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# SOUTH METROPOLITAN TAFE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ARRIVAL GUIDE

Welcome to Perth, Western Australia! We hope you enjoy your studies at South Metropolitan TAFE.

## Quick links

You can find out more about Perth, where to eat, and what to see by selecting a link below:

- > [westernaustralia.com](http://westernaustralia.com)
- > [studypertth.com.au/things-do-perth](http://studypertth.com.au/things-do-perth)
- > [visitperthcity.com](http://visitperthcity.com)

## Airport pick-up

Before you leave home you can organise to be picked up from **Perth International Airport** and taken directly to your homestay family or temporary accommodation. This can be arranged by the **Australian Homestay Network (AHN)** at a cost of \$120. A taxi from the airport to central Perth costs approximately \$50. An airport bus (\$20) is also available and can drop passengers at central city hotels.

## Accommodation

Hopefully you will arrive in advance of your course commencing to secure good accommodation, as per the date stated on your student visa. If you are staying in temporary accommodation and need to find permanent housing you can visit the **Accommodation section** on the TAFE International Western Australia (TIWA) website to review your options including rental accommodation, campus living villages and homestay.

## Campus locations

Your South Metropolitan TAFE campus location is indicated on your Letter of Offer. Please select from the list below to view important information about the campus:

- > [Balga Campus](#)
- > [Beaconsfield Campus](#)
- > [Bentley Campus](#)
- > [Carlisle Campus](#)
- > [Fremantle \(E-Tech Centre\)](#)
- > [Fremantle \(Maritime Centre\)](#)
- > [Jandakot Campus \(AeroSpace Training Centre\)](#)
- > [Kwinana Campus](#)
- > [Munster Campus](#)
- > [Murdoch Campus](#)
- > [Peel Campus](#)
- > [Rockingham Campus](#)
- > [Thornlie Campus](#)



## Transport

All of the South Metropolitan TAFE campus locations are a short walk from public transport options, including the bus and train.

You can view the transport services for South Metropolitan TAFE campus locations on the [Transperth website](#).

### Student Concession Travel

As a full-time student, you are entitled to concessions on [Transperth](#) and regional bus services with your [tertiary SmartRider card](#). This is the cheapest and most convenient way for students to travel. You must carry a valid card when travelling or you could be fined.

## Restaurants, cafes, and shops and more

Please see below for details about the restaurants, cafes and shops surrounding each campus.

**Balga Campus - [Mirrabooka Square Shopping Centre](#)** which has a food court and stores including Big W, Kmart, Coles and Woolworths.

**Beaconsfield Campus -** Located close to [South Fremantle](#) which stretches from the Fremantle Harbour to South Beach. This area has a great range of shops and cafe's on Lefroy Road, right around the corner from the campus.

**Bentley Campus -** The [Bentley Pines Restaurant and Bistro](#) is located at this campus and offers five-star dining for lunch and dinner at greatly reduced prices. The Bistro is perfect for those looking for morning tea, a quick lunch bite or afternoon tea.

The [Bentley Bakehouse](#) is open Monday to Friday 12pm - 3pm. The bakery only operates during school terms and stock is limited dependent on the students' training schedule.

The campus is a short drive from [Waterford Plaza](#) Shopping Centre and the [East Victoria Park](#) café strip.

**Carlisle Campus -** The campus is a short drive from the [East Victoria Park](#) café strip.

**Fremantle (Maritime Centre and E-Tech) Campus -** The vibrant city of [Fremantle](#) has a mix of historic buildings and new bars and cafes. Highlights include the [Fremantle Markets](#) and [Fishing Boat Harbour](#).

**Munster Campus and Kwinana Campus -** Located to the south of Fremantle there are a number of public transport options that can transport you to Fremantle and up to Perth. The [Kwinana Marketplace](#) is the major shopping destination of the area.

**Murdoch Campus -** This campus is located adjacent to [Murdoch University](#) which has a variety of on campus dining options, and the nearby [Bull Creek Shopping Centre](#).

**Jandakot Campus -** Although there is no cafeteria on site it is only a short walk to a number of local eateries. The nearest local major shopping centre is the [Cockburn Gateway Shopping Centre](#).

**Peel Campus -** Located in the [City of Mandurah](#), there are a large number of beaches, parks and reserves including the [Mandurah foreshore](#) along the beautiful waterfront. The [Mandurah Forum](#) provides large number of shops and dining options.

**Rockingham Campus -** Along the southern coastline, Rockingham has a variety of activities to explore including [dolphin tours](#), [Penguin Island](#), and the [Rockingham Shopping Centre](#).

