

GEOS Melbourne
Melbourne College of English

VICTORIA - AUSTRALIA





Melbourne, Victoria

Location and lifestyle

Study English in Melbourne, Australia's most multicultural city. Melbourne is Australia's second largest city, famous for its many parks and gardens, beaches, historic buildings, excellent food, and wide variety of attractions. Melbourne is a very cosmopolitan city with people from all over the world. Diverse nationalities have enriched the culture of Melbourne and helped develop the graceful and charming city we know as Marvellous Melbourne.

Attractions & Events

Melbourne embraces three things in particular – Sport, Fashion and Festivals. In recent years, the city has claimed the Sports Business title "World's Ultimate Sports City". It is the venue for many major world sporting events such as the Formula One Grand Prix, the Australian Tennis Open, the Melbourne Cup, Phillip Island Moto GP and the Rip Curl Pro Surfing Event. Australian Rules football originated in Melbourne and the Grand Final match draws over 100,000 people each year. The city celebrates a wide variety of cultural events and performing arts including the L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival along with Film, Comedy and Food and Wine festivals throughout the year.

Population

Melbourne is the capital of Victoria and is a relatively modern city which is less than 200 years old. It is Australia's 2nd largest city with a population of over 4 million people.

Climate

Over the course of a day it can be possible to experience weather from all four seasons. A tip for any visitor to Melbourne is to be prepared for anything – take an umbrella and wear shorts!

As a general rule, Melbourne enjoys a temperate climate with warm to hot summers, mild and sometimes balmy spring and autumns, and cool winters.

Summer (December to February) warm to hot

Average maximum temp 25°C (77°F)

Average minimum temp 14°C (57°F)

Autumn (March to May) mild

Average maximum temp 20°C (68°F)

Average minimum temp 11°C (52°F)

Winter (June to August) cool to brisk

Average maximum temp 14°C (57°F)

Average minimum temp 7°C (45°F)

Spring (September to November) cool to mild

Average maximum temp 20°C (68°F)

Average minimum temp 10°C (50°F)



“After each day I could feel that I was speaking better than the day before”

Tatiana Guarini Delarissa, Brazil

Quick Facts

1

Several of the world's top 200 universities are located in Melbourne

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Somebody from Melbourne is referred to as a Melburnian

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There are over 100 bars in the centre of Melbourne and also more than 50 pubs

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Melbourne has twice shared top position (2002, 2004) in a survey by The Economist of the "World's Most Livable Cities"

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Home of some of Australia's best beaches

About the College



GEOS Melbourne College of English (MCE) is conveniently located in the heart of the city, surrounded by a wide variety of department and retail stores, restaurants, bistros and cafés, specialty stores, banks, post offices and other service outlets. The safe and inexpensive public transport (trams, trains and buses) stop right near the college. In fact, you can find whatever you want close to our campus.

Campus Facilities

- Fantastic central location, 2 minutes' walk from Flinders Street Station
- Free wireless internet available
- Independent Learning Centre and Library
- Student computer labs available
- Student kitchen and lounge areas
- Airport Pick-up

At GEOS Melbourne College of English we use the latest methods, materials and equipment. Our classrooms are clean and comfortable and there is an Independent Learning Centre where you can study and practise your language skills using computers with both visual and audio software, tape recorders, televisions and videos.

The Student Common Room is a great place to mix with other students from different countries.

Student Services

Staff at GEOS Melbourne are highly qualified and experienced in providing academic and student services. Many of our teaching staff have taught both in Australia and overseas and are aware of the challenges that international students may face. Our staff speak a range of different languages and are happy to offer counseling support in your own language if necessary.

Staff at the college are always willing to help you with any questions you may have about accommodation, visas, further studies, travel in Australia or personal matters.

Activities and Tours

Discover Melbourne by participating in our exciting range of weekday and weekend activities. GEOS Melbourne regularly conducts activities and tours to suit a range of interests.

As part of our Social Activities monthly program we run a free Work Experience program, helping students with their CV and preparing them for prospective job interviews. We also run free pathway and travel seminars, conversation classes and organise soccer games. Some of our weekly activities include visiting Eureka Tower, ten pin bowling, in-line skating, bike riding, shopping at the night markets and much more!

