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Quick Guide for
Onshore arrival in Perth

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Congratulations and welcome

Hello my name is Leslie Theaker and I (along with the Student Support team) would like to personally welcome you to Murdoch University as an Australia Awards Scholarship Recipient. My role within Student Support is Student Liaison Officer, Special Programs and I am located inside the Student Centre at the South Street campus. My email is specialprograms@murdoch.edu.au and my telephone number is (+61) 8 9360 2989. I will be your point of contact for the duration of your studies here at Murdoch University.

You would have already received your [Pre-departure Guide](#) in your offer letter and no doubt be excited for your new adventure at Murdoch University.

To enable a smooth transition to Murdoch University, we have produced this 'quick guide' which highlights key areas relating to your arrival in the first few hours, days and weeks in Perth and helps you prepare to depart your home country for Perth, Western Australia.

Arrival at Perth International Airport, Western Australia

Immigration and Customs

All passengers are required to complete an "Incoming Passenger Card" see image 1. The Cabin Crew will give you this card once you are on board the aircraft. You need to complete this card prior to disembarking the aircraft. You will need to show this card with your passport as you pass Immigration and Customs.

Incoming passenger card • Australia YOU MUST ANSWER EVERY QUESTION – IF UNSURE, Yes X

PLEASE COMPLETE IN ENGLISH WITH A BLUE OR BLACK PEN

► Family/surname
► Given names
► Passport number

◆ Flight number or name of ship
► Intended address in Australia
State

► Do you intend to live in Australia for the next 12 months? Yes No

► If you are **NOT** an Australian citizen:
Do you have tuberculosis? Yes No
Do you have any criminal conviction/s? Yes No

DECLARATION
The information I have given is true, correct and complete. I understand failure to answer any questions may have serious consequences.

► Are you bringing into Australia:
1. Goods that may be prohibited or subject to restrictions, such as medicines, steroids, illegal pornography, firearms, weapons or illicit drugs? Yes No
2. More than 2250ml of alcohol or 50 cigarettes or 50g of tobacco products? Yes No
3. Goods obtained overseas or purchased duty and/or tax free in Australia with a combined total price of more than AUD\$900, including gifts? Yes No
4. Goods/samples for business/commercial use? Yes No
5. AUD\$10,000 or more in Australian or foreign currency equivalent? Yes No
Note: If a customs or police officer asks, you must report travellers cheques, cheques, money orders or other bearer negotiable instruments of any amount.
6. Meat, poultry, fish, seafood, eggs, dairy, fruit, vegetables? Yes No
7. Grains, seeds, bulbs, straw, nuts, plants, parts of plants, traditional medicines or herbs, wooden articles? Yes No
8. Animals, parts of animals, animal products including equipment, pet food, eggs, biologicals, specimens, birds, fish, insects, shells, bee products? Yes No
9. Soil, items with soil attached or used in freshwater areas e.g. sports/recreational equipment, shoes? Yes No
10. Have you been in contact with farms, farm animals, wilderness areas or freshwater streams/lakes etc in the past 30 days? Yes No
11. Were you in Africa, South/Central America or the Caribbean in the last 6 days? Yes No

YOUR SIGNATURE _____ Day Month Year

TURN OVER THE CARD
English

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS IN AUSTRALIA
Phone ()
E-mail
Address OR State

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS (FAMILY OR FRIEND)
Name
E-mail, Phone OR Mail address

PLEASE COMPLETE IN ENGLISH

► In which country did you board this flight or ship?
◆ What is your usual occupation?
► Nationality as shown on passport
► Date Day Month Year

PLEASE X AND ANSWER A OR B OR C

A Migrating permanently to Australia
Your intended length of stay in Australia Years Months Days
► Your country of residence
► Your main reason for coming to Australia (x one only)
Convention/conference 1 Employment 4 Holiday 7
Business 2 Education 5 Other 8

B Visitor or temporary entrant

C Resident returning to Australia
► Country where you spent most time abroad

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED BOTH SIDES OF THIS CARD. PRESENT THIS CARD ON ARRIVAL

Image 1: Incoming Passenger Card

Quarantined items

Australia has strict customs and quarantine laws, which forbid a wide range of items and these, must be declared on this card. Some examples of such forbidden items are, processed animal products, agricultural products (cereals, fruits, honey, dairy products) wildlife and products made from skins, feathers, bones, shells or ivory.

You will be responsible for every item you bring with you. If you are carrying any food, plant material or animal products you must tick "YES" on the card. If you don't declare your quarantined items, you will receive a heavy penalty and on-the-spot fines.

If you are have \$10,000 or more in foreign or Australian currency, again, you must declare it on your Incoming Passenger Card, it is a classified as crime if you don't.

For more information refer to www.customs.gov.au

Airport Pick Up

Before you left your home country I would have emailed you with confirmation of your airport pick. An approved Murdoch University transport company, Business Class Transfers (BCT), will meet you at the airport in the arrivals area. They will hold up your name on a board, so please make your way over to the driver.

If for any reason you arrive at the airport after a delayed flight and a representative from BCT is not waiting for you, call this number 1300 763 005 and tell the operative you have arrived and they will let you know how long the driver will be.

