

## Student Welcome & Pre-Arrival Information Pack

**Congratulations on choosing ANU College as your place of study!** We are looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you into the ANU College community. The following information will help you prepare for your arrival in Canberra. You should read this pack along with the information on the ANU College website in order to be fully prepared when settling into your new study environment.

We strongly advise you to download and read the Australian Government Guide to Studying and living in Australia. It is full of useful information. [www.studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au)

### Introducing Canberra

Canberra is Australia's national capital city, located in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT). Nestled around a series of man-made lakes and surrounded by natural bushland, Canberra is a modern, safe and international-friendly city that offers a healthy learning environment equal to the best in Australia. International students, in particular, are well-catered for in the range of quality institutions and in the programs these institutions offer.

Canberra can offer international students:

- Cosmopolitan lifestyle
- Safe and pollution free environment
- Wide range of recreational activities
- Home to national art and cultural institutions
- All the advantages of a big city in an accessible, safe, multicultural environment.

For further information on how to experience Canberra, refer to the official site of Canberra tourism: <http://www.canberraturism.com.au/>. It is a comprehensive guide on what to see and do in the capital city of Australia. (Source: [www.educationcapital.canberra.edu.au](http://www.educationcapital.canberra.edu.au))

### ANU College Contact Details

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#### Telephone:

Outside Australia: (+61 2) 6125 6688  
Outside Canberra: (02) 6125 6688  
Within Canberra: 6125 6688

### Emergency Telephone Numbers

**Police, Fire, Ambulance – 000**

#### Hospitals

There are two public hospitals in Canberra:

1. Canberra Hospital (Woden) Tel: 6244 2222
2. Calvary Hospital (Belconnen) Tel: 6201 6111

## 2018 Public Holidays – Canberra

Monday 01 January – New Year’s Day  
 Friday 26 January – Australia Day  
 Monday 12 March – Canberra Day  
 Friday 30 March – Good Friday  
 Monday 2 April – Easter Monday  
 Wednesday 25 April – Anzac Day

Monday 28 May – Reconciliation Day  
 Monday 11 June – Queen’s Birthday  
 Monday 01 October – Labour Day  
 Tuesday 25 December – Christmas Day  
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## Things to Do Before Leaving Home



- Apply for passport .....
- Arrange student visa (if applicable) .....
- Arrange for immunisations and medications from the doctor .....
- Apply for a credit card and/or arrange sufficient funds .....
- Confirm overseas access to funds with a bank .....
- Make travel arrangements .....
- Arrange travel insurance .....
- Advise institution of travel details .....
- Arrange home stay accommodation (if required) .....
- Arrange transport from airport to accommodation (if required) .....
- Download Studying and Living in Australia ([www.studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au)) .....
- Pack bags being sure to include the following:
  - Enough money for taxis, phone calls, meals etc. in the event of an emergency .....
  - Important documents:
    - THIS INFORMATION PACK! .....
    - Passport .....
    - Letter of offer.....
    - Electronic Certificate of Enrolment (eCoE) .....
    - Certified copies of qualifications & certificates .....
    - Travel insurance policy .....
    - ID cards, drivers licence, birth certificate (or copy) .....

NOTE: Make sure you leave any originals or copies of these documents safely with family in your home country in case of loss.

## Arranging Visas

Most international students wanting to study in Australia require a **student visa**. Some other visa holders are also eligible to study as international students in Australia. Many students apply for a visa themselves on-line or via the Australian Diplomatic Mission in their country. The visa application process can be complicated and for students from some countries it may be better to submit an application with the assistance of an accredited agent due to their familiarity and experience in the field. You should check with the education provider in Australia for their accredited agents in your country.

