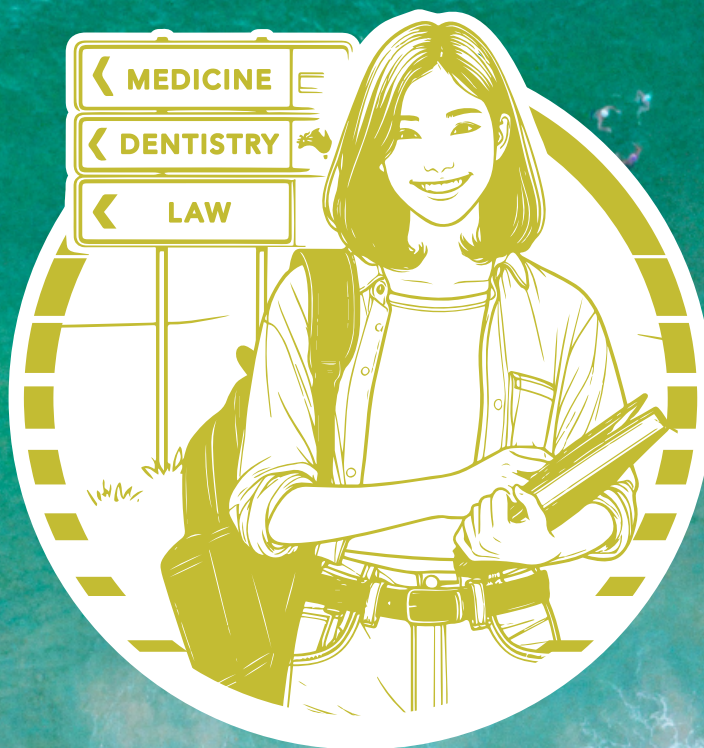




OzTREKK's  
**ULTIMATE  
GUIDE**  
TO STUDYING  
DOWN UNDER  
2024



# MAKE YOUR EDUCATION A DESTINATION



“ Well Jaime! Christmas came early. I officially received a life-changing email! UWA offered me a spot for their DMD program last night. I am flooded with all sorts of emotions. I am still processing and digested the amazing news and plan to accept it today but wanted you to be one of the first to know! ”

UWA DMD student, Class of 2028

I received this email one early morning in December 2023, and my heart burst with excitement for this student. It's the best kind of email to wake up to. I was so pleased for her—and it also reminded me that my team helped to make her dreams come true.

A lot what OzTREKK does may seem simple: we process transcripts, give presentations, answer emails... but at the end of the day, everything we do is about you. Our whole organization is on your team. At every turn, we try our best to be *student first*.

The email above includes the words *life changing*. It's completely true. We are lucky to have front-row seats to watch and cheer on our students as they transform their lives. It's something that many people dream of doing and our students do it (and it makes me so proud).

At OzTREKK, we know the enormity of the decisions our students are making—and each of you get my massive respect—regardless of how it ends.

So, I encourage you to flip through this guide. Look at the pictures. Read the stories. Dream.

Discover what triggers the butterflies in your belly and what ignites your passion. Do you have any secret hopes bopping around in your head?

What is the thing you've wanted to do since you were a kid?

Share them with us and we'll love working with you and guiding you on this journey.

Happy dreaming!

*Jaime*

Jaime Notman

Director



Prestigious universities. Innovative programs. Incredible climate.

For students, Australia and New Zealand pretty much have it all. In fact, the Oceania region boasts 10 of the world's top 100 universities (QS World University Rankings 2024), well known for their incredible facilities, innovative programs, and intensive research—not to mention their stunning locations!

If you've applied to universities in Canada, you know entry can be competitive and places are limited. OzTREKK's university partners hold places specifically for international students.

When you study in Australia or New Zealand, you can be sure you'll get a top-notch education and a world-recognized degree.

### **World-class universities**

Australia hosts more than 600,000 international students every year, making it one of the world's most popular foreign study destinations.

### **Multiple intakes**

Many programs offer multiple intakes throughout the year, so you can get started on your degree sooner.



### **Student-friendly**

Because Australia and NZ are such popular study destinations, universities have designated departments to assist international students—from helping you locate a great place to live to helping you solve a personal problem.

### **Multicultural cities and stunning location**

Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth, Dunedin... are some of the most vibrant livable and multicultural cities in the world (Melbourne and Sydney are ranked #3 and 4 for Most Livable Cities in the World for 2023). Most OzTREKK students don't take long to settle comfortably into their new surroundings.



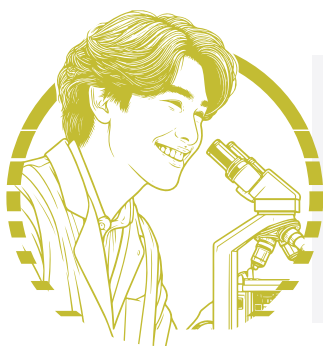
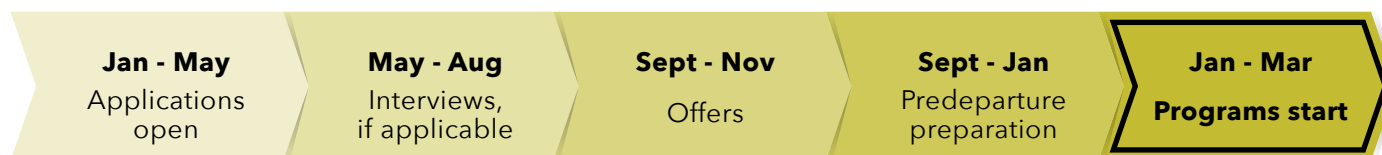


### Professional degrees recognized in Canada

OzTREKK only features degrees that you can use in Canada, and we'll help you understand the licensing and accreditation processes for your degree—before you decide. And unlike many other countries, Australia and New Zealand offer direct-entry professional programs like medicine, dentistry, law, and veterinary science straight from high school.