Arrival at Murdoch University, Perth Western Australia

Temporary Accommodation

The University has organised temporary accommodation for your first week of arrival in Perth. Murdoch University Village (MUV) is a private provider based on our Murdoch University grounds at the South Street Campus. If you wish to extend your stay this can often be arranged on arrival. For more information about MUV please visit: www.mystudentvillage.com.au/murdoch-university-village/

Contacting University Staff

On arrival please ensure you make contact with me either on the day of arrival on campus or the next working day (Monday to Friday). You can contact me by either sending an email to specialprograms@murdoch.edu.au to arrange a meeting time, or by dropping in to the Student Centre, located off [Bush Court](#).

Financial Arrangements

We suggest you arrive in Perth with at least \$300-500 cash to ensure that you can cover immediate expenses until you receive your establishment allowance.

As a recipient of the Australia Awards Scholarship, you will be issued with an establishment cheque to the value of \$5,000. The cheque will be issued to you when you attend your first meeting with me.

Murdoch University does have an arrangement with an on campus financial institution called UniBank where you can open a bank account if required. Alternatively, ANZ or Bankwest have branches nearby as well as ATMs on our South Street campus.

You may have some of the Australian banks in your home country. If so, you can open an account before you leave, as this will make financial transactions more convenient for you once you arrive in Perth.



Introductory Academic Program (IAP)

The Introductory Academic Program (IAP) has been designed to provide students with the best possible start to your studies both culturally and academically. Attendance at the IAP is compulsory and Murdoch University is required to report student attendance to DFAT. You will have already been notified of the start date of the IAP before leaving your home country.

The IAP includes a comprehensive program of study that will cover many themes such as:

- language skills
- cultural transition
- learning styles
- study techniques

The IAP will run for four weeks and end once you have attended your International Orientation prior to the first week of semester commences.

Orientation

Murdoch University hold a compulsory orientation session for all international students. This will be held at the end of your IAP. The International sessions are essential to get you off to a successful start to your studies; you will be able to meet other students and attend a variety of excursions. For more information about your Orientation activities please refer to the website for the latest information.

Reasons to attend Orientation:

- it's compulsory and attendance is recorded
- eases your transition to Murdoch University
- it's an opportunity to meet other students worldwide and a number of key staff
- offers an Aussie BBQ and cultural experiences
- provides an exclusive interactive performance by Aboriginal Performance Group
- introduces you to a variety of facilities and support services on campus
- provides information about OSHC
- introduces you to Perth and gives you a taster of upcoming Orientation trips
- make friends and win prizes!

Arrival of dependents in Perth Western Australia

Student's Family Arrangements

Both Australia Awards and Murdoch University recommend you do not have family join you until you have been in Australia for six months. The recommendation is to ensure that as an AA recipient you successfully adjust culturally and academically to University life prior to your family arriving.

Should you need to bring family with you on arrival, Murdoch University will provide a 'no objection' letter for the family's visa application. This is done prior to you leaving your home country. After you arrive, letters confirming your enrolment can be provided.

You may have been advised by DFAT and/or Post that they do not provide any financial support for family and advise that you do not arrive with your family members.

Schooling and Childcare

Schooling for children over the age of five is compulsory in Australia. If your family arrives after your first semester of university study, you are entitled to pay local tuition fees for your primary and secondary school aged children.

Schooling for dependents is offered through [TAFE International](#). ETI is part of the Government of Western Australia - Department of Training and Workforce Development.

ETI have advised that 576 visa holders have local entitlement already. This means you need to contact ETI directly and apply for a confirmation of placement, after which you can go directly to your chosen school (only when your child/children are here in Perth) to apply for enrolment as a local student. You don't need to fill in an application form or come through Murdoch University for this process.

I will write a letter confirming that you are enrolled at Murdoch University (so you can be issued with a Confirmation of Placement (COP)) once your dependent(s) is here in Perth. Please note - this is not the same as a 'Confirmation of Enrolment' (COE).

Although the education costs will be covered for any of your dependents, there are additional costs involved that you will need to pay for yourself. If your dependent child needs English language training, this may incur additional fees and could cost up to \$3000 per year. This payment is required prior to your dependent(s) commencing at the local school. This fee is to be paid for by you as the AA recipient, not by the University or DFAT. It is recommended that children commence English language training prior to arrival in Australia. Children, who have learning difficulties or require support for disability, may have access to inclusive educational programs. However these may incur additional costs.

Some other additional costs you will need to pay are:

- Annual Voluntary Fee (all parents are expected to pay)
- school uniform fees,
- books and materials
- excursions.

As an AA recipient with a dependent(s) you are eligible to apply for a childcare rebate of up to 50% of costs. Childcare may still be a considerable amount of money. Fees can range vastly in price per day.

www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/child-care-benefit

Next steps

We hope this quick guide has given you a sense of how your first few hours, days and weeks will be before you commence your chosen path of study. You will receive ongoing communications by phone, email or in person from me during your time at Murdoch University.

In the meantime, we at Student Support wish you a safe and pleasant flight from your home country and we look forward to meeting you in person in our home country on your arrival.