In order to apply for a visa you will need a **valid passport**, an **electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE)** and any **other documentation** required by the Australian diplomatic post with which you lodge your application. For example, if you are under 18 you must have your accommodation and welfare approved by ANU College (In this case, a Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (**CAAW**) letter is issued) or by the Department of Home Affairs (refer to [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Stud/More/welfare-arrangements-under18](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Stud/More/welfare-arrangements-under18)). Students under 18 years of age must have a guardianship arrangement and stay in an Australian Homestay Network (AHN) Approved Home or with relatives approved by the Australian Government. Students can apply to AHN through [www.homestaynetwork.org](http://www.homestaynetwork.org). AHN can also let students know the details of guardianship service providers. The CAAW letter will state the date from which your ANU College welfare arrangements begin and you cannot arrive in Australia before this date unless you have other welfare arrangements approved by the Department of Home Affairs. For further information regarding students under 18 years of age please visit [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Stud/More/welfare-arrangements-under18](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Stud/More/welfare-arrangements-under18)

You must ensure to **allow enough time** for processing between lodging your application and the start of your academic program, as it can be a lengthy process depending on your country of origin.

## Department of Home Affairs (DHA)

The Australian Government's Department of Home Affairs provides comprehensive information about student visa requirements and the application process, as well as application document checklists to assist you with your application. Visit [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/500-](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/500-) for the latest information

## Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

As well as links from the DHA website the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website - [www.dfat.gov.au/embassies.html](http://www.dfat.gov.au/embassies.html) - has a comprehensive list of Australian embassies, high commissions, consulates and representative offices around the world.

## Education Agents

Education agents promote various Australian education programs and institutions internationally and are a good way for students to apply to study in Australia. Agents are experienced in making international student applications and applying for visas. Most speak both English and the local language so this makes the application process a lot simpler for students and parents. Most do not charge for their service as they collect a commission from the institution you choose to attend. However, some agents do charge small amounts or offer additional services for which they charge.

For a full list of authorised ANU College education agents, please refer to <http://www.anucollege.edu.au/apply/find-agent>.

## Visa Conditions

If you are granted a student visa, you must abide by its conditions. Failure to comply with these conditions could result in the cancellation of your visa. These conditions include (but are not limited to):

- Complete the course within the duration specific in the CoE
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress and attendance at classes
- Maintain approved Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) while in Australia
- Remain with the principal education provider for 6 calendar months, unless issued a letter of release from the provider to attend another institution
- Notify your training provider of your Australian address and any subsequent changes of address within seven (7) days.

For a full list of **mandatory** and **discretionary** student visa conditions please visit <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/stud/more/visa-conditions>

## Arranging Travel

You will need to make your own travel arrangements to Australia. Please try to arrive at least one week before the start of ANU College Orientation Day to allow enough time for settling-in, adjusting to the climate and overcoming jet-lag. You must attend the Orientation Day which is usually held on the first day of the week the course begins (usually a Monday, unless there is a public holiday, in which case orientation will be held on the Tuesday).

As Canberra has recently become Australia's newest international airport, you will have the option of flying directly to Canberra or via Sydney International Airport. Please be aware that you will have to pass through Immigration and Customs before going to the Sydney Domestic Air terminal for a domestic flight to Canberra.

Visit Canberra International (& Domestic) Airport: [www.canberraairport.com.au](http://www.canberraairport.com.au) Visit Sydney International (& Domestic) Airport: [www.sydneyairport.com.au](http://www.sydneyairport.com.au)

## Documents

You should prepare a folder of official documents to bring with you to Australia, including:

- Valid passport with Student Visa
- Offer of a place / admission letter from ANU College
- Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) issued by ANU College
- Receipts of payments (e.g. tuition fees, OSHC, bank statements etc.)
- Insurance policies
- Original or certified copies of your academic transcripts and qualifications
- Other personal identification documents, e.g. birth certificate, ID card, driver's licence
- Medical records and/or prescriptions
- CAAW letter if you are under 18 years of age (refer to Arranging Visas for information).

If you are travelling with your family you will need to include their documents as well. **Keep all documents in your carry-on luggage.** In case you lose the originals, make copies that can be left behind with family and sent to you.

