




## SIT50416 Diploma of Hospitality Management

CRICOS Course Code: 092937M

AIE Institute of Education Pty. Ltd.

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### PRE-ENROLMENT INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

<b>Course Description</b>	<p>This qualification reflects the role of highly skilled senior operators who use a broad range of hospitality skills combined with managerial skills and sound knowledge of industry to coordinate hospitality operations. They operate independently, have responsibility for others and make a range of operational business decisions.</p>	
<b>Qualification Title</b>	Diploma of Hospitality Management	
<b>Training Package</b>	SIT- Tourism, Travel and Hospitality Training Package	
<b>Duration</b>	<b>78 weeks</b> (50 Weeks Tuition + 10 Weeks work placement + 18 weeks holidays)	
<b>Delivery Mode</b>	Full time (20 hours per week) blended (face-to-face and online)	
<b>Delivery Locations</b>	Sydney CBD: Levels 2 & 3 22-26 Goulburn Street Sydney NSW 2000 Australia Parramatta: 2 Sorrell Street Parramatta NSW 2150 Australia	
<b>Unit Code</b>	<b>Unit of Competency Name</b>	<b>Type</b>
SITXCOM005	Manage conflict	Core
BSBDIV501	Manage diversity in the workplace	Core
SITXMG001	Monitor work operations	Core
SITXFIN003	Manage finances within a budget	Core
SITXHRM002	Roster staff	Core
SITXHRM003	Lead and manage people	Core
SITXWHS003	Implement and monitor work health and safety practices	Core
SITXGLC001	Research and comply with regulatory requirements	Core
SITXCCS007	Enhance customer service experiences	Core
SITXCCS008	Develop and manage quality customer service practices	Core
SITXFIN004	Prepare and monitor budgets	Core
BSBMGT517	Manage operational plan	Core
SITXMG002	Establish and conduct business relationships	Core
SITHIND002	Source and use information on the hospitality industry	Elective
SITXCOM001	Source and present information	Elective
SITXCOM002	Show social and cultural sensitivity	Elective
SITXFIN001	Process financial transactions	Elective
BSBITU302	Create electronic presentations	Elective
BSBITU306	Design and produce business documents	Elective
BSBWOR204	Use business technology	Elective
SITHIND001	Use hygiene practices for hospitality service	Elective
SITXINV001	Receive and store stock	Elective
SITXWHS002	Identify hazards, assess and control safety risks	Elective
SITXWHS001	Participate in safe work practices	Elective
BSBR501	Manage risk	Elective
SITXMPR004	Coordinate marketing activities	Elective
SITHIND004	Work effectively in hospitality service	Elective
SITXHRM004	Recruit, select and induct staff	Elective

<b>Vocational Outcomes</b>	Possible job titles relevant to this qualification include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restaurant or Café Manager</li> <li>• Front office manager</li> </ul>	
<b>Entry Requirements</b>	<p><b>Training Package requirements</b> There are no formal entry requirements specified in the SIT Training Package. Preferred pathways into SIT50416 are explained below.</p> <p><b>AIE's requirements</b> AIE will provide the SIT50416 program to people who have industry experience, with or without a qualification, and to those who wish to obtain a hospitality management qualification for employment purposes. People of mature age (over 21) who have not completed Year 12 will be considered for enrolment on an individual basis, taking account of their experience and aptitude.</p> <p><b>Recommended requirements</b> AIE advises prospective students that competency in the following is required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the ability to read, comprehend and write a range of texts within a variety of contexts</li> <li>• the ability to use and respond to spoken language, including some unfamiliar material and terminology, within a variety of contexts</li> <li>• the ability to recognise, understand and use some of the conventions, symbols and formulae of formal mathematics and statistics.</li> </ul> </p> <p><b>International student requirements</b> International students are required to have an English ability at the IELTS 5.5 (International English Language Testing System) level or higher, as written and oral forms of communication and the ability to read and understand documents are important requirements of the course. IELTS is the preferred test for English proficiency; however results of other testing systems may also be accepted. Students must show certified proof of their proficiency or proof of having passed an appropriate English Language Test within the last two years.</p>	
<b>Pathways</b>	<p><b>Pathways into the Qualification</b> The SIT Training Package recommends the following pathways into SIT50416: Candidates may enter the qualification through a number of entry points including after completing Year 12 and/or having industry experience without a formal qualification.</p> <p><b>Pathways from the Qualification</b> After achieving the SIT50416 Diploma of Hospitality Management, candidates may choose to undertake Advanced Diploma or higher education studies in hospitality management.</p>	
<b>Award</b>	Students obtaining a 'competent' result for all listed competencies will achieve a SIT50416 Diploma of Hospitality Management. A Record of Results will be issued to students who compete less than required units. This nationally recognised course is compliant with the Australian Qualification Framework.	
<b>Protection of fees paid in advance</b>	Pre-paid tuition fees paid by overseas students are protected through Tuition Protection Service (TPS)	
<b>Tuition Fee</b>	AUD \$16,800	Compulsory
<b>Enrolment fee</b>	AUD \$500 (non-refundable)	Compulsory
<b>Materials Fee</b>	AUD \$250 (covers the cost of learning and assessment materials)	Compulsory
<b>Other fees and charges</b>	Airport transfer fee: \$150 (one way only) Tuition fee late payment charges: \$100 per week Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) fees: \$300 per unit (approximately)	If applicable

