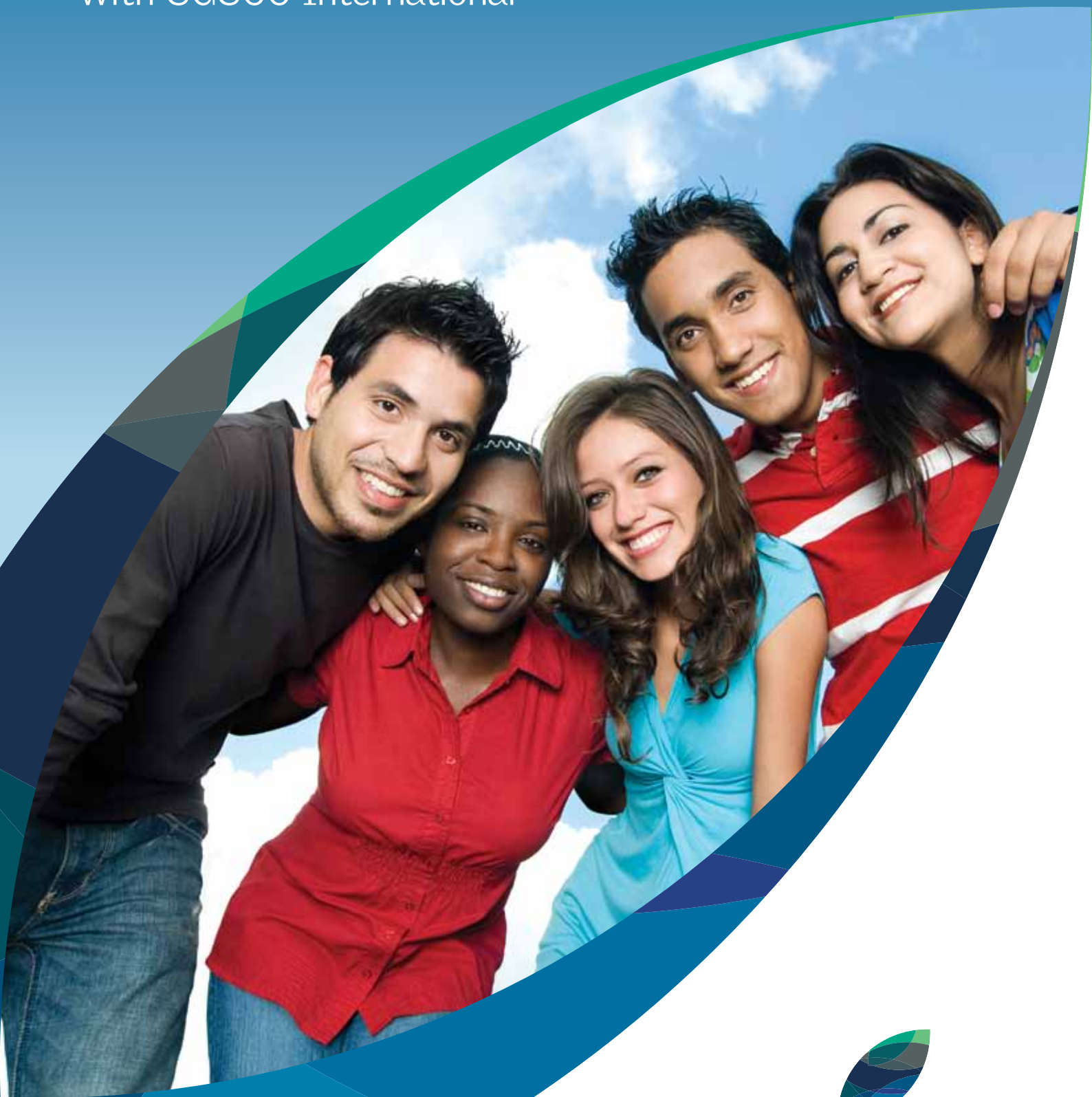


Study English in Sydney

with SGSCC International



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International

A division of St George and Sutherland Community College Inc.

