



OZFORD
College

Pre-Enrolment Guide

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WELCOME TO MELBOURNE

Melbourne is the capital city of Victoria and the second largest city in Australia. It is recognised as one of the world's most liveable cities because of its safe, secure environment and well-developed infrastructure.

Melbourne has a thriving food culture, offering a wide range of dining choices and interesting laneway cafes. A variety of food markets offer the freshest of every ingredient for home cooking and eating. The range of shops from large department stores to smaller designer shops and markets mean whatever you need and want can be found in Melbourne.

The streets are alive at night with theatres, bars, nightclubs, and restaurants that line the city streets and the Yarra River in Southbank. Melbourne is also home to many major cultural and sporting events each year. Melbourne is an attractive city boasting magnificent gardens, nearby beaches and easy access by car and bus to snowfields, national parks and inland lakes and rivers.

Melbourne attracts students from all over the world to study at the many leading tertiary institutions in the city. Almost 55 per cent of students living and studying in the city are international students.

Student Welcome Desk

The Student Welcome Desk program was established by the City of Melbourne to improve the study experience of international students.

On arrival, students will receive free Welcome Kit containing information about Melbourne and Victoria. The information provided in the Welcome Kit and further details for education providers is also available online at: www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au.

Where: International Arrivals Hall, Terminal 2, Melbourne Airport (near the Meeting Point)

When: February and July each year. For exact dates, please refer to Study Melbourne website. <http://www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/help-and-advice/support-services/welcome-desk>

Helpful staff at the welcome desk can:

- give students information on temporary accommodation options
- help students find transport options from the airport to Melbourne's central city and to their education institutions
- answer any questions students may have upon arrival.

Some staff will be able to speak languages other than English.

For more information on the City of Melbourne, please refer to: www.melbourne.vic.gov.au

OZFORD COLLEGE

Ozford College (Ozford) is a city college which complements its own resources by embracing the dynamism and experiences of the CBD and environs as an additional classroom and resource. We deliver Year 10, VCE and VCAL courses. It is in the heart of Melbourne, where it is safe and convenient and easily accessed by the public transport system. Flagstaff Station and Melbourne Central Stations are the closest railway (train) stations.

Ozford promotes flexibility, managed pathways and individual learning programs within the framework of skills of the twenty first century. We also promote practices and highly value hands-on learning experiences that enable real life application of knowledge together with a context for learning. Priority is given to understanding our student cultural and social backgrounds in order to gain a holistic picture of their needs. The College employs teachers who facilitate a culture of learning. They are creative, strong educators with a desire to make a difference to the lives of young people. They view learning as a lifelong pursuit and undertake regular professional development.

Four academic reports are prepared annually and end of semester reports are sent directly to parents. We provide a comprehensive student support service with a dedicated student welfare officer. There is a weekly Activities Program where students participate in sporting activities and cultural visits.

Ozford is a School which supports and promotes the Principles and Practice of Australian Democracy, and encourages an understanding of the meaning of:

- Elected Government
- The Rule of Law
- Equal rights for all before the Law
- Freedom of Religion
- Freedom of Speech and Association
- The values of Openness and Tolerance

These principles and practices underpin the design of our Curriculum and college policies. We are proud that our students go out into the world with a strong ethical and moral grounding, and pleased that so many stay in touch with their friends of different background long after their time at Ozford has come to an end.

Our Vision

Our vision is to provide every student the opportunity to practice skills learned by undertaking real life learning which is based on global needs and values. Our dedicated staff provides a student-focused approach to ensure a supportive individualized and innovative learning experience.

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide quality education courses for domestic and international students to achieve their educational and personal goals and embrace lifelong learning. We will become renowned for:

- fostering a supportive learning environment where our students from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds attain knowledge, skills and values which enable them to participate effectively in their chosen career field in the global community.
- enabling students to achieve their goals and to become leaders in their communities by addressing contemporary challenges of economic and environmental sustainability, equity and community well-being.

Our Values

Unity: We work together to achieve our vision, mission and strategic objectives.

Passion: We are passionately committed to delivering quality educational experiences and expanding all learners' horizons through informed learning and teaching.

Excellence: We strive for the highest quality in every aspect of our work.

Respect: We respect all our students, staff and other stakeholders by providing a caring community based on openness, fairness and friendship. We recognize that with rights come responsibilities to ourselves, our clients and our stakeholders.

Integrity: We act responsibly and honestly in all we do.
Diversity: We promote intercultural awareness and understanding through authentic experiences both within the Ozford community and the broader Australian and global community.