	<p>Re-assessment fees (theory units): \$250 per unit (\$100 for exam and \$150 for assignment)</p> <p>Re-assessment fees (cooking practical units): \$450 per unit (\$100 for exam and \$350 for kitchen practicals) or \$100 for each week practicals missed</p> <p>Student ID card replacement fee: \$20</p> <p>Onshore deferment / suspension request fee: \$250</p> <p>Offshore deferment request fee: \$150</p> <p>Letters urgent request fee: \$30 per letter (issued on the same day)</p> <p>Replacement certificate fee: \$200</p> <p>CoE admin fee: \$200 (if changes to CoE requested)</p> <p>Certificate urgent processing fee: \$100 (issued within 5 working days after the completion of all units)</p> <p>Printing and photocopying charges: 20 cents per page</p> <p>Record of Results fee: \$50</p> <p>Course withdrawal fee: \$300</p> <p>Change of class fee: \$100</p> <p>Change of timetable fee: \$120</p> <p>Change of campus fee: \$100</p>	
<b>OSHC fees</b>	It is the responsibility of the student to obtain Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the whole duration of their course. AIE shall request for evidence of OSHC upon registration. AIE may assist students with membership application.	Compulsory
<b>Overseas Student Health Cover</b>	As an International Student, it is a condition of your student visa that you have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the entire duration of your stay in Australia. OSHC gives you access to out of hospital and in hospital medical services to help you maintain your health. For the latest fees and other important information on OSHC please visit <a href="http://www.medibank.com.au">www.medibank.com.au</a> or <a href="http://www.bupa.com.au">www.bupa.com.au</a>	
<b>Tuition Fee Instalment Payments</b>	Enrolment fee and First Instalment must be paid prior to issuance of e-CoE. Contact AIE for instalment payment options. Second and subsequent instalment fees must be paid 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the fee instalment study period.	
<b>Fees Refund Policy</b>	<p><b>Fees</b></p> <p>All fees must be paid by the due date to avoid penalties and other sanctions such as precluding from attending classes, submitting assessments and receiving documents. Penalties apply for fees received after due dates. All fees must be paid in Australian dollars only. AIE reserves the right to review its fees regularly and may change its fees during student's enrolment. Students can pay full fees if they wish to, but they are not required to pay more than 50 percent upfront if the course duration is more than 25 weeks.</p> <p><b>Refunds in case of student default</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Student default may occur when: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The student does not start the course on the agreed course start date (and has not previously withdrawn); or</li> <li>b) The student withdraws from the course either before or after the agreed course start date; or</li> <li>c) AIE refuses to provide or continue providing the course due to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. student's misbehaviour; or</li> <li>ii. failure to pay required fees to undertake the course; or</li> <li>iii. student breaching his/her visa conditions</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>2. When student withdraws from course prior to 28 days of the course start date, AIE refunds the total amount received prior to the default day less: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 25% of the tuition fees received</li> <li>b) Enrolment fee</li> <li>c) Accommodation booking fee</li> <li>d) Airport pickup fee</li> <li>e) Any other costs incurred by the AIE on behalf of student</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

