**Facts**

- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 70,000
- Number of campuses: 9
- Academic year: January - December
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: July - November
- Spring Semester Equivalent: February - June

Monash is Australia’s biggest university with 6 campuses in Victoria and 2 overseas campuses in Malaysia and South Africa.

**Things to do**

Melbourne is Australia’s second largest city and is located in Victoria, Australia’s smallest yet most densely populated state, with over 5 million inhabitants. Melbourne is often referred to as the sporting and cultural capital of Australia, boasting many music, art, fashion and sporting festivals. With 5 universities, Melbourne is a student-focussed city.

Top attractions: Melbourne Cricket Ground, Queen Victoria Market, St Kilda’s beaches and promenade, Federation Square and the Yarra Valley wine region.

**Travel opportunities**

Melbourne is 1.5 hours' flight from Sydney, 1 hour flight from Tasmania, and 4 hours' flight from Christchurch, New Zealand.

Recognised as one of the world’s most scenic drives, the Great Ocean Road is within a few hours’ drive of Melbourne, following a stunning coastline with a wide range of natural attractions including the Twelve Apostles, Wilson’s Promontory and famous stretches of the surf coast, such as Bell’s Beach.

**Getting around**

Melbourne has a fantastic public transport system including buses, trams and trains. With many bike lanes, Melbourne is also a cycle friendly city.

**Climate**

Melbourne’s weather is highly unpredictable and well known for having ‘four seasons in one day’. The city sees all four seasons with average highs of 30°C in summer (December - February) and lows of 14°C in winter (June - August).

**Finance 2017/18**

Bursaries available:

International Office Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependant on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme).

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Approximate living costs compiled from student surveys and partner university website.

Although the cost of living in Melbourne is greater than most cities in the UK, as Monash University is not located in the city centre, accommodation costs are significantly lower than in central Melbourne.

More information: [http://monash.edu/study/international/preparing/cost.html](http://monash.edu/study/international/preparing/cost.html)

**Accommodation**

The Clayton campus is the largest of the university's campuses. It is located in the suburb of Clayton, Victoria, 20km from Melbourne city centre.

- On campus accommodation: "It is Monash policy to have a mix of students in each hall of residence to achieve a balance of Australian and international students. All Monash halls of residence provide single bedrooms with shared bathrooms, kitchens and lounge rooms."
  
- Off campus accommodation: "Students who prefer to live off-campus can obtain advice and assistance from Monash Residential Services. Students should be aware that most residential leases in Victoria are for 12 months. Students who choose to live off campus may have to travel quite long distances to get to the Clayton campus, as there is less accommodation available around Clayton than in other parts of Melbourne."

Further information about accommodation is available from: [http://mrs.monash.edu/](http://mrs.monash.edu/)

**Further information**

[http://monash.edu/study-abroad/inbound/](http://monash.edu/study-abroad/inbound/)

**Application success rate:**

- 2015/2016 = 33%
- 2016/2017 = 18%

(percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner)