

Guide for Parents and Guardians



At Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) University, we understand that international students may face new challenges when they move to Australia and begin their learning journey abroad.

This guide provides an overview of the extra support RMIT can offer your child to help them succeed in their studies, make new friends and be prepared for life and work once they graduate.

**Ready for
what's next**

An RMIT education gets your child ready for what's next.

RMIT is an international university of technology, design and enterprise. Since 1887 we've been recognised for our industry connections and hands-on approach to learning.

Over 97,000 students from 195 different countries choose to study with RMIT, and when your child graduates from RMIT, they'll join a global community of more than 500,000 alumni equipped with the skills and experience to make an impact in today's industries, while being prepared for the opportunities of tomorrow.



Our campuses are known for their award-winning urban spaces and state-of-the-art facilities.

Why choose RMIT?

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RMIT was named the 2023 International Education Provider of the Year, awarded for excellence in international student experience, employability and career development¹

Top 150

universities worldwide²

#1

in Australia and #26 in the world for Art and Design³

#1

in Australia and #21 in the world for Architecture and the Built Environment³

Top 10

in Australia for Engineering and Technology, Accounting and Finance, Business and Management, and Marketing³

#1

in the world for our efforts to reduce inequalities and take action against discrimination⁴

#5

in the world for the actions we've taken to tackle the world's greatest environmental, social and governance challenges⁴

160+

student clubs and a vibrant, multicultural student community

¹Victorian International Education Awards 2023
²QS World University Rankings 2025

³QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025
⁴Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2024

Did you know...

RMIT was awarded royal patronage by Queen Elizabeth II for its educational service to the Commonwealth and contribution to the war effort.

RMIT remains the only higher education institution in Australia with the right to use the prefix "Royal" and the Monarchy's coat of arms.



RMIT's first premises, the Francis Ormond Building, opened for teaching and learning in 1887.

Three ways RMIT sets your child up for success

RMIT prepares your child to make an impact from day one of their career, with industry-based learning, work placements, internships, field trips and projects embedded into every stage of the study experience.



Work-Integrated Learning (WIL)

WIL is an activity where you apply your academic learning in a real-life situation with an industry or community partner. RMIT specialises in practical, industry-based learning designed to give our students the in-demand skills and professional experience that make employers sit up and take notice

Access to our extensive network of industry partners

In 2024, 24,245 RMIT students undertook work-integrated learning activities with 4,054 unique global industry partners*

Career Connect

RMIT's Career Connect is a drop-in service centre located on campus. Here, your child will get access to free services like feedback on their job applications, assistance with job seeking, and career workshops.

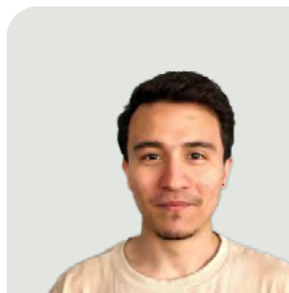
*RMIT InPlace data, as of 13 January 2025

Global partners we work with

Connection to industry is proudly woven into RMIT's history. Our students build connections to their future employers while they learn, so they're ready to launch their careers when they graduate.



and many more...



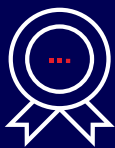
As I started getting more involved with the university, doing volunteer work across different departments and at numerous events, trying to gain experience and skills, one of my friends suggested I visit

Career Connect for some advice to achieve my career goal. After visiting and speaking to a staff member there, I found out about the scores of services Career Connect offers to students to help them find jobs, plan their career, gain the skills needed to stand out in the job market, building connections and everything else I was missing out on. Their assistance in helping me land my first job cannot be understated.

Kartik Bist
Bachelor of Engineering
(Mechanical Engineering) (Honours)
Alumni from Delhi, India

Discover Melbourne, the home of RMIT

RMIT's campuses are based in and around Melbourne, a multicultural hub that welcomes people from all over the world. Here's why Melbourne is Australia's #1 city for students.¹



Melbourne is ranked the world's third most liveable city², and is one of the safest cities across the globe to work and study³. Boasting a safe and lively environment, Melbourne is known for its beautiful parks and gardens, clean air, world-class entertainment venues and convenient transport and infrastructure.



