

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.Ltn@utas.edu or ISA.Hobart@utas.edu.au

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.

Local Events

25th February: [International Student get-together](#) – Lecture Theatre 5 starting at 4 pm, and later at the Unibar for free dinner

25th February: [Symphony Under the Stars](#) – free concert in City Park

26th February: [MSFest](#) - Inveresk Precinct

4th March: Malaysian Students Association AGM (Venue and time to be advised)

12th – 14th March: [Body 'n' Soul Festival](#) - Albert Hall

22 March: [Harmony Day](#) Newnham campus – includes Mayor's welcome and activities from 11 am.

Every Sunday: [Evandale Market](#) and [Esk Market](#) (at Inveresk)

Chinese Students Association

Trip to [Wineglass Bay](#)

Date : 5th March

Fee: \$ 25 non-member \$10 volunteer (for people who used to work as a volunteer in our events)

Tickets available till: 4th March 12.00pm

Pick up points: Newnham Campus: in front of the Art building at the bus stop (8:45 am), Invermay: in front of York park (8: 55 am), City: in front of Myer (9: 05 am)

Lunch: not provided (please bring your own, or money to purchase food)

Contact: buy tickets from Michelle, further information contact Bowen

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Wineglass Bay is one of Tasmania's iconic places and has been voted one of the world's most beautiful beaches, and with its white sand, crystal clear water and its famous crescent moon shape it's hard imagine a more beautiful place...See picture on next page

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

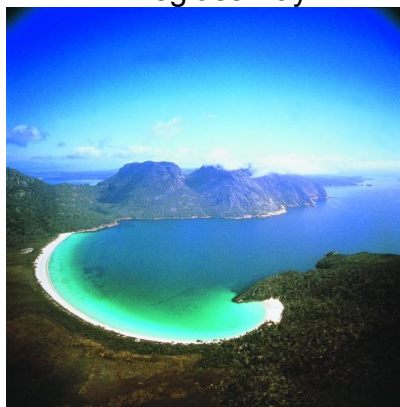
EnglishAssist provides free workshops and speaking groups to help your English language and academic skills

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.Launceston@utas.edu.au

Wineglass Bay



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.

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

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

Claim by post or in person: Download a claim form and send it in to Medibank Private or submit in person at:

Shop 1,
13 The Quadrant Mall
Launceston TAS 7250

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.

Promote Your Event in the Next Newsletter

The International Student Support Unit News is sent at the beginning of each month to all Launceston 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.Ltn@utas.edu.au before March 25th.

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