**Thornlie Campus -** The campus is within easy walking distance of [Maddington Central Shopping Centre](#), which has over 80 stores.

## Places of worship

South Metropolitan TAFE embraces religious and spiritual diversity and has prayer rooms for students in all campuses.

You can find out about practicing religion in Western Australia or your local place of worship by selecting your religion from the list below:

- > [Buddhist Society of Western Australia](#)
- > [Council of Churches of Western Australia \(Christian\)](#)
- > [Hindu Association of Western Australia](#)
- > [Islamic Council of Western Australia](#)
- > [Jewish Community Council of Western Australia \(Inc\)](#)
- > [Sikh Association of Western Australia](#)





## Overseas Health Cover

All student visa holders must have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the duration of their student visa. TIWA has a preferred provider agreement with Bupa. Students may obtain Overseas Student Health Cover from the provider of their choice.

You can find useful information regarding Bupa services below:

- > [Bupa Direct Bill Doctors](#)
- > [24-hour Bupa advice phone service](#)
- > [View the full Bupa Health Cover Flyer](#)

For more information visit the [OSHC](#) section on the TIWA website.

## Safety

For life threatening emergencies (police, fire and ambulance) call 000 and request an interpreter if you need one. 000 is a free call. Dial 112 from mobile phones. If the situation is not urgent and you would like to contact the police call 131 444.

For more information visit the [Safety](#) section on the TIWA website.

## Banking

It may be possible to open a bank account before you leave your country, otherwise you will need to do this upon arrival. It is important to take your passport with you as a form of identification.

The following banks that offer accounts for international students:

- > [ANZ](#)
- > [Commonwealth Bank](#)
- > [Westpac](#)
- > [National Australia Bank \(NAB\)](#)

## Part-time work

Your international student visa lets you work in Australia; however, you are limited to the number of hours you can work – 40 hours a fortnight during each semester and unlimited hours during semester breaks. For detailed information, check the [Department of Immigration and Border Protection's \(DIBP\) website](#).

### Tax File Number

If you want to work, you will need a tax file number (TFN). You can apply online at the [Australian Tax Office](#), this may take up to two weeks.

### Finding Work

Places you can look for a job are:

- > [seek.com.au](#)
- > [jobfinder.com.au](#)
- > [studentedge.com.au](#)

## Orientation

It is essential that you attend your [South Metropolitan TAFE Orientation session](#) as you will:

- > receive your timetable of classes
- > be given a tour of the campus
- > be advised of important information relative to your studies (including safety and OSHC)
- > find out more information if you have not received an OSHC card
- > find out how to set up your [Unique Student Identifier \(USI\)](#) that is linked to your enrolment record



## International Student Support

The South Metropolitan TAFE International Office staff can provide support for your study or personal issues.

South Metropolitan TAFE staff can assist you with:

- > Advice for continuing students on courses and pathways
- > Your application for continuing enrolment
- > Advice on change of course/ units pathways
- > Updating your contact details (i.e. address, email, mobile)
- > Monitoring your class progress and assisting you to achieve your study goals
- > Overseas Student Health Care Information
- > Transperth Information on public transportation (buses and trains)

The International Centre also organises social activities for students to get to know each other and make new friends.

### International Centre Contact Details

Select the relevant link below:

 [Beaconsfield campus](#)

 [Bentley campus](#)



## TAFE International Western Australia (TIWA)

TIWA is here to assist you before and during your studies in Western Australia. TIWA works very closely with South Metropolitan TAFE and can provide you with information about:

- > Course advice for new students
- > Student visa and health cover issues
- > Processing tuition fee payments and refunds
- > Airport pickup and transfer
- > TAFE orientation program
- > Referrals for further assistance (study or personal); and
- > Any process you are unsure of

### Contact details

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 [admissions.tiwa@dtwd.wa.gov.au](mailto:admissions.tiwa@dtwd.wa.gov.au)

 [www.tafeinternational.wa.edu.au](http://www.tafeinternational.wa.edu.au)

 [www.facebook.com/TAFEInternationalWesternAustralia](https://www.facebook.com/TAFEInternationalWesternAustralia)

Please make sure your email address is up to date as this is our primary method of contact.

## Council for International Students of Western Australia (CISWA)

Each year the Council for International Students of Western Australia (CISWA) organises a large number of activities to help international students to enjoy exploring our state of Western Australia and also meeting and mixing with other students and members of our local community.

You can find out more on the [CISWA website](#) or check out their [Facebook page](#).

We hope you enjoy your stay in Western Australia!

The recruitment and admission of international students to TAFE colleges in Western Australia is managed by TAFE International Western Australia, a unit within the Western Australian Department of Training and Workforce Development.

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