

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION GUIDE



**AUSTRALIAN  
PERFORMING ARTS  
CONSERVATORY**



# WELCOME

Congratulations and welcome to APAC.

You are one step closer to beginning your creative journey in a supportive community of like-minded emerging artists.

At APAC you will be encouraged to explore your unique experiences, background, and perspectives to develop your creativity and your artistic voice. APAC celebrates diversity, knowing that this diversity fuels creativity and fosters a more inclusive and welcoming environment.

This International Student Information Guide will explain the excellent services and facilities that APAC provides to assist you to maximise your time with us, develop your artistic talents and make valuable contributions to the world.





# STEP 1

## ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

The first thing you will need to do now that you have received your unconditional course offer letter, is to formally accept it. Carefully read your offer letter that you have received via email from APAC, review the Conditions of Agreement and Student Declaration, and submit your Acceptance of Offer form. The link to accept your offer is in your Unconditional Letter of Offer.

The acceptance fee deposit outlined in your course offer letter will also be payable at the time of accepting. You may choose to pay more than the prescribed amount in your course offer letter, this will be credited to your student account. APAC accepts fees via Direct Deposit. The bank details for transfer are stated in your Unconditional Letter of Offer.

APAC encourages you to accept your Unconditional Letter of Offer as quickly as possible. Once you have submitted your Acceptance of Offer form, and we have received your acceptance deposit, APAC will issue you with an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) to allow you to apply for your student visa.

It is important that you are familiar with APAC's Policies and Procedures. Please take the time to read these documents located on APAC's website - <https://apac.edu.au/student-policies/>





## STEP 2 APPLY FOR YOUR VISA

### APPLY FOR YOUR STUDENT VISA

You must obtain a student visa before you come to study in Australia. APAC will issue an electronic Confirmation of enrolment (eCOE) which you must use to apply for your visa.

Once received you must use your eCOE within six (6) months from its start date to apply for your student visa before it expires.

Please make sure you allow plenty of time for your visa application to be processed by Australian immigration authorities so you arrive on time to begin classes.

You will need permission from APAC if you wish to transfer to another education provider in the first six months of your studies. You will be required to apply for a new student visa if you change to a lower education level program at any time.

### VISA CONDITIONS

Student visas come with a number of conditions. It is important that you do not breach them so your visa will not be subject to cancellation.

Immigration publishes a comprehensive list of visa conditions:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions>

### EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS (ESOS)

The ESOS Act regulates the provision of education to overseas students in Australia. It covers the conduct of providers (universities, colleges, and schools), students and the various government departments involved. Its main purpose is to provide consumer protection for overseas students.

APAC complies with the ESOS legislation requirements.

The Australian Government reviews its Student Visa Program regularly. Please check the Australian immigration department website for updates:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/>



# STEP 3

## GET ORGANISED

CHOOSE YOUR ACCOMMODATION AND ORGANISE AIRPORT TRANSPORT

### LIVING OFF CAMPUS

#### Purpose Built Student Accommodation

Within a short walk of the campus you will find a wide variety of high standard accommodation which is designed specifically for students. This [site](#) gives you some of the better known options.

#### Rent a House or Apartment

You may choose to rent your own accommodation. Some students choose to share a rented home with others. Quite often the experience of sharing with other students helps everyone to settle into their studies and to be successful. You can find rental houses or flats at sites including [realestate.com.au](http://realestate.com.au) and [domain.com.au](http://domain.com.au). There you can search for your preferred locations and style of rental accommodation. The rental obligations may vary. You can research your [rights and obligations here](#).

#### Homestay

Some private citizens are happy to share a part of their house with an international student. The details may vary from home to home. It is important to clarify whether you will have your own bedroom, study area, wi-fi and bathroom. Some homestays provide all meals, some provide breakfast and dinner. Some provide meals during the week, but not on weekends. The following groups specialise in arranging homestay for students: [HomeStay network](#) and [Study Vision](#).

### AIRPORT TRANSPORT SERVICES

When you arrive at Brisbane International Airport you have a number of transport option including train, bus, Uber or Taxi.

