

# A PARENT'S GUIDE TO MONASH COLLEGE



**At Monash College, we partner with you in supporting your child's wellbeing and preparing them for success, each step of the way.**

## **MONASH COLLEGE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOUR FAMILY ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF YOUR CHILD TO STUDY ABROAD.**

Preparing to study at one of the world's top-ranked Universities is an exciting step in your child's educational journey – offering amazing new opportunities for them to learn more about themselves and the world.

There are many great advantages to studying abroad, from teaching real-world skills not taught in the classroom, to improving language proficiency, making new friendships and building confidence and independence.

We're here to answer any of your questions. We understand that you play a vital role in your child's decision to study abroad and that you want to know how to help them best prepare for their Monash College and University experience.

Rest assured, our dedicated team at Monash College is here to provide you with comprehensive support.

We're committed to looking after your child's entire wellbeing and safety – academic, social and emotional – to ensure they are well taken care of and are set up to thrive at Monash and beyond.

## **WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT AT MONASH COLLEGE**

Monash College is unique in that it provides the same high-quality education as Monash University, with the addition of a safe, supportive and tailored learning environment to help your child settle into university life in Australia.

As soon as your child arrives, we'll take them to their accommodation. As part of their orientation, we will give them a tour of the campus and introduce them to their teachers.



### **Guaranteed entry into Monash University**

Monash College is the only preferred pathway provider into Monash University. More than 90% of our students seamlessly transition to Monash University.

### **Learning, career and wellbeing support**

Students can simply drop-in and talk to us about anything – whether it's about their studies, career, accommodation, public transport, or personal challenges.

### **One of the world's most liveable cities**

We are located just a short stroll from Melbourne's central business district, allowing your child to explore everything that Melbourne has to offer – great shopping, world-class restaurants, beautiful beaches, expansive parks and more.

### **Improved language skills**

Studying English at Monash College will prepare your child for success. They'll speak confidently, listen, understand ideas, and become a strong reader and writer of English.

### **World-class facilities**

Our state-of-the-art vertical campus gives your child access to innovative, modern learning spaces across 10 floors – including art & design studios, science labs, music studios, spaces for quiet study and areas to socialise.

### **Cultural immersion & social connections**

We offer several on-campus and off-campus events and day trips. It's an easy way to meet other students and make new friends while seeing the sites of Melbourne and Victoria. Students can also join a range of Monash College and Monash University clubs and societies.



# WHAT TO CONSIDER?

Choosing to study in a different country is a big decision. There's lots to prepare for, from financial planning to accommodation, their visa, insurance, how to stay connected and preparing your child to live independently.

Here are a few tips to get you started:

## FINANCIAL PLANNING

Before your child arrives in Melbourne, it's a good idea to prepare a budget.

Your child may need spending money for things like medication or other personal items, such as clothes, groceries, utilities, public transport and entertainment.

### COST-OF-LIVING

Prices will vary depending on where your child lives. As a rough guide, we recommend between \$35,000 and \$50,000 per year for cost-of-living expenses, depending on type of accommodation and lifestyle choices.

Calculate your estimated costs at [www.studyaustralia.gov.au](http://www.studyaustralia.gov.au).

Depending on your child's chosen degree, there may be additional costs for class materials and other course requirements. Make sure you check this before they commence their studies.

### HEALTH INSURANCE

All student visa holders must have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC), which provides medical and hospital insurance while studying in Australia. Your child must obtain this before they arrive in Australia. For further details, visit [www.monash.edu/fees/oshc](http://www.monash.edu/fees/oshc)

### ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

We have a range of Monash College-approved accommodation providers that are close to campus. Our approved accommodation providers, such as Scape, Journal Student Living or Iglu, offer secure, apartment-style living with lots of student facilities. All rooms are fully furnished and staff are available 24 hours a day to provide support. This is a great option for students living away from home for the first time.

If your child is over 18 and comfortable living on their own, you can also rent your own place or share with friends.

It's important to choose the accommodation option that best suits your child's living and learning preferences. Apply for the accommodation early to secure your child's preferred option. For more information visit [www.monashcollege.edu.au/accommodation](http://www.monashcollege.edu.au/accommodation)

## SAFETY

We know that moving to a new country can be exciting and challenging at the same time for child. Take comfort knowing your child will be living in a safe city, with Melbourne ranked as one of the top 10 cities in the world by the Safe Cities Index.

Our Student Services provide safety advice and support about how to be safe on and off campus. Take a look at our [safety guide](#) on our website for more information. We also offer the Monash bSafe app, which brings support services, safety information and resources to your fingertips.



## STAYING CONNECTED

### HOW TO STAY IN TOUCH

It's important to plan when and how you will communicate while your child is in Melbourne. Have them contact you upon arriving so you know they reached their destination safely. Set up a schedule to keep in touch, arranging a time to talk in advance. Consider apps for communicating long distances, such as WhatsApp, Zoom or Facebook Messenger.

### PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR RESPONSIBILITIES

This is likely to be the first time your child is living away from home. They'll need to understand how to manage their own finances, organise their time, clean and make their own meals. Think about how you can prepare them for this new stage in life. Our team is also here to answer any questions your child may have to help them in get settled.

### PLANNING A VISIT

If you plan to visit, we recommend waiting a few months into their study abroad before you go. It's important to give your child time to immerse themselves and create their own routines before you arrive.

## FOR UNDER 18 STUDENTS

At Monash College, we specialise in helping younger students settle into life in Melbourne. We understand that students under 18 need the extra care and support.

### CHOOSING A GUARDIAN

If your child is under 18, they must have a guardian while they live in Melbourne. This can be a parent, relative or a Monash College guardian.

Our guardians will help your child with:

- organising orientation
- opening a bank account
- accommodation advice
- arranging medical appointments
- support during emergencies
- reporting to you as parents.

Accommodation for students under 18 must also be approved before your child applies for a student visa.

## PREPARING FOR ARRIVAL

To make sure you're prepared, we've created a checklist of things to do before you arrive. To find out more visit our [website](http://www.monashcollege.edu.au/how-to-apply/prepare-to-arrive) [www.monashcollege.edu.au/how-to-apply/prepare-to-arrive](http://www.monashcollege.edu.au/how-to-apply/prepare-to-arrive)

### GET IN TOUCH

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