Melbourne is a diverse city, home to more than 140 different cultures⁴. Top 10 in the world for its cultural scene⁵, Melbourne's calendar of events spans art, theatre, music and festivals, ensuring there's something to keep everyone entertained in our bustling city.



Sports fans from across the globe travel to Melbourne to watch international stars live in action at the highly anticipated sporting events that the city hosts, including the Australian Open, Test cricket and more.



Living in Melbourne is a luxury amongst a world-famous culinary scene. With dining options to suit every budget, students are spoilt for choice in and around campus.

¹QS Best Student Cities 2025

²The Global Liveability Index 2024

³Study Melbourne 2023,

State Government of Victoria

⁴City of Melbourne,

'Multicultural communities', 2024

⁵Time Out, 'Melbourne has just been named the world's tenth best city for culture right now', 2023

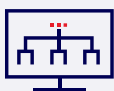
Pathways to your child's dream degree

Offering pathway programs and various intakes, RMIT ensures your child can access their dream degree.

Academic English Pathways

RMIT UP delivers the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program, which gives your child the academic English skills they need to pathway into a course at RMIT University.

The 2026 fees per week for the EAP program are \$AU545, plus an \$AU260 enrolment fee.



There are six EAP levels (Elementary to Advanced Plus) with each level taking 10 weeks of full-time study to complete.



To meet the requirement for your chosen RMIT course, you must successfully complete the academic English level on your letter of offer.



We will place you in a class that matches your most recent IELTS or other recognised English language proficiency test results (not more than 24 months old).

Note: If you do not have a recent IELTS score (or English test equivalent) you can complete a Placement Test.

Foundation Studies Pathways

Foundation Studies equips your child with the skills they need to be university ready and offers a direct pathway into RMIT University. Your child can choose from one of six Foundation Studies streams for the first year of study, then pathway into their desired vocational or undergraduate course.

The 2026 tuition fee for Foundation Studies is \$AU31,400, and the study duration is one year of full-time study. If your child is undertaking the Art, Design and Architecture stream, or any mathematics courses, there are also non-tuition fees associated, which you can learn more about on the Foundation Studies program page.

Foundation Studies streams:

- Art, Design and Architecture
- Business
- Communication and Social Context
- Engineering and Science
- Health
- Information Technology



Learn more about Foundation Studies



Foundation Studies prepares us for what's to come [in further study at university], but also lets us become acquainted with the city around us, the culture, the ideas, and the people.

Marco Cahyono
Foundation Studies graduate from Indonesia
(Communication and Social Context stream)

Our #1 priority is the safety, happiness and health of your child during their studies in Melbourne.

RMIT offers a number of resources to make this possible for all our students.

RMIT Connect

The on-campus contact for international students and their parents, for support on all general academic and personal enquiries.

24/7 campus security and patrol

Contactable at all times for emergencies, non-urgent police assistance, security accompaniment on campus, and after-hours campus access.

SafeZone

RMIT's exclusive free mobile app, which helps students raise immediate emergencies or first aid alerts, check in with campus security, and share locations at any time.

Safer Community

At RMIT, we are committed to providing a respectful and safe place to study. If your child feels unsafe or is unsure of what to do about threatening or unwanted behaviour, they can talk to a member of Safer Community about their concerns and options.

Academic support and wellbeing

At RMIT, your child is supported to manage their studies and workload so they can flourish academically.

Equitable Learning Services

RMIT offers multiple support services, including free on-campus study assistance, available to all students. Additional support is also available to ensure equal opportunities for students with a disability, long-term illness and/or mental health condition.

Language support

RMIT offers free English classes and full English courses for students wanting to improve their language skills. If your child feels they need extra help with English language or writing, we've also partnered with Studiosity to provide additional quality-assured support. Students can use the platform to chat one-on-one with subject specialists at any time, or submit their work for feedback.