Our Philosophy

Ozford is committed to the achievement of excellence in education. A student's success is Ozford's success. Ozford strives to be the leader in international education and Ozford is a place where students are able to realise their academic goals and personal potential. Ozford's goal is to be an innovative educational institution with many opportunities offered to students to excel academically.

At Ozford the emphasis is on linking theory with practice to ensure students receive not only an academic education but practical life experience. Students are provided with the opportunity to practice skills learned by undertaking real life learning which is based on community issues and values.

Ozford is a College which supports and promotes the Principles and Practice of Australian Democracy.

Our Promise

We promise to you is to be true to our Vision, Mission and Values and to provide a personalised nature of our course offerings and services in a supportive study environment.

To contact us:

Campus Location/Address: 310 King Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Telephone: +61 3 8863 7188

Email: international@ozford.edu.au

For more information visit our website: www.ozford.edu.au

Course Information

Course information, including Course Description, Course Structure, Entry Requirements, Duration, Intakes, Modes of delivery, Assessment Methods and course related fees for each course are available on Ozford website.

<http://www.ozford.edu.au/schoolsandfaculties/high-school/>

Admission to Ozford

Ozford College has an open entry enrolment policy. Preference in enrolment is primarily determined by the applicant's date of enrolment. Ozford's terms and conditions of enrolment take into account the requirements of laws relating to the school registration, international students, privacy, discrimination and equal opportunity. Students with disabilities and/or special needs will be considered for enrolment along with all other eligible applicants.

Every member of Ozford's community has the opportunity to learn, work and participate in an environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, bullying, vilification and victimization.

Ozford's admissions policy ensure that students' qualification, experience and English language proficiency are appropriate for the course for which enrolment is sought.

All successful applicants will receive an offer letter and acceptance agreement from Ozford. Upon receipt of a completed Student Acceptance Agreement and payment from international students, the delegated admissions staff will issue a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) to students.

All students enrolling at Ozford deserve a smooth transition that enables them to become part of our school with minimum disruption and maximum support.

As Ozford is a Senior High School, there is no requirement for parents/guardians to present an immunisation status certificate before enrolment can be finalized

Genuine Temporary Entrant Requirements (International Students)

The genuine temporary entrant (GTE) requirement is an integrity measure managed by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) to ensure that the Student visa Programme is used as intended and not used by international students as a way of maintaining de facto permanent residency in Australia.

The GTE requirement has improved integrity in the student visa program and ensures that only genuine applicants are granted a student visa. To be granted any student visa, applicants must satisfy to DIBP that they have a genuine intention to stay in Australia temporarily. When assessing the GTE requirement, DIBP will consider the requirements set out in Ministerial Direction 53. This requires DIBP to be satisfied that the student visa applicant genuinely intends to stay in Australia temporarily having regard to:

- the applicant's circumstances
- the applicant's immigration history
- if the applicant is a minor – the intention of a parent, legal guardian or spouse of the applicant
- any other relevant matter.

Please see Immigration website for more information.

As part of student admission process and in support of DIBP GTE requirement, Ozford conducts GTE Interview with applicant before enrolment can be confirmed. These factors will be discussed in the interview before enrolment is confirmed.

- a) the student's circumstances in their home country
- b) the student's potential circumstances in Australia
- c) the value of the course to the student's future
- d) the student's immigration history

High School Orientation Program

All new students go through an Orientation Program during their first week. The orientation program aims to assist students in familiarisation with Ozford and adjusting to student life. Students are made aware of the social and cultural issues associated with living in Melbourne.

Information provided during orientation includes:

- Campus tour, safety and security arrangement including emergency evacuation procedure.
- Accommodation options.
- General information, preparation and expectation on student transition to High School
- Details of the course and timetable.
- Relevant policies and procedures (Enrolment, Support, Academic and Grievances).
- Academic conduct and academic progress requirements.
- Fee related information and contacts for assistance with fee payment.
- Student Visa requirements
- Details of Student Services and Support available
- Information about living in Melbourne, for eg: map of Melbourne city; public transport, help with banking and etc.
- Cultural, safety and other issues associated with living in Australia
- Social clubs and community events available for student participation
- Other support and services available eg. counselling, emergency and health, critical incident response, welfare, legal services, advocacy and grievance

Students will be provided with a copy of Student Handbook during orientation.

Please bring your Passport, Offer letter and Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) with you to the orientation program.

