

A photograph of three international students walking on a paved path on a university campus. On the left, a young man in a dark patterned polo shirt and black pants walks towards the center. In the middle, a young woman in a black dress and a light blue denim jacket walks towards the right. On the right, a young woman in a white short-sleeved shirt and a long, light green pleated skirt walks towards the center. They are all smiling and appear to be in conversation. The background shows lush green trees and a building under a bright sky.

# Guide for Parents and Guardians

At RMIT University, we understand that international students sometimes face extra challenges, whether they are studying on campus, or online from outside Australia.

This guide provides an overview of the customised extra support RMIT provides international students to succeed in their studies and prepare themselves for life and work.

# RMIT University is a global university of technology, design and enterprise

We are one of the top universities in Melbourne, and one of Australia's oldest tertiary institutions.

Our state-of-the-art facilities, industry-based learning opportunities and international reputation with employers are just a few of the reasons why over 97,000 students, including 40,000 international students from over 190 countries and territories, choose to study with us.



Our campuses are known for their award-winning urban spaces and state-of-the-art facilities.

**#18**

in the world out of all universities under 50 years old<sup>1</sup>

**#1**

university in the world for its efforts to reduce inequality<sup>2</sup>

**#1**

in Australia for art and design and #15 in the world<sup>3</sup>

**#4**

graduate employment rate in Australia<sup>4</sup>

**82%**

of RMIT teaching staff hold a PhD level qualification

**91%**

of RMIT students recommend us to their friends

**2,000+**

scholarships awarded to our students in 2020

**\$1.8M+**

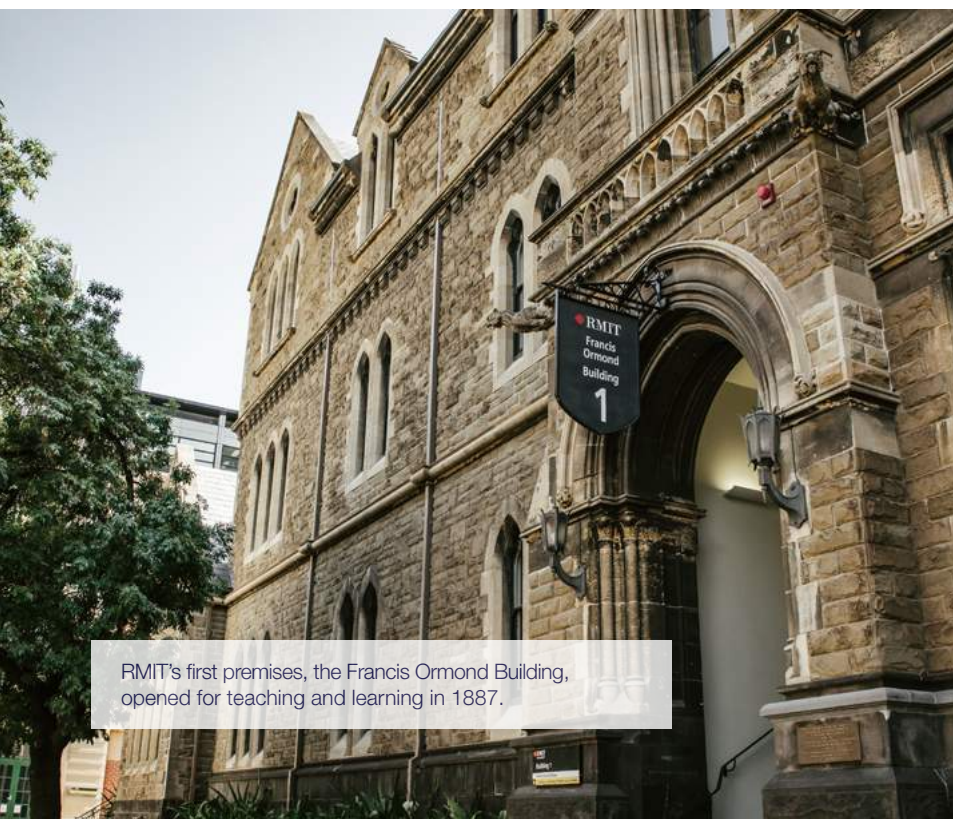
RMIT Activator has allocated \$1.8M+ to funding 80 student start-ups since 2015

