

Exchange Report

Introduction

I went on exchange to Australia to study at Monash University for Business. I went for their first term which runs from March until the end of June.

Preparation for exchange

Some important things to establish before you leave are how you are going to pay for things in Australia. I would recommend setting up a bank account with an Australian bank, I used Commonwealth and had no complaints.

Next is where you will be living during the semester. I would recommend on campus because it is simple and lets you meet a lot of people really quickly including domestic students who can have helpful knowledge. If you do live off campus book at least a couple of days at a hotel or other accommodation to stay at before you leave while you look for housing.

Book your flight early and booking return will be cheaper so it pays to know when exams end, if you do want to travel after exams just remember that you will have to take all of your stuff with you and this can be a large hindrance. Monash offers to drive students from the

Try and spend a day or two, especially during orientation to wander around campus(es) and find all your classes and explore.

Make some local friends, they can really help you out if you have questions or need some help finding places.

Some minor cultural differences in Australia include some slang and a very different coffee culture, say goodbye to Starbucks and hello to expensive independent coffee shops. Also if you walk in and order a "coffee" prepare to be ignored because you will need to be more specific than that.

Monash has a huge amount of clubs of every type. You will find something you like so take your time during clubs week, also they give away lots of free stuff including food and beer so why not go. Clubs week runs the week before school starts which is great as it lets you jump right into the club and make friends right off the bat. You will want to sign up for MOVE which runs