- **Medicine** Highest residency match rate of any region in the world (CaRMS, Data & Reports, Table 50, 2023)
- **Dentistry** NDEB-recognized education
- **Physiotherapy** Recognized internationally and meet the standards as defined by CAPR
- **Law** Canadian content courses and accelerated program options—graduate in 2 years
- **Vet** AVMA-accredited programs

This is the most “typical” cycle of the Australian academic calendar:



“ Living in Australia is incredible and I’m so happy with my decision to move here. The warm weather, and great people, close friendships have all been worth it. The University of Queensland is a beautiful large campus. Very clean, lots of activity, and feels very vibrant. There’s lots to do on campus to get involved with events, food, etc. ”

Mauricio M., medical student



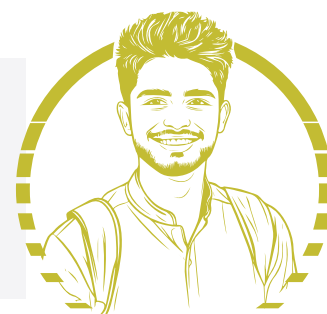
# About OzTREKK

Universities have international education agents around the world, and OzTREKK is one of them. The universities hire education agents because they want the best possible service for their future students, and who better to assist a Canadian than another Canadian?

We've officially partnered with 14 universities in Australia and one university in New Zealand. We're funded by our university partners, and our services are 100% free.



“ I loved the quick emails, no application fee, great walk-through of what must be done to enroll, and the amazing organization of what is required by each school, their tuition, the deadlines, the cost of living, etc. There was never a lack of communication which made it simple and less stressful to choose a school and commit. Also, with the full transparency of the costs and what is required, it makes the decision-making process with parents much smoother as well. ”



Kunal M, dental student



## Let's Chat!

Email us at [info@oztrekk.com](mailto:info@oztrekk.com). Call us at 1-866-698-7355. [Book a chat](#) with a student advisor.

Curious about what we're up to? Follow @OzTREKK on social to get the latest admissions updates, events, and real-life content from current students.

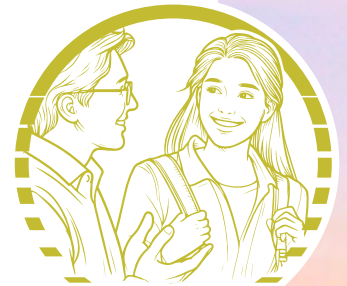


# How Does OzTREKK Help?

The process of applying to study in Australia can be both simple and confusing. That's why we are here. We are committed to supporting you on your journey to become a doctor, a marine biologist, a lawyer... and anything in between.

Our goal is to have the best prepared students ready for a first-class educational experience in Australia and New Zealand—and we take that to heart.

We'll assist you at every stage. You can apply to the universities we represent and be confident we will walk you through every step of your journey.



## **Personalized counselling**

- We help you determine which program and university is the right fit.
- We host exclusive, program-specific webinars and in-person information sessions featuring current students, alumni, and faculty representatives.
- Connect with us on social media! We feature current students, fun quizzes, and much more to help you get a sense of what studying in Australia or NZ is really like.
- We offer a monthly OzTREKK 101 welcome webinar to help you get in the groove.
- We provide admissions stats and guidance you won't find anywhere else.

## **Streamlined application processing**

- We offer a comprehensive application allowing you to apply to multiple universities at once, and most of our university partners waive their fees exclusively for OzTREKK students.
- We only need one copy of your transcripts.
- We collect, review, package, and submit applications on your behalf.
- We provide deadline and interview reminders and updates.
- We offer unsuccessful outcome support, including secondary options, how to increase your competitiveness, and initiate offer reassessments when warranted.

## **Predeparture preparation**

- You'll receive full predeparture guidance, support, and online resources to make sure you feel prepared to enjoy your first-class international education experience!
- You'll have the chance to meet future classmates at our in-person OzTREKK Meet & Greets and through our exclusive Facebook groups.





# Popular FAQs

## What is the first step?

Get in touch! We recommend scheduling a call to discuss your plans and goals. Even if you're considering other countries, we encourage you to let us know. We'll develop a strategy with you to ensure you achieve your dreams. Email us at [info@oztrekk.com](mailto:info@oztrekk.com) to get started.

## When is the right time to apply?

The earlier you start your application, the better! The further you can stay away from a deadline, the more we can help you put your best foot forward. Plus, many programs have rolling admissions, which means they can fill quickly and often before the deadline.

## Can I work in Canada after I graduate?

All the programs OzTREKK features are recognized in Canada. We can help you understand the licensing process specific to your profession and to your province. Depending on your program, it could be as simple as filing paperwork or as complicated as taking additional studies and exams. We'll walk you through the process before you make your decision to study in Australia to make sure it's right for you.

## How does OzTREKK know if my application will be competitive?

Most Canadians applying to full-degree programs in Australia (i.e., not study abroad courses, which usually only last a semester or two) apply through OzTREKK. They're studying medicine, dentistry, law, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, veterinary medicine....

Each year, we receive thousands of applications. We know what it takes to not only be eligible, but also competitive. That's why OzTREKK students have some of the highest offer rates of all international applicants.

You can get started on determining your chances by reviewing the admissions requirements on each program page. Then, visit our [GPA Conversions](#) and [Eligibility](#) pages for details and suggestions to help you get into the program of your dreams. Of course, OzTREKK is always here to help if you have questions.



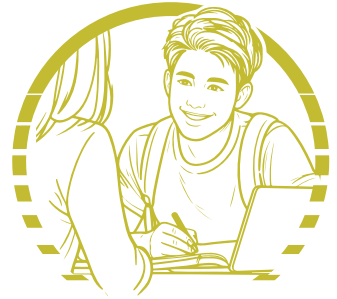


## Applying from High School

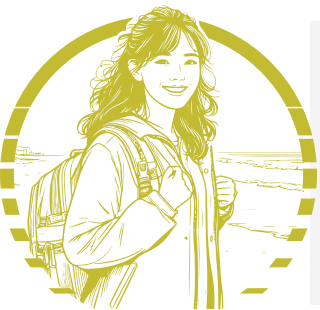
While North American universities don't offer undergraduate-entry professional degrees, they're quite common in other parts of the world—including Australia, a place known for its world-class universities and forward-thinking approach to teaching and learning.

Bonus? These degrees lead to recognized qualifications, so you'll be eligible for licensing to practice in Canada. After graduating and becoming licensed, Canadians have the option to practice in either Australia or Canada.

You don't have to wait. Your first steps toward a career in medicine, dentistry, law, physio, vet, or pharmacy can begin right after high school. OzTREKK can help you with any undergraduate program!



Starting a professional degree from Grade 12 means you can graduate ahead of the rest.



