travel to Australia](#)
- Check the [New South Wales \(NSW\) government](#) website for international travel rules and regulations.

See further details at: <https://www.australia.gov.au/travelling-to-australia>

Please ensure you bring the following documents with you to Australia

- Current and valid passport.
- Current Student Visa OR other valid Australian Visa.
- Exit visa (from your country, if necessary).
- Passport size photographs.
- Medical records, vaccination records, doctor's prescription of any medication that you are currently prescribed, reading glasses.
- Confirmation of Enrolment from UniSQ Sydney.
- Receipt/s of payment made to UniSQ Sydney.
- ID card (driver's license, birth certificate).
- Credit card, Travellers' cheques, AUD (Australian Dollars) approximately \$1000 in cash.
- Transcripts, certificates and course syllabuses of any study undertaken by you.
- Work experience certificates and resume.
- Marriage certificate if you are bringing your spouse with you or intend to bring spouse to Australia.
- If you have children, their birth certificates, academic certificates.

What you need to organise before you leave your country

- Apply for and be granted a valid Australian Student Visa
- Book air travel and arrange to arrive in Sydney one week before classes commence in order to participate in the Orientation program.
- Complete all medical examinations, eye and dental checks. Dental treatment is not covered by Overseas Student Health Cover (Health insurance), and is an expensive treatment in Australia
- Arrange temporary accommodation before arrival in Sydney

Checklist of clothing to bring with you

In summer most people wear light cotton clothes whereas in winter people wear slacks, a sweater/ coat and closed shoes. It is advisable that you bring suitable clothes with you.

- Please organise to bring clothes with you for winter such as thermals (special clothes designed to retain body heat), winter jacket to keep you warm from cold and wind, wool socks, wool scarf, sweatshirt, and slacks
- Shoes – a pair of black leather shoes, pair of slippers/sandals, pair of sports shoes
- Bed linen and a light blanket – quilt
- Umbrella and raincoat

CLIMATE IN AUSTRALIA

The four seasons in Sydney are listed below:

- Summer is from December to February
- Autumn is from March to May
- Winter is from June to August
- Spring is from September to November.

Rain is expected any time through the year. Sometimes there are light showers and at other times thunderstorms. In summer day temperatures can exceed 35 degrees Celsius and in winter the average day temperatures (June/ July) is 16 degrees Celsius. For further information regarding climate in Sydney please refer to: www.sydney.com.au/weather.htm

COST OF LIVING IN SYDNEY

It is strongly recommended that you organise to bring with you enough funds to support you and your dependents during your study in Australia.

As per Department of Home Affairs guidelines the financial requirements per year are outlined in the table below:

| Expenses | Per Person | Amount required in AUD |
|----------|-------------------------------|---|
| Travel | Applicant | Return air fare to Australia |
| | Family members | One return air fare to Australia per person |
| Tuition | Applicant | Course fees |
| | School-age children aged 5-18 | \$8,000 AUD per year |
| Living | Applicant | \$21,041 AUD per year |
| | Partner | \$7,362 AUD per year |
| | Child | \$3,152 AUD per year |

For further information please visit the [Department of Home Affairs](http://www.dhca.gov.au) website.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

As per student visa compliance requirements students and their dependants are required to have visa length health cover. Please talk to the UniSQ Sydney staff located at Level 1, 29-37 Bellevue Street, Surry Hills 2010 for information on fees and charges.

All international students are required to have a valid Overseas Student Health Cover policy for the duration of their stay in Australia. UniSQ Sydney provides Overseas Student Health Cover via Medibank as an option. Should students take a policy on their own accord they need to ensure the policy covers the duration of their student visa and a copy of their policy must be provided at the time of acceptance.

If you are accompanied by a spouse and/or dependent children, you will need to pay a family premium.

For more information on OSHC Medibank* visit the [Medibank website](#).

***Please note:** fees are subject to change

For further information on other OSHC providers visit [PrivateHealth.gov.au](#)

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

Information on Accommodation Options in Sydney

UniSQ Sydney does not have on campus accommodation facilities for International students.

