

International Student Support Unit News

Important UTAS Dates

March 4th
Semester 1 Fees Due

March 14th
Public Holiday- Campus
Closed

March 23rd
Census Date

April 21st -- 27th
Easter Break

May 6th
Exam timetable released

May 27th
Semester 1 Classes End

June 4th – 21st
Exam period

WELCOME NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The staff of the International Student Support Unit (ISSU) wish to welcome you to UTAS. International Student Advisers are available to help you while you live and study in Tasmania. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. The International Services office is open Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. Appointments are preferred and can be made by contacting reception.

Hobart: 6226 2706, Located in Hytten Hall, Level 2

Launceston: 6324 3503, Located in Student Centre, Level 2

Advisers can also be contacted by email: ISA.Hobart@utas.edu.au or ISA.Ltn@utas.edu.

ENROLMENT REMINDER

A normal full-time load means students in coursework degrees are to be enrolled in 4 units (or 50 pts.) per semester. This ensures that you complete your studies within the time stipulated in your CoE and visa. In certain circumstances, students can enrol in less than 4 units in Semesters 1 or 2. Please contact an International Student Adviser if you have questions regarding this or to see if you require special permission.

If you need advice on unit/subject selection, please contact your Faculty.

Census Date: Your enrolment must be finalised by the Census Date (March 23). If you withdraw from any units after this date, you will be recorded as failing the unit(s) and may still be liable for tuition fees.

Housing Scam

Several students have alerted ISSU about an online housing scam. Please beware!

- Never send money or give bank account details to someone you don't know or trust.
- Always inspect a rental property in person before paying a deposit or bond.
- Never give out your personal information to someone you don't know or trust.

Update your Address in eStudentCentre

As part of your student visa conditions, you are required to provide the university with your residential address in Australia. Please log in to the [eStudentCentre](#) to change your address online. If you move at any time, please update your residential address within 7 days of the change. This applies to ALL international students.

OCF Student Society: Summer Race Event

OCF Society presents **THE SUMMER RACE** (Think of The Amazing Race TV show)
This is a fun event where you will explore Hobart while travelling around in teams to complete tasks. It's a chance to meet other new students and build up your network of friends.
More than \$400 worth of prizes to be won!
When: THIS Saturday 26th February
Cost: \$6, which includes the cost of your Metro ticket and snacks

Sign up by 24th Feb. (TODAY!) by contacting Stephanie Poh (alspoh@utas.edu.au, 0421.622.360) or Alexander Loi (0413.725.689).



Participants needed for PhD Study

A UTAS PhD student is looking to recruit four Chinese International Students for her study. The study focuses on writing, so students who are enrolled in the Faculty of Education or Arts are preferred.

You are invited to participate in a research study which examines how Chinese international students construct voice in their academic writing. In order to describe aspects of authorial voice, the investigator will employ a text-based analysis of selected student texts and, also, conduct interviews with both students and lecturers. This study is being undertaken by the chief investigator, Dr. Thao Le, and Davina Brown who is a PhD student at the University of Tasmania.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this study or are interested in participating, please contact Davina Brown at davinab@utas.edu.au.

EnglishAssist Services

EnglishAssist provides free workshops and speaking groups to help your English language and academic skills held in the (Old) Medical Science Building (#44 on [Campus Map](#))

Check out the EnglishAssist resources in MyLO! It includes information about how to book an appointment, links to the workshop schedule, and self study handouts.

[View the EnglishAssist website](#) for more information about workshops, speaking groups, and individual consultations.

EnglishAssist.Hobart@utas.edu.au

Thank You, Volunteers!

A special THANK YOU to the student volunteers who helped welcome new international students to campus last week in Hobart.

Diza, Sophia, Farid, Molly, Karina, Puyue, Cristina, Bhargav, Stephanie, Yiu Wai, William, Jack, Ke, Blanche, and Xiaoya: Thank you for your hard work and enthusiasm during Orientation Week!

Local Events

22-27 Feb.: [Clarence Jazz Festival](#), Bellerive

20 March: [Estia \(Greek\) Street Festival](#)- North Hobart

21 March: [Harmony Day](#) & Lord Mayor's Welcome. 1pm: Elizabeth Street Mall

27 March: [Moonah Taste of the World](#)

Every Saturday: Salamanca Markets

Orientation Sessions

If you missed any of the special topics sessions during Orientation Week, please see the links below for more details or contact an International Student Adviser.

Immigration: [Student Visa Conditions](#)

Staying Healthy: [UniGym](#), [Medibank Private OSHC](#), [Counselling Services](#)

Safety & Security: [Travel Safety Tips](#), [Tasmania Police](#)

Cultural Adjustment: [Australian Culture & Customs](#)

Academic Transition & [EnglishAssist](#)

Medibank Private OSHC Important Information

All international students must maintain Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the duration of their student visa. If you need to renew your membership, please contact Medibank Private. For more information, visit [Medibank Private's website](#).

Ways to claim

There are now three ways to claim your medical expenses through Medibank Private:

Claim on the spot: If you visit a registered provider, then you can claim your expenses while you are on location in the medical centre.

Direct Billing Centres:
Grosvenor St. General Practice, 57 Grosvenor St., Sandy Bay, 6224 1944

Lincoln Trust Clinic, 44A Lincoln St., Lindisfarne, 6243 8611

Claim online: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, you can make your claim online.

Claim by post: Download a claim form and send it in to Medibank Private in Hobart or submit in person at 115 Collins Street.

Promote Your Event in the Next Newsletter

The International Student Support Unit News is sent at the beginning of each month to all Hobart international students.

If you have an event to promote or a topic you want included in the next issue, please send the details to ISA.Hobart@utas.edu.au before March 25th.

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