3. No refunds will be provided when:
  - a) student withdraws from the course within 28 days of the course start date
  - b) student defaults or decides to change provider after commencing the course
  - c) Student defers his/her course to a later date
  - d) Student abandons his/her course after starting for whatever reason
4. Refunds (if any) will be provided to the student within 4 weeks after receiving the refunds claim with relevant supporting evidence
5. Refunds (if any) will be deposited into the authorised account notified by the student on refund form

**Refunds in cases of student visa refusal**

1. This applies when the student was refused a student visa and as a consequence fails to start on the agreed starting day or withdraws from the course after student has already commenced the course.
2. Refunds will be calculated as per the Education Services for Overseas Students (Calculation of Refund) Specification 2014 (<https://aei.gov.au>)
3. Refunds (if any) will be provided to the student within 4 weeks after receiving the refunds claim with relevant supporting evidence
4. Refunds (if any) will be deposited into the authorised account notified by the student on refund form

**Refunds in case of AIE default**

1. This applies when AIE fails to start to provide the course to the student on the agreed starting day; or the course ceases to be provided to the student at any time after it starts but before it is completed; and the student has not withdrawn from the course before the AIE's default.
2. AIE may arrange for a suitable alternative placement within 14 days after the default day. If the student accepts this offer of a placement, student needs to sign an acceptance document.
5. Alternatively, if AIE is unable to offer a suitable alternative placement or student does not accept the alternative suitable placement chosen by the AIE, then AIE will pay the refund to the student, as determined by Education Services for Overseas Students (Calculation of Refund) Specification 2014 (<https://aei.gov.au>)
3. The refunds will be paid within 14 days after the default day.
4. In the event, AIE does not satisfy its obligation to an affected student, TPS (Tuition Protection Service) Director will facilitate access for the student to course placement or refunds.
5. Refunds (if any) will be deposited into the authorised account notified by the student on refund form

**Refunds for students who enrolled for multiple courses on a packaged offer**

Refunds will be processed as per the above conditions for all courses on a packaged offer.

**Process for claiming refunds**

Students who are requesting a refund must complete the Refund Application Form (available from our Enrolment Officer) and send it along with all supporting documents such as the visa refusal letter to Enrolments Officer, AIE, 2 Sorrell Street, Parramatta NSW 2150.

Bank charges will be deducted from the refunded amount.

This agreement, and the availability of complaints and appeals processes, does not remove the right of the student to take action under Australia's consumer protection laws.

