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**HIGH QUALITY  
EDUCATION**



I am so proud of being a student in Adelaide, and coming here to study is one of the best decisions I have made.

- YUANZHUO, CHINA

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## HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION

### Find the right education provider for you

Adelaide is home to a wide range of providers offering various levels of education, from schools to doctorate programs. You're sure to find an option that suits your needs. StudyAdelaide is a partnership between the South Australian Government and the education sector, with more than 45 member providing high-quality education experiences. They are carefully checked to ensure they are trusted and reliable providers.

### Adelaide's education ranks higher

Adelaide is globally recognised for education excellence, with educational providers meeting the highest standards, guaranteed by the Australian Government Education Framework. South Australian public universities, Adelaide University and Flinders University are ranked in the top 2% globally<sup>1</sup>. These institutions have produced five Nobel Laureates and more than 110 Rhodes Scholars. From early learning to higher education, you will receive a world-class education in Adelaide.

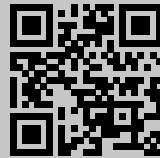


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### Jenny: A journey of compassion and dedication in healthcare



**Nursing**  
Jenny  
Flinders University



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#### FUN FACT

Did you know that 5 out of the 12 Australian Nobel Prize winners studied in Adelaide? Not to mention over 110 Rhodes Scholars!

1. QS World Rankings 2026

**Internationally recognised certifications**

In Adelaide, you can choose from many internationally recognised certifications. All schools offer the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) and some the International Baccalaureate (IB). Vocational and Higher Education providers offer everything from certificates and diplomas to bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees. These programs often feature work-integrated learning, with students undertaking practical learning in a work context as part of their course. This ensures you will gain practical, industry-aligned skills and flexible pathways to career opportunities or further study.

If you would like to improve your English, there are also a range of options available to you. English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS), cater to all proficiency levels preparing you for study, work and life in Adelaide.

**English language studies**

**English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS)**

- There are a range of programs to support students in developing their English language skills for academic, business or recreational purposes.
- Undertaken alone, in conjunction with or prior to other school, VET or higher education.
- Provided by schools, universities, higher education institutions, VET providers and specialist language schools.

**Pre-school and school (South Australia)**

- **Early Learning Centre (ELC)**  
Age 3-4
- **Kindergarten / Pre-School**  
Ages 4-5
- **Primary School**  
Reception to Year 6  
Approximate ages 5-12
- **Secondary School**  
Years 7-12  
Approximate ages 13-18  
Students can combine university and VET subjects with their high school studies. South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) is awarded to students who complete Years 11 and 12. Students can also choose to complete the International Baccalaureate Diploma as an alternative to SACE at select schools.

Note: Some schools cater for Reception to Year 12 or specialise in Secondary School.

**Vocational education and training (VET)**

- Certificate I
- Certificate II
- Certificate III
- Certificate IV
- Diploma
- Advanced diploma

**Higher education**

Universities and other registered training organisations provide various levels of higher education, including:

- Diploma
- Advanced diploma
- Associate degree

**Undergraduate**

- Bachelor degree

**Postgraduate**

- Bachelor honours degree
- Graduate certificate
- Graduate diploma
- Masters degree
- Doctoral degree (PhD)

**Note:**

VET and Higher Education courses (Certificate I through to doctoral degree) are within the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).

Some pathway programs provide guaranteed entry to particular universities with diploma or associate degree programs, allowing students to enter the second year of selected bachelor degrees - pathways may vary between institutions.



## Adelaide University



Adelaide University is a place people and communities unite to create a better tomorrow. A new contemporary and for-purpose university, we deliver world-class education, research and innovation to transform our world – and yours. A differentiated member of Australia's Group of Eight (Go8) and ranked in the global top 100, it's where ambition drives progress and where everyone is welcome. With over 400 degrees across a wide range of in-demand disciplines, we prepare employable graduates aligned to high-growth jobs and industries that will shape the future.

## SA Government Schools



South Australian Government Schools have been providing high-quality overseas study experiences to international students for more than 25 years. With over 140 accredited government schools there are a range of flexible short and long-term study options available. Students have the opportunity to succeed academically and grow as a person through a focus on participation, open-mindedness, critical thinking, language and friendships. A dedicated team oversees every detail – including homestays – ensuring an emphasis on student safety, support and wellbeing at every step.

## Flinders University



Flinders University is everything a modern university should be – progressive, student-focused, and career-minded. Flinders is deeply invested in the future of its students, with degrees designed to take them beyond learning to earning, through industry-linked and accredited programs, professional placements, real-world projects, and mentoring opportunities. Backed by world-class student support services, Flinders is there from day one – helping students thrive, change lives and change the world.

## TAFE SA



With nationally accredited courses across a wide variety of industries, University Packaged Programs and state-of-the-art training facilities, turn your passion into a career with TAFE SA International. TAFE SA is run by the South Australian Government, and the largest vocational education and training (VET) provider in the state. Each year, hundreds of international students from more than 70 countries choose to improve their English language or study an award course at TAFE SA. Many go on to study a bachelors degree at one of Adelaide's world-class universities.





