

# Going On An Exchange To Australia With No Regrets

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Study Abroad

Program: Study Abroad › Exchange

University: Griffith University

Location: Gold Coast, Australia

Experience Faculty: Education

The opportunity to try out a new lifestyle.

Experience Details

Semester: Spring

Year: 2023

Introduction + Preparation

The main things to prepare are a travel visa (I opted for a working holiday visa so I could stay in Australia longer after I finished my studies, while still being able to study for up to 4 months), finances (saving up funds and ensure your passport is valid for at least six months beyond your planned return date).

- Make copies of important documents (passport, visa, university acceptance letter, etc.) and keep them in a separate place from the originals.
2. Finances:
  - Create a budget for your time abroad, including tuition, accommodation, food, transportation, and leisure activities.
  - Inform your bank about your travel plans to avoid any issues with accessing your funds abroad.
  - Consider opening a local bank account in Australia for ease of financial transactions.
3. Accommodation:
  - Arrange your accommodation well in advance. Options include on-campus housing, off-campus apartments, or homestays.
  - Familiarize yourself with the rules and regulations of your chosen accommodation.
4. Health and Insurance:



## Packing

Don't bring so much. At least for myself, I didn't need to bring as many clothes as I did, just bring your favourites, and cut down on the multiples, odds are you'll want to get a few items while you're away anyway. I brought a large suitcase and a 55L backpacking bag which was particularly useful hiking around New Zealand.

## Preparation Tips for Future Students

## Social and Extracurricular Activities