<sup>1</sup> QS Top 50 Under 50 2021

<sup>2</sup> 2020 Times Higher Education (THE) University Impact Rankings

<sup>3</sup> QS World University Rankings by Subject 2021

<sup>4</sup> 2021 QS Graduate Employability Rankings



RMIT's first premises, the Francis Ormond Building, opened for teaching and learning in 1887.

## Did you know...

RMIT was awarded royal patronage by Queen Elizabeth II for its educational service to the Commonwealth and contribution to the war effort. RMIT remains the only higher education institution in Australia with the right to use the prefix "Royal" and the Monarchy's coat of arms.

## Graduate outcomes and job prospects

At RMIT, we pride ourselves on our ability to work together with communities and industry networks, driving diverse employment opportunities for your child.

**1st**

in Australia to offer courses on blockchain space flight, and Apple app development

**#4**

graduate employment rate in Australia<sup>2</sup>

**71%**

of RMIT graduates are employed full time within four months of completing their course<sup>1</sup>

**2,362**

unique global industry partners worked with students in 2020

**15,829**

RMIT students undertook work-integrated learning placements in 2020

**100,000+**

RMIT Alumni in Asia

<sup>1</sup> 2021 QS Graduate Employability Rankings

—  
Global partners  
we work with



**Deloitte.**



## 3 ways RMIT prepares your child for work in their industry

### 1. Work Integrated Learning

---

Embedded into every stage of the study experience, RMIT's industry work placements, internships, field trips and projects will prepare your child to make an impact from day one of their careers.

### 2. Job Shop

---

RMIT's Job Shop is a drop-in service centre located on campus. Here, your child will get access to free services like feedback on job applications, assistance with job seeking, and career workshops.

### 3. Mentorships

---

For one-on-one professional career guidance, your child can partner with an expert already working in their chosen field. They will receive personalised strategies and tips to get their careers successfully underway, including insights on graduate roles within their industry sector.

# Discover RMIT's Melbourne campus

RMIT's campuses are based in and around Melbourne, a multicultural city that welcomes people from all over the world. Here's why Melbourne is a top study destination for international students.

## #2

in the world for liveability

## #3

in the world for student life

## #10

in the world for safety

Sources:

Economist Safe Cities Index 2019, Economist Global Liveability Index 2019, QS Best Student Cities 2019, Melbourne City Council

## Support services

Our #1 priority is ensuring your child is safe, healthy and happy during their studies in Melbourne. RMIT offers a number of resources to make this possible for all our students:

### RMIT Connect

The on-campus contact for international students and their parents, for support on all general academic and personal enquiries.

### 24/7 campus security and patrol

Contactable at all times for emergencies, non-urgent police assistance, security accompaniment on campus, and after-hours campus access.

### SafeZone

RMIT's exclusive free mobile app, which helps students raise immediate emergencies or first aid alerts, check in with campus security, and share locations at any time.

### Language support

RMIT offers free English classes and full English courses for students wanting to improve their language skills. If your child feels they need extra help with English language or writing, we've partnered with Studiosity to provide personal support.

They can chat one-on-one with subject specialists on the platform anytime, 24/7, or submit their work for feedback.

### Academic support and wellbeing

At RMIT, your child will be able to manage study stress and flourish academically. We offer multiple support services - including free study assistance on campus - to ensure students are able to continue performing highly and are enjoying their study experience.

### Peer-to-peer support

RMIT has a number of initiatives in place to ensure your child has a positive study experience in Melbourne:

#### Mates at RMIT:

This program connects new students with current students for a smooth transition into the RMIT community.

#### Clubs:

Your child can join various academic and cultural clubs, creative societies or sporting associations to meet new people, make friends and gain extracurricular.