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I was eager to find a university in Australia that would help me achieve my specific career goals and make professional connections. This led me to Adelaide.

- SAHANA, INDIA

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# HIGHER EDUCATION

## Globally recognised universities

Adelaide is globally recognised for education excellence, offering you some of the highest standards guaranteed by the Australian Government Education Framework. South Australian public universities Adelaide University and Flinders University are ranked in the top 2% globally<sup>1</sup>. These institutions have produced some of Australia's greatest minds and leaders with five Nobel Laureates and over 110 Rhodes Scholars between them.

Flinders University is internationally recognised as a world leader in research and innovation. The University of Adelaide and University of South Australia have a combined history of 180 years of academic success. In 2026 the two universities will merge to become Adelaide University, which will be a member of the prestigious Group of Eight.



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Photo: Flinders University  
1. QS World Rankings 2026

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## Become better qualified

Adelaide is also home to many specialist higher education institutions, providing a range of programs to help get you ahead. With campuses for institutions such as the University of the Sunshine Coast, Torrens University and Le Cordon Bleu, in Adelaide you can find the right institution to suit your needs.

## Industry partnerships

Our institutions work closely with industry, aligning to current leading practices. These strong partnerships ensure you gain first-hand perspectives and build connections with leaders in your field of study so you graduate ready for the workforce.

## Your pathway to university

If you do not meet the entry requirements for your preferred university course, there are many alternative pathways to gain entry to one of Adelaide's leading universities. Successful completion of pathway foundational studies will guarantee you entry to university and prepare you for your first year of a bachelors degree. There are also pathway programs designed to facilitate direct entry into the second year of select bachelors degrees.



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Photo: UniSA

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Photo: Daniel Purvis

"Flinders University redefines the student experience with a personalised approach to education and research. Our close-knit community fosters innovation, creativity, and critical thinking, ensuring every student is recognised and supported. Join us at Flinders, where your academic journey will be marked by excellence, inspiration, and a sense of belonging."

**Professor Colin Stirling**  
**President and Vice-Chancellor | Flinders University**



Photo: Adelaide University

"Adelaide University is a new kind of university for the future. A member of the prestigious Group of Eight, and in the global top 100 universities, we bridge academic excellence with expanded and extraordinary real-world opportunities. A place for progress, we deliver contemporary teaching and research, linked to industry and the latest technologies, with a unique blend of programs that will give you an exceptional edge."

**Professor Nicola Phillips**  
**Vice Chancellor and President | Adelaide University**

**Universities**



**Higher Education**



**University Pathways**



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I chose to begin my higher education journey with TAFE SA because it has a strong focus on hands on learning over theoretical studies.

- DELVIN, MALAYSIA

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

If you want internationally recognised qualifications, real workplace experience, and practical skills aligned with current industry standards, Adelaide offers exceptional Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs. Courses are offered across all major industries, from entry-level certificates to Advanced Diplomas.

### The highest education standards

VET providers in Adelaide meet strict quality standards set by the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), ensuring your training is of the highest standard and aligned with industry requirements.

### Taught exclusively by industry experts

All VET teachers and trainers in Australia are required to have current industry experience. This means all courses provide hands-on learning, and some courses also include valuable industry placements to help you gain practical skills from professionals with up-to-date knowledge.

### More pathways to study and work

Once you gain your VET qualification, you can easily continue onto further study, with some qualifications providing credit or direct entry to university programs. Vocational providers also offer industry work placements, giving you the chance to build professional skills and make valuable connections with employers in your field. In a competitive global market, students with relevant industry experience on their CV stand out from the crowd.



#### FUN FACT

**Vocational qualifications are in high demand and are expected to make up 53% of the skills needed in South Australia's workforce over the next five years<sup>1</sup>.**

Photo: Alliance College

1. South Australian Department of State Development Jobs and Skills Outlook 2024  
2. The National Centre for Vocational Education Research Student Outcomes Survey 2023

