INTERNATIONAL PRE-DEPARTURE GUIDE

Charles Sturt University
Congratulations on your successful application to Charles Sturt University (CSU). We welcome you and look forward to meeting you upon your arrival to CSU.

This pre-departure guide has been compiled to provide you and your family with information that will help you when planning your trip to Australia. It is necessary for you to read the contents of this guide very carefully.

Vice-Chancellor’s welcome

As you finalise your preparations for study in Australia, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Charles Sturt University (CSU).

CSU is home to international students from many countries. We value the contributions of each and every one of these students in promoting and enriching cultural diversity on our campuses, and hope your personal experience and stay with us is both valuable and rewarding.

Andrew Vann
Vice-Chancellor and President
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This document is intended as a general guide. Information in this document is current as of November 2016. Prospective students should contact the University to confirm admission requirements and availability of courses. The University reserves the right to alter any course or admission requirement herein without prior notice.

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Your first point of contact

International Student Liaison Officers Contact details

The International Student Liaison Officer is your main contact on campus and provides advice and ongoing support throughout your time at CSU. Arriving in a new country can be exciting and also challenging. The International Student Liaison Officer will assist you with your transition to living in Australia and studying at CSU and arrange programs to support you during your time at CSU. These include: orientation workshops, community linkages, returning home workshops, farewell ceremonies and other social events. Our doors are always open during office hours, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. If you have any questions or concerns that are not addressed in this guide, please contact us.

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Important dates

Travel to Albury-Wodonga

By Plane - 1 hour flight from Sydney
By Plane - 1 hour flight from Melbourne
By Plane - 1 hour flight from Canberra


By Train - about 7.5 hours from Sydney
By Train - about 3.5 hours from Melbourne

From Melbourne airport you will need to take the city shuttle bus to the Southern Cross Railway Station. A one-way ticket will cost approximately AUD$16. At Southern Cross Railway Station you can purchase a ticket for the train or bus to Albury-Wodonga. You can access timetable information and book online through CountryLink http://www.nswtrainlink.info/ or V/line http://www.vline.com.au/home/

By Bus - about 9 hours from Sydney - approximate cost is $75 to $85
By Bus - about 4 hours from Melbourne - approximate cost is $55 to $65
By Bus - about 4.5 hours from Canberra - approximate cost is $54 to $65

You can take a bus to Albury-Wodonga at the Greyhound Australia http://www.greyhound.com.au/ Southern Cross Terminal, Bay 64 Southern Cross Railway Station, Spencer Street Melbourne.

Travel to Bathurst

By Plane - 45 minute flight from Sydney

You can book a domestic flight from Sydney to Bathurst when you book your international flight. The airline that services Bathurst is called Regional Express (Rex) http://www.regionalexpress.com.au/

Your connecting flight from Sydney to Bathurst will be from the domestic airport. There is a shuttle bus service to take you to the domestic terminal from the international terminal.

By Train - about 4 hours from Sydney
By Train - about 16.5 hours from Melbourne
By Train - about 9.5 hours from Canberra

If you are arriving through Sydney airport, CountryLink http://www.nswtrainlink.info/ trains leave frequently (about every 10 minutes) from the Airport to Central Station in the centre of Sydney. A one-way ticket to Central station will cost approximately AUD$18.

Once you have arrived at Central Railway Station, you will need to purchase a ticket to Bathurst from the CountryLink Office. Some trains require you to change to a bus at Lithgow. All passengers travelling to Bathurst will be required to make their way off the train, up the stairs and to the right where you will be met by the connecting bus.

By Bus - about 4 hours from Sydney - approximate cost $52

Travel to Orange

**By Plane** - 45 minute flight from Sydney

You can book a domestic flight from Sydney to Orange when you book your international flight. The airline that services Orange is Regional Express (Rex) [http://www.regionalexpress.com.au/](http://www.regionalexpress.com.au/)

Your connecting flight to Orange will be from the domestic airport. There is a shuttle bus service to take you to the domestic terminal from the international terminal.

**By Train** - about 5 hours from Sydney  
**By Train** - about 17 hours from Melbourne  
**By Train** - about 10 hours from Canberra

Trains leave frequently (about every 10 minutes) from the Airport to Central Station in the centre of Sydney. A one-way train ticket to Central station will cost approximately AUD$18.

Once you have arrived at Central Railway Station, you will need to purchase a ticket to Orange from the CountryLink [http://www.nswtrainlink.info/](http://www.nswtrainlink.info/) office.

Some trains require you to change to a bus at the town of Lithgow. All passengers travelling to Orange will be required to make their way off the train, up the stairs and to the right where you will be met by the connecting bus.

**By Bus** - about 6 hours from Sydney - approximate cost $52

[Australia Wide Coaches](http://www.austwidecoaches.com.au/) offer bus services directly from Sydney Airport to Orange daily, usually in the afternoon. Note, you must book in advance for airport pickups.

Travel to Port Macquarie

**By Plane** – 1 hour flight from Sydney  
**By Plane** – 1.5 hour flight from Brisbane  
**By Plane** - 4 hour flight from Melbourne

You can book a domestic flight from Brisbane, Melbourne or Sydney to Port Macquarie when you book your international flight. The airlines that service Port Macquarie are JetGo (Melbourne), Qantas and Virgin (Brisbane and Sydney).

