



SELC AUSTRALIA

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PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

LIVING IN SYDNEY

How much does it cost to live in Sydney?

After you have paid for your accommodation and tuition fees you will need enough money for lunch and transport each day.

You can buy a typical Australian sandwich for \$6 - 8, and an evening meal for \$17 - \$30. You will also need spending money for entertainment. In total, you should plan to have access to at least A\$200 per week.

If you are bringing dependent family members with you to Australia, you will also need to consider the costs of supporting these family members. More information can be found at www.immi.gov.au.

What's the weather like in Sydney?

Sydney weather is very changeable. In the summer it can be very hot (sometimes more than 30°C), so you will need to bring light, casual clothes. But it can also rain a lot so it is important to bring warm clothes as well. You should also bring beachwear as Sydney is famous for its beautiful beaches!

During the winter months (June, July, August) it can be quite cool so it is important to bring a coat and warm clothes. But, keep in mind that it can also be sunny in winter!

This chart of average maximum and minimum temperatures may help you (degrees celsius).

MONTH	MIN.	MAX.
January	19	27
February	19	27
March	18	25
April	15	23
May	12	20
June	10	18
July	8	17
August	9	18
September	11	20
October	14	22
November	16	24
December	18	25

If...

... you have booked homestay accommodation through SELC, please see the Homestay Information section.

... you have asked for an airport transfer, please refer to the Airport Transfer section.

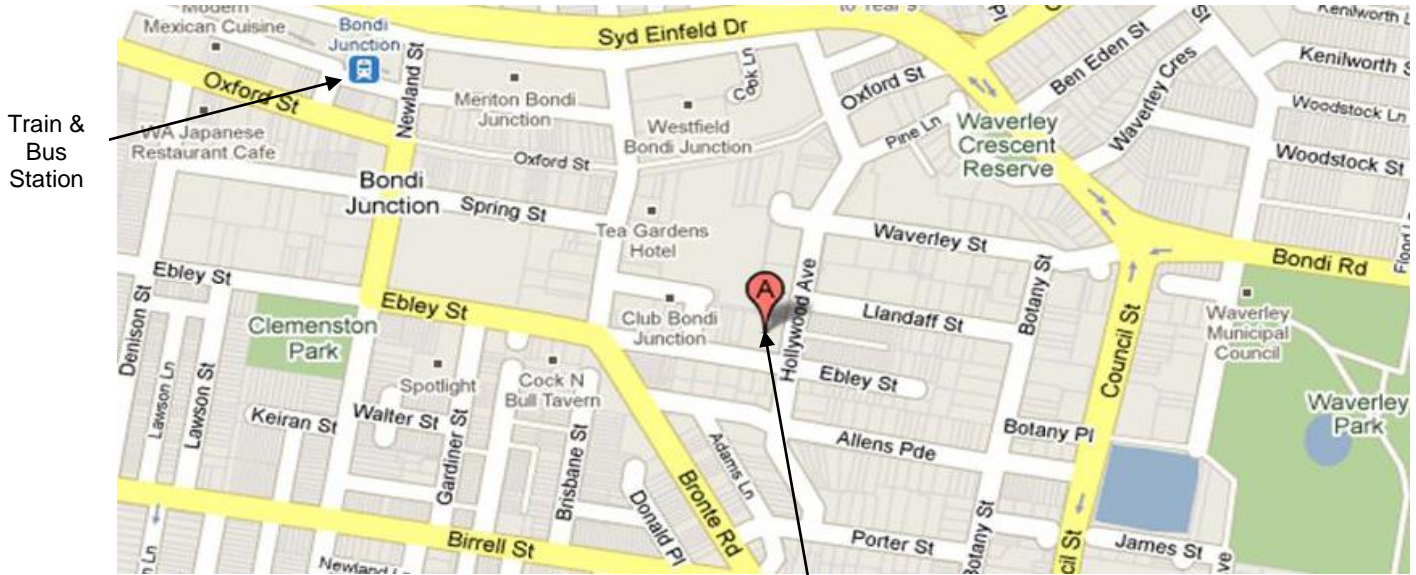
... you have paid for Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC), see the last page for more information.

YOUR FIRST DAY AT SELC

How do I get to SELC?

SELC is at 19-23 Hollywood Avenue, Bondi Junction. It is on the corner of Ebley Street and Hollywood Avenue.

If you arrive at Bondi Junction train and bus station, walk up Bronte Road and turn left into Ebley street. Walk all the way to the end and left into Hollywood Avenue. See the map below.