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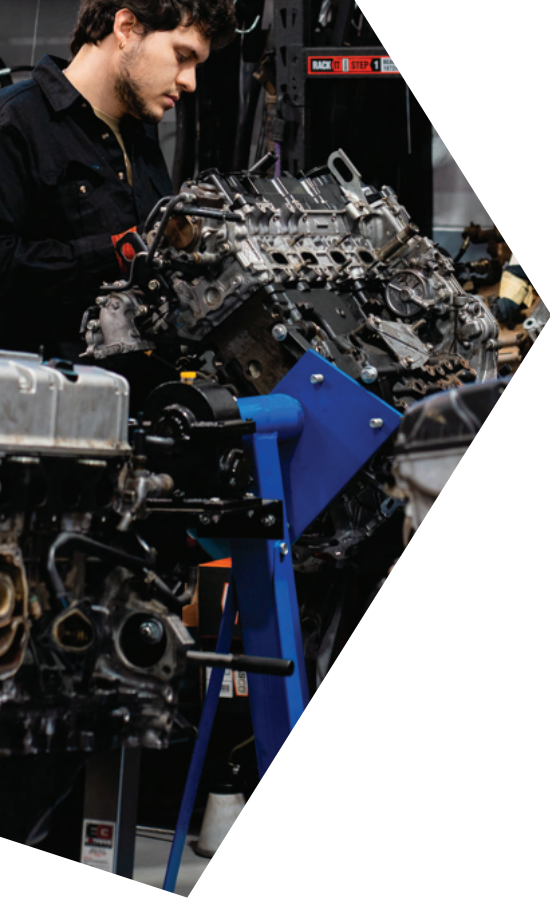


Photo: Alliance College

## World-class facilities

Gain the confidence you need to graduate job-ready with the latest skills and techniques. Adelaide's VET providers give you access to world-class learning spaces and equipment, either on their own campuses or in workplaces, making it easier for you to develop practical skills to stay ahead in your field. They also have campuses with simulated and real work environments, such as hospital wards, cybersecurity labs, commercial kitchens, construction sites and beauty salons – all helping you prepare for real-world careers.

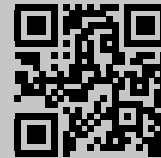
Major fields of study include:

- Hospitality and Tourism
- Engineering and Automotive
- Building, Construction and Carpentry
- English
- Information Technology (IT)
- Community Services
- Health
- Early Childhood Education and Care
- Arts and Design
- Marketing and Communications
- Hair and Beauty
- Primary Industries and Science



### FUN FACT

**Graduates ranked TAFE SA the highest in Australia for the overall quality of their training<sup>2</sup>.**



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ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE STUDIES

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I think studying in Adelaide is a very good choice. You have a very good environment to improve your English, and to engage with the local people and learn the real Australian culture.

- HENRY, CHINA

## Improve your English

Whether for academic, professional, or personal reasons, Adelaide offers a range of ways to study English, so you will become more fluent in both conversation and writing. With compulsory national standards and a comprehensive, industry-led support framework, studying English in Adelaide guarantees the highest quality outcomes.

English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) cater to students of all backgrounds and proficiency levels, helping you gain the confidence needed to prepare for your studies and your future.

ELICOS institutions also organise social activities, excursions and study tours, so you'll have opportunities to practise English in real-life situations. By providing an inclusive environment that focuses on education and personal growth, ELICOS institutions give you the chance to meet new people and form friendships.



### FUN FACT

**Adelaide's welcoming community will give you the opportunity to practise your English with locals through study, work and social interactions.**

## English language program options

Here are some of our English programs designed for international students:

- **General English**  
Improve your English for work and everyday use in an English-speaking country, or want to improve your general proficiency before starting a higher-level English course.
- **English for Academic Purposes (EAP)**  
Prepare to study at an Australian school, university or vocational institution.
- **English for Specific Purposes (ESP)**  
Enhance your English language skills for a specific context or environment, such as a corporate or business environment.
- **English preparation for English proficiency tests**  
Prepare to undertake English language exams like IELTS, TOEFL, Cambridge or PTE Academic.
- **English for teaching**  
Prepare to teach English as a second language in your own country.
- **Study tours**  
Improve your English while enjoying a short holiday or work-related training.



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Photo: Albright Institute

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDIES

### Entry requirements

As an international student, you will be required to demonstrate your English proficiency to obtain a student visa. If required by the Department of Home Affairs, you must provide evidence that you:

- Obtained a satisfactory test score in an English language test approved by the Department; or
- Fall into an exemption category.

To find out more, please see the Australian Department of Home Affairs website at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas>

Information is correct at the time of printing. Please be sure to check the latest visa advice on the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs website – [homeaffairs.gov.au](http://homeaffairs.gov.au)

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Adelaide is multicultural, so I have made friends from different cultures. Everyone is friendly, and I don't feel isolated here. Whenever it is needed, I can find help from organisations for international students, or in the shop, or from my homestay family.

- MOLLY, CHINA

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# HIGH QUALITY SCHOOL EDUCATION

## Safe and inclusive education

Schools in South Australia prioritise education, wellbeing, and personal growth, providing a secure and supportive environment that fosters a positive learning experience. With a strong reputation for preparing young minds for life through supportive, inclusive and well-rounded education, South Australia produces students who are empowered to thrive academically, socially and personally.

## Excel with extracurricular activities

South Australian schools offer a wide range of extracurricular activities and subjects, allowing students to explore their personal development while achieving academic success. These activities, including literacy and academic projects, artistic performances, ethical and inter-cultural understanding, contribute to a well-rounded education. Camps and excursions, in particular, give students a real Australian experience, allowing them to explore nature and learn about local culture, helping them feel more at home in South Australia.