- [http://jetgo.com/](http://jetgo.com/)  
- [http://www.virginaustralia.com](http://www.virginaustralia.com)

Your connecting flight to Port Macquarie will be from the domestic airport. There is a shuttle bus service to take you to the domestic terminal.

**By Train** - about 7.5 hours from Sydney  
**By Train** - about 8 hours from Brisbane  
**By Train** - about 19.5 hours from Melbourne

If you are arriving through Sydney airport, city trains leave frequently from the Airport to Central Station in the centre of Sydney. A one-way train ticket to central station will cost approximately AUD$18.

Once you have arrived at Sydney Central Railway Station, you will need to purchase a ticket to Port Macquarie from the CountryLink [http://www.nswtrainlink.info/](http://www.nswtrainlink.info/) The train to Port Macquarie leaves from the Country Trains platform.
By Bus - about 8 hours from Sydney
By Bus - about 8 hours from Brisbane

Greyhound Australia and Premier Motor Service both service the Greater Port Macquarie area. Greyhound Australia departs from Sydney International airport.

For Greyhound Australia coach information and bookings visit www.greyhound.com.au or call 1300 473 946
For Premier Motor Service coach information and bookings visit www.premierms.com.au or call 13 34 10

Travel to Wagga Wagga

By Plane - 1 hour flight from Sydney
By Plane - 1 hour flight from Melbourne

You can book a domestic flight from Sydney or Melbourne to Wagga Wagga when you book your international flight. The airlines that service Wagga Wagga are Qantas http://www.qantas.com.au and Regional Express (Rex) http://www.regionalexpress.com.au/

Your connecting flight to Wagga Wagga will be from the domestic airport. There is a shuttle bus service to take you to the domestic terminal.

By Train - about 6.5 hours from Sydney
By Train - about 4.5 hours from Melbourne

If you are arriving through Sydney airport, city trains leave frequently from the Airport to Central Station in the centre of Sydney. A one-way ticket to Central Station will cost approximately AUD$18.

Once you have arrived at Central Railway Station, you will need to purchase a ticket to Wagga Wagga from the CountryLink http://www.nswtrainlink.info/ The train to Wagga Wagga leaves from the Country Trains platform.

By Bus - about 7.5 hours from Sydney - approximate cost is $60 to $84
By Bus - about 6 hours from Melbourne - approximate cost is $56 to $70
By Bus - about 3 hours from Canberra - approximate cost is $42 to $65


Arrival notification

A University representative can meet you on your arrival in Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Orange or Wagga Wagga and take you to campus. Once you have confirmed your travel details, let us know if you would like to be picked up in your campus city - from the airport, bus or train station. If you complete the arrival form in the link below the International Student Liaison Officer on your campus will email you to confirm your free pick up and provide you with a contact phone number to call in case your arrival is delayed.
http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/international/options/australia/arrival

Let us know at least one week before your arrival to guarantee pick-up by completing the arrival information form in the link above and provide your arrival date and time, mode of travel and departure and arrival information.

Unfortunately, we are not able to pick you up from the International Airport when you arrive in Australia. See planning your travel to campus above for how to book travel from Sydney or Melbourne to your campus city.
Arrival after hours

If you arrive outside of normal business hours (9:00am - 5:00pm Monday to Friday on most campuses) and you have not already made arrangements with your Student Liaison Officer (International), please follow the procedure outline on the International Student Support webpage http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/international/options/australia/late-arrival

Transport and getting around

Transport to the university is an important consideration. If you do not have a car you will need to live close to a bus route or close enough to walk or cycle to your campus. There are limited bus services to each campus and you may not be able to get to classes before 9am if you use the bus on some campuses. http://student.csu.edu.au/uni-life/getting-to-your-campus

International Student Support

CSU has a International Student Support website which includes more information on pre-departure, orientation, during session, support services and finishing your studies they we encourage you to visit once you have activated your CSU user name and password. http://student.csu.edu.au/services-support/international

There is also general information on CSU public website on Student Support. http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/unilife/international-support

Spiritual Support

Christian services are held during the study sessions at our regional campuses. An active Islamic Study Centre is located on the Wagga Wagga campus. Muslim prayer rooms are available at the Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Orange and Wagga Wagga campuses. Students can also access other religious services in the local communities of our campuses. http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/unilife/support/religious-support

Student Clubs

There are many different student clubs on campus ranging from academic, social, cultural and sporting. There are also active International student clubs on the Wagga and Albury campuses. Clubs are a great way to meet new people and a great way to round out your university experience. You can join most clubs at anytime. To find out more, speak to the International Student Liaison Officer on your campus. http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/unilife/international-support/clubs-societies

STUDY LINK - Bridging short courses to help your transition

At CSU we recognise the importance of preparation for University study and STUDY LINK is designed to really kick-start your studies. Complete a short, self-paced, online subject or weekend workshop and finish before your formal studies commence. STUDY LINK subjects will make the link between your current knowledge and skills and what's needed in your formal studies. Each STUDY LINK subject is intended to provide you with meaningful, relevant content that is designed to assist your learning in the university environment. http://www.csu.edu.au/studylink
PLANNING YOUR TRIP CHECKLIST

