

# 2024 Guide for Parents and Guardians



At Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) University, we understand that international students may face new challenges when they move to Australia and begin their learning journey abroad.

This guide provides an overview of the extra support RMIT can offer your child to help them succeed in their studies, make new friends and be prepared for life and work once they graduate.

**What's next...**



## RMIT University is an international university of technology, design and enterprise.

We are one of the top universities in Melbourne and the largest dual-sector university in Australia.

Our innovative facilities, hands-on learning opportunities and international reputation with employers are just a few of the reasons why over 91,000 students from 196 different countries choose to study with RMIT.

Our campuses are known for their award-winning urban spaces and state-of-the-art facilities.

## Why choose RMIT?

### #1

RMIT was named the 2023 International Education Provider of the Year, awarded for excellence in international student experience, employability and career development<sup>1</sup>

### Top 150

universities worldwide<sup>2</sup>

### #1

in Australia and #18 in the world for Art and Design<sup>3</sup>

### #1

in Australia for Architecture and the Built Environment<sup>3</sup>

### Top 10

in Australia for Engineering and Technology, and Accounting and Finance<sup>3</sup>

### #1

in the world for our efforts to reduce inequalities and take action against discrimination<sup>4</sup>

### #5

in Australia for the actions we've taken to tackle the world's greatest environmental, social and governance challenges<sup>5</sup>

### 100+

student clubs and societies

<sup>1</sup>Victorian International Education Awards 2023

<sup>2</sup>QS World University Rankings 2024

<sup>3</sup>QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024

<sup>4</sup>Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2023

<sup>5</sup>QS Sustainability Rankings 2023

<sup>6</sup>Good Universities Guide 2023/2024



## Did you know...

RMIT was awarded royal patronage by Queen Elizabeth II for its educational service to the Commonwealth and contribution to the war effort.

RMIT remains the only higher education institution in Australia with the right to use the prefix "Royal" and the Monarchy's coat of arms.

RMIT's first premises, the Francis Ormond Building, opened for teaching and learning in 1887.

# Three ways RMIT sets your child up for success

RMIT prepares your child to make an impact from day one of their career, with industry-based learning, work placements, internships, field trips and projects embedded into every stage of the study experience.

## Work-Integrated Learning

RMIT specialises in practical, industry-based learning designed to give our students the in-demand skills and professional experience that make employers sit up and take notice.

## RMIT Industry Experiences Program

At RMIT, your child will have access to over 1,000 virtual micro-internship placements. Available across a broad range of study areas and year levels, RMIT's Industry Experiences Program provides your child the opportunity to collaborate with real industry clients, building their professional network and a diverse skillset.

## Job Shop

RMIT's Job Shop is a drop-in service centre located on campus. Here, your child will get access to free services like feedback on job applications, assistance with job seeking, and career workshops.



## Global partners we work with

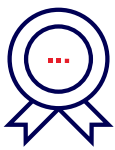
Connection to industry is proudly woven into RMIT's history. Our students build connections to their future employers while they learn, so they're ready to launch their careers when they graduate.



and many more...

# Discover Melbourne, the home of RMIT

RMIT's campuses are based in and around Melbourne, a multicultural hub that welcomes people from all over the world. Here's why Melbourne is Australia's #1 city for students.<sup>1</sup>



Melbourne is ranked the world's third most liveable city<sup>2</sup>, and is one of the safest cities across the globe to work and study<sup>3</sup>. Boasting a safe and lively environment, Melbourne is known for its beautiful parks and gardens, clean air, world-class entertainment venues and convenient transport and infrastructure.



Melbourne is a diverse city, home to more than 140 different cultures<sup>4</sup>. Top 10 in the world for its cultural scene<sup>5</sup>, Melbourne's calendar of events spans art, theatre, music and festivals, ensuring there's something to keep everyone entertained in our bustling city.



Sports fans from across the globe travel to Melbourne to watch international stars live in action at the highly anticipated sporting events that the city hosts, including the Australian Open, Test cricket and more.



Living in Melbourne is a luxury amongst a world-famous culinary scene. With dining options to suit every budget, students are spoiled for choice in and around campus.

<sup>1</sup>QS Best Student Cities 2023

<sup>2</sup>Global Liveability Index 2023

<sup>3</sup>Study Melbourne 2023, State Government of Victoria

<sup>4</sup>City of Melbourne, 'Multicultural communities', 2024

<sup>5</sup>Time Out, 'Melbourne has just been named the world's tenth best city for culture right now', 2023

## Pathways to your child's dream degree

Offering pathway programs and various intakes, RMIT ensures your child can access their dream degree.

### Foundation Studies

Designed specifically for international students, RMIT Foundation Studies is a direct pathway to higher study at RMIT, both at vocational and undergraduate level. Comparable in standard to an Australian Year 12 curriculum, the Foundation Studies programs are delivered by RMIT Training with six streams to choose from:

- Art, Design and Architecture
- Business
- Communication and Social Context
- Engineering and Science
- Health
- Information Technology (IT)

### English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

RMIT's English for Academic Purposes (EAP) course gives students the academic English skills they need to enrol into a program at RMIT University.



In Foundation Studies, I learnt about 3D modelling, painting and also mixed media drawing. These things became the foundation of my portfolio to get into my Bachelor of Communication Design at RMIT.

**Fabio Hutagalung**

# Support that helps your child feel safe and empowered to learn

Our #1 priority is ensuring your child is safe, healthy and happy during their studies in Melbourne. RMIT offers a number of resources to make this possible for all our students.

