



NEW SOUTH WALES'

Starter Kit

BY MASCA NSW

Kickstart your uni life in the land
down under.

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We hope this starter kit will be helpful for your new endeavour of adventures in Australia! Good luck, mate!

MASCA

NEW SOUTH WALES STATE CHAPTER



ABOUT US

Malaysian Students' Council of Australia, New South Wales Chapter (MASCA NSW) is a well established non-profit, non-political, multicultural and multiracial organisation as well as the peak Malaysian student representative body in the state of New South Wales. We oversee the interest and welfare of all 4,200 Malaysian students within the state, emphasising on social, cultural and career development of the students via various activities throughout the year.

INITIATIVES



AFFILIATES



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ACCOMMODATIONS

TEMPORARY

SYDNEY

near USYD
Billabong Gardens
Parkview Hotel
St John College
Newtown Space

near UNSW

Malaysia Hall
Alison Lodge
Randwick Lodge
Royal Hotel Randwick

near UTS

Central Private Hotel
Y Hotel City South

MACQUARIE

near MQU

Travelodge
Macquarie North
Ryde Hotel
Meriton Serviced
Apartments

WOLLONGONG

near UoW
Kieraview
Flinders Motel
Beach Park Motor Inn

NEWCASTLE

near UoN
Mayfield Hotel
Hotel Jesmond
Blue Gum Apartments

ON-CAMPUS

SYDNEY

University of New
South Wales - UNSW
Accommodation

University of Sydney -
USYD Accommodation

University of
Technology Sydney -
UTS Housing Service

MACQUARIE

Macquarie University -
University
Accommodation

WOLLONGONG

University of
Wollongong -
Accommodation
Services

NEWCASTLE

University
of Newcastle -
UoN Student Living

OFF-CAMPUS

- Most housing agents require applicants to inspect the house before applying.
- Some alternative during the process:
 - temporary reside at Malaysian Hall
 - staying over at a seniors' house

Browse rental accommodation:

- domain.com.au
- realestate.com.au
- rantaau.com.au

Documents needed for rental application:

- Passport/
Student ID
- Financial
Affidavit
- Bank
statement
- Medical card
- Driver license

If you have previous tenancy, documents needed:

- Tenant ledger
- Electric/gas bill
- Reference letter by previous agent

BANKING

Open your bank account at:

- the university's open day bank booth
- the bank itself

THINGS TO BRING TO THE BANK:

- Visa
- CoE
- Passport
- Student ID

Show your student ID and CoE for to be qualified zero fee student account.

The bank card you received will work as debit card and MasterCard.

Public Bank Malaysia collaborates with NAB, meaning you can create a NAB bank account from Malaysia via Public Bank.

Click here for more information: **[PRE-DEPARTURE OPENING](#)**



CommonwealthBank

MOBILE



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SIM-ONLY PLAN

BYO phone and get all the best things from a plan wrapped into a SIM

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MOBILE PLAN

Mobile plan offers your data and phone as well! Usually a lock-in contract for 12, 24 or 36 months.

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PRE & POST-PAID PLAN

Pre-paid plan: you pay first, then get a monthly package
Post-paid plan: you will be paying after using the plan

TEMPORARY SIM CARDS

For families visiting from Malaysia and cheap international calls, use Lebara

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HEALTH CARE

Health clinics, OHSC & Home Doctor

Overseas Student Health Centre (OSHC)

by Department of Health Australia

OSHC is insurance to assist international students meet the costs of medical and hospital care that while in Australia.

OSHC will pay limited benefits for pharmaceuticals and ambulance services.

Go to the Australian Government - Department of Health page for more FAQs regarding the OSHC:

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER

Home Doctor Service

Only **Allianz, Medibank and Bupa** insurance holders will not be charged for a visit. Available only after office hours.

List of Insurers:

AHM:

AHM.COM.AU

Allianz:

WWW.OSHCALLIANZASSSTANCE.COM.AU

Bupa:

OSHC.BUPA.COM.AU

NIB:

WWW.NIB.COM.AU/OVERSEAS-STUDENTS

Medibank:

WWW.MEDIBANK.COM.AU/OVERSEAS-HEALTH-INSURANCE/OSHC

TRANSPORTATION

YOU CAN USE YOUR MALAYSIAN DRIVING LICENSE

OPAL 101

THE ONLY TICKET TO EVERYWHERE

- Similarly to Malaysia's Touch 'n' Go - buy a card, tap-on & tap-off, top it up and repeat
- Buy an "Adult" black Opal card
- "Concession" is **not available** to international students unless you are an Australian citizen or Australian Government's sponsored student.

FARES

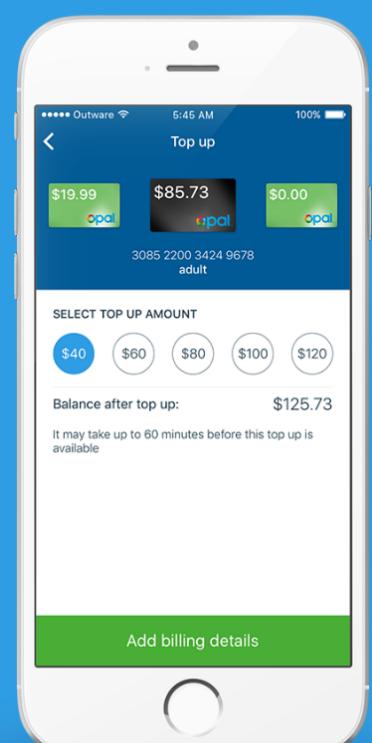
- Opal fares vary from different kind of transports and distances.
- The Opal official website states every transportation fare be it buses, trains, ferries, and light rail.