- Obtain passport with appropriate student visa
- Leave a copy of your passport and visa with a family member and take an extra copy with you in case of emergency. This will assist with replacement, if necessary
- Organise your finances e.g. traveller’s cheques, bank drafts. Australia has a wide range of ATM’s that accept International bank cards and currency exchange facilities at International airports
- Ensure you research the city that you plan to live in and make yourself familiar with the services available and the cost of living in Australia
- Organise access to Australian currency (AUD$500) to allow for transit expenditure such as food, taxi and any other purchases you may need to make
- We recommend students arrange for Travel Insurance in the event that your luggage containing your possessions are lost or stolen on route to Australia
- Print out the contact details of your International Student Liaison Officer and Campus/Accommodation and put it in your hand luggage

PACKING FOR YOUR TRIP CHECKLIST

- Emergency contact list in hand luggage
- Address list of family and friends
- Change of clothing in your hand luggage
- Change of clothing in your hand luggage
- Small amount of toiletries in your hand luggage (toothbrush etc)
  Please note that all liquids under 100mls will need to be stored in a clear plastic bag for all carry one luggage.
- Current Driver’s Licence in English. If you intend to drive in Australia you will need to obtain and International drivers licence before you enter Australia
- Personal items, including favourite music, photographs and traditional costumes for cultural activities should you wish to participate in any cultural activities in Australia.
- Clothing: In summer you will need light clothing such as t-shirts, shorts/skirts, light weight trousers, sun hat and sunglasses. As the temperature drops in winter you are advised to bring warm clothes such as jeans, jumpers/sweaters, a winter coat, a woollen scarf and gloves. It is a good idea to layer your clothing as this will allow you to adjust your clothing as the temperature changes.
- Documents relating to admission – particularly academic transcript and syllabi/subject descriptions for credit application
- Medical and immunisation records for self and accompanying family
- English translation of prescription medication
- Electrical appliances that are 240 volts only and an international adapter maybe required for electrical items that you bring with you
On campus accommodation

The university’s on campus accommodation has the distinct advantage of being conveniently situated at the centre of your studies. It also opens up your social horizons and offers you all the facilities of a small town, with the community spirit to match. A variety of university accommodation is available for international students studying at the Bathurst and Wagga Wagga campuses, ranging from catered to self-catered accommodation. Semi-catered and self-catered accommodation is available at the Albury-Wodonga and Orange campuses.

Most on campus accommodation is mixed gender and students have a single room and shared kitchen, bathroom and toilet. Students receive their own locked kitchen cupboard to store food. All first year International students are guaranteed on campus accommodation in the Session 1 intake and there is a cleaning service for the common areas of accommodation but you are responsible for cleaning your bedroom.

International students should choose accommodation package 2 as this mean you do not have to move out of your accommodation during the session breaks. There is no family accommodation available on campus but there is limited couple’s accommodation for postgraduate students at Orange and Wagga Wagga campuses.

Please note that if students have specific requirements in relation to accommodation, you can include it in the “Special Needs” area of the online accommodation application which covers food allergies, dietary requirements, medical, access and other special needs.
University accommodation - important information

Residences Life Office

The University has a Residences Life Office on each campus, which operates between 9.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. To get in touch with these offices (pre-enrolment) students can contact info@csu.edu.au or phone on +61 2 63386077 (International) or post enrolment you can contact ask@csu.edu.au or phone on 1800 275 278 or +61 2 69337508 (International).
http://accommodation.csu.edu.au/

The Residential Student Support Scheme

Charles Sturt University runs a Residential Student Support Scheme to ensure your stay is as comfortable and worry-free as possible. In each block of residences, there is a Residential Adviser who can help with small issues and organise maintenance. The Head Residents are on call after 5pm each day and are rostered on duty each weekend to provide support and guidance when required. Finally, there is an Operations Coordinator who is a full-time University staff member who manages the provision of pastoral and welfare care to the Halls of Residence community.

For further information, refer to the following website: http://accommodation.csu.edu.au/our-rooms/support

Security

Each evening and every weekend, the University is protected by a Security Service, which is located within the Campus. Security Officers can be contacted by internal telephone or by using security phones located at various points on campus, which are activated when you pick up the receiver. For less urgent residential matters you may contact your Residential Adviser.

Internet charges at CSU

Students are allocated a quota of 20 Gigabits of free data every calendar month to use during peak periods on campus. You use data to access external websites during the peak period from 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday. You do not use data during off peak periods from 5pm to 8am Monday to Friday, on Weekends or when accessing any CSU websites. Find out more about Internet access at https://student.csu.edu.au/services-support/it-services

You can purchase additional internet data if you use your monthly quota at $0.88 per Gigabyte. Minimum purchase of $1 to maximum purchase of $20. You must have credit on your CSU card to purchase additional data.