## RMIT Connect

The on-campus contact for international students and their parents, for support on all general academic and personal enquiries.

## 24/7 campus security and patrol

Contactable at all times for emergencies, non-urgent police assistance, security accompaniment on campus, and after-hours campus access.

## SafeZone

RMIT's exclusive free mobile app, which helps students raise immediate emergencies or first aid alerts, check in with campus security, and share locations at any time.

## Safer Community

At RMIT, we are committed to providing a respectful and safe place to study. If your child feels unsafe or is unsure of what to do about threatening or unwanted behaviour, they can talk to a member of Safer Community about their concerns and options.

## Academic support and wellbeing

At RMIT, your child is supported to manage their studies and workload so they can flourish academically.

## Equitable Learning Services

RMIT offers multiple support services, including free on-campus study assistance, available to all students. Additional support is also available to ensure equal opportunities for students with a disability, long-term illness and/or mental health condition.

## Language support

RMIT offers free English classes and full English courses for students wanting to improve their language skills. If your child feels they need extra help with English language or writing, we've also partnered with Studiosity to provide additional quality-assured support. Students can use the platform to chat one-on-one with subject specialists at any time, or submit their work for feedback.

## RMIT Chaplaincy

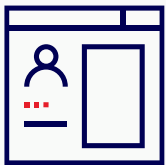
RMIT's Chaplains are trained multi-faith spiritual advisers, providing support to students and staff of all faiths. RMIT's new Multifaith and Wellbeing Centre also ensures staff and students have access to a purpose-built space for worship and wellness activities.

## Peer-to-peer support

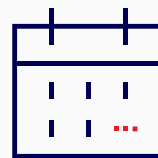
RMIT has a number of initiatives in place to ensure your teen has a positive study experience:

- **RMIT Kirrip**  
RMIT Kirrip is designed to help your child ease into uni life, connecting new students with current students via a range of activities and events.
- **Clubs and societies**  
Your child can join various academic and cultural clubs, creative societies or sporting associations to meet new people, make friends and gain extracurricular experience.
- **Mentors**  
Through the digital app Vygo, we are uniting international students with mentors so that they can connect with a social network of RMIT peers, and chat about life, work, study or anything else on their minds.

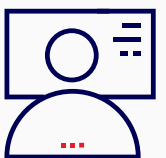
# Free services your child can access at RMIT



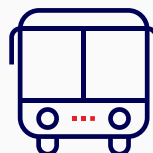
Study assistance for tutoring, research and feedback



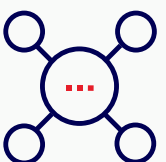
Counsellors and advisors for study guidance and personal wellbeing



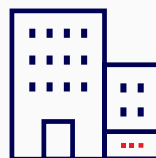
Online tips and planners to achieve top assignment results



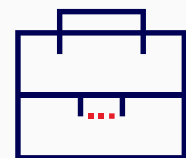
Pre-departure and arrival support



Student Connect for all general enquiries, study and wellbeing support



Personalised accommodation support



Confidential legal advice on campus and online from qualified lawyers

# Your child's journey to RMIT in three steps...

## 1. Find the right course

RMIT courses are practical and prepare graduates for future careers.

Co-designed in partnership with industry, students gain the practical skills needed to succeed in the workforce.

➔ [rmit.edu.au/study-with-us](https://rmit.edu.au/study-with-us)

## 2. Start the application process

Once your child has selected the course they'd like to study, it's time to start the application process. Our team can help you understand all the study options, entry requirements, scholarships, and fees.

Our team speaks all major languages and can even help you prepare your child's application.

➔ [rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/international-students/make-an-enquiry/chat-to-our-international-team](https://rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/international-students/make-an-enquiry/chat-to-our-international-team)

## 3. Prepare to arrive

If your child is joining RMIT from interstate or overseas, or leaving home for the first time, we can help them find accommodation that suits their needs.

RMIT hosts pre-arrival webinars and welcome events in multiple countries to help our students prepare for what's next.

➔ [rmit.edu.au/students/support-services/international-students](https://rmit.edu.au/students/support-services/international-students)

## Is your child under 18?

If your child will be under the age of 18 when they arrive in Australia, they must have accommodation and welfare arrangements organised and approved either by the Department of Home Affairs or RMIT before they leave home. This is to ensure they have proper day-to-day support to keep them safe and well.

➔ [rmit.edu.au/accommodation](https://rmit.edu.au/accommodation)

## Cost of living

In addition to tuition and study fees, your child will need to pay for living costs including rent, food, textbooks, and transport. These expenses will depend on your child's location and lifestyle. Check our website to learn more about everyday costs in Melbourne and how RMIT can help your child manage their living expenses.

➔ [rmit.edu.au/about/moving-to-melbourne/cost-of-living](https://rmit.edu.au/about/moving-to-melbourne/cost-of-living)



**Amriyati travelled to Melbourne for her son Raffa's graduation. She helped Raffa explore his university options before he chose RMIT.**

"One of the things that impressed me about RMIT is how easy it is for graduates to be able to secure a job after university. When I heard about it, I [was] more confident and assured," she said.

## Got any more questions?

RMIT has an international support team on call for all your questions about your child's study journey in Melbourne. **We'll be able to answer your queries Monday to Thursday from 9am–5pm AET, and Friday from 10am–5pm AET.**

Get in touch with us on **+61 3 9925 5000**, email us at [study@rmit.edu.au](mailto:study@rmit.edu.au), or chat online with a friendly RMIT staff member at [rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/international-students](https://rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/international-students)