“ Choosing to study medicine in Australia was one of the best decisions I have made! The structure of my program at Griffith was very appealing to me. Studying through this route in Australia would save me two years, which I plan on using to further diversify my medical experience. The training pathway here allows doctors to get a greater depth of experience in different specialties before choosing one, unlike in North America where you have to have one chosen by third or fourth year of medical school. ”

Jilsy P, Griffith University, Bachelor of Medical Science, Doctor of Medicine







# Choosing a University

Australia and Canada have top-ranked universities.

## Australian and Canadian university 2024 QS Rankings (top 100)

#14 The University of Melbourne

#19 The University of Sydney

#42 Monash University

#43 The University of Queensland

#72 The University of Western Australia

#21 The University of Toronto

#30 McGill University

#34 University of British Columbia

Only OzTREKK-represented Australian universities shown. See [QS World University Rankings](#) for details.

## Understanding Rankings

### Compare globally

World rankings allow you to compare international universities and programs to those with which you're familiar.

### Same as Canada

World rankings show that Australian universities and programs are comparable in quality to Canadian universities.

### Student satisfaction

It's not just about rankings! Smaller institutions often have high student satisfaction. All our universities offer dedicated support for international students.

### QS World University Rankings by Subject

QS provides most program-specific rankings, which represent the quality of the programs our students are taking.

### Shifting ranks

Universities are ranked against one another, so a drop in rank can indicate the improvement of other unis rather than a decrease in quality.

### Improve quality

Rankings motivate universities to improve the quality of their programs.

### Look their best

Most universities will talk about the rankings where they perform the best, often ignoring the rest.

### Comparison to Canadian universities

Loved University of Toronto? Consider the University of Sydney. Enjoyed UBC? Apply to University of Melbourne.





# Location





## Queensland



**Bond University**  
Gold Coast: 630,000  
Students: 4,000

“ Facilities (10/10), help services (10/10).  
Countless resources available to students. ”

Victor R, Bond University law student



**Griffith University**  
Gold Coast: 630,000  
Brisbane: 2.4 million  
Students: 55,000

“ I like the facilities and the teachers who  
actually do care about their students.  
Emphasis on mental health is very important  
and is actually followed through on. ”

Lauren C, Griffith University medical student

**James Cook University**  
Townsville: 190,000  
Cairns: 150,000  
Students: 13,000 / 4,000



“ There are many fun events going on all the  
time... and quiet areas to study! Overall,  
amazing facilities. ”

Ibadat S, JCU dental student

**University of Queensland**  
Brisbane: 2.4 million  
Students: 56,200



“ The UQ campus and Brisbane are beautiful,  
and I love studying and living here. UQ has  
so many supports in place for students...  
even more so than Canadian unis. ”

Alec C, University of Queensland medical student







## New South Wales



### Charles Sturt University

Orange: 38,000  
Students: 42,300 (across all campuses)



### Macquarie University

North Ryde (Sydney): 6 million  
Students: 44,000

“ The campus is beautiful and I’m very happy with my decision. The instructors are great and seem like they really want us to succeed. ”

Gurasees B,  
Macquarie University physiotherapy student



### University of Sydney

Sydney: 6 million  
Students: 73,000

“ It is a world-class university in a wonderful city. I love how supportive the students are to each other. ”

Tina L, University of Sydney medical student



## Victoria



### Deakin University

Geelong: 220,000  
Students: 64,500



“ Lots of services, good culture... quite a few clubs available. ”

Arjun D, Deakin University medical student

### La Trobe University

Melbourne: 5 million  
Students: 36,000



*New university partner for OzTREKK in 2023*

### Monash University

Melbourne: 5 million  
Students: 86,000



“ Monash is a great place to live and make friends. It is more than just studying. There are an infinite number of clubs and activities. ”

Assia C, Monash University medical student

### University of Melbourne

Melbourne: 5 million  
Students: 54,000



“ Teachers are top tier. Teaching Facilities are good. There are always activities going on to connect students outside the classroom. ”

Travis L, University of Melbourne dental student





## South Australia



### Flinders University

Adelaide: 1.4 million  
Students: 26,100

“ Flinders University is a great university. They provide adequate tools and resources for their students to achieve. The campus is beautiful. ”

Francis T, Flinders University physiotherapy student

## New Zealand



### University of Otago

Dunedin: 133,000  
Students: 25,000

*New university partner for OzTREKK in 2020*

“ I like that the campus is new and has all the latest technology. The staff is very supportive and helpful. ”

Hareem Z, Otago dental student

## Western Australia



### University of Western Australia

Perth: 2.1 million  
Students: 24,500

“ I love the location. Nice facilities, small class size. ”

Alyssa W, UWA dental student

### University of Notre Dame Australia



Fremantle: 2.1 million  
Sydney: 5 million  
Students: 12,000

*New university partner for OzTREKK 2023*



# OzTREKK Student Profile

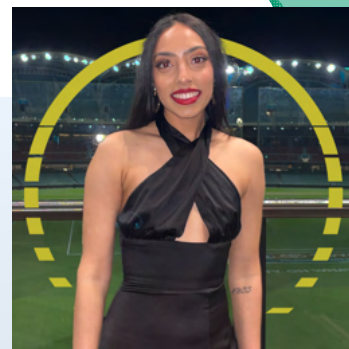
## Shreya P, Flinders MD

Class of 2026

“ My first year at Flinders has been amazing! It's one of the few schools in Oceania which provides cadavers for dissection—an amazing opportunity for medical students to study anatomy. The professors really care for their students and are always happy to answer any questions you have!

One of my favourite things about Australia (besides the amazing weather) is the number of beaches there are! After class I love heading to the beach and watching the sunset; I even learned how to surf!

P.S. The UV rays down under are intense. Sunscreen will be your best friend. ”



# Programs

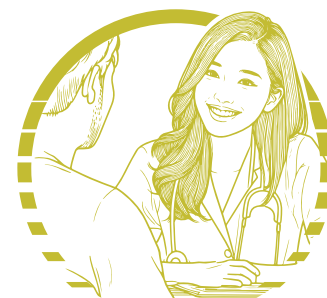
## Getting into the right program

From medicine and dentistry to audiology and zoology, OzTREKK is here to help you pursue your dreams. If you don't see your area of interest here, just reach out. We have yet to encounter a student goal that our partner universities could not meet!