## What to Bring

Students are often surprised by how strict Australian Customs Services and quarantine can be. If you're in doubt about whether your goods are prohibited or not, you should **declare it anyway** on the Incoming Passenger Card which you will receive on the plane. Students have received on the spot fines for not declaring items. In particular, food, animals, plants, animal or plant materials or their derivatives are not allowed into the country. Further explanatory information can be found on the Department of Home Affairs site: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/ente/goin/arrival>

For your information, please also read:

- "What items can't I bring into Australia?" <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/FAQs/Pages/What-items-can-I-not-bring-into-Australia.aspx>
- "Bringing or mailing goods to Australia?" <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/travelling/bringing-mailing-goods>

Baggage allowances flying into Australia will vary according to your carrier, flight class and country of origin. Please check with your carrier prior to departure. Economy passengers are generally permitted 1 x checked luggage (20kg) and 1 x carry-on (7kg) for international flights. This will significantly limit the amount of things you can bring, especially if you will fly within Australia to get to your final destination. Therefore, it is essential to think the packing process through very carefully. You will be able to purchase most things upon arrival in Australia but the price may be higher than in your own country.

## **Seasonal Considerations**

Summer in Australia is from December to February, autumn from March to May, winter from June to August, and spring from September to November. For most of the country the hottest months are January and February. If you arrive in June or July, the coldest months of the year, you may need to bring or buy winter clothing.

## **Clothing**

On most campuses, students usually dress informally. Jeans or slacks with T-shirts or blouses, sneakers or “running shoes” are almost standard dress. Shorts are often worn during the summer months and sandals are the most common footwear. It is acceptable for both men and women to wear shorts and T-shirts. This is common during the hotter months.

## **Other Items You Might Need to Include (these items can also be purchased in Australia)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> alarm clock                           | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific or graphics calculator  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bath towels, bed sheets, pillow cases | <input type="checkbox"/> camera                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dictionary (bilingual)                | <input type="checkbox"/> micro recorder for lectures        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> small sewing kit                      | <input type="checkbox"/> spare spectacles or contact lenses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sporting equipment                    | <input type="checkbox"/> your optical prescription          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> toiletries                            | <input type="checkbox"/> photos of friends and family       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> umbrella                              | <input type="checkbox"/> small gifts from home              |



The standard voltage for electrical items in Australia is 240V. Electric plugs have three flat pins one of which is an earth pin. You may need to buy an adaptor or have the plugs changed when you arrive. Note: In the picture, the red dot indicates that the switch is on and power is flowing through that socket.

## **Bringing Your Computer**

Bringing a PC or laptop into Australia may be a little more complicated.

Items owned and used for more than 12 months prior to arrival are allowed in tax-free. Proof of the date of purchase and purchase price may be required. Computers which are less than 12 months old and over AUD\$450 may attract Goods and Services tax (GST) at a rate of 10%. Consideration is given as to whether or not you intend to export the computer at the conclusion of your studies.

To satisfy the Customs Officer that you will be taking the computer out of Australia you should bring along a statutory declaration (a written declaration witnessed by the certifying authority in your country) stating that the computer is for use during your studies in Australia, and that you intend to take it back with you when you complete your studies. You may be required to give an undertaking under Section 162 to this effect and provide a cash security to Australia Customs upon arrival.

## **Mobile Phones & Laptops**

If you are considering bringing a mobile phone, laptop, or any communication devices we suggest that you visit the Australian Communications and Media Authority [www.acma.gov.au](http://www.acma.gov.au) before making any purchases. Some students have brought in their own laptops with internal modems only to discover that they were unable to use their modem in Australia. Any external or built-in modems must be **Austel Approved** in order to function in Australia.

## Australian Mobile Carriers

If you choose to bring your mobile phone, organizing an Australian sim card upon your arrival to Australia is a great way to start out. You can organize a sim card when you arrive at Sydney Airport or when you arrive in Australia. Visiting the following sites can give you an idea of what carrier you would like to be with depending on how you use your phone.



**Optus**

<http://www.optus.com.au/>



**Vodafone**

<http://www.vodafone.com.au/>



**Telstra**

[www.telstra.com.au](http://www.telstra.com.au)

Label your equipment with your name and Australian mobile number on your IT equipment to enable its return to you, should you lose it while studying in Australia.