## Safe and supported accommodation for school students

A variety of accommodation options are available to help students feel at home and supported during their studies.

### Homestay

A homestay gives students the opportunity to live with a local family, offering cultural immersion, language practice, and meals in a safe, accredited environment. To ensure comfort and security, prospective homestay families undergo national police and background checks, in-home interviews and complete home inspections. Schools work with homestay providers to arrange the right match for students. It's a wonderful way to settle into your new home town, have an Australian experience, and make lifelong friends.

### Boarding school

Some independent schools in Adelaide provide the option of on-campus accommodation for students through boarding houses. These facilities offer a structured setting that supports both academic and personal development. Students are supervised by dedicated staff and have access to meals, utilities and tailored academic assistance, alongside a variety of extracurricular activities. The boarding environment fosters independence while promoting social engagement in a diverse and multicultural community.

### Nominated accommodation

You can nominate to live with a relative or family friend while studying. A relative must be approved by the Department of Home Affairs, a non-relative or family friend must be accredited as a nominated homestay.



Photo: Blackfriars Priory School

## Preparing young people to study, live and work successfully in a changing world

There are seven general capabilities that your child will gain at school in South Australia alongside their academic learning to prepare them for future success: critical and creative thinking, literacy, numeracy, information and communication technology capability, personal and social capability, ethical understanding and intercultural understanding.

### Primary Education

South Australia's primary school system spans from Reception to Year 6, catering to students aged approximately 5-12 years of age. The curriculum covers a broad range of subjects, including English, mathematics, science, technology, health and physical education, the arts, and languages, providing students with a strong foundation for future learning. Primary schools offer an enriching experience, guided by highly qualified teachers who are dedicated to supporting both academic and personal development.

### Secondary Education

South Australia's secondary school system begins at Year 7 and runs through to Year 12, serving students aged approximately 13-18 years. Students have the opportunity to combine university and Vocational Education and Training (VET) subjects with their high school studies, providing flexible pathways to further education and career opportunities.

Secondary schools in South Australia feature world-class facilities and industry-leading teachers, equipping students with the knowledge, problem-solving skills, critical thinking and confidence required to thrive in a rapidly changing world. South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) (Years 11-12) is offered in all high schools in South Australia. Select schools also offer the International Baccalaureate (IB).

## Globally recognised school curriculum

### The South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE)

The South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) is a modern, internationally recognised secondary school qualification designed to equip students with the skills, knowledge, and personal capabilities to prosper in our fast-paced global society. It provides pathways to employment and further education, giving students more flexibility to choose subjects that reflect their interests, talents, and career goals.

SACE subjects are made up of investigations, performances, and other assessment tasks to showcase unique personal abilities, and provide theoretical and practical, hands-on, action-based learning both inside and outside school. SACE students generally complete five subjects per semester, giving them time to develop their understanding of topics, grasp complex ideas, make connections between concepts, and apply their learning to real-world scenarios.

Upon completion of Year 12, students receive an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) based on their academic results. The ATAR is recognised for entry into all Australian universities and Technical and Further Education (TAFE) institutions, along with many universities around the world.

### International Baccalaureate

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP), typically completed during Years 11 and 12, offers a challenging and rigorous academic curriculum comprising six subjects, designed to develop students into global citizens. The IBDP is recognised by universities worldwide and is highly esteemed for admission to Australian and international higher education institutions. Students receive an IB Diploma score out of 45, which is also converted to an ATAR, providing a pathway to university entrance both in Australia and abroad.

### Government and Independent Schools

South Australian schools run by the government or privately-owned independent schools are both internationally recognised for providing high-quality education from early learning and primary school through to secondary school. Parents may choose between them based on factors such as cost, educational approach, religious connection and the desire for specialised programs or extracurricular activities.



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Adelaide is a well-connected place where you can meet a variety of people from different backgrounds who can give you an advantage in your career.

- VY, VIETNAM

WORK



## Grow your career potential with Employment Connect

Adelaide's growing economy, fuelled by a range of dynamic industries, offers you employment opportunities from casual and part-time to graduate roles. StudyAdelaide's Employment Connect is a one stop resource centre for students and employers. From finding employment opportunities and understanding your work rights to developing your interview skills and enhancing your resume at employability workshops, we're here to support you at each step of your academic journey to achieve career success.

## Find a casual or part-time job with Job Shop

Job Shop is StudyAdelaide's award-winning program that makes it easier for you to secure a part-time or casual job while you're studying. It's dedicated to connecting international students with hundreds of job opportunities at businesses who are actively looking to employ. You can even start applying for jobs before you leave your home country.



Scan to view the Job Shop

## Earn micro-credentials with Career Advantage and Leadership Empowerment

StudyAdelaide's Career Advantage or Leadership Empowerment programs will not only prepare you for success when applying for a job in the Australian workplace, but you'll also receive micro-credentials to help your resume stand out.



Accredited by the Career Development Association of Australia (CDA).



