



# Weekly Cost of Living

All prices are in AUD

In addition to your tuition and school cost, you will have ongoing costs during your time in Australia. Budgeting for the average living costs is key for a successful year studying abroad. These costs include accommodation, food, transport and other things you will need while in Australia.

These living costs will vary depending on your individual needs, including the type of accommodation you choose, its location, the number of people you live with and your lifestyle, but we have put together a guide for you to begin your student budget.

The Australian Department of Home Affairs (DHA) advises that an international student requires approximately **AU\$20,290 per year** to live.

Item	Approximate Cost (AUD)
Accommodation	\$150 - 300
Food and Groceries	\$80 - 120
Public Transport	\$10 - 50
Phone Calls and Internet	\$30 - 80
Utilities (Gas, Water and Power)	\$50 - 100
Stationary and School Materials	\$5 - 20
Entertainment	\$30 - 100
Other Expenses	\$50 +

You may experience some once off expenses upon arriving to Australia. We have included the most common expenses in a list below.

Item	Approximate Cost (AUD)
Sky Bus to Melbourne CBD	\$19
Food and Transport Expenses	\$80 - 100
Rental Advance or Bond	\$1,000 - 2,000
Bedding and Furniture	\$100 - 250
Additional/New Clothing	\$50 +
International Phone Calls	\$20 +



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Until you start living within Australia it is hard to budget an entertainment expense. We have included a list of daily and semi regular expenses that you may experience during your time studying with TVSA.

We have also included some links below to help you understand the value of the Australian dollar as well as money management.

Item	Approximate Cost (AUD)
Cup of Coffee	\$3 - 4
Takeaway Breakfast	\$7 - 12
A Can of Soft Drink	\$2 - 5
Takeaway Lunch from a Food Court	\$15 - 20
McDonalds Big Mac	\$6.45
McDonalds Big Mac Value Meal (Large)	\$11.45
Yum Cha	\$15 - 35
Takeaway Dinner	\$15 - 25
Cinema Tickets	\$15 - 22
Pint of Beer	\$11 - 15
Glass of Wine	\$9 - 11
Newspaper/Magazine	\$2 - 6
Haircut	\$50 +
Myki Travel to Melbourne CBD	\$6 - 8
Uber Fair	\$1.15 per kilometre
Doctors Appointments	\$50 - 90
Pain Medication	\$2 - 6
Shampoo, Conditioner and Body Wash	\$7 - 11
Female Hygiene Products	\$5 - 10

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