CSU Wi-Fi and phone

CSU wireless network covers 99% of all buildings and outdoor areas including student residences. Students may use any wireless capable mobile device to connect and access CSU network resources and services including the Internet and printing from each of the campuses. A private telephone and internet data point are provided in some campus bedrooms. https://student.csu.edu.au/uni-life/residences/internet-phone-mail

Receiving your mail at CSU

You must change your address details online at student.csu.edu.au within seven days of your arrival into Australia as a condition of your student visa. If you change your address during the course of your study, you must change your address in your personal details in student.csu.edu.au within 7 days. Every time you change your address you must update your address.
If you intend to live on campus you will be required to open a Post Office Box so that you can receive your mail. Go to the Campus Post Office or Residence Office located on your campus and the staff will assist you with this. You should advise family and friends of your mailing address as no mail is delivered to student’s rooms. A Post Office Box fee is approx $156 for a full year and you can get refund if you no longer need the Post Office Box before the next fee is due. The Post Office Box fee is calculated monthly so you only pay for the months you need plus administration fees. 
http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/international/options/australia/mail

Off campus accommodation

It is up to the student to find off-campus accommodation but the International Student Liaison Officers can give you tips and information about finding off campus accommodation. The Office for Students operates an off campus accommodation register listing of flats, board, rentals and rooms available in share houses. For further information visit: http://accommodation.csu.edu.au/ and CSU’s off campus accommodation register https://csu.studystays.com/

Transport to the university is an important consideration. If you do not have a car you will need to be close to a bus route or close enough to walk or cycle to your campus. There are limited bus services to each campus and you may not be able to get to classes before 9am if you use the bus on some campuses. http://student.csu.edu.au/uni-life/getting-to-your-campus

Additionally, many real estate agents list rental properties online. Two of the most well-known websites are: www.domain.com.au and: www.realestate.com.au

More information about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant can be found at the New South Wales Fair Trading website: http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/Tenants_and_home_owners/Renting_a_home.page

Share house or unit

In Australia it is common for young adults to share a house or apartment (unit) with other young adults, or with the owner of the house. Each person pays rent and has their own bedroom but shares the other facilities such as the bathroom, kitchen and living areas. Costs for utilities such as electricity and gas are also shared amongst the residents. Share houses are often advertised on the CSU off campus accommodation register. https://csu.studystays.com/

Leasing a house or unit

To lease a house or unit, you are expected to sign a lease or contract with the real estate agent or property owner. You will be required to pay a security bond and two weeks’ rent in advance before moving into the house or unit. There are additional initial costs for utility connection fees and bond for electricity and/or gas. There is also the ongoing cost of your weekly or fortnightly (two weeks) rent, your telephone, energy and excess water bill, and cost to repair damages, if any. In some cases, character references are required by the real estate agent before a lease can be approved. Therefore, it would be wise to bring copies of references from your school or employers. Houses and units to lease are often advertised on the CSU off campus accommodation register. https://csu.studystays.com/

Boarding

Families and individuals offer their home as accommodation to students. The weekly fee covers your own private room, prepared meals and electricity and gas bills. Boarding is often advertised on the CSU off campus accommodation register. https://csu.studystays.com/
Off campus housing costs

The following table provides approximate costs for off campus accommodation per week. Note, this is only a guide and actual costs will depend on your lifestyle choices.

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<th>Share house with 2 or 3 other people (cost per person for 1 bedroom)</th>
<th>Lease 3 bedroom house (unfurnished)</th>
<th>Lease 3 bedroom unit (unfurnished)</th>
<th>Boarding</th>
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<tr>
<td>Weekly rent</td>
<td>$100-$150</td>
<td>$200-$500</td>
<td>$200-$400</td>
<td>$150-$200</td>
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<tr>
<td>Electricity and gas per quarter (3 months)</td>
<td>$300</td>
<td>$500</td>
<td>$500</td>
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<td>Food / week (per person)</td>
<td>$70</td>
<td>$200</td>
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<td>Included in rent</td>
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Setting-up costs for off campus housing

When renting off-campus, you will need to pay a total of six weeks rent in advance when signing a lease, which includes four weeks for bond (which can be refunded if the property is returned in good condition at the end of the lease) and the first two weeks of rent in advance. An electricity connection fee costs approximately $49 and approximately $13 for gas. Should you choose to use a landline telephone, the connection fee would be approximately $299. When purchasing furniture for your home, you can save money by purchasing second-hand furniture.

Email, Phone and Internet

Australia has a range of phone and internet services available, including public phones, fixed (landline) phones, mobile and internet. Your International Student Liaison Officer will assist you upon your arrival to purchase a phone and SIM card if required. The CSU wireless service is available to use when you are on campus if you have purchased internet data.

Email

Please make sure you have included an alternative email account and secret questions for your email account. This will help you access your email account when you arrive. You may not be able to access your emails when you arrive due to the security protocols of email providers when you log into your email account in another country.