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## Secure a graduate role

The South Australian Department for State Development estimates the state will need 155,000 new skilled jobs over the next five years<sup>1</sup>. The strong demand for skilled graduates means finding a job in Adelaide can be easier than you think. In fact, with the growing economy, it's often easier to secure employment in Adelaide than in other cities, and many graduates gain a job before they've even finished their studies.

Support is provided by StudyAdelaide through Employment Connect initiatives such as Regional Careers Tours, the Employment Toolkit and Feedback Central, which help you prepare to secure graduate roles.

## Success stories



Health and Care  
Wathnak Vy  
Adelaide University



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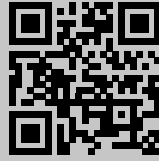
### FUN FACT

**StudyAdelaide's Employment Connect provides free support at every step of your academic journey to help you achieve career success.**

1. South Australian Department for State Development

### Additional year of post-study work rights

Get your career off to a great start with an extra year of post-study work rights. The additional year is available for graduates of South Australian institutions who have completed a higher education degree and maintained residence in South Australia as a holder of a first Temporary Graduate Work Visa (subclass 485). This benefit is not available to international students in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.\*



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### Duration of the 485 visa in South Australia

<b>VET</b>	<b>Bachelors Degree</b>
<b>1.5 Years</b>	<b>up to 3 Years</b>
<b>Masters Degree</b>	<b>PhD</b>
<b>up to 3 Years</b>	<b>up to 4 Years</b>

\*Information correct at time of printing. Please be sure to check latest visa advice on the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs website - [homeaffairs.gov.au](http://homeaffairs.gov.au)



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INDUSTRY  
CONNECTIONS

# WORK



Photo: Alliance College



The hospitality industry in Adelaide is really growing with new venues opening all the time.

- EILEEN, SINGAPORE

# INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

Adelaide's education sector forges closer industry connections to help you get ahead. Here, strong ties between industry and education create job opportunities - from internships and part-time work to full-time graduate roles. While studying, you'll gain practical, real-world skills and have opportunities to connect with employers in your industry, preparing you to succeed in your dream job.

StudyAdelaide organises industry networking events that connect you with government and organisations in leading industries, helping you build professional connections, learn about potential career paths, gain insights, and access job opportunities.



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## Space

South Australia is home to the Australian Space Agency - the Australian equivalent of NASA - which aims to increase the space sector to AUD 12 billion and create up to 20,000 additional jobs by 2030<sup>1</sup>. It also provides opportunities for research and innovation in the space sector, in partnership with our universities.



## Critical technologies

South Australia is globally recognised as one of the world's leading technology hubs. The thriving workforce that supports a diverse and connected ecosystem of business, researchers and investors drives economic growth<sup>2</sup>. Global tech companies like Accenture, Microsoft and Tesla all have offices in Adelaide.



## Creative industries

South Australia has helped create many cinematic blockbusters such as *Thor: Love and Thunder*, the *Harry Potter* series, *Game of Thrones* and *If Time Flows Back*. South Australia has produced over 1,900 creative graduates in the last three years, and the skilled workforce has the highest retention rate in Australia<sup>5</sup>.



## Food, wine and agribusiness

South Australia is internationally acclaimed for its quality food and wine, and associated world leading research and development programs<sup>1</sup>. In 2022-23, South Australia's agriculture, food and wine industry supported more than 78,000 jobs<sup>3</sup>. South Australia is the home of world-famous wines brands such as Penfolds and Jacob's Creek, producing 50% of Australia's bottled wine and 80% of Australia's premium bottled wine.



## Health and medical

Adelaide's flagship health and medical precincts bring together world-class researchers, companies, government, education, infrastructure, and clinical care to create new opportunities for innovation. Adelaide BioMed City is the largest health and medical precinct in the Southern Hemisphere and is expanding with the addition of a new Women's and Children's Hospital, expected to be completed around 2030-2031. South Australia's health sector is expected to more than double to 5 billion by 2030<sup>4</sup>, creating vast job opportunities.



## Resources, fuels and clean technologies

South Australia is a world leader in renewable energy technology. The state is on target to generate 100% of its electricity demand from renewables by 2027. In 2022, over 70% of the state's electricity generation came from wind and solar. With significant renewable energy zones for wind and solar, and rich mineral deposits critical for the renewable transition, students can learn from leaders in the field.

