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Follow Your Creativity to one of the World’s Most Liveable Cities
Photography Studies College is a multi award winning photography college, located in Melbourne's vibrant arts hub. For over 40 years we have delivered specialised, high quality and innovative photographic education, providing students with a learning experience like no other in an environment to explore and realise their creative potential and career goals.

We model professional photographic practice and continually provide opportunities to integrate learning with work, real world skills and engagement with industry and community.

We are progressive and responsive, with a rich photographic heritage. We believe in the transformative power of education to change lives and bring students' talents and creativity to life.

Join us on this journey to create your tomorrow...

WHY STUDY AT PSC?
At PSC you will find a rewarding and unique educational experience with:
• Our rich heritage
• Our responsiveness to industry change
• Our expert teaching team
• Our industry advisors and support
• Our specialised courses
• Our career focus
• Our real world connections

WHY MELBOURNE?
Melbourne is the second largest city in Australia and the capital of the state of Victoria. It features amongst the world’s most liveable cities for its culture, safe environment and well-developed infrastructure.

Melbourne has over four million residents from over 140 nations. It is an easy city to explore on foot or bicycle and has an accessible public transport system.

Melbourne has a worldwide reputation as a cultural centre and is a great place for students to explore their creativity. There is always something to do or see! You will enjoy the variety of cultural events, galleries, exhibitions, festivals, fashion, theatre, architecture, restaurants and cafes, sport and leisure activities.

Our great location provides the opportunity to balance study with easy access to a vibrant arts and recreation precinct.

Visit Find more information about Victoria’s cities, events, travel destinations and studying in Australia at www.visitvictoria.com or www.studymelbourne.com.au or www.studyinaustralia.gov.au

OUR AWARDS
2015
Winner AIPP Australian Tertiary Institution of the Year for excellence in photographic education and training
Winner the prestigious National Photographic Portrait Prize, Hoda Afshar, Bachelor of Photography teacher
Winner Australian Institute of Professional Photography (AIPP) Victorian Photography Student of the Year, Cyndi Briggs
Winner Australia’s Top Emerging Student Photographer, Cyndi Briggs

2014
Winner AIPP Australian Tertiary Institution of the Year for excellence in photographic education and training
Winner AIPP Victorian Student Photographer of the Year, Marion Abada

2013
Winner AIPP Australian Tertiary Institution of the Year for excellence in photographic education and training
Winner AIPP & ACMP Australian Student Photographer of the Year, Emma McEvoy

2012
Winner AIPP National Tertiary Institution of the Year for excellence in photographic education and training
Winner ACMP Educational Institution of the Year

Want to know more? Take a look at our full time course guide for further information about our courses, our creative environment and more!
OUR SPECIALISED PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE

“PSC wasn’t just about learning different subjects and doing assignments... these are important, but they’re not as important as finding a sense of connection with teachers, students and staff members. The teachers had the biggest impact on me, they made classes interesting by talking about their experiences and giving advice, which changed my entire outlook on life. While teaching me the basics, they gave me a chance to do what I wanted to, pushing me to excel every time. Apart from learning about photoshop, lighting, editing and re-touching techniques, I was taught how to connect with people from the industry and I was given tips for dealing and working with other artists. I learnt how to look at my own images in new ways, in order to create the best folio.”

Hiroki Nagahiro
PSC Graduate from Japan

BACHELOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Course Code: V14334
CRICOS Course Code: 079866G

Higher education course designed to produce distinctive and innovative professional photographers prepared to take on leading roles in the industry.

Duration:
3 years full time (2 semesters per year)

Delivery:
Face to face including interactive workshops and tutorials, demonstrations and practical participation.

Starts:
February 2017

International Annual tuition fees:
Approx $20,300 per year

Expenses other than tuition including equipment and materials:
Please refer to the Expenses other than tuition information

Visa requirements:
• Student Visa – subclass 573
(Higher Education)
International students are required to complete the International Application Form and satisfy all the course entrance requirements and selection criteria.

Selection Criteria
Selection is based on successfully meeting all the course entry requirements and participation in an interview.

For those students already living in Australia attendance at an interview is required but if you are not in Australia a phone or Skype interview will be arranged.

