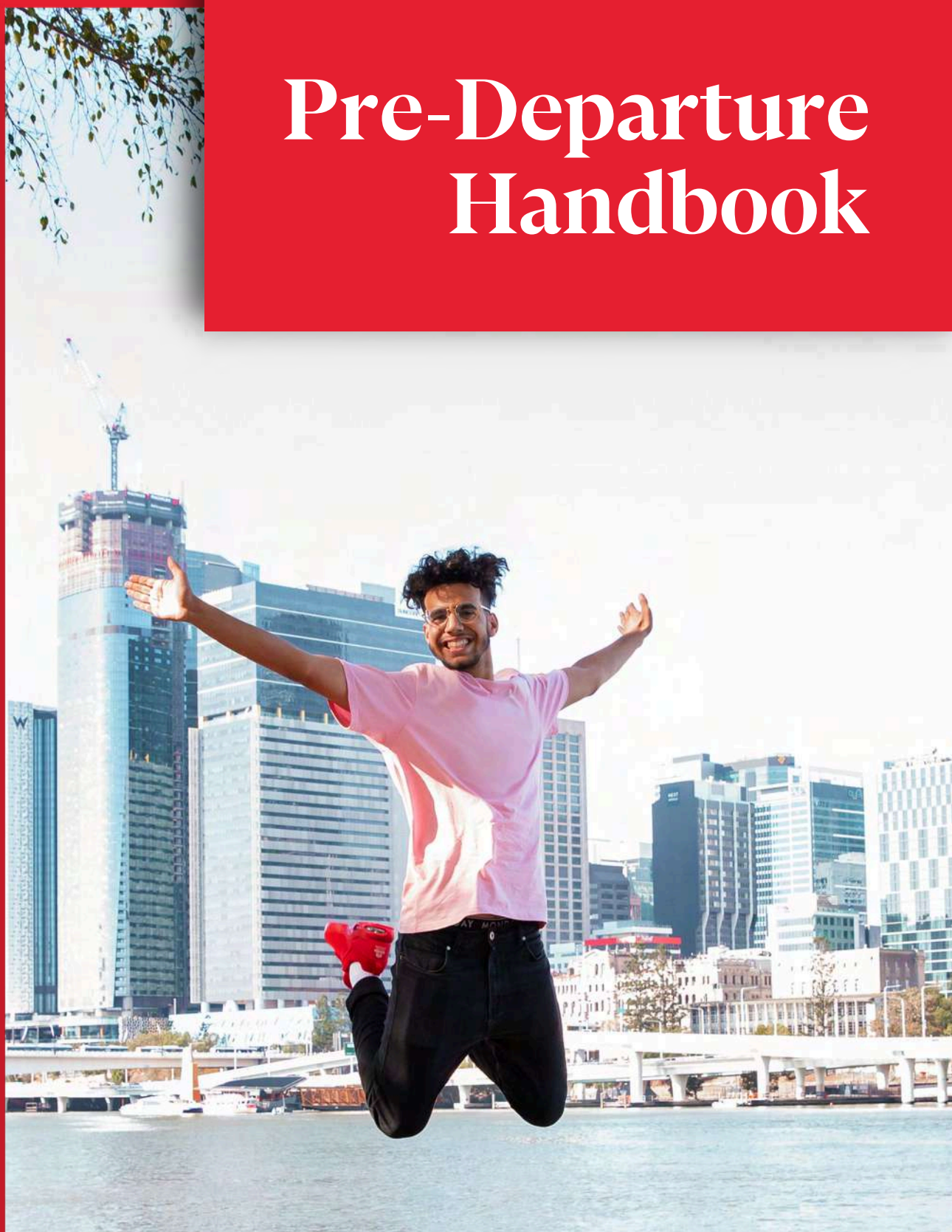


Get ready for your study  
adventure in Queensland!

## Pre-Departure Handbook





# Welcome

We'd like to wish you a warm welcome to our campus – and to Australia. Congratulations! You are about to embark on an incredible study adventure.

This guide will help you to prepare for your travels. Please read it carefully. Each section contains important information that will help you to plan your journey to Brisbane or the Gold Coast.

In the meantime, you can always connect with us on social media, or [send us an email](#) if you have any questions.

## See you soon!



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# What to pack

- Passport
- Flight ticket
- Small amount of cash
- Important addresses / phone numbers
- Laptop, tablet and phone
- Camera
- Travel adaptor (240V) AU (see Page 5)
- Phone charger and backup battery pack
- Pocket notepad and pen
- Comb or hairbrush
- Glasses / contact lens (if applicable)
- Medications (if applicable)
- Photos of your family and friends
- Travel-sized toiletries (you can purchase full-sized items in Australia)

## Clothing

- Short-sleeve shirts
- Long-sleeve shirts
- Jeans and shorts / skirts / dresses
- Jacket / jumper
- Rain jacket and umbrella
- Hat or cap for sun protection
- Casual shoes, sandals and/or thongs
- Dress shoes
- Running shoes
- Sleepwear
- Swimmers
- Sunglasses
- Socks and undergarments

**Tip: Scan or make photocopies of your important documents – just in case!**



## Important Documents

- Study Permit Letter (Confirmation of Enrolment – COE)
- Letter of offer
- Letter of acceptance
- Academic transcripts / English proficiency test result
- Tuition receipt
- Proof of funds
- Vaccination and medical record (translated if available)
- Prescriptions / letter from your doctor for any medication you are carrying
- Translated driver's licence from your home country. [You can find a translator here.](#)
- Travel insurance documents (we recommend purchasing insurance before travel)

# Queensland Climate

Of all the regions in Australia, the climate of Queensland is generally considered the most liveable, year-round. Students at Griffith College generally wear comfortable, casual clothes around campus. Shorts or jeans and a light shirt are perfect for the warm weather we usually enjoy (but don't forget to bring a jacket and a jumper, just in case!) [Find out more about our weather here.](#)



## Sun Safety

A hat, sunglasses and sunscreen are essential and we take [sun safety](#) very seriously.