Safe Travels!



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Fresh Air Zone

Passive smoking - it's unpleasant and unhealthy. To make Murdoch a healthier environment for everyone, Fresh Air Zones have been introduced across South Street campus.

Smoking is no longer permitted within these zones. Mandurah campus continues to be completely smoke-free.

We ask that you try and avoid smoking on campus completely. If you must smoke, please do so outside the Fresh Air Zones, which are marked on the map inside this brochure.

Want help to quit smoking?
Breaking the habit is a challenge, but it is possible. Support and resources are available for staff and students of Murdoch University.

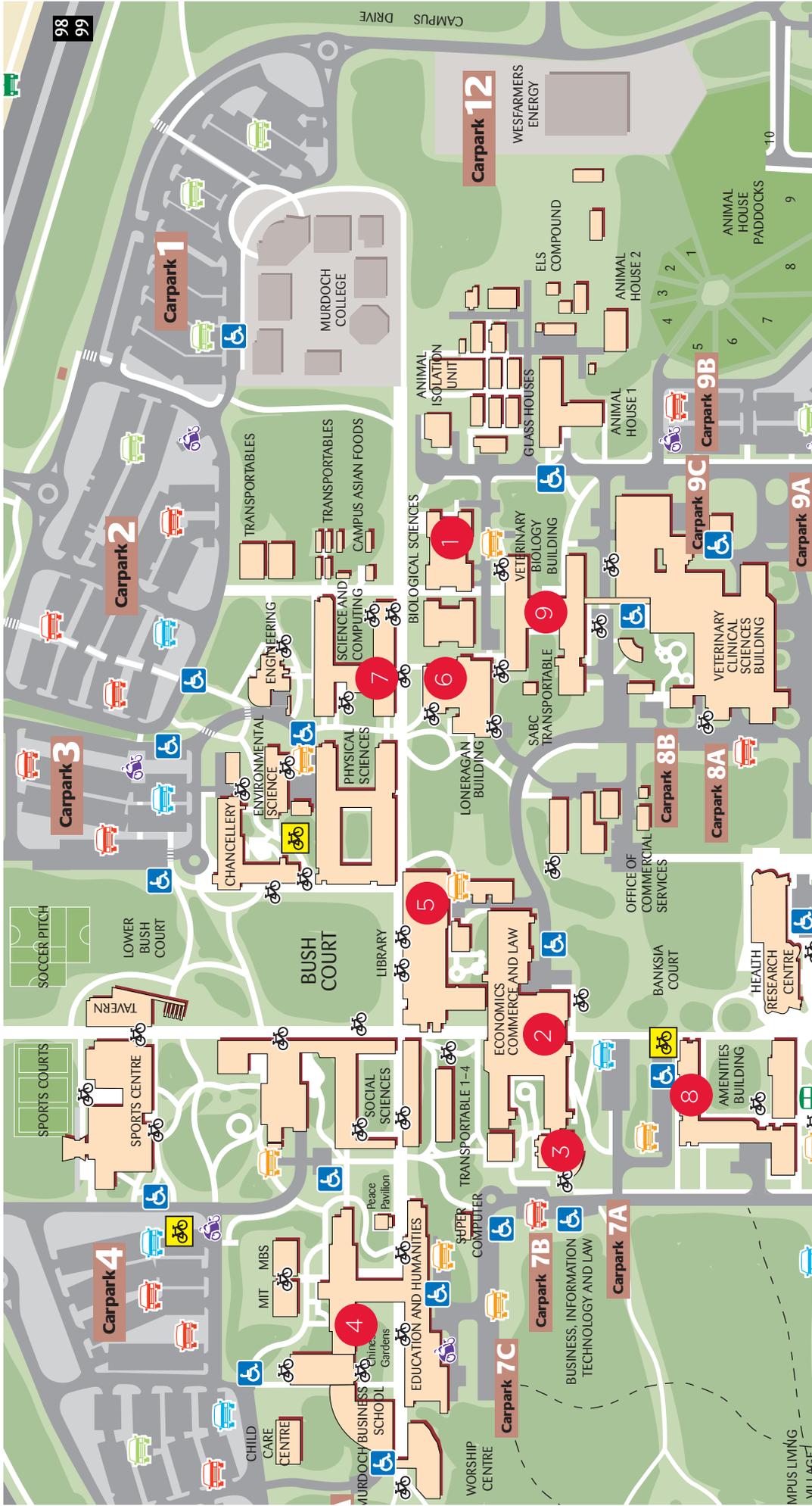
For more information, visit goto.murdoch.edu.au/freshair



Thank you for not smoking.



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Lecture theatre acronyms

- 1** BSLT: Biological Sciences Lecture Theatre
- 2** ECL1-4: Economics Commerce and Law Lecture Theatres
- 3** HSFLT: Herbert Smith Freehills Lecture Theatre
- 4** HLT: Hill Lecture Theatre
- 5** KBLT: Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre & GCL1: General Computing Laboratory 1
- 6** LBLT: Loneragan Building Lecture Theatre
- 7** RLT: Robertson Lecture Theatre
- 8** Amen: Amenities Building
- 9** VBS: Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences Building