Welcome to SGSCC International



St George & Sutherland Community College (SGSCC) is proud to present SGSCC International a division dedicated to international English students. We are the first Community College in Australia to venture into the ELICOS industry. SGSCC has more than twenty years experience in English language education and 10 years as a provider of the Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP), which is funded by the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship. Our long experience, excellent record and not for profit status sets SGSCC International apart.

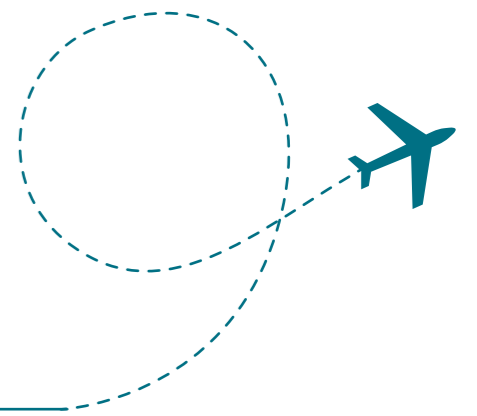
SGSCC International is dedicated to providing quality English tuition to international students. We are well respected for our academic achievements, professionalism and our caring environment. With our extensive networks, SGSCC International assures you a bona fide Australian multicultural experience. SGSCC has been successful in assisting students with pathways into vocational and academic studies and providing opportunities for work placement for many years.

I encourage you to have a rewarding learning experience in Sydney with SGSCC International and assure you that you will be made most welcome.

Patricia Carroll

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SGSCC International

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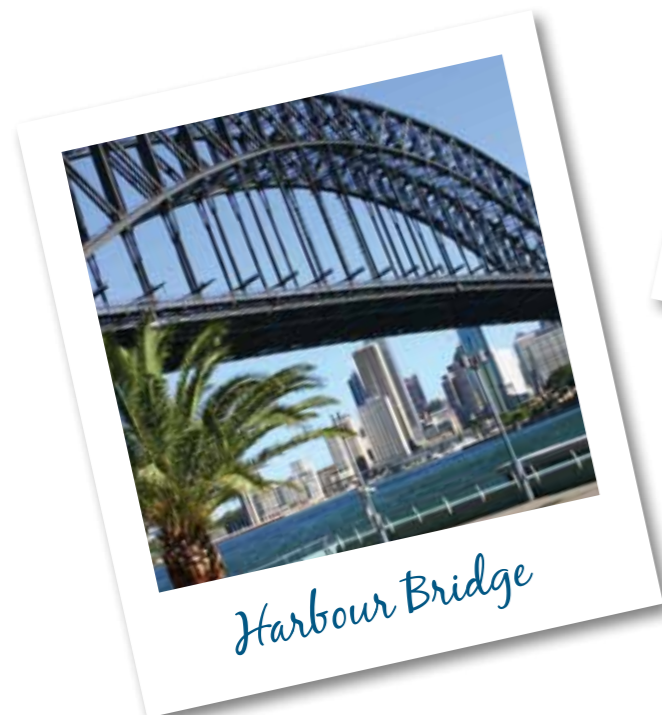
Why Study English in Australia with SGSCC International?



Why Sydney Australia?

Sydney has all the wonderful attributes of a big city such as restaurants, theatres, concert halls, sports stadiums, multi cultural population and a thriving economy. It's most unique points are the beautiful weather and the fact that the city sits on the edge of the magnificent Sydney Harbour. Sydney's longest beach, Lady Robinsons Beach, is just 10 to 20 minutes away from SGSCC International.

With an efficient public transport system that includes buses, trains and ferries you will be able to navigate the city with ease. SGSCC International is located in Hurstville with a train station and bus stop just a minute's walk away. Sydney is a cosmopolitan city with fantastic weather, excellent academic facilities and multicultural society ready to welcome you.



Harbour Bridge



Sydney Opera House

Why SGSCC International?