<p><b>Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) &amp; Credit transfers</b></p>	<p>AIE must recognise the AQF qualifications and statements of attainment issued by any other RTOs. RPL and Credit Transfer are available for students to access prior to enrolment.</p> <p>The recognition of prior learning (RPL) process conducted by us is an assessment process, which provides acknowledgement of all skills and knowledge gained through the life experiences, work experience, previous training and formal education of applicants.</p> <p><b>Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)</b> is an assessment process that assesses a non-formal and informal learning to determine the extent to which that individual has achieved the required learning outcomes, competency outcomes, or standards for entry to, and/or partial or total completion of, a qualification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RPL must be offered on application for all of the VET Courses</li> <li>• A formal application for RPL must be submitted using the Application for RPL and Credit Transfer Form</li> <li>• The evidence provided for RPL must address the currency of competencies being assessed.</li> <li>• All applications must be submitted prior to the course commencement date and assessments finalised within 14 days from commencement date</li> </ul> <p><b>Credit Transfer (CT)</b> assesses the initial course or subject that the individual is using to claim access to, or the award of credit in, the destination course to determine the extent to which it is equivalent to the required learning outcomes, competency outcomes, or standards in a qualification. Some Credit Transfer arrangements are also called Advanced Standing or Exemptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Credit Transfer be offered on application for all of the VET Courses</li> <li>• A formal application for Credit Transfer must be submitted using the Application for RPL and Credit Transfer Form</li> <li>• All applications must be submitted and assessed prior to census date</li> <li>• AIE mutually recognises accredited courses, qualifications and Statements of Attainments.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recognition of Current Competency (RCC)</b> - This term is sometimes used. For general purposes the term is synonymous with RPL.</p> <p><b>RPL for Entry</b> - is an arrangement where learners are provided access to assessment tools and processes to assist them to meet minimum entry requirements for access to a course or qualification.</p> <p>Note: In RPL for Entry no qualification is issued. Recognition is given to the person's prior learning to permit entry through equivalence into a qualification that requires some specified entry standard.</p> <p><b>Overseas Equivalence</b> - is an arrangement to give formal recognition to an individual who has completed a course or qualification overseas. The National Overseas Office of Skills Recognition (NOOSR) can assist this process.</p> <p><b>For Overseas Students:</b> Exemptions will only be granted on the basis of fully documented formal qualification. The granting of exemptions may reduce the total course price and require a reduction in course duration. This will necessitate a new ECOE if granted prior to the course commencement and notification to DIBP via PRISMS</p>
<p><b>Training Delivery</b></p>	<p><b>Structured Formal Training</b> will be held in designated classrooms at our Sydney and Parramatta campuses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are expected to attend all scheduled training sessions with correct books, handouts etc.</li> <li>• Students are expected to undertake reading and research activities in conjunction with the delivery of face-to-face theory sessions.</li> <li>• A range of teaching and learning strategies will be used to deliver the</li> </ul>