Mobile phones

It is best to purchase a SIM card or Australian mobile number when you arrive in Australia, as using your home phone number will incur high costs. There are two types of mobile phone accounts you can choose from Prepaid or Contract. You can compare the cost of prepaid or contract plans with different providers here: http://www.whistleout.com.au/MobilePhones

Internet

There are many internet providers in Australia and you should also wait until you have settled in to Australia before signing any contracts. For more information on this topic refer to the Study in Australian site http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/global/live-in-australia/phone-and-internet.
Student Services

Our campuses are vibrant communities in which students are encouraged to fully participate in all that we have to offer. There is extensive support for your academic program and you will discover a range of recreational opportunities.

Services to assist students may include:

- the student services available to assist you
- student associations and clubs
- learning skills support
- spiritual support
- linking with your community
- maths skills support
- academic and personal counselling
- careers advice
- accommodation and advice
- 24-hour computer labs
- banking facilities
- mini supermarkets
- library
- printing, copying and scanning services
- co-op bookshop to purchase textbooks and second-hand bookshop

Orientation

You will be required to attend an Orientation Program in the week before your first session starts. Orientation Week for all commencing students in Session 1 is usually the last week of February and the Orientation Days for Session 2 is usually in the second week of July.  
International students should complete the online orientation before arrival.  
Check out the important dates calendar online at: [http://www.csu.edu.au/about/important-dates](http://www.csu.edu.au/about/important-dates)

Research Higher Degree students should contact their International Student Liaison Officer for program information and dates.

The Orientation Program will assist you in making the transition to living and studying in Australia. The program is designed to make sure you get the most out of your experience, both academically and personally while at CSU.

You will attend orientation workshops and information session that cover issues that are important to you as an international student. Workshops and information sessions include:

- course advice from your school
- enrolment advice from school
- library orientation to help you use the faculties
- how studying in Australia maybe different to your home country
- accommodation options and your rights and responsibilities
- your visa requirements and responsibilities
- what is available for family assistance
- overseas health cover requirements and how to use it
- the range of support services and how to access them

Orientation is an opportunity to make new friends, discover the city in which your CSU campus is located and prepare for the session ahead. You will also be better prepared for the start of session if you attend all of the orientation workshops and information session.
Your campus information

Albury-Wodonga

Albury-Wodonga campus
The environmentally friendly CSU campus at Albury-Wodonga is located on the outskirts of the city at Thurgoona. This 90-hectare ‘Greenfields’ site utilises environmentally friendly design and operation with academic offices, teaching laboratories and student facilities built to harmonise with the ‘green’ location. The location supports a fully networked computer centre, library and several laboratories.

Albury-Wodonga - the city
Albury-Wodonga is situated on the border between two of Australia’s eastern states; New South Wales and Victoria. The city has all the features of a capital city including excellent shopping, cafés and restaurants, theatre and art galleries. Its location is a bonus for those who love sport - try water skiing in summer and snow skiing in nearby snowfields in winter. The city is well-connected to Sydney and Melbourne by plane, train and bus. You’ll find living and studying in Albury-Wodonga offers the perfect combination of lifestyle and a rewarding education.

City of Albury-Wodonga Facts

Temperature
Average maximum January (Summer) Maximum 32 degrees celsius – Minimum 16 degrees celsius
Average maximum July (Winter) Maximum 13.5 degrees celsius - Minimum 3 degrees celsius

Population
Albury-Wodonga twin cities: 110,000 people.

Recreation
Sporting ovals, swimming pools, stadiums, golf courses, botanic garden, fishing, indoor basketball stadium. There are also sporting fields for hockey, cricket, soccer, football and netball.

Schools
20 high schools, 30 primary schools and 19 childcare centres.

Albury-Wodonga website: www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au
Albury-Wodonga Campus: http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/unilife/campuses/albury-wodonga
Bathurst

**Bathurst Campus**
With accommodation facilities for more than 1,100 students, the Bathurst Campus has the warm atmosphere of a small community. The campus has excellent facilities including state-of-the-art technical and nursing laboratories, a computing centre with internet access, computerised lecture theatres and an industry standard media centre with radio broadcasting and television studios and editing suites. The Student Associations will ensure you have a busy social calendar - they host bands, street theatre and movie festivals. The University Theatre Company performs at the theatre on campus and the campus also features cafés, bookshops, a gymnasium and sporting facilities.

**Bathurst - the city**
Bathurst is Australia’s oldest inland settlement, which today has a population of around 30,000. It is a cosmopolitan city with a vibrant arts community, excellent sporting facilities and a variety of restaurants and cafés, yet it retains the charm of spectacular scenery and closeness to nature that is lost in so many other urban settings. From stunning bushwalks and swimming holes, wineries, shopping and festivals, to the world famous Mount Panorama motor racing circuit, Bathurst offers attractions for visitors all year around. Warm summers are punctuated by clear, crisp winters with occasional snow and stunning spring and autumn displays of colour. Bathurst is only two and a half hours’ drive or one hour flight from Sydney and three hours’ drive from Canberra.

**City of Bathurst Facts**

**Temperature**
Average January (Summer) Maximum 28 degrees celsius – Minimum 13 degrees celsius  
Average July (Winter) Maximum 12 degrees celsius – Minimum 1 degree celsius

**Population**
Approximately 42,000 people

**Recreation**
Tennis courts, golf courses, squash courts, swimming pools, gymnasiums, ten pin bowling, indoor sporting complex and indoor basketball stadium.