The following is a list of private hotels/hostels that you may contact to organise temporary accommodation when you arrive in Sydney.

For further information on Sydney city and accommodation please refer to: www.sydney.com.au/hotels.htm

Home Stay

Home Stay provides accommodation for students with a family. The facilities provided may differ from one organisation to the other.

The following is a list of some of the Home Stay organizations

Auzzie Families Homestay Care

Suite 4, rear 795 New South Head Road
Rose Bay, NSW 2029
Ph: +61 2 9301 0900
Fax: +61 2 9301 0999
www.auzziefamilies.com

Homestay Network

Ph: +61 2 9412 3100

Mobile phone number: +61 404 077 457

www.homestaynetwork.com.au

Student Agency Sydney Australia

ABN 69 981 807 739

33/7 Regent Street, Wollongong NSW 2500, Australia

Ph: +61 452 181 547

Email: info@studentagency.com.au

Web: www.studentagency.com.au

Long Term Accommodation

For long term rental options and share accommodation please refer to the [Domain website](#).

UniSQ Sydney does not take responsibility for any arrangements made by the student and the concerned accommodation agency.

Self-Care

Students who live in shared accommodation are expected to share household tasks like cleaning and cooking. If you do not know how to cook, it is advisable to bring along simple recipes and learn to cook simple meals prior to arriving in Sydney.

AUSTRALIAN AIRPORT REGULATIONS (CUSTOMS & QUARANTINE)

Australian Customs

On arrival you will be required to present your passport and the completed incoming passenger card to the customs officer, then collect your luggage and proceed to the green or red channel.

- If you do not have any goods to declare follow the green Channel.
- If you have any goods to declare or are unsure, follow the red Channel.

When travelling to Australia; please be aware that **if you are carrying a total of AUD\$10,000 or more in cash of any currency, you MUST declare the money on your incoming passenger card** and when questioned by Australian Customs officials on arrival. A failure to declare this money may result in the money being taken and you being arrested and prosecuted. It is NOT an offence to bring this money into Australia. The offence is not declaring the money.

For information regarding duty free allowance and restricted imports, please refer to:

<https://www.abf.gov.au/>

Australian Quarantine

The Australian Quarantine Service strictly enforces Australian regulations covering items that can and cannot be brought into Australia. **You must declare on the incoming passenger card:**

- **Food**
- **Plant Material – including any wooden items**
- **Animal products.**

Any prohibited items should be placed in the quarantine bins on the way to baggage collection at the airport. Baggage will be checked by both specially trained sniffer dogs and x-ray machines, so take care to declare any items, even if you are unsure about them. On the spot fines can be imposed for failure to declare items. Further information may be obtained at: <https://www.sydney.com/australian-customs-and-quarantine-control>

After you clear Immigration Control and Customs, if you require any additional information regarding accommodation or transport facilities visit the Tourism Information Counter (*i*) where you will be assisted by the staff there.

TRANSPORT FROM SYDNEY AIRPORT

From the airport you may choose to proceed by train, taxi or airport shuttle bus.

- Taxi charges approximately \$45 - \$55 from the airport to the city.
- Train charges approximately \$19 from the airport to Central Station in the city.
- Shuttle Bus approximately \$20 - \$25 from the airport to the city.

Please note: these buses need to be pre-booked.

Visit the [Sydney Airport](#) website for further information on [transport options](#).

STUDENT SAFETY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Please refer to the [Study in Australia](#) website for information regarding health and safety.

Please refer to the [NSW Fair Trading](#) website for information regarding your consumer rights and responsibilities.

STUDENT VISA ISSUES

Australian Student Visa

The Australian Government approves student visas for study in Australia. The Australian Government determines the requirements for the issue of a student visa.

The Australian Government operates an Overseas Student program that allows people who are not Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents to study in Australia. If you wish to study in Australia you must first obtain a student visa.

To be eligible for a student visa you must be accepted for full-time study for the whole or part of the education program you intend to do with UniSQ Sydney and also meet a number of assessment factors and general requirements that have been established by the Australian Government.