## Study areas

Architecture and design, arts and humanities, audiology and speech pathology, business and management, chiropractic, dentistry, law, health and exercise sciences, medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, optometry, pharmacy, physiotherapy, public health, research, STEM, teaching, veterinary medicine

Which program is the best fit for you? At OzTREKK, we know where you're most likely to get an interview or offer based on your GPA or admissions test, or which course is going to meet that human anatomy prerequisite. We also provide backup program options you may not have considered.



## Glossary of Terms

**GPA:** Grade point average, generally on a point-based scale, based on grades from courses completed.

**cGPA:** Cumulative grade point average based on all courses completed within your degree.

**wGPA:** Weighted GPA, giving certain credits more weight than others, typically based on the year they were completed.

**Application deadline:** Last date that OzTREKK can submit your application to the university for a specific program. OzTREKK displays North American dates, so you won't miss a deadline.

**Final transcript:** After graduating, a transcript will confirm that the degree was awarded and will list the final grades for all courses. This is necessary to receive a full offer for most programs, and sometimes to apply.





# Application Cycle

What should you expect when applying to study in Australia or New Zealand?

## 2 years before you graduate

Review program options on [oztrekk.com](https://oztrekk.com).

Contact OzTREKK to get a list of prerequisites, so you can register for any courses you need.

## 1 year before you graduate

Review the OzTREKK program admissions guide so you're up to date with the latest admissions criteria.

Check in with OzTREKK to ensure you're on track with prereqs, grades, tests, etc.

Attend OzTREKK webinars and in-person events to get a feel for studying Down Under and your university options, plus meet university representatives, alumni, and other students considering studying in Australia or New Zealand.

## Semester before you graduate

Fill out your OzTREKK application. Submit any necessary documents. Attend more OzTREKK events. Talk to your family about financing (if you haven't already) and to prepare them for the idea of moving. We're always happy to chat with parents.

# Stages of the Application Process

OzTREKK is here to support you through every "stage" of the application and acceptance process.

## Inquiry Stage - Connect with OzTREKK to find a program that "fits"

Learn about the programs you're interested in. Contact us, read the website, check out Instagram, ask your friends. Do it all. This is a no-commitment phase, so have a good "think" about whether studying abroad gives you some butterflies!

## Started Stage - Starting your application and getting your documents in

Every year tens of thousands of applications are started. Once you start your OzTREKK application, it will come to our office where we will review all information and set up a file for you. You'll receive a detailed list of all application requirements, and we'll get to work on preparing everything for the universities on your behalf.

## Applied Stage - OzTREKK submits your complete application(s) to the universities

Your student advisor will give you access to helpful resources for your program(s) while you play the waiting game! This period can be nerve-wracking, but as soon as we hear anything, you'll always be the first to know.

## Offer Stage - What happens when you get a letter of offer

Congratulations! First, take a minute to enjoy this. You've worked hard to get here, and you should feel proud. It's a big deal.

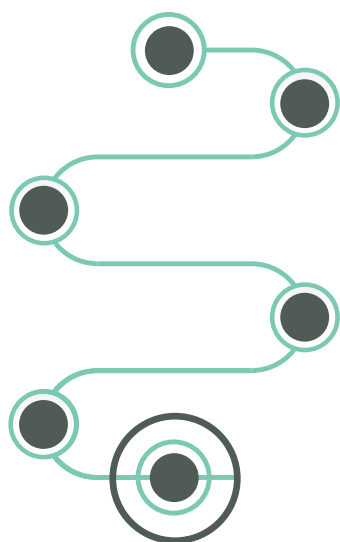
Next, it's time to figure out how this will work. This is your journey, and you need to be comfortable with it. If you choose to continue, in this stage you'll pay your deposit, sign some documents, and officially become a student at your university!

## Accepted Stage - After you accept an offer letter

Once the university processes your acceptance you will receive a Confirmation of Enrollment. This is the official security that you are "in"—you have a seat in the program. By this time, you'll be excited and nervous all at once. It's fun, enjoy it!

## Study Stage - Advice for when you're there

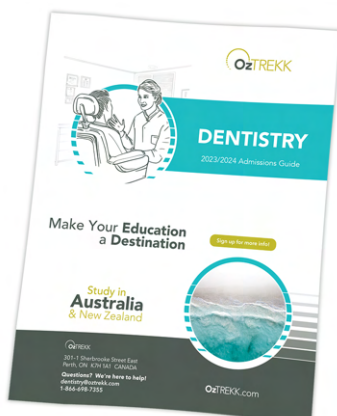
This is when we tend to say goodbye to our students. We are always here to support you or answer questions, but by now you've moved on and have found yourself Down Under in a program of your dreams!



# Admissions Guides



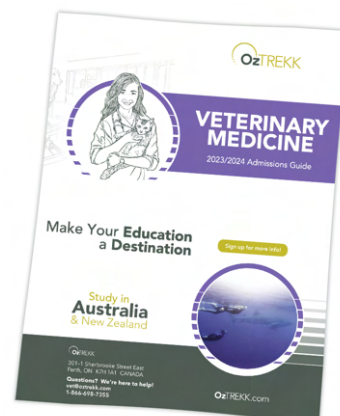
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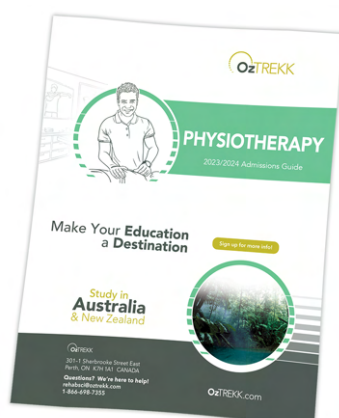
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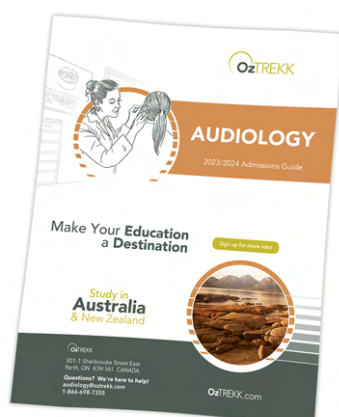
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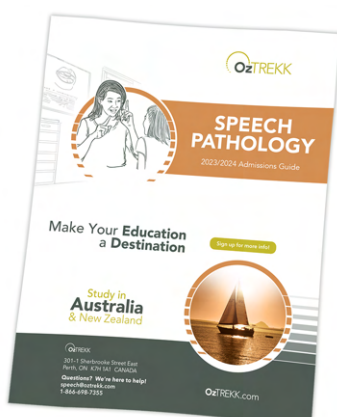
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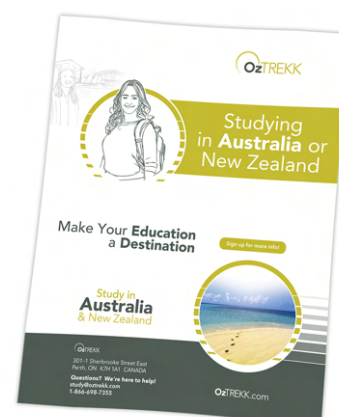
Audiology



Speech  
Pathology



Nursing



All Other  
Programs





# Working In Canada After Graduation

When you apply through OzTREKK, we make sure you understand how to use your degree in Canada. Here are the basics of what to expect. Visit our [Licensing page](#) for more information.

