



# NUS International Students Forum 2009

## Introductory Information

\*\*\*Please ensure that you have registered online\*\*\*

This page will provide you with most information you will need before you arrive.

### 1. PAYMENT

**The registration fee is \$155.**

**This is registration only and not inclusive of accommodation.**

A Tax Invoice will be emailed once your registration form is received with bank account details included to enable your institution to make payment by Direct transfer.

OR

Post your payment to: The NUS International Students Forum, National Union of Students, Suite 64, Trades Hall, 54 Victoria Street, Carlton South, Vic, 3053.

All cheques made to: 'National Union of Students'

**Credit card facilities are not available.**

### 2. STUDENT ID CARD

Please fax or email a copy of your student ID to:  
Sharon Smith - [isd@nus.asn.au](mailto:isd@nus.asn.au) or fax: 03 9650 8906.  
Please also bring your Student ID card with you to the conference.

### 3. ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

The closest hotel to University of Melbourne is the Rydges hotel, which has fairly reasonable rates from about \$105 per night.

- Website: [www.rydges.com](http://www.rydges.com)
- Address: 701 Swanston Street, Carlton, Vic, 3053
- Phone: 1300 857 922

Cheaper accommodation is also available at backpacker hostels:

#### Hotel Discovery Backpack

- Website: [www.totaltravel.com.au](http://www.totaltravel.com.au)
- Address: 167 Franklin Street, Melbourne, Vic, 3053
- Phone: 1800 645 200

#### Carlton College Hotel

- Address: 97 Drummond Street, Carlton
- Phone: 1800 066 551

#### 4. MAP/URL TO CAMPUS AND MELBOURNE MAPS

<http://www.pb.unimelb.edu.au/propertyandbuildings/whereis.php3?subcat=8>

Select the Parkville main campus map and it will download a pdf for you to print. The conference is being held in Union House, ref E15:130.

#### 5. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

##### **Getting to and from the airport:**

Either Skybus or a taxi is probably the easiest way to get into the city from the airport. If you're catching the Skybus, there are ticket counters at the airport when you arrive and you can purchase a return ticket to use for your trip back after the conference. The tickets cost \$16 oneway and \$26 return and leave every 15 minutes from the airport to the city. Depending on the traffic, the trip should take about 20 minutes. The bus will drop you at Southern Cross station and from there you will need to get the tram down Bourke or Lonsdale Street to Swanston Street, and then there are trams directly to University of Melbourne.

<http://www.skybus.com.au/>

Taxis can be found just outside of the baggage pick-up area and will cost you around \$40 for a trip to University of Melbourne.

##### **Getting around Melbourne:**

Melbourne Uni is within walking distance from Melbourne Central Station (about 10 mins) but the CBD is also well serviced by trams, trains and taxis. There is a main tram stop at Melb Uni which will take you directly to the CBD of Melbourne.

If you are catching a train from the outer suburbs you will need to get off at Melbourne Central Station and either walk or catch a tram to the University down Swanston Street. Transport information can be accessed on <http://www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au/using-public-transport/>

Or by calling 131 638.

**Please remember that international students are not eligible for concession fares in Victoria so when buying a ticket, please purchase a full fare ticket. Inspectors are very strict and will fine you. They are everywhere in the city train and tram stops and target anyone who looks like a student.**

6. PROGRAM OUTLINE - see downloadable document on NUS website

7. OUTLINE OF ICE BREAKERS/CAMPUS REPORT-BACK SESSION

This session is to be held on Sunday afternoon.

This workshop session will enable the participants to get to know one another and gather information on the structures and representation of international student representative bodies on each university campus. The students will be asked to present outlines of their student organization, the activities and events they run, both for international students only and in conjunction with domestic students and their representative opportunities on their campus within their university structure.

Students may bring along information that could include, but certainly not be limited to:

- Statistics of International student numbers
- The number of campuses, and types of campuses there are
- The types of student associations, and International student involvement in the association
- The access to services for international students and types of support there is for international students.
- A description or outline of events and activities for International students only as well as both international and domestic student events that are run by international students.

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Weather

The weather in Melbourne in June is usually cold, it is winter! It will probably rain. The temperatures are between 8 and 18 degrees during the day, and could be as low as 5 degrees at night. So bring a nice warm coat, an umbrella, and warm clothing.

## Events

Our conference welcome dinner is on Sunday night so please make sure you are there to attend it!

We will have a dinner together on Monday night after conference sessions finish for the day. Please let us know when you arrive if you are not planning to attend this dinner as we will need to confirm the numbers.

## Meals

### The meals we will provide:

Dinner on Sunday and Monday night  
Lunch on Monday and Tuesday  
Morning and afternoon teas.

### The meals we are not providing:

#### Breakfast

Dinner on Tuesday or lunch on Sunday (there might be a suggested restaurant for those not leaving straight away, but you will need to pay for this one!)

**See you in Melbourne!**