SGSCC, the parent company of SGSCC International, is historically known as St George and Sutherland Community College. SGSCC has been delivering high quality adult education for over 30 years. This includes over twenty years of English language education delivery.

When making your decision on which college to choose consider these unique attributes:

Tuition Guarantee and Protection – SGSCC is one of Australia's largest Community Colleges with 250 staff and teachers delivering over 500 courses. We are a highly reputable organisation with a remarkable record of quality training provision.

Affordable and Convenient Housing – SGSCC International is based in Hurstville, a suburban location just 20 minutes south of the central business district (CBD). This is a great benefit as food and living costs are significantly cheaper than CBD living. We work closely with well known homestay agencies to ensure you have access to affordable housing within a convenient location from the campus. Periodical checks of homestay providers are conducted to ensure quality and value for money.

Community Network – Being a Community College means we have an extensive and already established network with community organisations, places of worship, local businesses, Government Agencies and the local community. This network will in turn provide you with potential employment opportunities, access to welfare and information assistance and links to community events and activities.

History and Expertise – We have been delivering English education for over twenty years. Each year SGSCC, participates in the Annual Student Satisfaction Survey organised by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) (results are independently audited).

The survey covers service delivery, course content, useful information about studying, working and living in Australia, suitability of class level, class times and class materials as well as facilities, resources and effectiveness of teaching staff.

SGSCC has achieved a satisfaction rate of over 90% in these series of surveys, which is an outstanding result. This means you can be assured of the same quality and experience when you enrol in SGSCC International. We have recruited an experienced team of English Language experts to ensure you receive the best possible education.

Complete Experience – Moving to a new country can be daunting and our team is here to support you every step of the way. We can help you with everything from airport pickup and accommodation to providing information on public transport, foods and local culture. Whether you choose our homestay option or prefer other forms of accommodation our staff will assist you in making the choice that is best suited to your circumstances.



The location of SGSCC International is a fantastic benefit as food and living costs are significantly cheaper than CBD living.

SGSCC International Courses

SGSCC International specialises in General English and English for Academic Purposes. You will learn in a supportive environment using face to face teaching and technology to allow maximum success in your language acquisition.

Our goal at SGSCC is to enable you to not only improve your English skills but to immerse yourself in the Australian culture. This approach is designed to give you the advantage both academically and socially for future employment and lifestyle options.

General English

The General English course will teach you the foundations of the English language such as speaking, listening, grammar and reading and translating them into every day circumstances such as getting a job, going to the bank or meeting new people.

Your progress will be constantly monitored to ensure that the program is meeting your learning needs. You will be given access to educational and social counseling, if required, to help you maximise your learning experience.

Once you have completed General English you can choose to progress on to English for Academic Purposes or enroll in non accredited Workskills or Leisure courses at SGSCC.

Start Dates	Every Monday
Class Times	8:45am – 1pm or 1:30pm – 5:45pm
Hours per week	20 hours
Class size	18 maximum
Course Length	2 – 48 weeks

Course Levels	
Elementary	Can write simple sentences and can speak reasonably well in everyday situations.
Pre-Intermediate	Deal with more complex communications for problem solving in everyday life, write simple paragraphs dealing with factual matter and expressing opinions.
Intermediate	Communicate reasonably comfortably in familiar situations and on some more abstract topics, write letters, short essays and articles.
Upper Intermediate	Handle communication in most situations, using generally accurate linguistic resources, contribute comfortably to classroom interaction and discussions on a range of topics.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

If the idea of studying at an Australian University, TAFE or private tertiary Colleges inspires you then our EAP courses can help you achieve your goals. The aims of our EAP courses are to provide you with the skills and knowledge required to study alongside local students in further education.

The EAP Level 1 course is designed for those wanting to pursue a Diploma or similar qualification typically run by TAFE or private tertiary Colleges. The EAP Level 2 course is for those wanting to pursue University level studies. SGSCC International has strong relationships with local TAFE's, Universities and private tertiary Colleges and can assist you with your course choices and applications.