**Schools**
6 high schools, 15 primary schools and 9 childcare centres.

Orange

Orange Campus
Located on 500 hectares on the outskirts of Orange, CSU’s Orange campus has a rich agricultural history. Among the facilities are biochemistry and pharmacy laboratories, equine and horticulture centres and vineyards. Small class sizes and picturesque views to Mt. Canobolas make study at Orange a unique experience. The Campus has a variety of sporting and recreational facilities, including basketball and tennis courts, large football oval, soccer and cricket fields, two hockey fields, modern gymnasium and aerobics floor and Templer’s Mill Bar where students can relax with a drink.

Orange - the city
Nestled in the Central Tablelands of New South Wales, 260km west of Sydney, Orange is a progressive city with a friendly country atmosphere. The city blends historic buildings and streetscapes with cosmopolitan cafes, restaurants, theatres and galleries and offers a broad range of industrial, commercial and service resources for the region including wineries.

City of Orange Facts

Temperature
Average January (Summer) Maximum 30 degrees celsius – Minimum 13 degrees celsius
Average July (Winter) Maximum 10 degrees Celsius – Minimum 1.5 degrees celsius

Population
Approximately 41,000 people

Recreation
There are numerous tennis courts, sporting fields, golf courses, squash courts, swimming pools, gymnasiums, ten pin bowling and an indoor sporting complex.

Schools
5 high schools, 9 primary schools and 12 childcare centres.

Orange City website: www.orange.nsw.gov.au
Orange Campus: http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/unilife/campuses/orange
Port Macquarie

Port Macquarie Campus
Located at Lake Innes, opposite the Lake Innes Village Shopping Centre and is about five kilometers from Port Macquarie’s City Centre. The campus is within easy reach of the local beaches and central shopping precinct. Drawing on the best learning experiences the region has to offer, CSU in Port Macquarie provides students a real-world learning environment and a campus experience that integrates learning, living and working.

Port Macquarie - the city
Port Macquarie on the mid-north coast of New South Wales, is one of the State’s largest towns and a popular holiday destination. ‘Port’ as the locals refer to it, is truly a town that has something special to offer students and academic staff considering their choice of campus location. Being a lifestyle-friendly town, featuring the surfing beaches, amenities, coastal rainforest and climate that have drawn tourists to the region since European settlement. Port Macquarie provides the ideal environment to nurture a healthy mind and healthy body that is conducive to learning.

City of Port Macquarie Facts

Temperature
Port Macquarie has a humid sub-tropical climate.
Average January (Summer) Maximum 28 degrees celsius – Minimum 18 degrees celsius
Average July (Winter) Maximum 19 degrees celsius – Minimum 6 degrees celsius

Population
Approximately 79,000 people in the Greater Port Macquarie and Hastings region

Recreation
Port Macquarie has things to see and do for all ages of various interests who can enjoy activities such as high-speed boats, scenic river cruises and koala hospital. With the Pacific Ocean, golden beaches, lush rainforests and abundant wildlife, these are just some of the reasons that so many people visit the area. Rich in history, vibrant with art and alive with culture, Greater Port Macquarie is a treasure trove of impressive convict built buildings to ancient Aboriginal land, from expressive public art to exotic exhibitions, and with an abundance of festivals and cultural events.

Schools
6 high schools, 11 primary schools and 12 childcare centres.

Port Macquarie Campus: http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/unilife/campuses/portmacquarie
Wagga Wagga

Sprawling over 640 hectares of stunning Australian bushland, 10 minutes from the city centre, the Wagga Wagga campus offers a unique study experience with all the advantages of rural and city living. The campus supports the University's award-winning winery, olive processing plant, vineyard and farm as well as laboratories for medical imaging, spatial data and nursing, an industry standard television production unit and drama and graphic design studios. As well as teaching facilities, the campus has a large residential area offering a variety of accommodation. Students have access to a dining room and cafeteria as well as facilities including post office and mini supermarket. Numerous sporting facilities are available on campus including playing fields, tennis courts, a gymnasium, swimming pool and equestrian centre.

Wagga Wagga - the city
Wagga Wagga, the largest inland city in New South Wales, is well connected to Sydney, Melbourne by plane, rail and road and two and half hours from Canberra by car. Nestled on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River, the city combines a proud sporting history with a growing cultural and artistic community. In addition to its three independent theatre companies and vibrant music scene, the city hosts a variety of events including state and national sporting championships and music and jazz festivals. You will find a selection of nightclubs, pubs, restaurants and shopping facilities. Snowfields, river sports and great bushwalks are all close by.

City of Wagga Wagga Facts

Temperature
Average January (Summer) Maximum 32 degrees celsius – Minimum 16 degrees celsius
Average July (Winter) Maximum 13 degrees celsius – Minimum 3 degrees celsius

Population
Approximately 65,000 people
Recreation
Several indoor and outdoor sporting facilities such as: golf courses, tennis, squash, basketball, netball courts, swimming pools, ovals for football, soccer and cricket, parks and gardens.

