**PRE-DEPARTURE PREPARATION CHECKLIST**

**PLAN**

* Booked your flight to arrive in Melbourne a few days before international orientation?
* Book the airport pick up service
* Obtained some Australian currency for your arrival?
* Checked what you can and can’t bring into Australia? <https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Ente/Brin>
* Left copies of your passport, visa and other important documents at home?
* Familiarised yourself with the overall cost of living in Australia and set yourself a realistic daily budget?
* Talked to someone about how you are feeling about leaving home? It’s okay to feel sad, tired, excited, frustrated, unhappy and confused – you may even be experiencing these feelings all at once.

**PREPARE**

* Bring some things with you that will help you feel close to your family and friends, such as photos or special items
* Bring some of your favourite home recipes
* Make an appointment to meet the GBCA Welfare Support Officer upon arrival in Melbourne
* Familiarise yourself with GBCA Student Handbook (<http://gbca.edu.au/students/>)
* Improve your English skills by practising your written and spoken English.

**PACK**

* A valid passport
* A copy of your student visa
* Copy/ies of the Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)
* Your GBCA Student Acceptance Agreement
* Any proof of payment
* Adaptor plugs for electrical items
* If applying for course credit/advance standing, details of your academic history including: outlines for past courses taken, assessment method, contact hours, subject duration…
* evidence of sufficient funds to support yourself during your study. This could be a bank statement
* other official documentation such as: international driving licence, certified copies of academic transcript, certificates, qualifications, English testing certificate.
* medical records, especially a vaccination history for yourself and any family members travelling with you, and of medicine that may be needed in Australia
* contact details for:
  + GBCA Welfare Support Officer
  + Your accommodation provider/ Homestay parents
  + Any friends/ relative in Australia
  + Your embassy/consulate in Australia

**CLOTHES AND CLIMATE:**

* Before you pack, consider Melbourne’s changing weather. Its climate has four distinct seasons:
  + Summer (December, January, February): 14-25 degrees Celsius with high temperatures of 25-40 degrees
  + Autumn (March, April and May): 11–20 degrees Celsius
  + Winter (June, July, August): 6–14 degrees Celsius, but can be near zero at night
  + Spring (September, October, November): 10–20 degrees Celsius, and this is usually the wettest season.

**MEDICINE:**

Medicine Did you know that restrictions apply to medicines and medical devices when you’re coming into Australia, and that different restrictions may apply in other countries? (<http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Ente/Brin/Can-I-bring-it-back/Can-I-Bring-It-Back-Medicine/Can-I-Bring-Medicine-Back>)