The University of Southern Queensland (UniSQ) is a registered provider of education with the Australian Government (CRICOS Institution Code No. QLD 00244B, NSW 02225M).

For all information and advice on applying for your visa ask UniSQ's representative or make contact with your nearest Australian Embassy, Consulate or High Commission. For latest general information please visit the [Department of Home Affairs](#) website.

Australian Student Visa information – <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/study>

Please remember noncompliance with the conditions of your visa may result in the cancellation of your student visa. Visit the [Department of Home Affairs](#) website for further information regarding your student visa conditions.

Dependant Family members

If you have dependants travelling with you to Australia you need to ensure they are covered in your student visa application. School-aged dependants accompanying you to Australia will be required to pay full fees if they are enrolled in either government or non-government schools.

For further information please visit the [Department of Home Affairs](#) website.

For information on schools in New South Wales please refer to:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/> and
<https://www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/home>

It is also compulsory that you and your dependants have valid health cover.

Deferral, Leave of absence and Suspension of studies

Students who need to defer studies or apply for leave of absence for compassionate reasons (such as serious illness, bereavement, crime against the student) during semesters should apply through the Manager- Academic Services, Level 3 for leave from their program and provide evidence of a genuine reason for their inability to study. The [International Leave of Absence form](#) is available on the UniSQ website.

Students who defer studies are expected to leave Australia during the period of their deferral, unless exceptional circumstances prevent them from leaving Australia. UniSQ will notify Department of Home Affairs on the student's behalf to ensure visa compliance.

Please refer to the policy for further information regarding the [assessment of special circumstances procedure](#).

- Student's enrolment may be suspended or cancelled due to poor academic progress.
- Please refer to UniSQ policy relating to [Student Academic Progress Procedure](#)
- Student's enrolment may be suspended or cancelled on the basis of academic misconduct. Please refer to UniSQ policy relating to [Academic Integrity](#)
- Students are required to enroll by the last date to add courses in a given semester.
- Students who are not enrolled and who do not recommence studies in a given semester will be given two (2) weeks as a time frame before their COE is cancelled.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

UniSQ Sydney has resources and staff available to help students if necessary. If you are facing problems of any kind, please do not hesitate to contact the staff. Our highly trained staff are always happy to help you whenever possible. Please take advantage of the support

facilities available before any problems becomes an issue, so that you may have a happy and rewarding experience while you are studying in Sydney.

Orientation program

The orientation program is conducted for all new students arriving on campus at the beginning of each semester. Students are provided with peer support through a mentor program. A briefing is conducted on Australian culture and the study style in Australia. Information is given to students regarding accommodation, student visa conditions, work permits, overseas student health cover, and use of information technology facilities within UniSQ Sydney. The Orientation Program is held at Level 7, 29-35 Bellevue Street, Surry Hills 2010, NSW AUSTRALIA. Ph:+61 2 9280 3733.

Mentor program

UniSQ Sydney organises the mentor program where new students get an opportunity to meet and interact with senior students. This program assists the new students in their adjustment and acts as a support network. The representatives provide students with information on local community associations and cultural support groups. For further information please contact the Manager- Academic Services: lara@usqsydney.nsw.edu.au

Academic Support

In addition to regular lectures and tutorials students are provided with extra academic support such as revision tutorials and peer aided learning. All students must undertake [Mandatory Academic Integrity Training](#) so you can learn about academic integrity, how academic misconduct is managed at UniSQ and resources to help you with your referencing and writing. There are a number of [study support](#) resources and services for students to access.

Peer Tutorial Support

Additional tutorial support and peer tutoring is organised for students requiring academic assistance. This service has been beneficial to students experiencing difficulties in their studies. To register for Peer Tutorials please contact Manager- Academic Services: lara@usqsydney.nsw.edu.au or Ph: +61 2 9280 3733.