## Beach Safety

Always [swim between the red and yellow flags](#), and never swim at an unpatrolled beach!

# Accommodation

Choosing accommodation should be one of the first things to organise once you have accepted your offer to join us in Queensland! Whether you decide to live on or off-campus, Griffith offers a housing option to suit your needs.

## Gold Coast

[GU Village \(On-campus\)](#)

[University Village \(Parkwood\)](#)

[Smith Collective \(Southport\)](#)

[University Square \(Parkwood\)](#)

## Brisbane

[Student One \(3 locations\)](#)

[Iglu Brisbane City](#)

[UniLodge South Bank](#)

[Scape South Bank](#)





# Expenses

Australian currency looks like this (see left). As a student it's important to be attentive to your budget and set up a bank account when you arrive. See below for a rough idea of your expected expenses.



## Transport

Cycle routes in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast connect you to almost everything! Public transport options include ferries, buses, trains, trams, and bikes, meaning getting to campus or exploring is easy.

### Local Shops

You can find groceries in your local Woolworths, Coles, Aldi or IGA.

Shopping in Brisbane  
Shopping on the Gold Coast

### Accommodation / Rent

\$120 to \$500 per week

### Groceries and eating out

\$80 to \$300 per week

### Gas and electricity

\$30 to \$90 per week

### Public transport

\$12 to \$60 per week

### Phone and internet

\$20 to \$40 per week



Source: IDP International Education Specialists

# Arriving in Australia

Before you arrive, familiarise yourself with what you can and cannot bring in to Australia. Some items require permission, others will need declaring. [Read here for a complete guide.](#)

You will also need to arrange Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). Griffith College can organise this on your behalf – check your letter of offer for details.

Our preferred provider is [Allianz Care Australia](#) – you will meet their representatives at orientation.



## Don't forget your travel adaptor!



This is what our Australian plugs / sockets / adaptors look like:



## Download the MyAus App



Your guide to setting up your life in Australia, in your language!

Learn about how life works in Australia, where to find support, housing and work – in English, Arabic, Dari, Hazaragi, Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish, Turkish, Urdu, Pashto, Hindi and Ukrainian, French, Nepali, Swahili and Farsi.



# Your Pre-Orientation Checklist

**It's important to complete your pre-orientation checklist before joining us at orientation.**

This checklist takes you through each of the steps to:

- Log in to the Digital Campus
- Select your timetable / enrol in classes
- Access your student emails
- Set up your Griffith University S-Number
- Connect to Griffith WiFi
- Organise your Student ID card

## During orientation, you will:

- Find out important information about your program
- Learn to use the Digital Campus
- Obtain your student ID card
- Make new friends
- Meet our counsellors and find out how to make appointments
- Meet the support team, your teachers and staff
- Meet the IT support team and request assistance if needed
- Find out how to access WiFi
- Take a campus tour and learn about our services and facilities
- Get help with enrolment and timetable if required
- Enjoy a free lunch and morning tea

## Start here

[Click here](#) to complete the checklist.

## Key Dates

Bookmark [these key dates](#) or download an Academic Calendar for your study trimester.

## Register

You will receive an email invitation to orientation. Please keep an eye on your inbox and remember to register for the event so that we can cater accordingly. See you there!



# Academic Integrity

At Griffith College, it's important that you act with Academic Integrity by always understanding your learning content and presenting your own work.

**Academic integrity means acting with the values of honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility in learning, teaching and research - even in the event of adversity or challenges faced.**

## Academic Integrity and Generative Artificial Intelligence

Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) is a technology that learns from existing systems, and can generate new content, such as text, images and music.

These tools will be an essential part of many industries and professions going forward.

You might use GenAI to brainstorm ideas or work on projects in class guided by your teacher, however you should never use GenAI for:

- homework
- assessment (essays, reports, quizzes)



**It is important that you learn the content and skills required for each course. As such, any inappropriate use of GenAI may result in a breach of Griffith College's Academic Integrity Policy and Assessment Policy.**



# Student Support

**At Griffith College, we are here to support you throughout your journey.**

There are a number of things you may need help with – these could include homesickness and/or loneliness as you settle in to your new country.

We have clubs and events to help you feel at home, as well as a range of academic and welfare support staff on hand to give you study and wellbeing tips. You will see all the exciting things you can do on your Digital Campus (student portal).



We love to receive feedback! You can provide feedback at any time to our friendly staff at reception on campus.

**We look forward to welcoming you at Orientation.**

## **Some policies you should be aware of and can read before you arrive are:**

[Student Code of Conduct](#): explains our expectations of you and outlines what you can expect from us.

[Academic Integrity Policy](#): explains what you can and cannot do in terms of your work or assessment.

[Program Progression Policy](#): explains what you need to do to remain studying and to reach your goal of transitioning to Griffith University.

[Student Complaints and Appeals Policy](#): provides guidance should you wish to make a complaint or lodge an appeal against a decision you don't agree with.

[Student Support Policy](#): shows you the types of support we have and how to access them.