Program	Licensing Process to Practice in Canada
<b>Medicine</b>	Pass the MCCQE1 exam and NAC OSCE (generally taken in final year of med school); apply to CaRMS; and complete residency in your specialty.
<b>Dentistry</b>	Pass the NDEB exams.
<b>Law</b>	Have credentials assessed by the NCA and complete requested exams (most students will need to complete 5 examinations in Canadian law); and complete an articling position or LPP program.
<b>Veterinary Medicine</b>	Register with the National Examining Board (NEB); write the NAVLE; apply for license in your province.
<b>Physiotherapy</b>	Complete Context of Physio Practice in Canada course + 1025 clinical hours for provincial registration; apply to CAPR; and pass the PCE.
<b>Occupational Therapy</b>	Apply to ACOTRO's Substantial Equivalency Assessment System; complete 1000+ clinical hours in a program; pass NOTCE exam; register in your province.
<b>Chiropractic</b>	Complete three Canadian Chiropractic Examination Board exams and register in your province.
<b>Pharmacy</b>	Register in the Pharmacists Gateway. Pass the Pharmacist Evaluating Exams; apply to your province; and complete the defined Structured Practical Training.
<b>Speech Pathology &amp; Audiology</b>	Complete the required number of clinical and subject hours for your major and minor; pass Canadian Entry to Practice exam and register in your province.
<b>Teaching</b>	Graduates of Master of Teaching programs must have completed a defined number of practicum days; register in your province.
<b>Nursing</b>	Apply to the National Nursing Assessment Service and write the NCLEX. Register in your province.
<b>Public Health</b>	There is no need to register with an accrediting body in Canada or complete any further schooling.
<b>Optometry</b>	Have credentials assessed by the Federation of Optometric Authorities of Canada (FORAC), take the Internationally Graduated Optometrist Evaluating Exam, and pass the OEBC exam. You may be required to take the Advanced Standing Optometry Preparatory Program.



# OzTREKK Alumni

**Tyler N., Doctor of Dental Medicine, University of Sydney**  
(Graduated 2022)

“ For me, studying abroad was the opportunity of a lifetime to simultaneously pursue my dreams while exploring a city that very few get to truly experience in the time and the detail it deserves. When you are spoiled with beautiful weather and so many delicious food options every single day, the years spent away from home pass by in no time at all.

There was never a dull moment in Sydney and there's no better place to study abroad than Australia. I vividly remember the awe of seeing the university for the first time. Now that it's all said and done, I still reminisce about all the good times spent overseas and all the great memories made with incredible friends during dental school.

Since dental degrees earned in Australia are equivalent to those obtained in Canada, the transition was seamless, and the hardest part about returning home to work was honestly just the long international flight and learning to endure the cold Canadian winters again!



**Cierra File-Murby, Doctor of Physiotherapy, University of Melbourne**  
(Graduated 2019)

“ I absolutely loved my time in Australia! My favourite part of the program were the practical components—both in school and during placement. I was surprised how medical it was, in the best way. We learned so much detail and knowledge. I felt so informed and prepared, especially within our hospital placements, which I loved so much. They made me feel like a valuable member of the team.



Traveling Australia is incredible. We took multiple camper van trips up both sides of the coast, which I would highly recommend, as all camp sites are so well-equipped for this kind of travel. I was surprised to see how many different climate zones there are and so close together. You can drive on one highway, see rain forest on one side and the beach on the other!

I currently work at a private practice in Toronto, seeing both orthopedic and pelvic health clients. Australia's knowledge around pain science has really helped me build connection and rapport with my clients, which ultimately helps with the success of their treatment outcomes.

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# Money Matters

## Cost of living

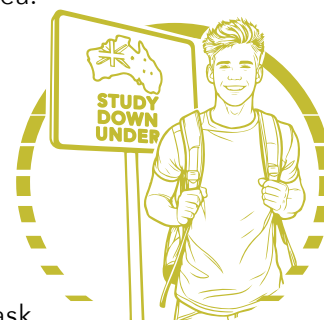
Getting into your dream profession is a big investment of your time and resources, so it's important to ask yourself how much you're willing/able to pay for it.

On top of tuition, international students can expect to pay AUD\$25,000 – AUD\$30,000 per year in living expenses, depending on the city and living arrangements. The average international student in Australia spends approximately AUD\$500+ per week on living expenses, but this depends on the location, as cities like Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane are more expensive. Check out the [cost-of-living calculator](#) and [comparison tool](#) to get a better idea.

## How do OzTREKK students pay for their studies?

OzTREKK students typically finance their studies using

- professional student lines of credit via a Canadian bank;
- Canadian government student loans; and
- personal / family savings.



## Professional student line of credit

Canadian banks have student lines of credit available to Canadians studying internationally. Students are required to have a co-signer, so be prepared to ask a family member to act as a guarantor.

## Student loans

Canada's "List of Designated Educational Institutions" includes all OzTREKK's Australian universities. Most students are eligible for a government student loan.

Canadian government student loans provide funding based on demonstrated financial need. The Canada Student Loans Program provides up to \$210 per week of full-time study per loan year for students studying internationally. Most provinces grant additional loans.

It's important to remember that most provincial loan offices do not release money until after the student has arrived in Australia and classes have commenced.

## Scholarships

OzTREKK's university partners offer a variety of scholarships, but they are limited and competitive. We recommend students plan to fund their studies via other sources and consider the scholarship as a bonus.

Learn more about [financing your studies](#).

## Transferring Your Money

After you've paid your initial deposit via your university's preferred method of payment (recommended), you'll want to look into the most cost-effective ways to transfer money for the remainder of your payments.

