

OUTGOING STUDENT FEEDBACK FORM – 2007/2008

Programme IM

University Attended University of Melbourne

INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

What did this involve, how long did it last, was it useful?

Orientation or “O week” as they call it lasts for 1 week and is very similar to “freshers week” in Manchester. During the first three days there are several tours and lectures designed to introduce the university and its teaching style. Towards the end of the week there are many sports and society fairs similar to that at Manchester.

I would definitely recommend the Melbourne Welcome program. Although the 4 day program is not worth its value in monetary terms, it is a great way to make friends and contacts almost instantaneously. One society which you must also get involved in is “MUSEX”, basically a society for exchange students to meet each other. MUSEX events are very sociable and are always fun.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Style of teaching, courses, ease of access to courses, methods of assessment, teaching support

Very similar to Manchester. 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of seminar per week. I would say that although the course modules often cover a wider scope than Manchester, the level of knowledge and interpretation required is far less than at home. Exams often test the memory as opposed to in-depth knowledge and its application.

MBS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Level of support, additional information that could have been useful

Good level of support. Although I very rarely needed MBS help I always felt that I could rely on them if required. Additional info on possible accommodation would have been helpful.

MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS

Any additional information that could have been useful

None.

HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Level of support, additional information that could be useful for future students
Host office were very polite and helpful in almost every case.

ACCOMMODATION

I stayed at Unilodge@Melbourne. Although its location was absolutely spot on everything else was rather negative. Rooms were small, dirty and very expensive. Bathrooms are shared between 20 people and again are very dirty. The entire building consisted of Asian students who are a very serious about study and lack social skills. I would suggest staying at RMIT village just around the corner for a better social experience.

DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE

Transport, travel, social life, integration with local students, student activity groups

I love Melbourne, in fact I'm coming back here to live as soon as possible. It reminds me of England without the negatives. Better weather, without anti-social behaviour and friendly people. Locals warm to the English, and are always willing to talk and help you.

Melbourne has a large international airport which allows cost travel internal and external to Australia. The city also has a great tram system which provides cheap and effective transport throughout Melbourne.

Local students are very welcoming and love the friendly banter with the English. I joined the university soccer and futsal clubs, which proved to be a great way to mix in with the locals. I also gave aussie rules a try for one week....haha.... I probably wouldn't recommend that!

DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD

An experience that opened my eyes and broadened my horizons.