1. Invest SA

2. South Australian Department for State Development

3. South Australian Department for Primary Industries and Regions

4. South Australian Department for State Development

5. Creative Industries



# Innovation Districts

**Adelaide University  
Roseworthy Campus**  
61km from CBD

**Edinburgh Defence Precinct**  
34km from CBD

**Edinburgh Parks Precinct**  
34km from CBD

**Osborne Naval Precinct**  
26km from CBD

**Technology Park**  
17km from CBD

**Flinders University City Campus**  
Adelaide CBD

**Adelaide BioMed City**  
Adelaide CBD

**Adelaide University  
City East Campus**  
Adelaide CBD

**Lot Fourteen**  
Adelaide CBD

**Adelaide University  
City West Campus**  
Adelaide CBD

**Adelaide University  
Waite Research Precinct**  
7km from CBD

**Tonsley Innovation District**  
12km from CBD

**Flinders University  
Bedford Park Campus**  
13km from CBD



30 minutes  
from central  
business district



5 kilometres  
3.1 miles



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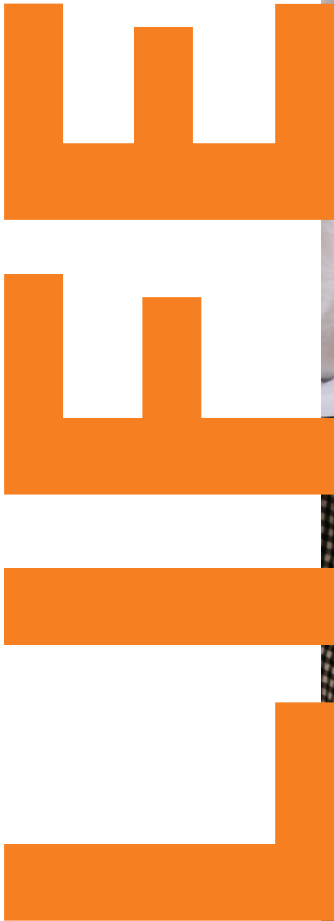
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The people, the festive culture, the natural beauty and architectural design made me fall in love with this city.

- MUHAMMED REEFATH, BANGLADESH



## LIFE IN ADELAIDE

### Live your best life in Adelaide

There's a reason why students from over 130 countries choose to study in Adelaide – it's consistently ranked as one of the world's best cities to live in. It was also recently named the happiest city in Australia<sup>1</sup>, making it a highly desirable place for students. Enjoy a balanced lifestyle with the convenience of easy transport and amenities right at your doorstep. Take a road trip with friends and explore the scenic landscapes, parklands, and beautiful coastlines. Socialise at one of the many festivals or events, and explore a thriving restaurant scene. There's plenty to do in Adelaide!

### It's easy to get around in Adelaide

With a well-connected airport, compact city layout and wide range of public transport options Adelaide offers a convenient lifestyle. Major campuses, workplaces, purpose-built student accommodation, key services and attractions are all located in and around the city centre, making it easier for you to enjoy a quality study-life balance. What's more, Adelaide is the only Australian city completely surrounded by parklands, allowing you to enjoy nature, green spaces and cleaner air.

### You're closer to the real Australia

Australia's iconic landscapes and natural wonders are as little as 30 minutes from Adelaide's CBD, including 70km of metropolitan beaches and the Adelaide Hills (Mount Lofty, Cleland Wildlife Park and the artisan German village of Hahndorf). Travel a little further to experience some of Australia's most popular tourist destinations including the Barossa, Kangaroo Island, Limestone Coast and Flinders Ranges.

### We're the event capital

Known as the event capital of Australia, our world-famous events and festivals showcase exceptional food and wine, sports, art, culture and vibrant city life.

There are many festivals and events on each season, so there's always something to do.

- Santos Tour Down Under
- Adelaide International Tennis Tournament
- Adelaide Fringe Festival
- WOMADelaide
- Adelaide Festival
- Gather Round (Australian rules football)
- Liv Golf Adelaide
- Tasting Australia
- Adelaide Cabaret Festival
- Illuminate Adelaide
- OzAsia Festival
- National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant
- Supercars Championship



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1. Happy City Index 2025

2. SA named one of the World's Most Welcoming regions booking.com

## Taste the difference

South Australia's food and wine are globally acclaimed thanks to access to quality fresh produce. Whatever style of dining you are after, there is a wide range of cafes and restaurants to choose from. The state has been named a Great Wine Capital of the World along with other regions such as Bordeaux in France meaning world-famous chefs, winemakers and producers choose to call South Australia home. Adelaide Central Market, located in the heart of the city, is one of the largest undercover markets in the Southern Hemisphere. Offering an abundance of fresh produce, multicultural cuisine and traditional Australian food, the market is popular with international students who visit regularly to enjoy a taste of Australia or a taste of home!



### FUN FACT

**South Australia was recently ranked one of the World's Most Welcoming regions by Booking.com<sup>2</sup>.**



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I'm really grateful for the opportunities and support StudyAdelaide has given me throughout my journey as an international student. From welcoming events to leadership programs, each experience has helped me grow more confident and connected in this community.

**- ALEX NGYUEN, VIETNAM**

International arrivals



### Friendly and welcoming

South Australia has recently been named one of the most welcoming regions in the world<sup>1</sup>. Students often say that in the state's capital, Adelaide, people from all nations, cultures and beliefs are warmly welcomed. In Adelaide, people are friendly and welcoming - even the bus drivers say hello. Adelaide has a close-knit community that is eager to share information and tips, and if you need assistance, people are willing to stop and help. Here, it's easy to connect with the friendly locals and other international students.