To apply for our EAP courses you will need to provide evidence of your English levels. This can be done through one of these three options:

1. Successfully complete an SGSCC International General English Course
2. Achieve an Upper-Intermediate or better result in an ELICOS placement test
3. Provide evidence of international language scoring such as IELTS, TOEFL, CEF, TOEIC

Start Dates	Contact us
Class Times	8:45am – 1pm or 1:30pm – 5:45pm
Hours per week	20 hours
Class size	18 maximum
Course Length	12 weeks per level



Course Levels	
English for Academic Purposes Level 1	This course is for those seeking to study at Diploma level or similar. Skills required to apply for this course include the ability to contribute comfortably to classroom discussions, to write essays, conduct research, read more complex texts and give oral presentations all in English. Entry level is approximately equivalent to IELTS 5.5.
English for Academic Purposes Level 2	This course is for those seeking to study at University level. Skills required to apply for this course include the ability to easily contribute to classroom discussions on a range of complex topics, understand and interpret texts of an academic nature, interact fluently with native English speakers and deliver oral presentations to an advanced level. Entry level is approximately equivalent to IELTS 6.0.



Our goal is to provide you with the English skills required to give you an advantage both academically and socially.

SGSCC Community College Courses

Studying with SGSCC International means you get to take advantage of the entire suite of SGSCC courses. We have a fantastic range of non-accredited courses that will help you to find work, meet new people and achieve your language goals faster. These courses do not count towards your required study hours for your visa.

SGSCC English

The SGSCC English department has over twenty years experience in delivering English education. With such expertise the department also offers short English courses which may help you advance your studies more quickly.

IELTS Exam Preparation
Conversation – The Art of Small Talk
English – Understanding Business Communication
Grammar made Easy
Writing Techniques – Advanced Grammar
Understanding Australian spoken English and slang

SGSCC Leisure

Make new friends, practise your English and try something new with one of 250 fun and exciting leisure courses. You will meet local people and make new friends to practise your English with.

Surfing and Kayaking
Dancing
Yoga and Tai Chi
Photography
Creative Writing
Tennis and Golf

SGSCC WorkSkills

WorkSkills has a range of non-accredited courses that may help you to find part time employment in Sydney.

Get that Job – Developing Job Seeking Skills
MYOB day to day Operation
Microsoft Office
Website Design
Desktop Publishing



Cronulla Beach



Students



Cuddly Koala!

Study Tours and Social Activities

Social and cultural activities are a great way for students to improve their English communication skills. You will have the opportunity to go on study tours with your teacher and class mates to a variety of places in Sydney and the surrounding areas.

Activities and Tours



There are regular social activities for students. This is a great opportunity to make friends and practise your English. Activities may include movies, dinner or a barbeque.



Learn to surf at Cronulla Beach. Here is your opportunity to try a famous Australian sport in a safe environment. Classes start from \$300 for 8 classes.



Sydney City tour. Join your teacher and classmates as you explore Sydney. You'll visit iconic sites such as the Harbour Bridge, Opera House and Sydney Tower.



Regular Tai Chi will improve your physical well being by keeping you flexible and enhancing your body. Classes start from \$70 for 8 classes.



South Sydney Bush and Beaches tour. Enjoy a class excursion that explores the natural beauty of local beaches and the Royal National Park.



If you enjoy photography and would like to learn how to take the best holiday photos try a photography course. Classes start from \$145 for 8 sessions.



Make new friends, practise your English and try something new with one of 250 fun and exciting leisure courses!

Location

SGSCC International is conveniently located in the south Sydney suburb of Hurstville. Our address is Level 1, 12 Butler Road, Hurstville.