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Timetable for first day of term

- 8:30 Arrive at SELC and go to the Ground Floor Student Room for a free coffee. You should bring your passport, a pen or pencil for the test and money for your lunch.
- N.B You should pay any fees that you have not yet paid at this time. You can pay at Reception.
- 9:00 Welcome speech – your choice of courses will be explained.
- 9:20 SELC Placement Test
This is to see what your English level is and determines which class you will join. The test will take approximately 1.5 hours. During your test you will also have a speaking test with one of the teachers.
- 11:00 Orientation meeting - You will receive an information booklet about SELC and learn more about living in Australia, including Overseas Student Health Cover.
- 11:30 Tour of the School
- 12:00 Homestay Meeting
You will meet the Homestay Officer who will explain about living in an Australian family.

Second day of term

8:45 You will find your name, class and room number on a list in the level 2 Student Room

9:00 **Class begins.** You will meet your teacher and other students in your class.

Term Start Dates

SELC has term start dates every 4 weeks. On these dates, new students are tested and given an orientation. Classes will begin on the second day of the new term.

There are no General English classes on term start dates. Other courses may run classes on term start dates. Students wishing to study are able to use the Independent Learning Centre (ILC) for their private study, or attend a grammar workshop or conversation class on that day.

If you begin on a day that is not our usual term start date, please go to the level 2 student room for your first day instructions.

HOMESTAY INFORMATION

If you have booked a SELC homestay, please read this section carefully.

If we have arranged accommodation for you with an Australian household, here is some information we think will help you and your homestay household to understand each other.

SMILE!

Most important. Be friendly and smile when your host family talks to you.

BE POLITE

Say “please” and “thank you” when asking for or receiving anything.

FOOD

Half Board

You will receive breakfast and dinner each day. You will have to make your own arrangements about lunch during the week and on weekends. Your meals will be the same as for the rest of the household. The diet of the family may be very different from your usual diet. Tell your host what type of foods you like and they may be able to include these in the family meals.

Room and Facilities

You will do your own cooking and your host will provide you with reasonable storage space for the food you buy. You should make sure that you clean up the cooking area and any dishes you use.

MEALTIMES

Half Board

You must be home at the usual mealtime for the family. If you know that you will be late or will not be home for meals, you should tell your host in advance.

Room and Facilities

You will be preparing your own meals. You should arrange with your host family a suitable time for you to prepare your meals.

KEEP YOUR ROOM TIDY

You will be treated as a guest of your homestay. In Australia guests keep their own rooms tidy and usually offer to help their hosts clean up after meals and in other small ways.

Women in Australia do not do all the housework and there are usually no servants in Australian homes. Your accommodation does not include such personal services. These are available in hotels. We can arrange hotel accommodation for you if this is what you require.

BATHROOM

Try to limit your time in the bathroom to 15 minutes. Please also remember that the custom in Australia is to wash yourself inside the bath/shower area so that no water or soap goes onto the floor.

TELEPHONE

Ask permission to use the telephone. Restrict your calls to a reasonable length and number.

The cost of outgoing calls is not included in your accommodation. You should make arrangements with your host family to pay for your own calls. You should pay promptly for long distance calls.

WHEN YOU BRING FRIENDS HOME

Ask permission before you bring friends to your host's home and be sure that they do not behave noisily.

LAUNDRY

In most homes there is an automatic washing machine. If your host does not have a washing machine ask where the nearest laundry is.

SMOKERS

Many Australian families dislike smoking in their homes. Ask your host if you can smoke in the house. It is better to offer to smoke outside.

EXTENDING YOUR STAY

Your accommodation has been arranged for the time you asked on your enrolment form. If you want to stay with your homestay for a longer time you should tell one of the accommodation co-ordinators in the first 7 days of your stay. It may be possible for us to arrange for this to happen. If not, you may have to leave when the next student arrives.

QUESTIONS

If you have any matters about your homestay which you would like to discuss, please arrange to see the Accommodation Co-ordinator at SELC during class breaks.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

If you have requested an airport transfer, please take note of the following information.

What and who should you look for?

Our SELC representative will meet you at the exit passageway, after you come through customs.

LOOK FOR THE ORANGE SELC SIGN.
IF YOU HAVE THE SELC STICKER,
YOU SHOULD DISPLAY IT ON YOUR
CLOTHING AND LUGGAGE.



The airport arrival lounge is often very crowded. If you do not see our SELC driver, wait at the gate where you came out.

If you cannot find our airport representative, it is best to telephone them on 0416 219 627

NB: It is important to advise SELC, *in advance*, if your luggage exceeds the usual allowance (20kg) or includes a surfboard or any other larger than normal item. If SELC is not advised in advance you may need to pay extra.

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC)

If you are on a student visa you must pay the government OSHC charge. Even if you have health insurance in your home country or health insurance for travellers, you must still pay OSHC. The health cover is operated by Medibank Private.

When you begin class at SELC we will help you obtain your membership card from Medibank Private.

SELC Emergency Telephone Numbers

Airport Representative: 0416 219 627
School Office: 8305 5600
Accommodation support: 0408 435 155

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