Click to calculate fare for a trip

- Opal has travel caps which means that no matter how much you travel with an Opal card you never pay more than the caps
- Daily cap = AU\$ 15.40
- Weekly cap = AU\$ 61.60
- Sunday cap = AU\$ 2.60

How to Top-Up

- Physical top-up booth
- Online www.opal.com.au
- Through Opal mobile phone app



PLACE OF WORSHIP

PROTESTANT CHURCHES SYDNEY

- St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- Martin Luther Kirche
- Bethany Church
- Kingsford Church of Chris
- FOCUS Church UNSW

NEWCASTLE

- Lifeway Lutheran Church

WOLLONGONG

- Wollongong Baptist Church

MUSLIM MOSQUES SYDNEY

- Malaysian Hall
- Lakemba Mosque
- Redfern Mosque
- Gallipoli Mosque
- Surry Hills Mosque
- Masjid Ar-Rahman

NEWCASTLE

- Newcastle Mosque Mayfield
- Newcastle Mosque

WOLLONGONG

- Omar Mosque
- Bilal Mosque

CATHOLIC CHURCHES SYDNEY

- St. James Catholic Church
- St. Joseph's Catholic Church
- St. Michael's Catholic Church

NEWCASTLE

- Corpus Christi Catholic Church
- Our Lady of Victories Shortland Church

BUDDHISTS TEMPLES SYDNEY

- Australian Tibet Council
- Bodhikusuma
- Buddhist Centre
- Rigpa
- Sokka Gakai

NEWCASTLE

- Rigpa

WOLLONGONG

- Phuoc Hue Temple (United Buddhist Congregation in Australia & New Zealand)

HINDU TEMPLES SYDNEY

- Sri Karpaga Vineyaker Temple
- Sri Mandi
- Sydney Kalibari

SIKH TEMPLES

SYDNEY

- Revesby Gurudwara
- Parklea Sikh Temple

WEATHER

Climates & Time Zone

Inside the State



SUMMER

(December – February)

Average temperatures range
18.6 - 25.8°C

AUTUMN

(March – May)

Average temperatures fall
between 14.6 - 22.2°C

WINTER

(June – August)

Average temperatures drop
between 8.8 - 17°C

SPRING

(September – November)

Average temperatures range
11 - 23°C

FREQUENTLY ASKED

When are the daylight savings?

Daylight saving begins at 2am on the first Sunday in October and ends at 3am on the first Sunday in April. During this time NSW moves to Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT), UTC +11

Does it snow during winter in NSW?

Snow in NSW is extremely rare. Jindabyne is the gateway to the Snowy Mountains. Snow can also fall in regional parts of NSW including the Blue Mountains, Orange and the Upper Hunter.



UTILITIES

GAS, ELECTRICITY, WI-FI AND WATER

AGL
LUMO ENERGY
ORIGIN ENERGY
ENERGY AUSTRALIA

TPG
OPTUS
TELSTRA

TOWN HOUSES
PAY FOR ITS
WATER USAGE.

BUT, UNIT HOUSES'
WATER BILL IS
FREE-OF-CHARGE

PAY
ELECTRICITY/GAS
EVERY 3 MONTHS

WIFI PAYS
MONTHLY

WORKING PART-TIME

National Minimum Wage

| Item | Qty | Price | Total |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------|----------|
| Minimum wage (per hour) | 1 | \$18.29 | \$18.29 |
| Maximum hour (per weekly) | | | |
| During Semester | 20 | \$18.29 | \$365.80 |
| During Holidays | ∞ (unlimited) | \$18.29 | \$\$\$ |

POTENTIAL PART-TIME JOBS:

- Waiting tables
- Cleaning
- Fruit-picking
- Food Delivery (UberEats, deliveroo)
- Babysitting
- Tutoring

MORE INFORMATION

Australian Government
Fair Work Ombudsman
www.fairwork.gov.au

WWW.FAIRWORK.GOV.AU

HALAL BUTCHERY

Information:

Steggles and **Lilydale** are producers of frozen nuggets, sausages and chicken fillets. Their products can be found in the frozen section in Coles, Woolworths, IGA and etc.

Lakemba, **Bankstown**, and **Punchbowl** are suburbs dominated by Muslims dwelling. They are the ultimate source for halal butcheries and western style halal food like KFC, McD and even Camel Burgers!

| SHOP NAME | AREA |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| TJ Halal Meats | Maroubra |
| Red Lea Chicken | Eastgarden |
| | Leichhardt |
| Steggles | Randwick |
| Fresh Chicken | Eastgarden |
| Abdul's Halal Butchery | Uni of Wollongong |

CAUTION

If you ever doubt or have suspicion, be sure to ask the shop owners for their halal certificates.

For a full list of halal butcheries:

**HALALSQUARE
HALAL BUTCHER
STORES**