There are a ton of other money-transfer companies out there. OzTREKK will help you figure out which one might be best for you.

It is important to keep an eye on the exchange rates as you can save thousands of dollars by watching. Even a fluctuation of 1% – 2% can mean significant savings when you consider the total cost of your degree.

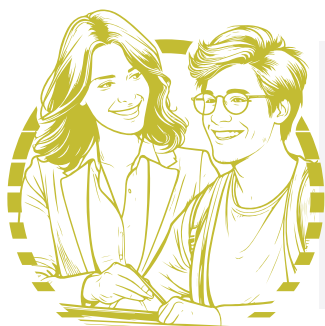
# Predeparture Preparation

Okay, so you've successfully submitted your acceptance to study Down Under and you've got your Confirmation of Enrollment (CoE).

Now what?

You're officially in what we call the "predeparture" stage. We're here to make sure you're organized and prepared by providing you with heaps of predeparture information, so you'll be ready to move to Australia or NZ.

We'll set you up with our handy Student Checklist, our Students' Facebook group, and our Student Contact List. You'll have exclusive access to predeparture events like our accommodation webinars and in-person Predeparture Meet & Greets. We also have a Parents' Network on Facebook to ensure parents have a place to chat and ask questions.



“ OzTREKK played a very important role in the entire process leading to a successful acceptance of my son into the Bachelor of Veterinary Science program at the University of Queensland.... Our advisor was very supportive, very knowledgeable, and always willing to go the extra mile. Because of her great advice, my son was able to prepare himself academically for a successful acceptance into the program. ”

Anne P. (parent)

## Student Visa

After you've accepted an offer, you should apply for your student visa at least 8 weeks before your program starts.

## OSHC

All Canadians need to buy OSHC for themselves and any visa dependents for the duration of the degree before they can apply for a student visa.

## Visa health check

Many students who will undertake clinical placements in a state health facility as part of their degree will be asked to complete a health check with a panel doctor as a condition to receive their visa.

## OzTREKK Meet & Greet

Accepted students have the chance to meet before their programs start. Great place to meet fellow OzTREKKers!

## Student Contact List

All students with a CoE are invited to add their name and contact info to our OzTREKK Student Contact List for the year. It's a great way to connect with future classmates (or potential roommates!).

## Clinical placements

Some programs involve placements in clinical facilities where you will interact with patients. You'll need to complete state health requirements (inoculations, etc.).

## Police check

You'll may need to obtain a National Police Check from the Australian Federal Police, in addition to a criminal record check from your home country.

## Accommodation

Choose from homestay, on-campus residences, privately managed student housing, or private rental market.

## Financing

OzTREKK students typically finance their studies using professional student lines of credit, Canadian student loans via the government, and personal/family savings.

## Banking

The four big banks are NAB, CBA, ANZ, and WBC. Pick one with an ATM near campus or your accommodation.

## Flights

Make sure to consider layovers when getting a great deal on a flight. It's already a long trip!

## Tax file number (TFN)

Apply online after you get to Australia if you will be earning money or collecting interest in an Australian bank account.



## **Student visa**

To study in Australia, you must obtain a student visa from the Australian Government (Department of Home Affairs).

Your student visa grant notification will be emailed to you by the Australian Government. Save this email and print out a copy of the notification email and take it with you in your carry-on luggage to Australia. You can always log in to your IMMI account to see the status of your application.

Don't forget! The Australian or New Zealand government will digitally attach your CoE to your passport; you won't receive a hard copy.

## **Health exams**

At the end of your online visa application session, you will be notified if you are required to have a health exam performed by a panel doctor. Not all programs require a health check.

If you are required to do a medical exam/health check, it must be done by a "panel doctor" in Canada who has been approved by the Australian High Commission.

## **Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)**

As an international student, it is a condition of your visa that you have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the duration of your stay in Australia.

OSHC is required so international students have access to the same medical and hospital care as all Australians. As an international student, you must maintain OSHC for the entire duration you are in Australia. If you are taking any dependents (e.g., spouse/partner and children younger than 18 years old), they must be covered as well.

You can purchase coverage via your university when you accept your offer, or directly from an OSHC provider. We will help.

## **Taking a partner or family**

Eligible family members include your spouse/partner and your dependent children. A spouse is defined by the Australian Government as the person you are married to, or in a de facto (common law) relationship with. A person is the de facto partner of another person (whether of the same sex or a different sex) if the following is true:

- They have a mutual commitment to a shared life to the exclusion of all others.
- The relationship between them is genuine and continuing.
- They live together or do not live separately and apart on a permanent basis, and they are not related by family.

You must declare all family members on your application, even if they do not plan to travel with you to Australia.

## **Taking pets**

You can bring your cat or dog into Australia under strict import conditions, which include immunizations and quarantine. As Australia is an island country, these conditions help safeguard Australia's agriculture, environment, native and domestic animals, and people.

Canada and the USA are considered "Group 3" countries, which are described as approved countries and territories in which rabies is absent or well-controlled and animals from these countries require an import permit to be eligible for import to Australia.

Check out the governments' step-by-step guides about taking your pet to Australia and New Zealand.

## **Working in Australia or New Zealand**

After you've started your course of study, you can work up to 48 hours every 2 weeks (starting on a Monday) when your course is in session. You may work unrestricted hours during your study breaks or more than 48 hours per fortnight if the work is part of your course (i.e., it is a registered part of your course that is mandatory).

Students completing a master's degree by research, or a doctoral degree (PhD) don't have any work restrictions.

Sounds great, right? Just keep in mind that the money earned is not to be your only source of income for tuition or living expenses. Many students find it difficult to have time for a job.

In New Zealand, you may be eligible to work up to 20 hours per week if you are completing a full-time course that is at least 2 academic years in length or results in a New Zealand qualification that gains points under the Skilled Migrant Category.

Learn more about [working in Australia](#). Learn more about [in New Zealand](#).

# Accommodation

## On campus

On-campus residences can be individual bedrooms or shared bedrooms with shared facilities. Often referred to as "colleges," they include meals, furniture, internet, programming, and support. OzTREKK recommends on-campus accommodation for all high-school leavers.



## Off campus, student-specific

Student-purposed apartments are like on-campus colleges and may be booked in advance. These are usually fully furnished and managed by a private company. Students are self-sufficient, although it may be possible to purchase meal plans. Students are usually responsible for connecting and paying for utilities such as water, telephone, electricity, and gas in their own name and at their own cost.