One option to travel from the airport is the Airtrain. Travelling between the Brisbane Airport and Brisbane City, where APAC is located, takes just 20 minutes.

More information about transport options from Brisbane Airport is available at <https://www.bne.com.au/passenger/to-and-from/transport-options>

### PAYING FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT

go card is your ticket to travel on all Translink buses, trains (including Airtrain) and ferry services in Brisbane. For more information about buying a go card and planning your journey, visit <https://translink.com.au/>



# MOVING TO BRISBANE

Moving to Brisbane is an exciting opportunity to explore. Before you arrive, we recommend that you have a look at the following resources:

- [Study Australia](#) - learn about Australian culture and lifestyle, personal safety, beach and sun safety, driving and transport safety, and what to do in an emergency.
- [Australian Human Rights Commission](#) - learn about equality and equity in Australia and other human rights in Australia.
- [Visit Brisbane](#)
- [Brisbane City Council](#)
- [Queensland website](#)

Arriving a couple of weeks before the trimester starts gives you time to get settled into your new home, explore the city, and adjust to Brisbane's climate.

Orientation week, held one week before formal classes commence, is a great way to get to know APACs campus and meet your fellow students.

We look forward to welcoming you to Brisbane.







## STEP 5 ENROLMENT

Once your visa has been approved, we'll need you to complete an Enrolment Form confirming a few details so that we can process your enrolment.

As part of your student visa conditions, you are required to let APAC know your residential address within 7 days of arriving in Australia. You can provide us with these details via the Enrolment Form or by emailing us at [admissions@apac.edu.au](mailto:admissions@apac.edu.au).

Once enrolled, an APAC student email address will be created for you and you will have access to APAC's learning resources. We will also order you a Student ID card.

As an APAC student, you may be entitled to a public transport concession. Brisbane's public transport is managed by TransLink. Once you are enrolled, check the Translink website to find out if you can apply for a transport concession card.

# STEP 6

## ATTEND ORIENTATION

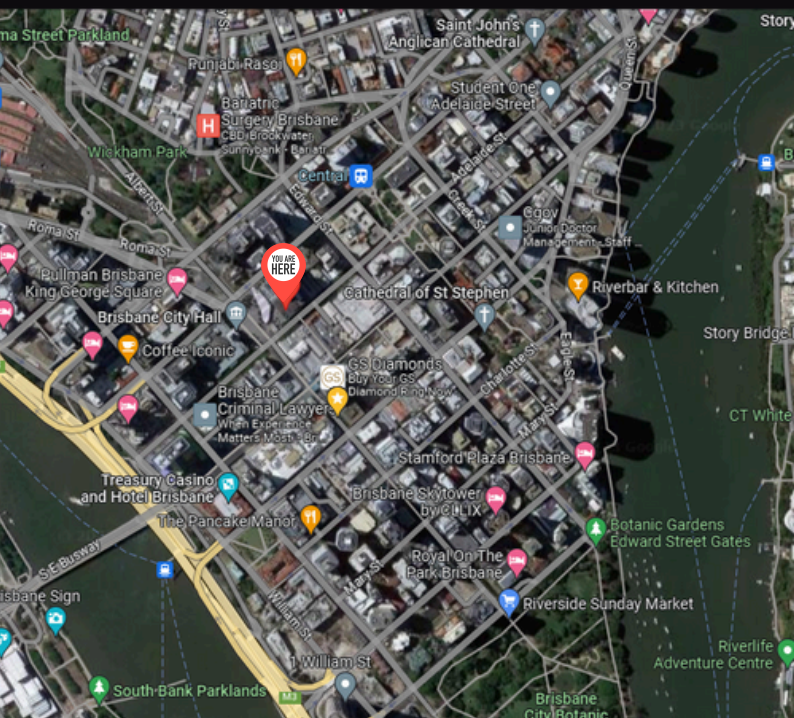
Embarking on your academic journey at APAC is a thrilling experience. Enrolling in a degree in a foreign country offers a unique opportunity: a fresh setting, new faces, and a new way of learning. At APAC, we are dedicated to being a pivotal and supportive presence throughout your academic development. APAC's comprehensive Orientation program is designed to facilitate your smooth transition into your studies, marking the beginning of your academic journey.