PREPARING FOR DEPARTURE

Airport Pick-Up

Ozford can arrange for students to be met and picked up at Melbourne Airport upon arrival. Please inform Ozford at least three working days in advance for this service. If you have requested airport pickup, you will receive an Airport Pickup Notice before your departure with your name. Please display the notice at the airport meeting point and do not leave the airport until you have been picked up. Please make sure you have a SIM card or Australian coins to make phone calls to the number listed on the Airport Pickup Notice.

Accommodation

Ozford can arrange for students to be placed in a homestay family. You will be provided with full board accommodation, for which a set weekly fee is charged. Living with a homestay can be an enriching and enjoyable experience. Students can share cultural and language experiences with the homestay family and improve their English language skills. Please inform Ozford at least two weeks in advance for this service.

If you want to live independently, you can find shared accommodation from \$150 – \$300 per week; or rent a one bedroom flat from \$280 - \$400 per week.

See useful website list below for some accommodation options.

Visa

There are various visas that you can apply for to study in Australia which depend on the type of study you choose to undertake. Please refer to Department of Immigration website for more information for students who are considering studying in Australia.

<http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Stud>

If you are holding a student visa, there are mandatory and discretionary conditions that are attached to Student Visas. Some examples of the conditions are:

- ✚ You **cannot** work more than 40 hours per fortnight* when your course is in session (other than work which has been registered as a part of the course).
- ✚ **Note:** No work limits apply during recognised periods of vacation offered by your education provider. A fortnight means any period of 14 days commencing on a Monday and ending at the end of the second following Sunday.
- ✚ You **cannot** undertake work until you have commenced your course in Australia. You **must** remain enrolled in a registered course (unless you are an AusAID/Defence student or secondary exchange student in which case you must maintain full-time enrolment in your course of study or training).
- ✚ **Note:** a registered course is one that is on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).
- ✚ You **must** maintain adequate arrangements for health insurance during your stay in Australia.
Note: Under policy, this means that you must maintain Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).
- ✚ You **must** notify your education provider of your residential address in Australia within 7 days of arriving in Australia. You **must** notify your education provider of any change in your residential address within 5 days of the change. You **must** notify your education provider of a change of education provider within 7 days of receiving the electronic Confirmation of Enrolment certificate or evidence of enrolment.
- ✚ If you have not turned 18 you must maintain adequate arrangements for your accommodation, support and general welfare for the duration of your stay in Australia.

To maintain adequate arrangements for welfare you must stay in Australia with:

- your parent or legal custodian or
- a relative who has been nominated by your parents or custodians who is aged over 21 and is of good character or
- Accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements that have been approved by your education provider.

Note: You **must** not change those arrangements without the written approval of your education provider.

If your welfare arrangements are approved by your education provider you must not travel to Australia until your welfare arrangements are due to commence.

Please refer to Immigration website for more details on Student Visa conditions:
<http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Stud>

School Age Dependents

Adequate schooling arrangements for student dependant visa holders who have turned 5, but have not turned 18 **must** be maintained while they are in Australia and school fee may be incurred.

School-aged dependants of student visa holders can attend any school that meets relevant requirements for domestic registration. They are not required to attend CRICOS registered schools because dependants are not student visa holders.

For more information about visas for dependants of student visa holders, please see the Department website: www.border.gov.au

Health Cover

Medical treatment in Australia can be very expensive, so everyone should have some form of health insurance.

If you are on a Student Visa, one of the conditions of the visa is that you **must** maintain adequate arrangements for health insurance during your stay in Australia.

If you are on a Tourist or Working Holiday visa you are not covered by Overseas Student Health Cover and must make your own insurance arrangements before you travel.

Climate

Melbourne has very changeable weather and has been said to have 'four seasons in one day'. Average temperatures are:

- ✚ November to April (Maximum 18 - 38C, Minimum 6 - 11C)
- ✚ May to October (Maximum 13 - 19C, Minimum 5 - 9C).

Clothing

You will need to bring clothes for both summer and winter. Most Australians dress casually unless they are working or going to a formal party or job interview. You will need:

- ✚ light, comfortable clothing for the warmer months
- ✚ jumpers, jeans, jacket and boots for the colder months
- ✚ raincoat and strong umbrella, as Melbourne can get wet and windy.
- ✚

Cost of Living

Melbourne is not very expensive compared to other cities in Australia. Please allow a minimum of AUD \$19,830 per person per annum for living costs.