On Saturdays, students can sign up for Yarra Valley winery tours, Grampians National Park, skiing at Mt Buller, trips to the Great Ocean Road, Phillip Island and much more – tell us what you would like to do and we will arrange it for you!

Accommodation

Homestay - We recommend that you live with a caring and friendly family when you come to study in Melbourne. The benefit of a homestay is an experience through cultural exchange and the need to constantly practise English with native speakers. Students learn about Australian culture by immersing themselves in it, experiencing new food, activities, and attitudes, but they are also encouraged to practise English.

Homestays include accommodation and food. Breakfast and dinner are supplied on weekdays, with three meals per day on weekends.

If you prefer other accommodation such as hostel, backpacker or apartment accommodation, please contact us and we can provide you with information.

Quick Facts

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GEOS Melbourne has pathways with over 10 Institutes in Melbourne

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GEOS Melbourne has students from over 25 different countries

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GEOS Melbourne was established in June 1997, celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2007

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GEOS Melbourne staff speak 9 languages between them

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GEOS Melbourne has between 400 – 600 students studying throughout the year



“ The teachers and staff are very friendly and they always help me ”

Masayuki Sekimoto, Japan



“ I made so many friends that I still keep in contact with now ”

Mohammed Alharthy, Saudi Arabia



Credible Education System

Teaching staff

All teaching staff at GEOS are qualified in accordance with NEAS guidelines and many have higher level qualifications. All the teachers are extremely dedicated to their job and are very approachable and professional. Teachers at GEOS spend a lot of time preparing exciting and interesting lessons for their students and they love to see their students improve their English and achieve their goals.

GEOS Global Network

Global Educational Opportunities and Services – GEOS Corporation was founded in Japan in 1973 with the goal of furthering international communication through English language education. GEOS has over 550 colleges throughout Australia and New Zealand, Europe, North America, South Africa, South East and North Asia and Central America.

A balanced blend of academic content, a taste of culture and a host of exciting leisure time activities are all central to the GEOS educational philosophy. Our job is not only to teach languages but also to help students live it by enjoying their time overseas.

GEOS International Colleges Oceania

GEOS Oceania is made up of 11 schools in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. As well as Melbourne, GEOS Oceania has colleges in Adelaide, Auckland, Brisbane, Cape Town, Cairns, Christchurch, Gold Coast, Perth, Sydney and Wellington. Please refer to www.geos-oceania.com for further information.

Superlink

Superlink Programs allow students to study in two or more GEOS colleges in Australia and New Zealand. If you study for a total of 20 weeks or more, we will pay for the airfare between destinations. Students can study any full time program they wish at these destinations. For example, study for ten weeks in Melbourne then ten weeks in Auckland, New Zealand and we will pay the airfare*. (*Conditions apply).

What better excuse is there to improve your English whilst discovering Oceania!!

Studying at GEOS Melbourne

Students at the college come from a huge variety of countries. All students are required to adhere to an 'English only' policy throughout the college. This is an important component in studying a second language.



Courses to Suit You

General English

General English is the perfect way for you to improve your English for everyday use. The focus in these classes is on communication. The activities and topics that students cover in these lessons are to help you understand and be understood in an English speaking country.

English for Further Studies

Many international students aspire to continue their education at a tertiary institution in Australia or other English speaking countries. English for Further Studies is designed to help students to gain the necessary skills for life at university, TAFE or college. At these institutions, students will be required to produce a high level of Academic English, such as essays and dissertations, participate in lectures and tutorials, read specialist articles and give presentations. English for Further Studies equips students with the language to be successful in these areas.

Intensive IELTS exam preparation

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is an exam that is growing in popularity around the world. The IELTS exam is used as a measure of an international student's level of English to gain entry to tertiary education providers such as universities, TAFEs or colleges. It is also increasingly used for applications for permanent residency in Australia. This course is especially designed for students who need to focus on their existing level of English in order to maximise their results on the IELTS exam.

Cambridge Preparation Courses - FCE & CAE

FCE and CAE courses are exam preparation courses that are run through the University of Cambridge. FCE and CAE are both exams for General English and the courses to prepare for these exams are challenging yet rewarding. Students should notice a significant improvement in their knowledge of the English language on completion of the course. These courses run 3 times a year and are either 12 or 10 weeks in length. All

students will sit the exams at the end of the course.