Counselling services

UniSQ has Wellness Team that provides [counselling services](#) to all currently enrolled UniSQ Students. The UniSQ counselling service is designed to assist students in dealing with a wide range of problems including homesickness, balancing your studies with other commitments, managing stress, working through relationship or family issues, improving motivation, managing psychological problems and coping with distressing situations. Book a [counselling appointment online](#) or contact the UniSQ Wellness Team: email: usqwellness@usq.edu.au or phone: +61 7 4631 2372.

Student Services

UniSQ provides [student support](#) and information in areas of health and wellbeing, disability support, accessing career advice and how to get in touch with potential employers, welfare support in relation to accessing finance, safety and legal advice, accommodation advice and tips for renting and living with others, and multi-faith services.

Emergency and Crisis Support

Don't forget if you have an emergency requiring an ambulance, fire department or police, call 000 immediately.

STUDENT FACILITIES

UniSQ Sydney Operating Hours

9:00am – 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

Please note: operation hours are subject to change.

Use of Computer Labs and Classrooms

In keeping with accepted practice, the work environment of all students is to be respected. Classrooms and laboratory areas are to be kept clean and tidy. Students are required to remove all litter, work papers, bags and all personal belongings at the end of each class or upon leaving an area. All litter is to be placed in bins appropriately. Classroom furniture such as desks and chairs are to be returned to a neat and tidy position at the end of each session. Classroom equipment such as overhead projectors, computers, televisions and video players can only be moved to another room with the permission of the lecturer and need to be returned after use.

Computer Lab

UniSQ Sydney has 3 well equipped computer laboratories, with free Internet facilities. The computer labs are located at level 1, 29-35 Bellevue Street. Please contact reception at Level 1 for further assistance.

Computer Lab times: 9:00am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday

* **Please note:** operation hours are subject to change.

Resource and Library facilities

Students can borrow books from the Resource Centre at UniSQ Sydney for referencing and study. Students are given access to the UniSQ online library facility. Students are also able to borrow books from other universities under the [ULANZ \(University Libraries of Australia and New Zealand\) borrowing scheme](#). For details on accessing this library please contact the Resource Centre located at Level 1, 29-35 Bellevue Street. Ph: +61 2 9280 3733.

Student Rooms

Bellevue Street campus has student / lunchrooms for recreation and relaxation on level 5. There is also a pool table (please collect pool balls from level 4 reception).

ORIENTATION DETAILS

Orientation Semester 1, 2023- Thursday 16 February 2023

Orientation Semester 2, 2023- Wednesday 5 July 2023

Orientation Semester 3, 2023- Tuesday 7 November 2023

| TIME | PROGRAM |
|-------------------|--|
| 9.30am | Welcome |
| 10.00am – 10:30am | Student Support Services Information on academic/ welfare services for students |
| 10:30am – 11:00am | Safety in a new environment Information on safety and accessing support in case of an emergency. |
| 11:00am – 11:15am | Resource Centre / Library Information Information on how to access books for referencing from UniSQ Sydney Resource Centre, borrowing facilities, using the online library. |
| 11:15am - 11:45am | Information for new students Accommodation, TFN, Banking, OSHC, etc. |
| 11:45am - 12:30pm | Welcome message from Director of UniSQ Sydney and Study Plan Information |
| 12:30pm | LUNCH – Light lunch provided |
| 1:15pm – 2:00pm | Official Welcome from UniSQ |
| 2:00pm – 2:15pm | UConnect and Faculty Information Brief demonstration on using UConnect to access learning resources, completing online tests and submitting online assignments. |
| 2:30pm – 3:30pm | Program Information & Study Plans Registration + timetables +campus security photo |
| 3:30pm – 3:45pm | Evaluation / Feedback Forms Conclude |

Please note: some of the sessions noted in the above orientation program may change depending on the needs of the students and the availability of the speakers.

If you are unable to attend the Orientation Program due to unavoidable circumstances please contact reception, Level 1, 29 – 35 , Bellevue Street, Surry Hills 2010 or call +61 2 9280 3733 requesting for details of a briefing of the orientation program.

Best wishes

UniSQ Sydney Student Support Services