Here is a list of common expenses:

- ✚ Rent
- ✚ Food and groceries
- ✚ Utilities such as electricity, gas and water
- ✚ \$35 - \$50 per week for lunch
- ✚ Transport cost
- ✚ local calls from public phones cost 50 cents. Some phones take only phone cards that can be bought at newsagents and shops showing the phone card sign. You can also make long distance (STD) and international (ISD) calls from public phones. For international calls, it is cheaper to buy a pre-paid international calling card with a PIN number from convenience shops and newsagents
- ✚ Homestay arrangements costing from \$300 - \$350 per week.

The figures above are indicative only and that costs can vary significantly depending on where you live in Australia. You should be prepared in case your living costs are greater than the indicated figures.

See Study in Australia website for more information:

<https://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/global/live-in-australia/living-costs>

The living cost amount for applicants for student visas and the student guardian visa as outlined by Department of Immigration and Border Protection are as follow:

- AUD 19,830 per year for the main student
- AUD 6,940 per year for the student's partner
- AUD 2,970 per year for the student's child

International students need to demonstrate and/or declare that they have genuine access to the living cost amount to be granted a Student visa. Applicants may have to demonstrate sufficient funds to cover these expenses for the first one or two years in Australia, depending on their assessment level.

The Student visa living cost amount applies to all dependants regardless of whether or not they intend to accompany the main student to Australia.

For further information, please refer to Department website:

<http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Stud/More/Student-Visa-Living-Costs-and-Evidence-of-Funds#>

What to bring

- SIM card, international calling card or Australian coins to make phone calls
- about \$300 cash in Australian dollars for incidental expenses until you can open a bank account
- passport and visa
- letter of offer sent to you by Ozford
- receipt for payment of fees
- certified copies of personal papers including academic transcripts, educational or work qualifications you have already completed
- identification papers such as birth certificate, driver's license/international drivers permit
- credit cards
- Official translations of important documents into English.

Social and Cultural Adjustment

Moving to a new place can be exciting and stressful at the same time. It is vital you stay flexible and open to new challenges to help you adapt more easily and quickly to a new environment.

Below are some ideas to assist you to adjust to a new country and new culture:

- Practice your English – If English is not your native language you might want to make as many opportunities as possible to practice your English. Be patient, if you become tired and frustrated when practising, just take a deep breath and try again. It will take time to become proficient in your speech.
- Ask for help – if there is something you don't understand, you can ask your host family, Ozford Staff, teachers and friends.

- Think positive – maintain a positive attitude and outlook, be willing to learn and be open minded
- Introduce yourself to other students and staff in your course
- Get involved in social and recreational activities that will help you to meet people and make new friends
- Get out and explore - Read local newspapers, watch local TV shows, listen to the radio or visit the local community centres/library.

Ozford Facilities and Services

Student Facilities

Ozford has been fitted out with modern furnishings and fittings. The library has a wide range of resources. Ozford also has student common areas, where students can get to know one another and study amongst themselves. Other facilities/equipment include:

- ✚ high speed internet connection and free wireless network access in all common areas
- ✚ computer labs
- ✚ individual login and web mail accounts
- ✚ journals, magazines, newspapers, textbooks and reference books are available at the Library on Level 10 of the King street campus.
- ✚ access to student common areas with refrigerators and microwaves
- ✚ modern classrooms featuring furniture, fittings and learning resources including data projector and DVD players.

For further details, please visit Ozford website.

Student Services and Information Desk

The Student Services Officers will assist you with finding suitable accommodation and can help you with a wide range of issues including buying a mobile phone, employment, legal and financial problems, academic counselling, attendance concerns, recreation etc.

Student Support Services

If you have any issues or need support during your study and life in Australia, including course progress and attendance requirements, and accommodation issues, please make an appointment to see the Student Welfare Officer. Urgent matters will be attended to promptly.

The Student Welfare Officer will refer students to the appropriate Ozford staff member if the matter is of a non-personal nature. Referrals to counselling services and other external providers will be made if deemed appropriate by the Student Welfare Officer. There is no fee attached to this welfare support and referral service. Any cost charged by the external service will be paid by the student.

Fees

Please refer to Ozford website on tuition fee and other fee information. Fees are subject to change without notice. Students who encounter financial difficulties are advised to contact Accounts office to discuss payment options.

The refund policy is available on Ozford website.