#### Mentors:

Through the digital app Vygo, we are uniting international students with mentors so that they can connect with a social network of RMIT peers, and chat about life, work, study or anything else on their minds.

# International students feel cared for at RMIT



91% of RMIT students recommend us to their friends



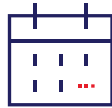
184 languages and 190+ countries welcomed and celebrated at RMIT



Free study assistance for tutoring, research and feedback



Free counsellors and advisors for study guidance and personal wellbeing



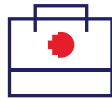
Free online tips and planners to achieve top assignment results



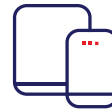
Pre-departure and arrival support online and on campus



Community at RMIT Connect for timetable help and more support information



Free confidential legal advice on campus and online from qualified lawyers



SafeZone, a free app that allows you to instantly access support and help. It includes an emergency alert button, instant help calls to campus security and a first aid request button.



## **Naida Farrah Wahyudi**

Foundation Studies graduate  
Currently studying Bachelor of Business  
(International Business)

I feel like I'm part of a community at RMIT. I've made new friends and connections. The great teachers were always there for me when I needed help.

If it weren't for my Foundation Studies degree, I would have struggled a lot in the first year of my bachelor's degree. It helped me to develop a strong knowledge of Business, including Accounting, Economics, and Legal Studies. The English course was also essential because it helped to improve my academic writings, and you write numerous essays in a bachelor's degree.

# Pathways and access to education

RMIT delivers pathway programs like Foundation Studies and Vocational Education courses that can take students to their dream degree.

## Entry level

Successful completion of Australian Year 11 or equivalent D average

IELTS (academic) 5.5  
(No band below 5.0)



## Foundation Studies program

Art, Design and Architecture

Business

General

Science, Engineering and Health

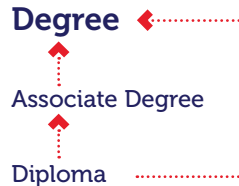


## RMIT University

Degree

Associate Degree

Diploma



To find out about the guaranteed pathway requirements, visit [rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/foundation-studies](https://rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/foundation-studies)

## Are you under 18?

If you'll be under the age of 18 when you arrive in Australia, you must have accommodation and welfare arrangements organised and approved either by the Department of Home Affairs or RMIT before you leave home. This is to ensure you have proper day-to-day support to keep you safe and well.

[rmit.edu.au/accommodation](https://rmit.edu.au/accommodation)

## Establishment costs

Before moving to Melbourne, you'll need to put aside \$AU3000 – 5000 to cover your set-up costs, such as a rental deposit, one month's rent in advance, furniture and household items.

Many student apartments come fully furnished, but most private rental homes do not. Ongoing costs will depend on your location and lifestyle.

# How teaching is happening in a COVID-Safe way

Melbourne is now moving towards 'COVID Normal' with many of the restrictions being eased and the city returning to life. In step with the easing of restrictions, learning in 2021 will happen through a mix of face-to-face and online activities.

1. Currently all lectures and seminars will be delivered online only.
2. Facilitated learning, such as tutorials, workshops, labs, studios, practicals and lectorials, will be delivered face-to-face on campus, where possible, with safety measures in place.
3. Hundreds of courses will continue to be available online for students to resume face-to-face when possible, without compromising on the quality of our education and student outcomes.
4. For students that are not be able to attend campus due to travel restrictions or legitimate personal circumstances, they will either be offered the option to take equivalent online activities or complete activities on campus at a future date.
5. While RMIT will make every effort to ensure students who cannot attend campus are not disadvantaged, it may result in delays to progression and program completion.

## Got any more questions?

RMIT has an international support team on call for all your questions about your child's study journey in Melbourne.

We'll be able to answer your queries from Monday to Friday at 10am-5pm, Australian Eastern Standard Time.

Get in touch with us on **+61 3 9925 5000**

or email us at [study@rmit.edu.au](mailto:study@rmit.edu.au)

or chat online with one of our RMIT staff at

[rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/international-students](https://rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/international-students)