RMIT Chaplaincy

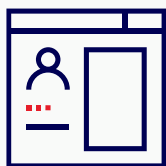
RMIT's Chaplains are trained multi-faith spiritual advisers, providing support to students and staff of all faiths. RMIT's new Multifaith and Wellbeing Centre also ensures staff and students have access to a purpose-built space for worship and wellness activities.

Peer-to-peer support

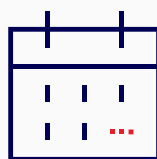
RMIT has a number of initiatives in place to ensure your teen has a positive study experience:

- **RMIT Kirrip**
RMIT Kirrip is designed to help your child ease into uni life, connecting new students with current students via a range of activities and events.
- **Clubs and societies**
Your child can join various academic and cultural clubs, creative societies or sporting associations to meet new people, make friends and gain extracurricular experience.
- **Mentors**
Through the digital app Vygo, we are uniting international students with mentors so that they can connect with a social network of RMIT peers, and chat about life, work, study or anything else on their minds.

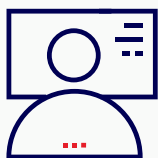
Free services your child can access at RMIT



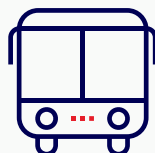
Study assistance for tutoring, research and feedback



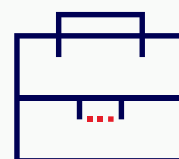
Counsellors and advisors for study guidance and personal wellbeing



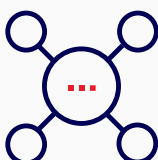
Online tips and planners to achieve top assignment results



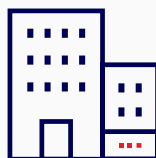
Pre-departure and arrival support, including free airport pick-up



Confidential legal advice on campus and online from qualified lawyers



Student Connect for all general enquiries, study and wellbeing support



Personalised accommodation support

Your child's journey to RMIT in three steps...

1. Speak to our friendly staff

If you'd like some assistance in helping your child choose the right course for them, chat to one of our friendly staff members. Our team of international advisers are experts in studying at RMIT as an international student. Ask about RMIT's courses, fees and living costs, scholarships, entry requirements, and more. Our team speaks all major languages and can even help you prepare your child's application.

➔ rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/international-students/1-on-1-appointment

2. Start the application process

Once your child has selected the course they'd like to study, it's time to start the application process.

You'll need to ensure you have all the required documentation ready, and understand the prerequisites of your child's chosen course. If you need assistance, you can chat to our international advisers at any time.

➔ rmit.edu.au/apply-international

3. Prepare to arrive

If your child is joining RMIT from overseas, or leaving

home for the first time, we can help them find accommodation that suits their needs.

RMIT hosts pre-arrival webinars and welcome events in multiple countries to help our students get ready for what's next.

➔ rmit.edu.au/students/support-services/international-students

Is your child under 18?

There are lots of children and young people in the RMIT community, and RMIT works to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all. If your child will be under the age of 18 when they arrive in Australia, they must have accommodation and welfare arrangements organised and approved either by the Department of Home Affairs or RMIT before they leave home. This is to ensure they have proper day-to-day support to keep them safe and well.

➔ rmit.edu.au/accommodation

Cost of living

In addition to tuition and study fees, your child will need to pay for living costs including rent, food, textbooks, and transport. Cost of living in Melbourne depends on lifestyle choices, and will vary greatly depending on your child's hobbies, interests and tastes.

Visit the link below to find out about everyday living costs in Melbourne, and how RMIT can help your child manage their living expenses.

➔ rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/moving-to-melbourne/costs-of-living

Amriyati travelled to Melbourne for her son Raffa's graduation. She helped Raffa explore his university options before he chose RMIT.

"One of the things that impressed me about RMIT is how easy it is for graduates to be able to secure a job after university. When I heard about it, I [was] more confident and assured," she said.



Got any more questions?

RMIT has an international support team on call for all your questions about your child's study journey in Melbourne. **We'll be able to answer your queries Monday to Friday from 10am–5pm AET.**

Get in touch with us on **+61 3 9925 5000**, email us at study@rmit.edu.au, or chat online with a friendly RMIT staff member at rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/international-students