## Off campus, private rental market

People in a shared household usually lease their property through a real estate agent. Students should be prepared to visit at least 5-10 places. This can be the least expensive option when shared with roommates.

## Homestay

The student lives with a family, couple, or single person/s in their own home. Homestay arrangements generally fall within one of the following categories: full board, part board, and board in exchange.

### OzTREKK Advice

Don't forget to consider travel time, bus / train availability, and cost when choosing to live off campus.





# Under 18

## Application and offer processes

Depending on the university, additional forms and steps will be required during the application process. Students may also have additional steps to accept an offer should they receive one.

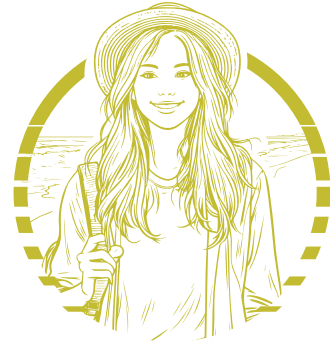
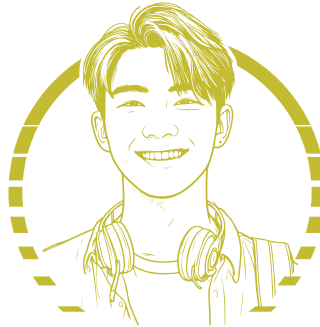
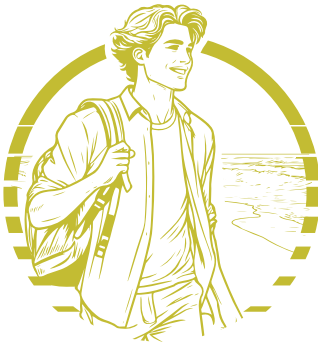


## Living with a guardian in Australia

Any international student younger than 18 years at commencement must live with an approved guardian until they turn 18.

## Guardian visa requirements

If the student does not already have an approved guardian in Australia, they may need a family member to apply for a guardian visa to accompany them. This guardian visa should be obtained as part of the student visa application process.



# Arrival

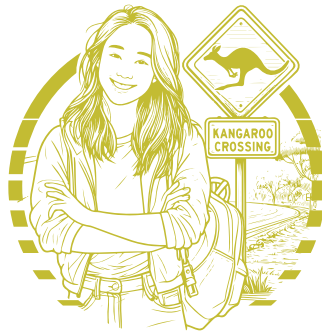
Most Australian universities offer airport reception, which takes students from the airport to their accommodation. The service is often free for international students, but for a fee, the service can also be arranged to include non-student family members.

## After arrival

- Set up phone
- Find a place to stay / live
- Finalize enrollment and pick up your student card
- Complete clinical placement requirements (if applicable)
- Attend orientation and connect with others for support
- Start school

## OzTREKK student tips

We have had many students find roommates by joining the OzTREKK Facebook group and by attending our Predeparture Meet & Greets before heading Down Under!



“ Dorms first year is an alright strategy and then you can figure out a living situation once you get settled a bit. ”

Chance M., medical student

“ If you want to get a place before you come, look at university-associated student accommodation because you don't need to be in person for an inspection to secure a room. ”

Noah, medical student

“ Find a roommate; it makes living in a new country a lot easier. ”

Harnoor, dental student

“ Live close to uni at first and then find private rentals. ”

Mariana, law student

“ The rental process is very different here. Showings can have 1 or 20 people attending and then you submit an application if you are interested. If renting privately, set at least 2 weeks before finding a place. Look for places outside of CBD, likely to have less demand and cost less. Talk to the realtor during the showing so that they remember you when you apply. ”

Sophie, physiotherapy student

# Support for International Students

All Australian universities have designated departments to assist international students—from helping them locate a great place to live to helping them solve a personal problem.

Most universities also have student clubs and societies, gyms, and places to eat. It's easy to get involved!



# Student Clubs

While we can't list all the university clubs, here are just some of the clubs former OzTREKK students have joined.

## Bond University

Canadian Law Students' Association (CSLA), Bond Pride Alliance (BPA), Bond Christian Students (BCS), Bond University Muslim Student Association (BUMSA)

## Deakin University

MeDUSA (Medicine - Deakin University Student Association), Deakin Women's Deakin Burwood Soccer Club (DBSC), Deakin Runners Club (DRC), Deakin University Indian Club Geelong (DUICG)

## Flinders University

Physiotherapy Student Association, Occupational Therapy Association, Disabilities Collective, Law Students' Association, Medical Students' Society

## Griffith University

Student Guild, Griffith Mates, Griffith University Medicine Society (GUMS), Griffith University Dental Students Association (GUDSA), Griffith University Law Society

## James Cook University

Dive Club, International Students Club, Medical Students Association, Townsville Beach Volleyball Club, Townsville Ultimate Disc, Meditation & Yoga Club

## La Trobe University

Bendigo International Students (BISC), Bendigo Law and Criminology Society (BLCS), Bendigo Oral Health and Dentistry Society (BOHDS), La Trobe Rural Health Club (LARHC)

## Macquarie University

Macquarie University Chiropractic Students Association (MUCSA), Macquarie University Medical Society (MUMS), MU Speech and Hearing (MUSHLS), Physiotherapy Society, Hockey Club

## Monash University

Women's Health Interest Society of Monash (WHISM), Overseas Student Services, Monash University International Students Service (MUISS), Law Students' Society Inc. (LSS)

## University of Melbourne

Melbourne Dental Student Society, VSSV (Veterinary Student Society of Victoria), University of Melbourne Medical Students' Society (UMMSS), Lawyers without Borders

## University of Notre Dame Australia

Medical Association of Notre Dame University Sydney (MANDUS), General Practice Student Network (GPSN), Rural Health Organisation of UNDS (ROUNDS)

## University of Otago

Bachelor of Health Sciences Society, New Zealand Dental Students Association, Otago Disabled Students Association, Otago International Students Association, Otago University Chess Club

## University of Queensland

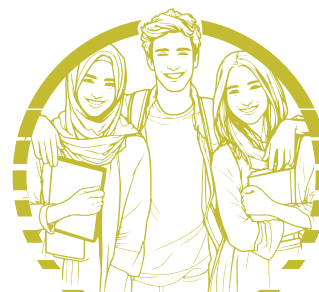
Dental Students' Association (UQDSA), Medical Society (UQMS), Canadian American Australian Medical Student Association (CAAMSA), UQ Beach Volleyball Club, Queensland Physiotherapy Student Association