Recognition of Prior Learning
We offer a recognition of prior learning (RPL) process. Further information is available from the Communications & Students Officer.

Enrolment at PSC
Applicants who have successfully met the course entrance requirements and the selection criteria will be advised in writing with a Letter of Offer.

Successful applicants will be required to complete the International Student Enrolment Form and pay the relevant amount of the annual Tuition Fees together with the Overseas Student Health Cover payment. Once these payments are received and processed an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) form will be issued. Once you received your eCoE you will apply for a student visa at your nearest diplomatic mission – as noted on your eCoE.

Please note that the PSC Refund Policy is clearly stated on the PSC International Application Form and International Enrolment Form; please ensure you read this carefully.

Annual Tuition Fees
The Bachelor of Photography is a three year course with annual (yearly) tuition fees. Enrolment into the course is on an annual basis and tuition fees are payable for each year of enrolment. Refer to the relevant International Tuition Fee sheet.

Expenses Other than Tuition Fees
In addition to the annual international tuition fees, there are additional essential equipment and material costs – refer to the PSC Expenses Other than Tuition Fees Sheet for details.

Overseas Student Health Cover
A payment for this cover is required – more information http://www.immi.gov.au/studenthealthcover

To be covered for health insurance, you will have to pay the Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for yourself and any family members travelling with you at the time of enrolment. The OSHC provides medical and hospital insurance. Photography Studies College’s OSHC provider is Medibank Private. For further information: www.medibankprivate.com.au

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor of Photography

Entry requirements:
- Evidence of completion of Secondary School Year 12 or equivalent
- Photographic folio of 10 to 15 images*
- Details of any experience in the photographic industry and evidence of this experience
- Evidence of English language proficiency***
- Evidence of ability to pay the international tuition fees, overseas student health cover cost, expenses other than tuition costs, other course material costs and living expenses

*I English Language Proficiency:
- IELTS (Academic Module): Overall score 6.0 (no band less than 6.0)
- TOEFL Internet: Test score 65
- Pearson Test of English (PTE): Overall score 50-57 (no section score less than 50)
- University of Cambridge – Advanced (CAE): Total score of 52

***International students require a sound level of English. At PSC we accept a range of English language examination methods.

*Your folio of images must be your own work, represent your ideas, concepts, processes, inspirations and abilities. The work should demonstrate creative potential and an aptitude for photography.

APPLICATION AND ENROLMENT PROCESS

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Daniel Burton-Smith
Course Director
APPLYING FOR A STUDENT VISA

PSC is a registered Higher Education Provider. Bachelor of Photography students require a Student Visa – Subclass 573.

Information about applying for a Student Visa for Australia is available from the Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection at www.immi.gov.au/students

Information can also be obtained at www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/en/Courses/

Student Visa Requirements

Your will need:
- A current Photography Studies College (Melbourne) letter of offer into the Bachelor of Photography course
- An electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE)
- Proof of financial support for your period of study
- A valid passport

You may be required to undergo certain health checks as part of your visa application.

There are also visa application fees – more information http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/applying-student.pdf

Assessment levels for Student Visas

Each student visa application is assessed according to an assessment level. The assessment level is determined by the passport held and visa subclass applied for. Assessment level 1 represents the lowest assessment level and assessment level 5 the highest. The higher the assessment level, the more evidence you will need to provide to demonstrate your financial capacity, understanding of the English language and other relevant matters.

You can find out your assessment level by looking up your nationality and visa subclass applied for in ‘Overseas Student Program – Assessment Levels’ or by visiting the following website:

Working While You Study

Please note that when granted a student visa you will automatically receive permission to work with your visa. You will be entitled to work no more than 20 hours per week once you commence your course of study.

The ESOS Framework for International Students

The ESOS framework provides quality education and protects the rights of international students in Australia. For more detailed information about the protection and assurance provided by ESOS legislation, visit www.aei.gov.au and click on the “ESOS” link in the shortcuts bar.

Arranging Travel

You are responsible for making your own travel arrangements to Australia. It is advisable that you arrive in Melbourne at least 1-2 weeks before classes commence so that you have time to settle in and find suitable accommodation.

Remember to check with your airline on the baggage allowance that your ticket allows.