Schools
7 high schools, 17 primary schools and 24 childcare centres.

Wagga Wagga City website: www.waggawaggaaustralia.com.au
Wagga Wagga Campus: http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/unilife/campuses/wagga

The cost of being a student

As a guide, the tables below show the estimated annual cost for a single student living on or off campus at CSU (includes catered accommodation, lunches, textbooks, personal incidentals, transportation and entertainment). Please refer to Study in Australia website for up-to-date information on the cost of being a student: http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/global/live-in-australia/living-costs

In addition, there will be the cost of international phone calls and flight.

The following is an example of some of the annual costs involved in being a student at CSU. Please be reminded that this is intended to be used as a guide when preparing a budget. The living cost varies from student to student depending on their lifestyle and preferences. There may be additional costs associated with your course, for example, travel and living expenses during practicum, protective clothing and specialist equipment.

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<tr>
<th>ACADEMIC COSTS (estimated compulsory costs per year)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Tuition fees</td>
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<td>Textbooks, stationery, equipment</td>
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<td>Overseas Student Health Cover</td>
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<td>Internet charges</td>
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<td>Rental establishment cost</td>
<td>$600</td>
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<td>Rent</td>
<td>$5,200</td>
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<td>Contributions to household costs</td>
<td>$1,400</td>
<td>$2,800</td>
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<td>University accommodation</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>$2,880</td>
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<td>Bus expenses</td>
<td>$520</td>
<td>$1,040</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous (entertainment, clothes, repairs)</td>
<td>$1,200</td>
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### GROCERY ITEMS

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<tr>
<th>Item</th>
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<th>FRUIT, VEGETABLES &amp; HERBS (per kilo)</th>
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<td>Pasta, dehydrated (kg)</td>
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<td>Oranges</td>
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<td>Instant noodles (pack)</td>
<td>$1.00</td>
<td>Apples</td>
<td>$3.50</td>
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<td>Rice (kg)</td>
<td>$2.50</td>
<td>Bananas</td>
<td>$4.00</td>
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<td>Bread, white sliced (loaf)</td>
<td>$3.50</td>
<td>Taro</td>
<td>$5.00</td>
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<td>Eggs (dozen)</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
<td>Eggplant</td>
<td>$4.00</td>
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<td>Milk (litre)</td>
<td>$1.50</td>
<td>Onions</td>
<td>$2.70</td>
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<td>Soy milk (litre)</td>
<td>$1.50</td>
<td>Potatoes</td>
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<td>Butter (250g)</td>
<td>$1.50</td>
<td>Carrots</td>
<td>$2.30</td>
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<td>Chicken, whole</td>
<td>$9.00</td>
<td>Garlic (each)</td>
<td>$1.00</td>
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<td>Tea bags 50 pk</td>
<td>$2.50</td>
<td>Ginger (each)</td>
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<td>Coffee (100g)</td>
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<td>Sugar (1kg)</td>
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### TAKEAWAY FOOD

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<td>Hamburger</td>
<td>$7.00</td>
<td>Petrol unleaded (litre)</td>
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<td>Cooked noodles (bowl)</td>
<td>$9.00</td>
<td>Movies (student conc)</td>
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<td>Pizza (large)</td>
<td>$12.00</td>
<td>Men’s haircut</td>
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<td>Fries (serve)</td>
<td>$2.00</td>
<td>Toilet tissue</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
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<td>Mineral water (1.5 litre)</td>
<td>$3.0</td>
<td>DVD rental (new release)</td>
<td>$7.00</td>
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<td>Coke soft drink (1 litre)</td>
<td>$3.80</td>
<td>Jeans (pants)</td>
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<td>Jumper (sweater)</td>
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<td>Joggers (sandshoes)</td>
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<td>Digital Prints (each)</td>
<td>$0.30</td>
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### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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<tr>
<td>Bathing soap</td>
<td>$2.00</td>
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<td>Deodorant</td>
<td>$3.50</td>
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<td>Hair shampoo</td>
<td>$8.00</td>
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<td>Toothbrush</td>
<td>$3.50</td>
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<td>Toothpaste</td>
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Note: These prices are only a guide as the price of fruit, vegetables and other goods can vary depending on location and market factors.
Overseas Student Health Cover – (OSHC)

As an overseas student you and your accompanying family must have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the entire duration of your student visa in Australia. Overseas students from Norway and Sweden are exempted from this scheme. The OSHC helps you to pay for any medical and hospital care you need while studying in Australia. Health policy information will be provided shortly after your arrival. It is important that you read the health policy of your medical insurer and ensure you are familiar with its contents. Remember, it is your responsibility to renew your membership before it expires. The International Student Liaison Officers can be a point of contact for advice regarding your cover. Visit the OSHC website at: http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/international/fees-and-costs/overseas-student-health-cover-oshc

Employment

International students studying a Bachelor degree are permitted to work up to 40 hours per fortnight during teaching periods and unlimited hours during non-teaching periods. For students on a 574 (Postgraduate research sector) there is no limit to the hours they may work.