Distances

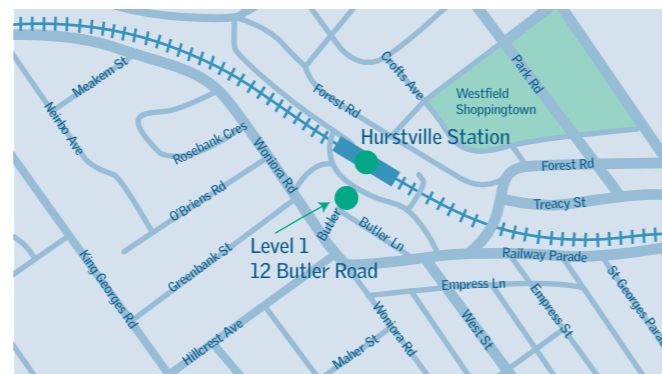
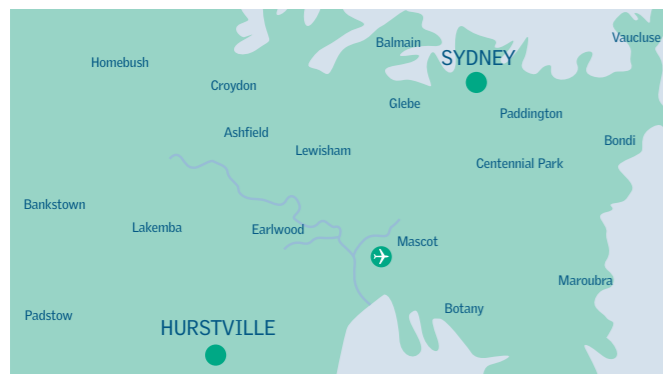
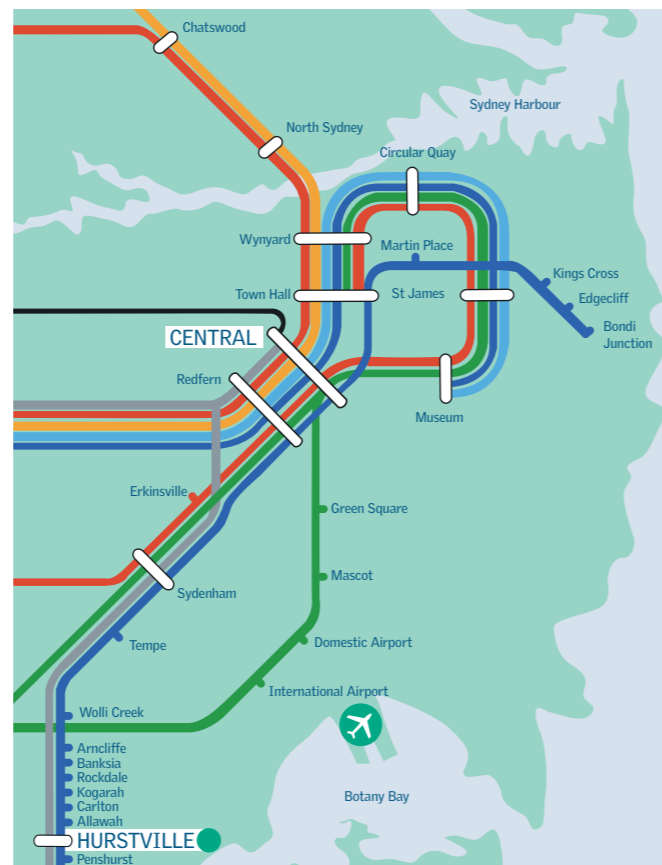
- 1 minute walk to bus and train stations
- 20 minutes drive to Sydney Airport
- 20 minutes bus ride to Lady Robinsons Beach
- 20 minutes train ride to Sydney city

Local facilities

- Public library
- Being a multi cultural area there are many different religious centres close by
- Sports centre and public swimming pool
- Shopping centre and cinemas

Local attractions

- Botany Bay is 20 minutes away and boasts 7km of beautiful coastline with walkways, cycle paths & picnic areas.
- Beautiful Lady Robinsons Beach with its flat waves and netted swimming areas.
- Cronulla beach (just 30 mins by train) offers some of Sydney's best surfing.
- Relax in the many parks around Hurstville and surrounding areas.
- Enjoy the cafés and restaurants.
- Join local environmental groups to learn and participate in protecting and fostering the local flora and fauna.