## **On Your Flight**

Wear comfortable, layered clothing so that you are able to make adjustments according to the local weather. Remember – if you are flying from a northern hemisphere winter into the Australian summer it will be **very HOT** so wear light weight clothing underneath, and have a pair of sandals or lighter shoes in your hand luggage if you need cooler footwear. Alternatively extra clothing may be required on-hand if flying into the Australian winter season.

Before landing in Australia, passengers are given an **Incoming Passenger Card** to fill in. This is a legal document. **You must tick ✓ YES if you are carrying any food, plant material including wooden souvenirs, or animal products.** This includes fruit given to you during your flight. If you have items you don't wish to declare, you can dispose of them in quarantine bins in the airport terminal. Don't be afraid to ask airline staff if you have any questions.

If you are carrying more than **AU\$10,000** in cash, you must also declare this on your Incoming Passenger Card. It is **strongly recommended** however, that you do not carry large sums of cash but arrange for an electronic transfer of funds into your Australian bank account once it has been opened.

## **Entry into Australia**

### **Australian Immigration**

When you first arrive in Australia you will be required to make your way through Australian Immigration. An Immigration Officer will ask to see your completed Incoming Passenger Card (given to you on the plane) along with your passport and student visa evidence. The Immigration Officer will check your documents and may ask you a few questions about your plans for your stay in Australia.

### **Baggage Claim**

Once you have passed through the immigration checks you will move to the baggage claim area of the airport and collect your luggage. Check that nothing is missing or damaged. If something is missing or damaged go to the **Baggage Counter** and advise them of your problem. Staff at the Baggage Counter will help you to find your belongings or lodge a claim for damage.

### **Detector Dogs**

You may see a **Quarantine Detector Dog** at the baggage carousel or while waiting in line to pass through immigration, screening luggage for food, plant material or animal products. A quarantine officer may ask about the contents of your bag and check you are not carrying items that present a quarantine risk to Australia. Do not attempt to touch the Detector Dogs at their work.

Some products may require **treatment** to make them safe. Items that are **restricted** because of the risk of pests and disease will be seized.

For more detailed information about bringing in food, animals, plants, animal or plant materials or their derivatives visit <http://www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/passports-and-travel/customs-and-quarantine>

## Getting to Canberra from Sydney Airport

### Plane

If you are taking a plane to Canberra you will need to change airport terminals, from International to Domestic. Several airlines service Canberra from Sydney.

Qantas Airlines  
Tel: 13 13 13  
Web: [www.qantas.com.au](http://www.qantas.com.au)

Virgin Australia Airlines  
Tel: 13 67 89  
Web: [www.virginaustralia.com](http://www.virginaustralia.com)

### Train

CountryLink Trains depart Sydney for Canberra from Sydney Central Station.

Tel: 13 22 32  
Web: [www.countrylink.info](http://www.countrylink.info)

### Bus

Murrays Buses and Greyhound Australia leave from Sydney International Airport for Canberra several times a day.

Murrays Buses  
Tel: 13 22 51  
Web: [www.murrays.com.au](http://www.murrays.com.au)

Greyhound Australia  
Tel: 1300 473 946  
Web: [www.greyhound.com.au](http://www.greyhound.com.au)

## Getting to Canberra Airport Directly

The international flights that operated by Singapore Airlines at Canberra Airport are between the city of Canberra, Singapore and Wellington. If you are flying to Canberra directly you will travel via these ports as a stopover but will not have to arrange additional, domestic flights once in Australia.

### Flight schedules\*

Flight Number and Routing	Days of Operation	Time of Departure	Time of Arrival
SQ291 Singapore-Canberra	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday	23:00	08:35+1
SQ292 Canberra-Singapore	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday	23:30	05:50+1

\*All times stated are local based on a launch date of 20 September 2016. Timings to change soon after due to Daylight Savings in Australia and New Zealand.

Canberra enjoys daylight saving each year from October to March giving an extra hour of daylight per day.

## Modes of ACT Transportation

Canberra has a vast means of transportation for in and around the city. Knowing these few different modes can assist you in making your way from Canberra Airport and around the CBD throughout your stay.