## University of Sydney

University of Sydney Student Union Rewards, Physiotherapy Society (SUPS), Law Society, Medical Society, Student Association of Speech and Hearing, Sign Language, Bushwalkers

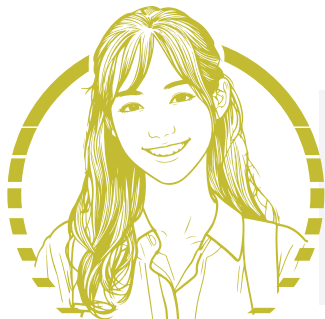
## University of Western Australia

Medical Students' Society (WAMSS), International Law Society (ILS), Photography Club (UWAPC), Rollerblading Club (UWARC)



# Life Down Under

What do OzTREKK students say about life in Australia?

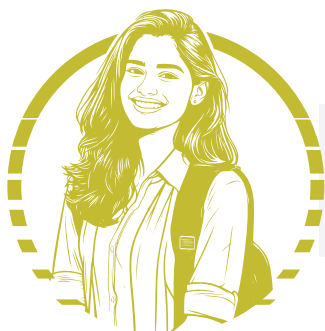
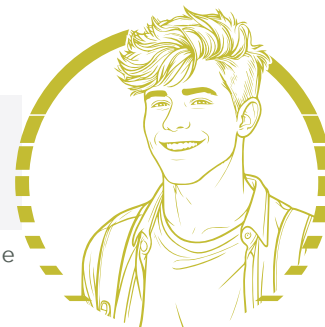


“ If you’re right out of high school or still looking for that res feel from back home and an easy way to be able to socialize and make friends, you’re going to love college. Food is made for you and there are sports set up for you. It’s right on campus, and you get tutoring for free. It’s helped me to really settle into Australia so much more smoothly! ”

Sarah W, UQ dentistry

“ Staying in a college [on campus] makes it easy to meet people in other programs... ”

Gradon F, JCU medicine



“ The first couple weeks before school started were tough, but once I met lots of people and made good friends it was much better. I went to Sydney with some friends for 5 days and that was lots of fun. ”

Monica G, Griffith dentistry

★★★★★ 4.5/5

**Average first-year OzTREKK student rating  
for their Australian university**



# Advice from Former OzTREKKers

“ Jump in with both feet when it comes to meeting new students and getting to know your professors. ”

“ Ask the questions earlier rather than later and make sure you are taking the time to prepare yourself for the program you are about to dedicate your life to. ”

“ Be prepared for Ontario’s autumn for the winter months and bring sweaters ... ”

“ Just do it! I feel like everyone has their doubts and worries when it comes to such a big move, but at the end of the day I don’t think that anybody can ever be 100% certain about something like this. It’s a big move and there are definitely tons of uncertainties, but I feel like if you have to study/get a degree you might as well make a story of it. ”

“ Everyone wants you to succeed as long as you want you to. ”

“ Be very clear of practice requirements back home before leaving. This will help the uni to support you in getting all those requirements. ”

“ Come a couple weeks early to get settled. ”

“ Make friends with Australians and branch out! Everyone is so friendly and welcoming and will want to show you the best Australia has to offer. ”

“ Just do it! I applied just for fun not thinking anything would come of it and now here I am a year later in Melbourne, Australia. ”



# Building Your Bucket List

There's so much to see and do in Australia and New Zealand. Here are some recommendations from former OzTREKKers!



## Gold Coast, Queensland

- Catch the waves surfing Currumbin Beach or swim at Mermaid Beach
- Enjoy the nightlife and night markets at Surfers Paradise
- Run with the wild kangaroos at Coombabah Park

## Geelong, Victoria

- Walk along the Geelong Waterfront
- Watch the sunset at Ocean Grove
- Take a hot air balloon ride with friends in Geelong



## Adelaide, South Australia

- Stroll the beach at Brighton
- Visit Kangaroo Island to see koalas, kangaroos, sea lions, and seals
- Kayak through a 10,000-year-old mangrove forest and dolphin sanctuary

## Townsville, Queensland

- Take a boat tour and go snorkeling at the Great Barrier Reef
- Explore Magnetic Island
- Drive to Paluma Range National Park to explore the rainforest





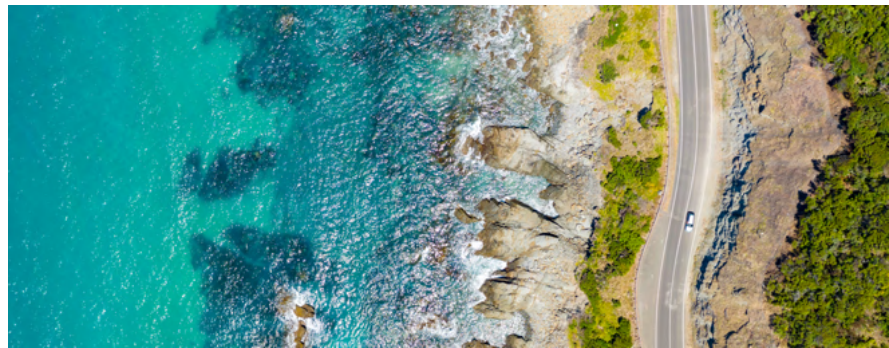


### **Sydney, New South Wales**

- Walk the famed Bondi Beach to Coogee trail
- Explore shops, restaurants, and activities in the Central Business District
- Hike the Blue Mountains

### **Melbourne, Victoria**

- Drive the Great Ocean Road (It's one of the world's most scenic coastal routes!)
- Grab tickets to the Australian Open or catch a rugby game
- Take a day trip to Phillip Island and see the penguins



### **Brisbane, Queensland**

- Visit Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary
- Take a weekend trip to Whitsunday Islands
- Go surfing in Noosa

### **Dunedin, NZ**

- Join an evening viewing of the penguins at Otago Peninsula
- Visit Larnach Castle and Gardens
- Surf at Dunedin Beach







## Let's Chat!

Email us at [info@oztrekk.com](mailto:info@oztrekk.com). Call us at 1-866-698-7355. [Book a chat](#) with a student advisor.

Curious about what we're up to? Follow @OzTREKK on social to get the latest admissions updates, events, and real-life content from current students.



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