

# Pre Arrival Information

## Checklist: Thing to do before you arrival

- Prepare your passport, Visa and plane ticket
- Have your accommodation and your college address ready
- Plan your finances
- Check school orientation date and time
- Organise you airport pickup

Please be aware that Australia has strict Quarantine and Customs laws that you should consider when departing for Australia. Do not bring anything that may violate these laws such as foods and plants.

## Money and Living Costs

The amount of money students bring is a personal decision; however, funds must cover bond/rent and moving expenses for accommodation on arrival. Students should also have money to cover temporary accommodation expenses (if required), meals and transport costs however it is advisable to avoid carrying large amounts of cash at any given time.

## Living Costs in Australia

The following data provides a median cost estimate for household and personal goods purchased in Australia. All prices displayed are in Australian dollars and is intended as a guide only to help you and other students plan and budget during your time studying at London College. Please keep in mind that there are more and less expensive varieties of all products available. The costs and expenses will change and vary depending on your location, lifestyle choice.

## Cost of daily living per week AUD\$

Accommodation	\$100 - \$300
Meal	\$50 - \$100
Transport	\$20 - \$50
Phone	\$10 - \$75
Internet	\$10 - \$30

### **Cost of Food and Groceries**

Milk, pasteurised whole milk 1L	\$2.20
Butter 500g	\$3.50
A dozen eggs	\$3.80
White bread	\$1.49
Rice 1kg	\$2.50

### **Cost of Domestic Supplies**

Laundry detergent normal	\$14.00
Dishwashing liquid detergent	\$4.30
Household cleaning product	\$7.00
Clothes washing machine	\$800
Refrigerator & Freezer	\$900

### **Cost of Personal Care and Cosmetics**

Toilet paper (6 rolls)	\$4.40
Soap, 2 pack	\$4.80
Hair shampoo	\$6.50
Toothpaste	\$3.50

### **Cost of Entertainment**

Restaurant meal	\$10 - \$30
Soft drink	\$3.50
Movie ticket	\$14.00
Coffee or Tea	\$3.50
Beer or Glass of wine	\$7.00

# Get to know Brisbane

Locals of Brisbane, or 'Brissie' as it is called by its residents, have always known that it offers the perfect lifestyle, and it doesn't take visitors (including international students) long to understand why.

The city is a young, sleek, cosmopolitan and urban experience complete with world-class art galleries, a booming live music scene and a fabulous café culture - but Brissie still retains its laid-back, easy attitude of a small community.

The centrepiece of Brissie is the gently curving Brisbane River bordered by its rich cultural flavours of its many urban neighbourhoods and precincts, such as South Bank. People love Brisbane because it's a ritzy and raw city with a down-to-earth attitude and home to some of the friendliest locals in Oz - that's short for Australia!

## Top things to do in Brissie include

- Southbank Parklands with its man-made beach, restaurants and recreation areas
- City Botanic Gardens with exceptional flora and fauna and famous for residents exercising.
- Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA), Queensland Cultural Centre and Queensland Museum at Southbank
- Abseiling, canoeing, jogging, walking, boating, and picnicking along the Brisbane River
- Endless variety of nightclubs, pubs, restaurants, bars, and cafes as well as outdoor dining and entertainment precincts such as Fortitude Valley, West End, Paddington, Southbank and New Farm

To find out more about our exciting and inviting city please click here <http://www.visitbrisbane.com.au/>

## Transport

Brisbane provides a reliable network of travel and transport links, as well as paths and walkways that make up one of Australia's most compact and foot-friendly city centres. You can also take advantage of the city's wide range of public transport options to help you explore the city.

## TransLink

Brisbane's integrated ticketing system provides students with the flexibility to travel on train, bus and ferry services using just the one card. **Go Cards** can be bought at Queensland Rail stations and selected ticketing agents and provide fares cheaper than buying paper tickets at transit stations. The green student **Go Card** offers full-time students even further travel discounts.

## City Train

Brisbane's speedy network of electric trains covers the broadest reaches of Brisbane and provides direct access to the city and outer suburbs. An **AirTran** service that is completely integrated into the Queensland Rail suburban network provides travellers with regular trains running from Brisbane Airport directly to Brisbane City and the Gold Coast. Passengers can travel on a single ticket from any station in South East Queensland to Brisbane Airport.

## Buses

Brisbane's comprehensive bus service runs throughout the city connecting the outer and inner suburbs to the CBD, major shopping centres, railway stations and ferry terminals. There are also special **Night Link** after midnight on Friday and Saturday. Tickets can be bought on buses and selected ticketing agents.

Visitors can also make use of the free weekday bus services, the Loop and Spring Hill Loop, which circle the central business district every 10 minutes and stop at visitor-worthy destinations including the Queen Street Mall, Conrad Treasury Casino, City Botanic Gardens and Riverside Centre and link the City and Spring Hill precincts.

## Ferries

**CityCats** are one of the most enjoyable ways to get around the city. Brisbane's **CityCat** and ferry services glide along the river, allowing travellers to sight-see and access key city spots. Tickets can be bought on board Brisbane's **CityCats** and ferry services or at most newsagents and selected retail outlets, or you can use your **Go Card**. Students can also take advantage of the free City Hopper ferry service, which travels along the river from North Quay to Sydney St, New Farm. **Taxi Services**

Brisbane is well equipped with an array of taxi services, including disability services and larger group bookings - up to 10. There are taxi ranks near business centres, shopping precincts and venues and bookings can also be made online or by phone.