Fantastic location with great public transport and only 15 minutes to the beach.

Student Services and Visa Information

SGSCC International is focused on providing a supportive environment for all students. We have a selection of bilingual staff on hand should you need further assistance. Each course starts with a one day orientation which will provide you with an understanding about the course and SGSCC International.

Homestay and Airport Transfers	Homestays are an economical accommodation choice and generally include room and meals. Costs range from \$250 - \$350 per week. We can organise all the arrangements for your homestay and airport pick up. Alternatively you can find your own accommodation and transportation. The choice is yours.
General Expenses	Approximate living expenses to live comfortably in Australia are estimated to be AUD\$18,000 per year. Airfares, visa costs, Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) and tuition fees will be additional.
Support and guidance	Staff are always available to assist you during your course. Students may talk to their teacher, or make an appointment to see the Academic Manager for confidential information or advice. Academic and welfare guidance is provided on a regular basis. Should any welfare issues arise SGSCC International can guide you in seeking professional support.
Travel and Health Insurance	It is an Australian Government requirement that all students entering Australia on a student visa must be insured by Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) even if you have your own private medical insurance. It is strongly recommended that all students arrange travel insurance (against loss, damage, theft, etc.) before travelling to Australia. SGSCC International can assist you in organising medical insurance.
The National Code	SGSCC International follows Australia's laws that promote quality education and consumer protection for overseas students. These laws are known as the ESOS framework and they include the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 and the National Code 2007.
Visa Information	<p>Student Visa: If a person wants to study in Australia for more than 12 weeks they must apply for a student visa. A student must study for a minimum 20 hours per week and can work a maximum of 20 hours per week whilst on this visa.</p> <p>Tourist/Visitor Visa: If a person plans to study in Australia for 12 weeks or less they can apply for a tourist/visitor visa. Tourist/visitor visas do not allow you to undertake paid employment.</p> <p>Working Holiday Visa: If you come to Australia on a working holiday visa you may study for a maximum of 17 weeks.</p>

For further information visit www.immi.gov.au



Moving in!

Frequently Asked Questions



What is the climate like in Sydney?	Sydney is in the southern hemisphere and has a warm climate. Summer is from December - February and the average temperature is 26°C/78°F during this time. Winter is from June - September and temperatures average around 15°C/59°F.
What type of food is available?	Sydney is a cosmopolitan city and there is a variety of international cuisines. Typical cuisine includes steaks, sandwiches, fish and chips, hamburgers, Lebanese, Thai, Chinese, Indian etc. Sydney has many ethnic supermarkets where you should be able to purchase typical provisions from your country.
What food can I bring into Australia?	Australian customs have very strict laws with regards to bringing in fresh food, fruits and seeds into the country. Please check the Government Customs website www.customs.gov.au for full details.
What are the rules for attendance?	Under Student visa requirements, you will be required to attend at least 80% of your classes during the period of your enrolment. If your attendance falls below 90%, you will be issued with a warning letter to remind you of the importance placed on attendance requirements by the Australian government and by SGSCC International.
What if I am sick?	If you are sick for more than a day you should go and see a doctor, even if your illness does not require you to take prescription medicines. You should ask your doctor to give you a medical certificate for your absence. This may be used as evidence in case your attendance drops below 80%. If in doubt you can ask the teacher at the College or speak to the Academic Manager.
What can I do if I have a problem?	If you have a problem, you should talk to a friend or another student or any of the College staff - your teacher, or the Academic Manager. Appointments can be made to see a counsellor if required. We are all here to help you with whatever problem you may have, no matter how big or small - so just ask.
What do I need to do if I move house?	Under Australian government immigration regulations for student visa holders it is a requirement that you tell the College if you have changed any of your contact details such as address or telephone number within 14 days of the change.
Can I work while on a student visa?	Yes, but you are only allowed to work up to 20 hours per week. For further information, please refer to DIAC's website www.immi.gov.au .