Deferral, Suspension and Cancellation of Enrolment

Ozford acknowledges that students are able to initiate deferral, suspension or cancellation of their studies in certain limited circumstances as described in the policy. Students may also have their enrolment suspended or cancelled by the College due to misconduct or academic performance. Matters relating to academic performance are addressed in the *Academic Progress Policy* and the related appeals policies.

Please refer to Deferring, suspending or cancelling a student's enrolment - Policy & Procedures for more details.

Ozford Academic Information

Classes

Classes and tutorial times - you will be advised of your timetable during orientation.

Mode of Study and Assessment Methods

Modes of study and assessment methods can be found in High School section of our website.

All international students are required to enrol in study onsite face to face courses.

Academic Progress




Ozford seeks to support all students in achieving success in their studies and in reaching their potential. This may require a need for early intervention and support if students are identified as being at risk of not achieving success in their studies. Intervention strategies will be implemented to address individual student's needs.

Ozford has an obligation to maintain academic integrity by setting appropriate standards for students in completing their courses. Ozford will ensure that all students understand why academic integrity is paramount and plagiarism is not acceptable and the consequences of plagiarising the work of others.

Academic Support

Academic support including language, literary and numeracy is the responsibility of the students' teachers' and High School Coordinator.

The **High School Coordinator** can help you or refer you to the appropriate personnel with the following:

-  Academic Problems
-  Course transfers
-  Language and Literacy issues

Ozford does not outsource or have any arrangements with other providers to deliver any part of the High School courses.

Access to your records

Official reports are available every semester. Students will also receive an interim report mid semester.

Ozford is required to use the VASS (Victorian Assessment Software System) system to administer the VCE and VCAL program for the school, including setting up the school's program, enrolling students, entering results and producing reports.

Students who need to access their records or request a report generated from the VASS at other times are advised to fill in a Student Services Request Form available at the Student Services Desk.

Upon completion of High School studies, eligible students will receive a Graduation Certification issued by Ozford 28 working days after the term ends. A letter of completion is available upon request. Students

The VCE and VCAL certificates are awarded by the VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) on behalf of the State Government of Victoria to students upon successful completion of Years 11 and 12/VCAL. These certificates are sent to students by mail at the completion of the course. Replacement of certificates and/or Statement of Results can be obtained from VCAA directly: <http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/results/replace.aspx>

Training of Next Generation Teachers/Trainers

Ozford is committed to the excellence of training the next generation of teachers/trainers, therefore at times the trainers will team teach with another trainer-in-training and our students can also enjoy the benefit of more teachers to student ratios.

Undertaking Additional Course of Education or Training

International student in Australia on a student visa is permitted to undertake additional study (that is, a course of education or training) at the same time as the principal course for which they hold a student visa. Any course undertaken by a student visa holder must be registered on CRICOS. A Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) is also required for any additional study in a course undertaken by an overseas student whilst in Australia on a student visa.

A student on a student visa who is seeking to undertake additional study should be aware of the requirements of their student visa and the need to:

- Remain enrolled in a registered course
- Achieve satisfactory course attendance, and
- Progress in their principal course of study.

Ozford Policies and Procedures

All applicants are advised to read and understand the policies and procedures on our website particularly:

- Admissions Policy
- Student Behaviours Management Policy and Procedures
- Course Progress Policy and Procedures
- Complaints and Appeals Policy and Procedures
- Transfer Between Registered Providers Policy
- Refund Policy
- Refusal, Deferral, Suspension and Cancellation of Enrolment Policy
- Critical Incident Policy and Procedures

These are available at Ozford website.

Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act

The ESOS Act sets out the legal framework governing delivery of education to overseas students studying in Australia on a student visa. The Australian Government, through the Department of Education, administers the ESOS Act and its associated instruments.

The Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 (the Act) governs:

- the registration process and obligations of registered providers
- the Tuition Protection Service; and
- Enforcement and compliance powers.

The Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Regulations 2001 support the implementation of the ESOS Act 2000 by setting out in detail requirements including:

- information that must be entered on the register about the provider and each course by location
- student details that providers must include on the Provider Registration and International Students Management System (PRISMS), including information about tuition and non-tuition fees
- information about students that providers must give related to student visa conditions
- penalties and infringement notices
- student records that a provider must keep.

For more information, please refer to: <https://aei.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>

National Code of Practice 2007

The National Code is a set of nationally consistent standards that governs the protection of overseas students and delivery of courses to those students by providers registered on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS). The National Code 2007 contains:

- A description of the principles and guidelines that underpin the National Code 2007;
- A description of the roles and responsibilities of state and territory governments;
- Requirements for CRICOS-registered providers; and
- Standards for CRICOS-registered providers.