### Adelaide is a safe and welcoming city

Adelaide offers a secure environment for you to focus on your studies and personal wellbeing, thanks to its multiculturalism, friendly locals, safe neighborhoods, and strong student support services. Known for its safety, Adelaide has the highest level of satisfaction with police services in Australia<sup>2</sup>. South Australian Police provide 24/7 services to support and build safer communities across the state. Additionally, security officers patrol campuses day and night, offering first aid and emergency assistance. Surf Life Saving South Australia ensures beach safety, including emergency and rescue services. With a focus on accessibility, excellence in healthcare and high international standards of safety and hygiene, Adelaide offers a secure, welcoming environment for you to thrive.



#### FUN FACT

**Adelaide was recently ranked the 9th most liveable city in the world<sup>3</sup>.**

1. SA named one of the World's Most Welcoming regions booking.com

2. Australian Government Productivity Commission - Report on Government Services 2024

3. Economist Intelligence Unit - 2025 Global Liveability Index

### A taste of home

Adelaide's multicultural community is reflected in the rich cultural events, multicultural cuisine and inclusive atmosphere. The city hosts a variety of international events, including Lunar New Year, Diwali and Holi. South Australia's incredible and diverse community has brought an abundance of food, drink, and culture to be enjoyed by all. This means you'll get a taste of home, with local supermarkets offering a wide variety of multicultural products and local cinemas showcasing international films. You'll find food options on campus that cater to international tastes.

### South Australia - Fast Facts

<b>Capital city</b>	Adelaide
<b>State population</b>	1.8 million
<b>Adelaide population</b>	1.4 million
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Major exports</b>	Education, wine, metals, wheat and tourism
<b>Major industries</b>	Space, critical technologies, minerals and energy, food, wine and agribusiness, health and medical, and creative industries
<b>Economy</b>	South Australia is a state set for continued economic growth, built on innovation, a highly skilled workforce, cutting-edge research and active collaborations between government, industry and education
<b>Seasons</b>	<b>Summer</b> (December – February) 17°C - 29°C
	<b>Autumn</b> (March – May) 13°C - 23°C
	<b>Winter</b> (June – August) 8°C - 16°C
	<b>Spring</b> (September – November) 12°C - 22°C





### Support to find a job, meet new people and make friends

StudyAdelaide offers great support to international students from arrival to post-graduation, including:

- All the information you need to know when you first arrive, like finding accommodation, managing your budget and getting around.
- Free or low-cost social events where you can meet new friends and get to know the city.
- Help to find a volunteer, part-time or casual job while studying and programs to prepare you for your future career.
- A great student ambassador program.
- International student awards.
- Arts and cultural celebrations.

...and so much more.

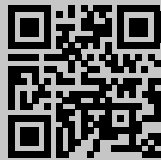
To find out more about why you should study in Adelaide, sign up to StudyAdelaide.

### Join the club

Universities have created clubs, societies and social spaces to help you settle in, make friends, and explore Adelaide. Universities also offer a range of student support services including academic counselling, language assistance and mental health resources to help you thrive personally and academically.



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ACCOMMODATION



I can confidently say that my time in homestay remains as one of the most precious memories of my life. I was treated equally with their own children which made me feel at home.

- DANIEL, SOUTH KOREA



## ACCOMMODATION

### Affordable and accessible student accommodation

Rent in Adelaide is 28% lower than Sydney, 7% lower than Melbourne, 14% lower than Brisbane and 19% lower than Perth<sup>1</sup>. Adelaide has a range of accommodation options to suit your budget, lifestyle and preferences. With major campuses located together in and around the city, you can easily enjoy a balance between study, work and life. Choose from purpose-built student accommodation, homestays and private rentals. Some accommodation options offer extra support, facilities and a student community.



#### FUN FACT

**There are a range of accommodation options available in Adelaide, including purpose-built student accommodation, residential colleges, private rentals, homestays and student hostels.**

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Tom Roschi  
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<sup>1</sup>. Cotality Quarterly Rental Review January 2026  
Median weekly unit rent



## Types of accommodation in Adelaide

### Purpose built student accommodation

On-Campus or near-campus accommodation specifically designed for exclusive student use and run by accredited providers or education institutions.

### Residential colleges

Community-style living that often includes meals, welfare and academic support as well as sporting, cultural and leadership opportunities.

### Private rentals

You can rent a house or apartment on your own or with family and friends where you will be responsible for all associated costs.

### Homestay

Live with a local family in a supportive home environment (an excellent option for school-aged students).

### Student hostels

Often used as a low-cost option for short to mid-term accommodation.