	<p>competencies such as structured class activities, case studies, role plays and written exams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities may involve small groups and individual activities performed in the classroom under direct supervision of their trainer and are provided for all students.</li> <li>• Students are provided with training workbooks for each unit, which include all materials required to be used in the learning environment.</li> <li>• Students will be required to purchase required textbooks; this will be clearly indicated to students at the time of enrolment.</li> <li>• Case studies are given to students to work through the real situations</li> </ul>																				
<b>Assessments</b>	<p><b>Summative assessment</b> – This will be conducted during and on completion of training for each unit to determine if the learner is competent. Summative assessments at the end of each unit will be conducted using a project assignment and written test.</p> <p>Here are some types of Assessment methods that you may undertake:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="407 667 1435 806"> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Assignment</td> <td>3</td> <td>Test, Exam Questioning</td> <td>5</td> <td>Case Study</td> <td>7</td> <td>Third Party Report</td> <td>9</td> <td>Self-assessment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>In Class Activities</td> <td>4</td> <td>Observation</td> <td>6</td> <td>Role Play</td> <td>8</td> <td>Oral questioning</td> <td>10</td> <td>RPL</td> </tr> </table>	1	Assignment	3	Test, Exam Questioning	5	Case Study	7	Third Party Report	9	Self-assessment	2	In Class Activities	4	Observation	6	Role Play	8	Oral questioning	10	RPL
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<b>Work Placement</b>	<p>Work Placement is structured workplace learning that helps prepare students for the workforce. It is designed to help students better understand what they have learned by putting it into practice in the actual workplace during a specified time. Work placement can be paid or unpaid and is different from work experience. Students are given the opportunity by a work placement facility / venue to undertake tasks that relate to their course in an appropriate workplace setting. AIE acknowledges the essential role played by undertaking learning and assessment activities in an actual work environment. To achieve this, AIE arranges work placements for its students in real work environments where students can apply in practice what they have learned under the supervision of work placement facility / venue managers or supervisors.</p> <p>The decision to make work placement as part of the delivery and assessment of this qualification has been guided by the unit requirements of SITHIND004 Work effectively in hospitality service unit from the SIT50416 Diploma of Hospitality Management qualification. This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to provide and coordinate hospitality service to customers. This unit integrates a range of well-developed key operational and organisational skills required by service staff in hospitality organisations providing a range of organisation products and services to multiple and diverse customers. The unit brings together the skills and knowledge covered in individual units and focuses on the way these must be applied in a hospitality setting to ensure a smooth work flow and quality customer service. It incorporates preparation, service and close-down of the work area, using a range of techniques, equipment and materials. It involves taking responsibility for own outputs, working as part of a team and taking limited responsibility for the work of others.</p> <p>AIE designed this course to include 10 weeks of work placement. Work placement will occur during last term towards the end of the course. This structured work placement will be organised by AIE for all of its students undertaking this course free of charge. AIE has a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with each work placement facility where students are placed. These MoUs provide a framework for the implementation of specific training and assessment activities conducted by the AIE and ensure that work placement facilities / venues are aware of the guidelines for the work placement and their responsibilities to the students that they take on.</p> <p><b>Requirements</b></p> <p>Work placement must be completed successfully by all students to gain SIT50416 Diploma of Hospitality Management qualification.</p> <p>Through work placement students are required to complete 36 complete service periods (shifts) to ensure the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integration of skills and consistency of performance in different circumstances</li> </ul>																				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to multi-task and respond to multiple demands and requests of a number of customers with varying requirements</li> <li>• Ability to deal with typical issues such as workplace time constraints, late arrivals, no-shows, walk-ins and other problems or contingencies</li> <li>• Ability to meet, greet and interact positively with multiple and diverse customers throughout the hospitality experience</li> <li>• Ability to maintain the cleanliness and tidiness of work areas, including dealing with disposables and recyclables</li> <li>• Ability to monitor the service process and work flow, take some responsibility for others and provide technical advice and support to a team</li> <li>• Compliance with relevant legislative and regulatory requirements, WHS requirements</li> <li>• Demonstration of health and safety practices.</li> </ul> <p>Students use Work placement log book to record their participation in work placement</p>
<b>Competency Based Training and Assessment</b>	<p><b>Competency Based Training</b> is always concerned with what the participant will be able to do at the end of training. There is not so much concern with what the inputs are or how the participant got there. So long as the participant achieves the listed knowledge and skill for the competency, it does not matter who taught him or her, how or when the training takes place, what resources are used or of what the content material of the curriculum consists.</p> <p>Key features of Competency Based Training are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying pathways;</li> <li>• Making competency meaningful;</li> <li>• Actively engaging industry or enterprise;</li> <li>• Target the audience;</li> <li>• Evaluate and judging evidence; and</li> <li>• Record and feedback.</li> </ul>
<b>Trainers and Assessors</b>	All trainers and assessors possess relevant vocational and training and assessment competencies and have relevant industry skills.
<b>Reasonable Adjustment</b>	Reasonable adjustment involves carrying the assessment process to take into account the special characteristics of the student while ensuring the validity, fairness and reliability of assessment decisions. Adjustments are considered 'reasonable' if they do not impose an unjustifiable hardship upon AIE. Adjusting the assessment process may involve varying the procedures for conducting the assessment, for example allowing additional time for the completion of tasks, extending deadlines for assignments, varying the venue, date or times for assessment. The Trainer and Assessors shall vary the evidence gathering techniques, for example, using an assignment instead of an exam, oral rather than written questioning, and short answers instead of multiple choice and varying question and response modalities.
<b>Student Support Services</b>	AIE has appropriate student support services available to its enrolled students so that they are adjusted to their life and study at AIE and that they are supported throughout their course of study on attendance and course progress matters to enable them to complete their course successfully.
<b>Learning Resources</b>	All text and reference books are available for participant use whilst on AIE premises. AIE training facilities for this course include specialised classrooms, audio-visual equipment, projectors, computer facilities, and a student borrowing library.
<b>Academic Performance</b>	Student academic performance will be monitored regularly as per the AIE Monitoring Course Progress policy and procedure. Please refer to Student Handbook for more details on this policy. Student Handbook is available on our website <a href="http://www.apexaustralia.edu.au">www.apexaustralia.edu.au</a>
<b>Deferrals, suspensions and cancellations</b>	AIE will not allow a student to defer commencement or suspend studies except on the grounds of illness as evidenced by a medical certificate indicating that the student cannot attend studies; or other exceptional compassionate circumstances beyond the students control e.g. bereavement or misbehaviour by the student.