The standards for registered providers set out the obligations in delivering education and training to overseas students. These standards detail the specific requirements registered providers must meet and cover students during pre-enrolment, care for and support services to students, consumer protection for students and the student visa programme requirements.

Tuition Fee Protection

The Tuition Protection Service (TPS) is an initiative of the Australian Government to assist international students whose education providers are unable to fully deliver their course of study. The TPS ensures that international students are able to either:

- complete their studies in another course or with another education provider or
- receive a refund of their unspent tuition fees

For more information, please see: www.tps.gov.au

Other Useful Information about Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Food

Most Asian products and most European foods products are readily available in Melbourne and you do not need to bring these with you.

Currency

Australia uses a dollars and cents system of decimal currency with 100 cents in a dollar. The bank notes in use are \$5 (purple), \$10 (blue), \$20 (orange), \$50 (yellow) and \$100 (green). Coins used are silver 5 cents, 10 cents, 20 cents and 50 cents, and gold \$1 and \$2 coins. Australian currency is the only legal tender in Australia.

Changing foreign currency or travelers' cheques is usually no problem at banks throughout Australia or at licensed money-changers such as Travelex or Amex in cities and major towns.

Customs and quarantine

As Australia is an isolated continent and is relatively free from pests and diseases, there are very strict quarantine laws controlling the importing of food and plants.

Don't bring any plant or animal material into the country (e.g. mushrooms, fruit, Chinese herbs, pork, noodles, spices etc.) However, if you must bring any of these please remember, all food and plants you bring into Australia must be declared at customs.

For more information, please refer to Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) website.

Electrical appliances

Electrical appliances operate on 240 volts. The Australian three pin plug is different to that in many other countries and will require an adaptor plug. Electrical appliances can be bought cheaply in Australia.

Consumer Protection and scam

Scams target people of all backgrounds, ages and income levels across Australia. Scams succeed because they look like the real thing and catch you off guard. Every year scams cost Australians millions of dollars as well as cause considerable non-financial harm.

Many Australian colleges have recently become aware of a tuition fee payment scam targeting international students. Scammers, claiming to be authorised international 'agents' of the colleges, are offering to pay students' tuition fees directly on behalf of the student at a discounted rate. The scammer makes a payment to the college on behalf of the student and instructs the student to pay them the reduced tuition fee amount. The payment to the college is subsequently dishonoured, as the scammer has used a fraudulent credit card to make the payment. Victims of this scam lose the money they paid to the scammer, and are still required to pay the full tuition fee amount to their college.

Please note that scammers may also use other methods and Ozford advises all students to be aware.

To avoid becoming the victim of a scam you should ensure that you are familiar with the formal Ozford payment methods. If you are a commencing student, please ensure you use one of the Ozford Authorised Student Agents which can be found on Ozford website.

If you have any questions or want to verify the authenticity of any payment method or agent, please contact Ozford directly.

Be alert to the fact that scams exist. When dealing with uninvited contacts from people or businesses, whether it's over the phone, by mail, email, in person or on a social networking site, always consider the possibility that the approach may be a scam. Remember, if it looks too good to be true, it probably is.

Always consult Ozford staff first and verify the legitimacy before engaging any third party or persons claiming to be an affiliate of Ozford. Especially matters of financial nature such as tuition fees.

Know who you're dealing with. If you've only ever met someone online or are unsure of the legitimacy of a business, take some time to do a bit more research.

Beware of any requests for your details or money. Never send money or give credit card details, online account details or copies of personal documents to anyone you don't know or trust.

For more information, please refer to Scamwatch website: www.scamwatch.gov.au

Useful websites:

For more information on:

Studying in Melbourne, Australia

www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au

www.studyinaustralia.gov.au

Melbourne and surrounding attractions

www.visitmelbourne.com.au

www.melbourne.vic.gov.au

Information for young Victorians on study, jobs and fun

www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au

Public Transport (travel by bus, train or tram):

www.ptv.vic.gov.au

www.myki.com.au

Listing of rental properties:

www.realestateview.com.au

www.realestate.com.au

Accommodation Options:

www.unilodge.com.au

www.studentaccommodation.ymca.org.au

www.austudent.com

Student visas:

www.border.gov.au/Trav/Stud

Commonwealth government services:

www.australia.gov.au

Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP)

www.border.gov.au

Consumer Protection and scam:

www.scamwatch.gov.au

www.crimestoppersvic.com.au

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