

OUTGOING STUDENT FEEDBACK FORM 2009-2010

Programme – International Management

University Attended – University of Queensland

INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

It outlined the basics of what you needed to know and gave you plenty of info regarding housing and course options.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

The teaching style is very similar to that in the UK except the work is broken down into smaller aspects, for example many of the tutorials have assessed work and most subjects have an assignment, a mid semester and an end of semester exam.

The teaching style was similar to the UK - two lectures and a tutorial. Sometimes the tutorials had attendance marks also and almost always required you to do work for them.

Access to courses was pretty basic, if you had any problems you contact Julie Huberman and she will pretty much sort out any issue right away...she's a star. Assessment methods were generally a mid term exam followed by a piece of coursework or presentation and then a final exam, however, differing courses vary.

Teaching support was reasonably good, similar to Manchester I would say.

MBS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

The levels of support from the Int. Office were tremendous. I had a few problems whilst over here and they were sorted pretty quickly and with ease. I should have checked my e-mails more regularly, Fact.

Was lovely to see Sue and be taken out for a meal and a chat and a pleasure to help out at the International Fair to sell MBS to prospective students.

MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS

Go they're important, and plan everything early.

HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Julie-Ann Huberman has been unbelievably helpful, she replies to your emails before you have sent them. Just speak to her

INSURANCE, HEALTH COVER

I had to buy OSHC healthcare as a pre-requisite of coming to the uni, which was about 360 dollars. Also with the Visa stuff i had to go and get a health check up which luckily for me my local council recompensed me. Phone up your local authority for sure and see if they will help...they also paid all my travelling expenses over here. The rest of everything i needed insurance wise was covered by Uni of Manc insurance. It's a good policy and it's free. Make sure you sort out your health check up early along with your Visa application as its quicker and cheaper if you do.

ACCOMMODATION

To stay in halls of residence (or colleges) as they are called would be by far the best way to meet people of differing nationalities, including the elusive Australian friends, as they have regular social events and numerous sports teams, however, they're expensive.

If you cannot afford that or are not keen for that socially orientated lifestyle then there is an Accom office at UQ and an Accom meeting that is the best place to start you off.

I lived in Indooroopilly 120 per week first semester and then moved in second semester. Indooroo was cheaper and a nicer house but the travel into uni on buses stopped at ten pm, so it was a nightmare place to go out from. I then lived in St Lucia, just a 5 minute walk from uni which was much better and paid 150 per week, but most seem to be around 180.

Your best option is a share house in St Lucia or Toowong I'd say where you have everything included in price except internet. Toowong like St Lucia is close to the uni and both places are also within reach of the city.

DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE

Transport is pretty good here, get a go-card you get concession. The social life is very different from Manchester, but there are always internationals and the colleges on the lash massively, plenty of good nights. The travelling is unbelievable, so many places within reach, beach, surfing all sorts really amazing. In general as well everyone is friendly. Go for it, it's quality here!

In terms of travel...within a couple of hours and a few dollars are amazing beaches and some of the most beautiful places and beaches you could lay eyes upon, places I'll never ever ever forget, great times. Brisbane is a great place to travel from, whether it's up the East coasts of Aus or Asia or New Zealand, you can get pretty cheap flights. Just sign up to the Jetstar and Air Asia weekly email groups and grab yourself a bargain if you're on the ball.

Social life isn't really up to Manchester standards, it's very different, more expensive and not so much student orientated, there are a few places to go though. Regatta on a Wednesday night is a must until you get bored and make sure you go into the Valley, it's worth the trip there are some amazing places to go out there.

Integration with local students really is ridiculously hard. Many of them travel in from far distances and just don't want to hang out. The majority of them see university as an extension of school and prefer to just hang out with their school friends. Furthermore most of the sports clubs are not just for uni students and run weekend and are too expensive to join.

The student activities available just aren't nearly what I expected, almost non-existent in comparison with the UK and very expensive if they are, but there are plenty of other things to do.

DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD

Great people, great social banter, paradisaical beaches just up the coast and within reach for travelling anywhere, really great place. P.S. WEATHER IS IMMENSE!