### Uber



Uber is a fast and effective means to travelling around Canberra and the CBD. Location requests are placed through the phone application – downloadable from the iTunes App Store for Apple users or Google Play for android users. Uber: <https://www.uber.com.au/>

### ACTION Bus

ACTION buses operate around the city on a daily and nightly basis. The routes and timetables are available online:

Web: [www.transport.act.gov.au/routes-and-timetables](http://www.transport.act.gov.au/routes-and-timetables). There is also an app for android phones which allows you compare and combine any transport modes including train, bus, taxi and other modes of travel. A useful app is TripGo: <https://skedgo.com/en/home/tripgo/>

Another useful app for Apple devices for tracking buses is NextThere: <http://nextthere.com/>

### Taxi

The Canberra Elite taxi service operates at all hours of the day. Tel: 132 227

Web: [www.canberraelite.com.au](http://www.canberraelite.com.au)

## Canberra Airport Reception Service

TCN Homestay, a member of the Australian Homestay Network (AHN), coordinates ANU College's Canberra Greeting Service for students who wish to be met and taken to their accommodation upon arrival in Canberra. Further information is available at <http://www.anucollege.edu.au/about-anuc/student-life/accommodation/homestay>

## Keeping in Contact

Once you have arrived in Australia, you should then let your family and friends know that you have **arrived safely**. It is important to **ALWAYS** let someone know where you are and how to contact you by phone or by post.

## Accessing Money

You should read this section carefully, and discuss the issues raised in this section with the bank or financial institution in your home country before you leave. All banks operate differently and you should be aware of all fees, charges, ease of access to your funds, and safety of the way in which you will access those funds.

## How Much to Bring

You will need to make sure you have enough funds to support you when you first arrive. It is recommended that you have approximately **AU\$2500 to AU\$3000** available for the first two to three weeks to pay for temporary accommodation and transport. You should bring most of this money as either **Traveller's Cheques** or on an international credit card. Traveller's cheques can be cashed at any bank or currency exchange in Australia.

Please note that it is **not safe to bring large sums of cash** with you! Lost credit cards or traveller's cheques can be replaced, but very few travel insurance companies will replace lost or stolen cash. Do not ask someone you have just met to handle your cash for you or to take your cash to make payments for you. Not even someone who may indicate they are studying at the same education institution.

## Currency Exchange

Only Australian currency can be used in Australia. If you have not brought some with you, you will need to do so as soon as possible after arrival. You can do this at the airport. Once you have arrived in Canberra, you can also change money at any bank or at currency exchanges.



## Electronic Transfer

You can transfer money into Australia by **electronic telegraph or telegraphic transfer** at any time. This is a fast option and will take approximately **48 hours**, but the bank will charge a fee on every transaction.

## ATMs

Automatic Teller Machines are located everywhere (including at the airport) and you can immediately withdraw cash from your overseas bank account at **ATMs displaying the Cirrus Logo** (if your ATM card has international access). Check this with your financial institution before leaving home.



## Credit Cards

All major international credit cards are accepted in Australia but you must remember that payments to some cards can only be made in the country where they were issued. Do not rely on being able to get a credit card once you arrive in Australia because this is very difficult due to credit and identification laws.

## Arranging Accommodation

Students who are looking for an alternative to Homestay accommodation should consider the following options: Students may view the privately offered accommodation through ANU at <https://housingonline.anu.edu.au/>

Students may place an advertisement for accommodation at: <http://accom.anu.edu.au/UAS/187.html>

Students may also view the shared accommodation options around Canberra: [www.allhomes.com.au](http://www.allhomes.com.au)

## Temporary Accommodation

### Hotels, Motels & Backpackers

Generally, the price you pay for accommodation will determine its quality. However, it can be expensive to stay in a good quality motel or hotel for a long period of time. Backpacker accommodation is relatively inexpensive but you may need to bring your own pillow and sleeping bag if you choose this option.

ANU College is not able to recommend or endorse a particular backpacker accommodation; however, we suggest you do a Google search of 'Canberra backpackers'. There will be a large selection to choose from. Alternatively, try <http://www.canbhol.com.au/>.