	AIE may also suspend the student's enrolment due to student's misbehaviour AIE may cancel the student's enrolment due to student's serious misbehaviour or non-payment fees. Please refer to Student Handbook for more details on this policy. Student Handbook is available on our website <a href="http://www.apexaustralia.edu.au">www.apexaustralia.edu.au</a>
<b>Participant Discipline</b>	AIE follows a participant discipline policy for the protection of the participants, staff and AIE. Actions will be taken against the participant who breaches the requirements of the Student Discipline and Code of Conduct (refer to Student Handbook available on our website <a href="http://www.apexaustralia.edu.au">www.apexaustralia.edu.au</a> ).
<b>ESOS Description</b>	It is recommended that students access additional information about the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act at <a href="https://aei.gov.au/regulatory-information/pages/regulatoryinformation.aspx">https://aei.gov.au/regulatory-information/pages/regulatoryinformation.aspx</a> to gain a greater understanding of rights and obligations of international students.
<b>Obligations of bringing school aged dependants</b>	If you are a current or intending international student, please be advised that Australian laws mandates your obligations to ensure that any school-aged dependents (in the state of New South Wales compulsory school age is when the child is of or above six (6) years and below the school leaving age which is seventeen (17) years of age. Ref: <i>NSW EDUCATION ACT 1990 - SECT 21B</i> ) accompanying you must be enrolled into a school. Please visit <a href="http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/global/australian-education/bringing-your-children">http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/global/australian-education/bringing-your-children</a> for more information on bringing children to Australia. Your options for the schooling of your school-aged dependents in the state NSW are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government Schools ( search for a public school in NSW here <a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/going-to-a-public-school/finding-a-public-school">https://education.nsw.gov.au/going-to-a-public-school/finding-a-public-school</a>)</li> <li>• Non-Government / Independent Schools (search for an independent school in NSW here <a href="http://www.aisnsw.edu.au/Pages/SchoolFinder.aspx">http://www.aisnsw.edu.au/Pages/SchoolFinder.aspx</a>)</li> </ul> School fees will be payable before your child commences studying. The fee will vary between \$8,500 - \$10,500 per year depending on the school year (or grade) of your child. Please visit <a href="http://www.decinternational.nsw.edu.au/study/schools/temporary-residents">http://www.decinternational.nsw.edu.au/study/schools/temporary-residents</a> for more information.
<b>Cost of Living</b>	The cost of living in Sydney area really depends on your lifestyle. As a guide, you will need AUD 19,830 at a minimum for living expenses for one year (covering accommodation, transport and food but not entertainment or a car). An initial cost of roughly A\$3,000 is needed to cover rental bonds, furniture, electricity and telephone. You only need to pay this once.
<b>Local Environment and Life in Parramatta and in Sydney</b>	<b>Arriving to our campuses</b> AIE campuses are located close to train stations and bus stops. The Sydney airport trains run regularly to Sydney City and it takes about 20 minutes to get to Parramatta from the Sydney City by Train. Taxi services are available from the Airport and Parramatta train stations which can take you to your destination. <b>Location</b> Our Sydney campus is located between Sydney Town Hall and Central stations and our Parramatta campus is located near the Parramatta river and both our campuses can be reached in less than 10 min on foot from train stations. The Sydney city and Parramatta City Council also operates a free city shuttle bus which runs every 10 minutes in CBD areas. Buses also run from the Sydney Town Hall, Sydney Central and Parramatta train stations to most suburbs surrounding Parramatta. <b>Population</b> At the 2011 Census, Sydney had a population of 4.029 million and Parramatta had a population of 166,856. <b>Accommodation Options</b> Sydney and Parramatta boasts a diverse range of accommodation options. Students may choose to live with an Australian family, in student lodging, or take on an independent apartment or rental. Whatever you choose, we suggest arranging your accommodation as early as possible. For students who have not decided where they would like to live, a minimum booking of four weeks at a Homestay will guarantee you somewhere to stay upon arrival and while you make more definite arrangements. Airport pickup can be arranged with accommodation. Average weekly rent for a one-bedroom unit in Sydney or Parramatta area is around \$300 per week. You can search for



properties by visiting [www.domain.com.au](http://www.domain.com.au) or [www.realestate.com.au](http://www.realestate.com.au)

