

Exchange Report

- Monash University, Australia
- Marketing, Operations Management/ The Faculty of Business and Economics
- Semester Two Teaching Period: 25 Jul - 21 Oct
- Mid-semester break: 26 – 30 Sep
- Swot Vac: 24 – 28 Oct
- Exams: 31 Oct – 18 Nov

Preparation for Exchange

It is important to make a budget so that you do not overspend early on during exchange. It would be helpful to plan out the potential travel destinations and attractions you intend to visit. As a result, you will have better understanding of the potential costs. Do as much research as you can so that you are well prepared.

The transportation system is great in Melbourne. There are buses, trains and trams that can be used to get from one place to another. Moreover, Monash University has an app where you can see transportation timetables.

The cost of living is higher in Melbourne compared to Vancouver. However, tipping is not necessary or common at restaurants because employees are paid well and the cost of food and drinks reflect that. There are t

snacks and purchase souvenirs. Travellers from across the world visit this amazing attraction. One can rent a car and visit it with people they meet at Monash University or decide to go by themselves. Outside of Melbourne, students can travel to Tasmania, Perth, Sydney, Brisbane, Gold Coast and Cairns in Australia. There are many amazing and beautiful attractions that are worth the visit. Hostels are a cheap way to spend nights when travelling. Moreover, students can meet a lot of people who they can socialize and travel alongside. Many students also travel to Southeast Asia as well. Bali, Indonesia is a very popular destination among students, especially during spring break. Thailand is also a very popular destination. For instance, students visit Phuket and Bangkok during their exchange as these are very popular destinations.

The weather changes very quickly. For instance, it may be very sunny for a couple hours and then it may begin raining. It would be wise to carry a jacket at all times during the cooler months of the year in Australia (July- Nov). I enjoyed the amazing breeze during the warmer days. I also found the air to be fresh and environment to be really clean.

People drive their vehicles on the left side in Australia instead of right here in Canada. The local restaurants are a great opportunity to try new food. For instance, I enjoyed going to Asian fusion restaurants which had Asian food with Indian flavour. Small restaurants in the Glen Waverly area are not too pricey. One can purchase a meal anywhere from \$10 - \$15. There is a bus that goes from the Clayton campus to Glen Waverly Station. One can also take an Uber if they want to get somewhere faster. It is cheaper taking an Uber compared to a taxi. One can also get Dominos pizza delivered by ordering online on campus. If one wants a really cheap meal, they can visit Halls Café at the Clayton campus. Meals cost about \$7.00 - \$10.00. There is also Subway, Boost Juice, Mexican food, Chinese food, Malaysian food as well as great places to purchase burgers and chips such as Schnitz.

There are many amazing student clubs one can join. One can also get a gym membership for the on-campus fitness centers and take advantage of the pool, hot tub and saunas available. Since many people are into sports and fitness on campus, one can join in and play basketball outdoors and indoors and many other sports with students sharing common hobbies. There are tennis courts, field hockey grounds, soccer fields, many basketball courts and tracks for running at the Monash Clayton campus.

Reflection After Exchange

I feel like I have grown both personally and professionally through my exchange experience. I