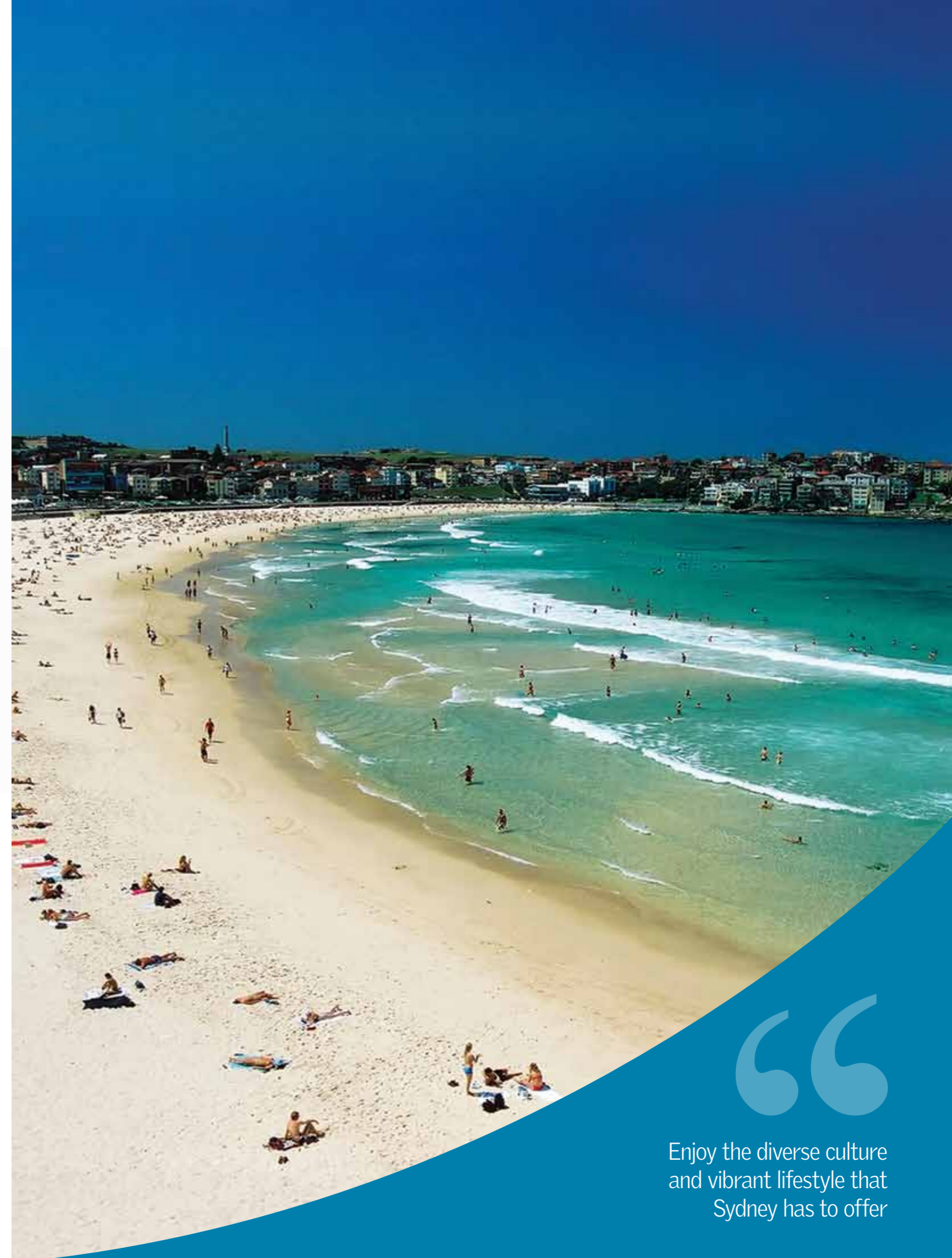
Australian Barbecue



SGSCC International has experienced and friendly staff who are there to assist students at any time during their studies at the college.

How to Enrol

You can enrol with SGSCC International by following these 5 easy steps.



Enjoy the diverse culture and vibrant lifestyle that Sydney has to offer



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