### **Homestay**

Homestay, with an Australian family in a private furnished bedroom, is a great opportunity for students to improve their language skills and have an authentic cultural experience. Students under 18 years of age must have a local guardian. This can be provided by Australian families who are selected by AIE through Homestay Providers List. Further information regarding the services provided by these agencies and the associated costs can be obtained from the AIE Enrolment Officer.

### **Entertainment & Culture**

Sydney and Parramatta both have vibrant multicultural community that combines some of the most important heritage sites in Australia. There are swimming pools, golf clubs, tennis courts, skate parks and numerous sporting fields available in Sydney and Parramatta in addition to several restaurants and cafes. Sydney and Parramatta are also home to many unique historic buildings.

### **Employment**

Students on student visas are allowed to work part-time (40 hours per fortnight) during study period and full-time hours during college breaks. Students are advised that part-time work may distract them from their studies and they should not rely on their earnings to pay tuition fees or other living expenses.

### **Child Care**

AIE does not offer child care. Students are strongly advised to make arrangements for their children (under the school age) to be looked after while they study at AIE. There long-day childcare centres in most suburbs. Parents must meet the cost of child care.

### **Food, Shopping and Night life**

Sydney and Parramatta have variety of restaurants including Thai, Vietnamese, Greek, Italian, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Modern Australian, Seafood, Mediterranean restaurants and everything in between. There is Westfield shopping centre in Sydney's Pitt street mall and one in Parramatta. There are plenty of boutique and grocery stores in and around Sydney and Parramatta. Sydney and Parramatta host several events throughout the year and some of these events occur in the night time. Please visit <http://www.sydney.com> and <http://www.discoverparramatta.com> for more information on night life in Sydney and Parramatta.

### **Climate**

Sydney and Parramatta experiences fair weather all year round with average temperatures ranging from 26°C for the warmer months and 15°C for the cooler months. Rainfall is spread evenly throughout the year and averages 1200mm with a humidity of 62%.

Summer	December to February - Average: min 18°C max 26°C
Autumn	March to May - Average: min 15°C max 22°C
Winter	June to August - Average: min 9°C max 17°C
Spring	September to November - Average: min 14°C max 22°C

### **Transport**

Sydney and Parramatta are both well serviced by public transport. Ferries service various parts of the Sydney Harbour including ferry service to Parramatta. Parramatta has transport interchange near the train station. Trains and busses run from Parramatta to most areas of Sydney. <http://www.transportnsw.info/>

### **Telephone, Internet and Post**

You will have free access to email at the college and there are various internet cafes located throughout Parramatta and Sydney. The cheapest way to phone overseas is using a phone card. These are available at newsagents and convenience stores. You will need to compare different cards to see which is the cheapest for your country. If you would like a mobile phone, packages start from around A\$15 a month plus call costs for a two-year contract. You can also buy a pre-paid mobile phone for about A\$100. To post a letter overseas the cost is between \$1.10 and \$2.60 through Australia Post. Parcels and freight are a lot more expensive and the cost will depend on how much you are sending and where it is going to.

### **International calls**

	<p>0011 + country code + area code + number (country codes may be found in the telephone directory).</p> <p>0012 + country code + area code + number (to find out the cost of the call immediately afterwards)</p> <p><b>Banking</b></p> <p>There are several banks located in and around Parramatta. A Savings Account is probably the most suitable account for students. Many shops in Australia will not accept cheques but most will take credit cards. An ATM Card can be used in most supermarkets to pay for groceries and bills.</p> <p>Please download the international student guide from the below website.</p> <p><a href="http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/community/community-support/international-students">http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/community/community-support/international-students</a></p>
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