The type of work students find in Australia is usually manual work e.g. cleaning, waiting tables, cooking, kitchen hand and fruit picking, mostly during the summer vacation. It is not realistic to expect casual employment to meet your tuition and living costs. Remember also, your student visa requires that any work you do will not interfere with your study progress. You must carefully consider the demands of your study program before deciding to work. For further student visa information, refer to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection website at: http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Stud/More/Work-conditions-for-Student-visa-holders

All people working in Australia have basic rights and protection in the workplace. These include minimum pay and conditions for any job you are employed to do. Know your workplace rights before you start looking for work. See the Fair Work Ombudsman website to help you understand your workplace rights. http://www.fairwork.gov.au/find-help-for/visa-holders-and-migrants

A Tax File number (TFN) is required to enable you to work in Australia, to get your free TFN apply online at this website https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/Apply-for-a-TFN/

Immigration and Customs Regulations

Australia has very strict laws about what is allowed to enter the country. For detailed information regarding Customs regulations, refer to the following website: http://www.agriculture.gov.au/travelling/arriving-in-australia

What can I take into Australia?

All animal and plant products, including food items, must be declared for inspection and in most cases are returned. Please read this before leaving your home country http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Ente/Brin

The following lists include the more common items that are prohibited unless approval by Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) has been sought before you travel:

- dairy products or eggs and products containing eggs
- live animals, including birds, birds’ eggs, fish, reptiles and insects
- meat and meat products (fresh or dried) including canned pork
- seeds and nuts, including raw peanuts, unroasted nuts
- fresh fruit and vegetables salmon and trout (fresh or dried)
- live plants, includes cuttings, roots, bulbs, rhizomes and stems
- handicrafts and souvenirs that contain or are made from seeds
- salmon and trout products (canned salmon is allowed)
- biological materials, including human/animal vaccines and therapeutic goods (ask about special import conditions)
- deer horn/velvet, edible birds nest packaged products
- soil and sand, straw and hay packing/stuffing or straw ornaments

### Goods that must be declared
**These goods might be allowed but you must declare them at Customs:**

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<tr>
<th>Seeds and nuts, including packaged seeds, seed ornaments and necklaces, nuts out of shell such as salted nuts</th>
<th>Wooden articles</th>
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<tr>
<td>Plant products, straw packaging, wooden articles, artefacts, handicrafts, articles stuffed with seeds or straw, carvings, items made from palm fronds or leaves</td>
<td>Fresh flowers and leis</td>
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<tr>
<td>Animal products, including items made with rawhide, such as drums, shields, artefacts, treated skins, hides, furs, hair or feathers</td>
<td>Dried flower arrangements</td>
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<tr>
<td>Food, including cooked, uncooked and ingredients</td>
<td>Pine cones and potpourri</td>
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<td>Dried fruit and vegetables</td>
<td>Shells or coral in any form</td>
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<tr>
<td>Herbs and spices of any kind</td>
<td>Feathers, bones, horns and tusks</td>
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<tr>
<td>Biscuits, cakes and confectionery</td>
<td>Stuffed animals</td>
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<tr>
<td>Noodles and rice</td>
<td>Wool (unprocessed) and animal hair, includes yarns, crafted rugs and clothing</td>
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<tr>
<td>Teas, coffees and milk based drinks</td>
<td>Animal equipment, including clothing, footwear, grooming and veterinary equipment, saddles, bridles and birdcages</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bamboo, cane or rattan basket-ware and mats</td>
<td>Sporting and camping equipment, including tents, footwear, hiking boots, golfing equipment and bicycles</td>
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Please note that unaccompanied baggage may attract inspection.

Remember! You must declare any of the listed items on your Incoming Passenger Card (obtained when you enter Australia. Please note this is a legal document). If you are unsure it is best to declare goods.

Australia takes quarantine issues very seriously. You will be fined for not declaring items or bringing in prohibited items. To avoid being fined, please make sure that you are familiar with the rules and regulations, which are subject to change. See: [http://www.agriculture.gov.au/travelling/arriving-in-australia](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/travelling/arriving-in-australia)
Students with families

If you have a spouse and/or children coming with you to Australia, you might want to arrive first and settle into your studies and find suitable accommodation before your spouse and/or children join you. CSU only offers limited on campus accommodation for couples on the Orange and Wagga Wagga campuses and costs 25% extra for the second occupant. If you have dependent children aged between 5 and 17 years of age it is compulsory that they attend school in Australia. Most International students are required to pay the Temporary Residence Program Education fees to enrol their children in school. There are other non-administrative fees that you may still need to pay for your child to attend school. If your child is under the school age or needs childcare outside of school hours or during school holidays there are childcare options on and off campus provided for a fee. See: https://student.csu.edu.au/services-support/international/during-session/children-schooling

A final word

We hope to make your experience at Charles Sturt University as enjoyable and rewarding as possible. We look forward to helping you settle in, and continuing our support as you progress through your course.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us by email.

You can request to join the CSU International Students Regional facebook group before you arrive on campus. https://www.facebook.com/groups/CSUInternationalStudentsRegional/

In the meantime, have a safe journey to Australia and we look forward to meeting you soon.

Your International Student Liaison Officers