### Staying with Friends or Family

If you know someone in Australia, this is a great way to settle in to life here. Your friends or family can provide advice, support and encouragement in your first days in Australia. However, if you are under the age of 18, you must obtain approval from your education provider first.

### Staying at a Private Residence

Online peer-to-peer marketplaces such as Airbnb allow people to stay at or rent residential properties for short periods of time at the allowance of the property owner. Cost can be subjective and is determined by the property owner – access at [www.airbnb.com.au](http://www.airbnb.com.au)

If you are **under 18 years of age**, you must have your accommodation and welfare approved by ANU College (In this case, a Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (**CAAW**) letter is issued) or by the Department of Home Affairs (refer to [www.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au)). Students under 18 years of age must have a guardianship arrangement and stay in an Australian Homestay Network (AHN) Approved Home or with relatives approved by the Australian Government. Students can apply to AHN through [www.homestaynetwork.org](http://www.homestaynetwork.org). AHN can also let students know the details of guardianship service providers. The CAAW letter will state the date from which your ANU College welfare arrangements begin and you cannot arrive in Australia before this date unless you have other welfare arrangements approved by the Department of Home Affairs. For further information regarding students under 18 years of age please visit [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Stud/More/welfare-arrangements-under18](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Stud/More/welfare-arrangements-under18)

## Bringing My Family

Most student visas allow you to bring your family members to Australia as your dependants (check your individual circumstances with the Department of Home Affairs, see: [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Brin](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Brin)). Family members include your spouse, and you and your spouse's dependent children. Before bringing your spouse or children to Australia, you will have to prove that you can support them financially. The cost of supporting a family in Australia is very high. You may have to consider and discuss many issues with your family.

### **Issues to Consider**

Rather than bringing your family together with you to Australia, some students may find it useful to arrive first, settle into studies, find appropriate accommodation, adjust to living in Australia and then arrange for their family to join them. For more information visit: [www.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au).

### **Child Care**

Finding suitable childcare in Australia requires patience and planning. Waiting lists for places in most childcare centres are long. Many schools offer before and after-school care programs (usually 7:30am-8:45am and 3:30pm- 6:00pm). Children who need these programs must be registered with the school.

The ANU has four (4) child care centres on campus. For further information:

<http://www.anu.edu.au/childcare/aecc/>

<http://www.anu.edu.au/childcare/heritage/>

<http://www.anu.edu.au/childcare/preschool/>

For further information: <http://www.liveincanberra.com.au/schools.html>

### **Schools**

If you would like to bring your children to Australia with you, you must be aware of the following schooling issues:

1. It is an immigration policy that school-age dependants of international students undertake formal schooling while they are in Australia.
2. Children who have their fifth birthday before 1st April of that calendar year are eligible to start school.
3. You will need to provisionally enrol your child in a school before you leave your home country and you will normally have to pay the school fees one semester in advance. The school will issue an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment Form (eCoE) stating the program and its duration, so that you can obtain the appropriate visa for your child.
4. The Diplomatic Mission in your country can tell you which State schools are registered to take international students. Fees are payable by international students at all State schools unless you:
  - a. Are in receipt of sponsorship or scholarships from the Australian Government (e.g. the Australia Awards Scholarship, International Postgraduate Research Scholarship);
  - b. Hold a higher institution or approved non-government scholarship. These scholarships must be approved by the State government for the dependants to be exempt from school fees.
5. You will be responsible for school fees (where applicable) and other costs including school uniforms, books, excursions and stationery.
6. When choosing the most appropriate school for your child, it is best to ask questions about the school's curriculum, size, extra-curricular activities and the size of individual classes.
7. You should also take into consideration the distance from the school to your education institution, the suburb in which you intend to live and the method of transport you plan to use.

For further information, please refer: [http://www.det.act.gov.au/school\\_education/international\\_students](http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/international_students)

There are two types of schools in Australia – State schools and independent schools. For further information: <http://www.liveincanberra.com.au/schools.html>.

Provider: Study Group Australia Pty Ltd. CRICOS Provider number 01682E