English for Business

The English for Business course is ideal for those students who are looking to use their new found English skills in the broader international business community. This course will also help students who are specifically looking for a course that will give them an edge in the competitive job-seeking market. This course also includes an element of TOEIC exam preparation, a specific Business English exam that is recognised in many countries around the world.

Study Tour Programs

Study Tour Programs are tailor-made courses for groups of students who wish to combine study and sightseeing. These courses can be designed with the specific needs of the group in mind to maximise the short time students have in Melbourne.

One to one private tuition

Some students prefer the individual attention that a one-to-one class offers. In private tuition classes, the teacher can design a course that focuses on the individual needs of the student, focusing on the student's weakest areas to improve their English level as quickly as possible.

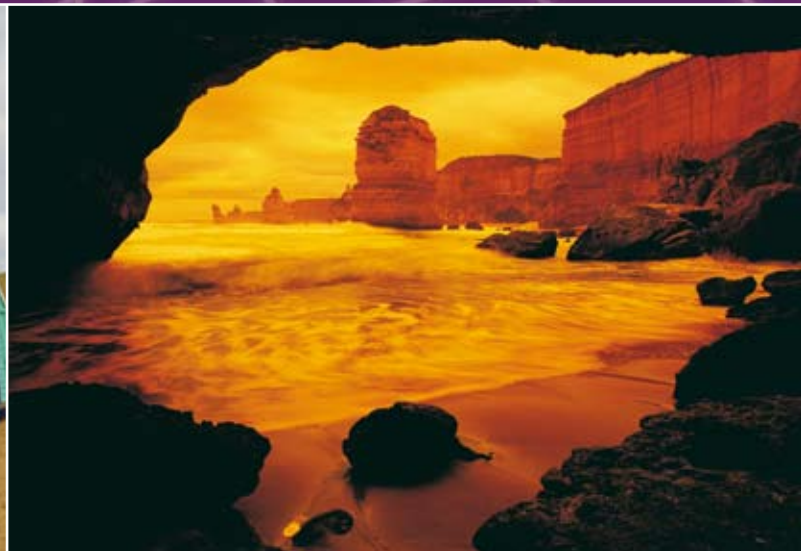
“Melbourne is a very happy and exciting city to live in, there are hundreds of cafes!”

Boris Baden, Switzerland



Sample Weekly Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
All students are assigned 1 hour per day depending on their class allocation	Supervised Self-Access Teachers are on hand to assist.	Supervised Self-Access Teachers are on hand to assist.	Supervised Self-Access Teachers are on hand to assist.	Supervised Self-Access Teachers are on hand to assist.	Supervised Self-Access Teachers are on hand to assist.
<i>Break</i>					
Session 1 2-hour class	Integrated language skills Communicative activities Small group work Cultural studies Differences and similarities across cultures	Integrated language skills Authentic materials Pair work - interviews News and current affairs Listening/speaking TV news - class discussion	Grammar Grammar practice activities Writing Writing skills workshop Integrated language skills Communicative activities Project work	Reading/Internet Students use the internet to access information to assist them in their polarised debate. Speaking Polarised debate	Class Excursion Melbourne Museum Research for Project Work
<i>Lunch</i>					
Session 1 2-hour class	Speaking Pronunciation Vocabulary Word building exercises	Reading Reading comprehension - Newspaper stories Speaking Discussion related to newspaper articles.	Integrated language skills Students develop and conduct interviews, collate results, write report and deliver findings.	Listening Video Note-taking skills Report Writing	Integrated language skills Communicative activities Project work
Homework	Homework	Homework	Homework	Homework	Homework