Orientation is compulsory for all international students.

Orientation introduces you to APAC and key staff members, and provides you with crucial information and advice that will assist you in adjusting to the living and learning environment of APAC. You will also receive academic advice about your program and have the opportunity to get any help that you require.







**The 102 Adelaide Street Building and King George Square Entrance**



**The Adelaide Street Entrance Next to Officeworks**



## WHERE IS APAC?

APAC is in the heart of Brisbane, close to shops, department stores, food outlets and restaurants. APACs campus is located on Level 5 of 102 Adelaide Street, Brisbane. Our campus is within walking distance of Central Train Station, Roma Street Train Station and the King George Square Bus Station.

## ENTERING THE CAMPUS

There are two entrances to the campus. One is from King George Square, as pictured to the left, and the other is from Adelaide Street, as pictured below. Once you enter the foyer, catch the lift up to Level 5 between the hours of 8.30am and 5.00pm. You will be welcomed by our friendly APAC team.

## CONTACTING APAC

You can contact us via phone between the hours of 8.30am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday, and via email at any time. We will respond to your email as soon as we can.

Phone: +61 7 3229 6929

Email: [admin@apac.edu.au](mailto:admin@apac.edu.au)





# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## Trimester 3, 2025

Orientation date: 27 August 2025

Session dates: 1 September 2025 to 5 December 2025

Census: 22 September 2025

Trimester break: 6 December 2025 to 18 January 2026

## Trimester 1, 2026

Orientation date: 14 January 2026

Session dates: 19 January 2026 to 17 April 2026

Census date: 9 February 2026

Trimester break: 18 April 2026 to 10 May 2026

## Trimester 2, 2026

Orientation date: 6 May 2026

Session dates: 11 May 2026 to 7 August 2026

Census date: 1 June 2026

Trimester break: 8 August 2026 to 30 August 2026



# THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

## COST OF LIVING

As a student visa holder, you will be required to have approximately AUD\$29,710\* per person per year for living expenses, as advised by the Australian Government. However, the actual cost depends on your individual lifestyle so you should budget for more than this amount. Remember, your living expenses are separate from your tuition fees.

For more information on the cost of living in Brisbane visit <https://www.studyaustralia.gov.au/en/life-in-australia/living-and-education-costs.html>

\*subject to change

## OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC)

Overseas Student Health Cover is compulsory for student visa holders. You will need to purchase OSHC for the proposed duration of your student visa through your preferred provider and include evidence of this payment with your tuition fees when accepting an offer of study at APAC.

## FIRST DAY OF CLASSES AND LATE START

APAC classes begin on the date specified on your offer letter. If you are unable to start on the date specified in your offer letter you must apply in advance to receive written permission from APAC to begin your program late. You must email the APAC Admissions team at [admissions@apac.edu.au](mailto:admissions@apac.edu.au) and explain your reason for the request. If you have not received written approval for a late start from APAC you should not leave your home country. Please allow 48 hours from request for a response from APAC.

## DEFERMENT

If you have accepted your offer and wish to defer the start of your degree to a later session, you must contact APAC to request a deferment. Deferment can only be considered if you have not already arrived in Australia or if you are studying at another institution in Australia and need more time to complete your study.

If your request to defer is successful, APAC will issue a new Letter of Offer, which you must accept. You will be issued with a new eCoE. Your student visa may be impacted.

## WORKING WHILE STUDYING

Under your student visa you may work for up to 48 hours per fortnight during term. During vacation break there is no limit on how many hours you can work. This can help with your living costs as well as providing valuable experience.

Like all workers in Australia you have legal rights and protections. You can find your rights by visiting [Fairwork](https://www.fairwork.gov.au). If you need help in understanding your rights, we can help.

## WHO YOU CAN CONTACT

APAC's Director of Operations & Students Services, Nakia Brighthouse, is your official point of contact if you have any questions or concerns. She can be contacted on +61 461 528 972 or [nakia.brighthouse@apac.edu.au](mailto:nakia.brighthouse@apac.edu.au).





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[WWW.APAC.EDU.AU](http://WWW.APAC.EDU.AU)

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