## Support to find accommodation

If you are coming to Adelaide, there are a range of dedicated student services to help you find accommodation. You can also check out Australia's Student Accommodation Association (SAA), which was established to promote secure, affordable and comfortable accommodation options for students. To find out more information or to start finding accommodation, head to:

- Your education provider's website
- StudyAdelaide
- Student Accommodation Association



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## COST OF LIVING

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It [Adelaide] has a lower living cost compared to other capital cities in Australia, and it only takes me 20 minutes to escape from the CBD to the beaches or hills. In Adelaide, I work to live, not live to work.

- TIFFANY, HONG KONG



## COST OF LIVING

In Adelaide, you're closer to the quality of life you aspire to. With lower rent, food and public transport costs than most major Australian cities, you will be able to afford more of what Adelaide has to offer.

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### Food

Adelaide has a vibrant, multicultural food scene with everything from casual, budget-friendly spots perfect for students to highly awarded, premium restaurants. Local supermarkets and specialty stores stock a wide range of international products, ensuring there's something for every taste. Adelaide is also home to several produce markets, including Adelaide Central Market, one of the largest undercover markets in the Southern Hemisphere. Here, you'll find fresh produce and multicultural cuisines making it easy to enjoy both local flavours and familiar comforts. On campus, food options cater to diverse preferences and budgets, so you can always enjoy a taste of home.



1. Cotality Quarterly Rental Review January 2026  
Median Weekly Unit Rent

2. Moovit Insights Global Public Transport Report 2022

## Public transport

If you want easy and affordable transportation that's only dreamt of in most cities, Adelaide is the place to be. The city offers one of the shortest work commute times in Australia<sup>2</sup>. Adelaide Metro has frequent and reliable public transport services, including buses, trains and trams, and has among Australia's shortest wait times<sup>1</sup>, so you'll spend less time waiting and more time doing the things you love. All tram routes within the CBD are free, and there's a free city connector bus which links many of the city's most popular places.

Full-time international students enjoy the same benefits as domestic students for public transport, and receive a 50% discount on a regular monthly metroCARD, offering unlimited travel during the month.

Cycling is also an affordable way to get around Adelaide, with bike paths and lanes throughout the city. A grid layout and compact design also makes Adelaide easy to walk around and explore.



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**ABOUT  
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I've volunteered for many projects at my university and with other organisations like StudyAdelaide. My placements and volunteer work have given me the chance to attend many events and programs and to make new friends from various social and cultural backgrounds. These experiences have helped me become a stronger and more confident person, both professionally and personally.

- SALINA, NEPAL

## ABOUT STUDYADELAIDE

StudyAdelaide is a partnership between the South Australian government and the education sector, dedicated to raising awareness of Adelaide as Australia's leading international education destination. It also provides support to students from their arrival through to post-graduation, helping them connect with industry professionals along the way.

### Arrival

As soon as you land in Adelaide, our friendly international student ambassadors will greet you at the Airport Welcome Desk\* and help answer any questions you might have.

\*During select times only.



### Orientation

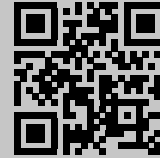
StudyAdelaide will be present at your institution's\* orientation sessions or O'week. A great way to make new friends when you arrive is to attend StudyAdelaide's welcome events which are enjoyed by 500-700 students. Come along and meet students from other institutions and countries.

\*Member institutions only

### Settling in

StudyAdelaide offers a range of resources and events to help you settle in, make friends and explore Adelaide. StudyAdelaide hosts a calendar full of free and discounted events including Coffee Connect, Halloween, zumba or yoga classes and walking tours.

To keep up to date about what's happening for students in Adelaide, sign up to our newsletter:



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### **Personal development**

Our annual International Student Awards recognise and celebrate international students for their academic excellence, community service, peer support and unique initiatives.

### **Employment Connect supporting you to achieve career success**

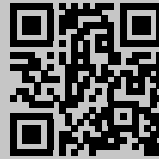
From preparing you to apply for jobs to connecting you with potential employers, StudyAdelaide is here to support you. StudyAdelaide's Employment Connect includes programs such as the award-winning Job Shop which is designed to connect international students with hundreds of job opportunities and businesses actively looking to employ them. Additional support is offered through initiatives like Regional Careers Tours, the Employment Toolkit, Feedback Central, and micro-credential employability programs, which help you prepare for graduate roles.

### **Celebrate your culture**

Adelaide hosts a wide range of cultural celebrations throughout the year, including Lunar New Year, Diwali and Holi, attended by students from all backgrounds. In collaboration with the Adelaide Festival Centre, StudyAdelaide hosts an annual event 'Students Got Talent', which showcases international students' musical, dance, and performance talents.

### **Experience the best of Australia**

Come to Adelaide and experience the real Australia - you'll quickly make friends with locals (and other international students!). If you've ever wanted to meet a koala, or hang out with some kangaroos, StudyAdelaide hosts events at Cleland Wildlife Park where you can do exactly that. We'll show you around iconic regions such as the Barossa and Kangaroo Island, and we also host beach days where you can experience a real Australian BBQ.



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