Program Listing

COURSE	FEATURES	STRUCTURE
General English Full Time Weekly intakes	Develop English language skills in Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing. Courses at all levels from Elementary to Advanced.	20 hours of instruction and 5 hours of optional supervised self access per week Total: 20 + 5 hours per week
General English Part Time Weekly intakes	Students with limited time may study in the mornings leaving the afternoons free for other activities. (Not available to student visa students)	10 hours of instruction and 5 hours of optional supervised self access per week Total: 10 + 5 hours per week
English for Further Studies* Full Time 5 weekly intakes	Students learn the type of English required for Academic Purposes (EAP) and for the kinds of tasks necessary at tertiary institutions in English speaking countries.	20 hours of instruction and 5 hours of optional supervised self access per week Total: 20 + 5 hours per week
IELTS Exam Preparation* Full Time 5 weekly intakes	This intensive 5 - week course allows students to maximise their scoring potential on the IELTS test by focusing their attention on exam skills and techniques.	20 hours of instruction and 5 hours of optional supervised self access per week Total: 20 + 5 hours per week
English for Business* Full Time	Covers a range of business related topics and preparation for the TOEIC Exam.	20 hours of instruction and 5 hours of optional supervised self access per week Total: 20 + 5 hours per week
Cambridge Preparation Program* Full Time Specific start dates throughout the year	Preparation for: First Certificate Examination (FCE) Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)	20 hours of instruction and 5 hours of optional supervised self access per week Total: 20 + 5 hours per week
Superlink	Study a total of 20 weeks or more at any two GEOS schools in Australia or New Zealand. Includes return air ticket between schools.	20 hours of instruction and 5 hours of optional supervised self access per week Total: 20 + 5 hours per week
Special Program	English for Specific Purposes Study Tour Group Program Private Individual Tuition	Subject to Client Needs Analysis

*All students must complete a pre-entry test and spaces are subject to availability

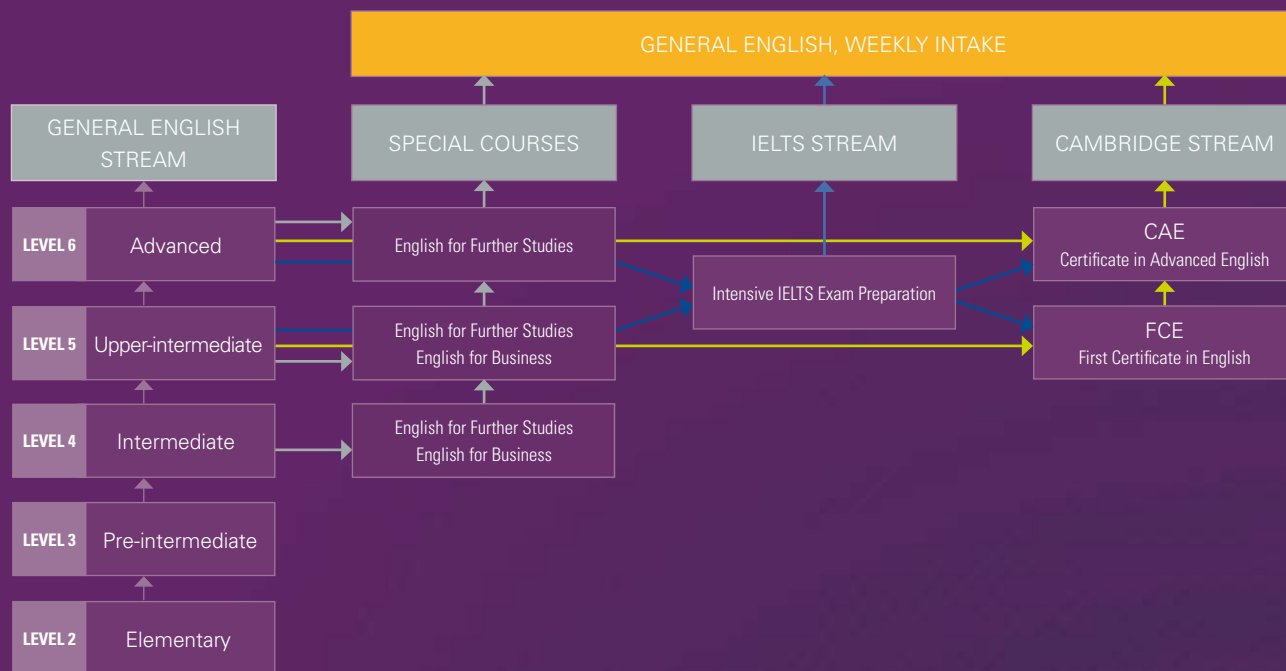
GEOS Melbourne has pathways to TAFE Institutes and universities around Melbourne and Australia. Please contact us for further details.

“ It’s cool, when I enter GEOS Melbourne
I smile because I feel happy here ”

Marion Le Gall, France



Pathways





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