“...Melbourne is an artistic city where you can see and feel art everywhere, on the streets or at galleries.”

Tinkara Trecak
PSC Graduate from Slovenia

ORIENTATION AND SETTLING IN

At PSC we work to ensure that all international students have a productive and fulfilling educational experience. Our Communications & Student Officer is available to provide assistance with airport pick up, accommodation and settling in.

In the first week of the course, a comprehensive Orientation Program is provided to ensure that all International Students are familiarised with PSC, the course and with studying and living in Australia.

Your detailed timetable will be issued on the first day of classes. Over and above your contact hours at PSC in classes each week, you should also allow for another 10-15 hours per week outside the classroom for taking photographs and completing your folios and range of assignments. Classes in the first year are held between Monday to Thursday and run between 10:00am and 5:00pm. (This may vary depending on timetabling requirements).

The PSC International Student Handbook provides details of assistance, lists of policies and rules and rights that are applicable to International Students at PSC and is available on the student portal or from the from the Communications & Student Officer.
COST OF LIVING

Australian currency
Australian currency is denominated as follows:
Notes: $5, $10, $20, $50, $100
Coins: 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, $1, $2
There are no 1c or 2c coins.
Items in Australia are priced down to single cents (for example $2.99) but when you pay, the total will be rounded up or down to the nearest five cents. Thus $2.99 becomes $3.00, and $12.42 becomes $12.40.
As with all currencies, the Australian dollar exchange rate can vary over short periods of time. You can find the current exchange rate or convert to your own currency at www.xe.com

Minimum cost of living
The Department of Immigration and Border Protection has financial requirements you must meet in order to receive a student visa. Below is a guide on the requirements you must meet to study in Australia:
• You – $18,610
• Your partner – $6,515
• Your first child – $3,720
• Every other child – $2,790
All costs are per year in Australian dollars.

Accommodation
• Hostels and Guesthouses
  $80 to $135 per week
• Shared Rental
  $100 to $250 per week
• On campus
  $150 to $220 per week
• Homestay
  $110 to $270 per week
• Rental
  $200 to $400 per week

Other living expenses
• Groceries and eating out
  $80 to $200 per week
• Gas, electricity
  $60 to $100 per week
• Phone and Internet
  $20 to $50 per week
• Public transport
  $10 to $50 per week
• Car (after purchase)
  $150 to $250 per week
• Entertainment
  $50 to $100 per week

The Australian Government provides information and guidance on managing your finances. You can read more at www.moneysmart.gov.au

*The costs quoted here are only an indication of everyday expenses and do not include accommodation, return airfares, overseas student health cover (OSHC) or course fees and costs. Don’t forget to take these into consideration before lodging your application.
CHECKLIST FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

In preparation for coming to Australia here are some important things to consider:

- Apply for a passport
- Arrange a student visa
- Arrange for any immunisations and medications from your doctor
- Apply for a credit card and or arrange sufficient funds
- Confirm overseas access to your fund with your bank
- Make travel arrangements and advise the PSC Communications & Students Officer
- Arrange travel insurance
- Get information on accommodation and discuss with the PSC Communications & Students Officer
- Arrange transport from Melbourne airport to accommodation
- Ensure sufficient funds for taxi, bus or phone in case of emergency

Important documents to pack:

- Passport
- Letter of offer and electronic confirmation of enrolment (eCoE)
- Travel insurance policy
- ID cards, drivers’ license, birth certificate (or copy)
*Make sure you leave copies of these documents in a safe place in your home country in case of loss.

Other items you may want to bring from home or purchase in Melbourne

- Camera and accessories (Refer to PSC Expenses other than tuition fees information sheet)
- Linen
- Bath towels
- Toiletries
- Mobile phone
- Laptop
- Australian standard electrical plug or adaptor

Other items to pack:

To make sure you are fully aware of what you can and cannot bring into Australia, visit www.customs.gov.au and follow the “travellers” link from the main menu. Also be aware of the strict quarantine rules that apply when entering Australia. If you have any doubt about whether your goods are prohibited, then you should declare it on your Incoming Passenger Card. This will be provided to you on the plane. For more information visit www.aqis.gov.au

Melbourne and Australia may have a different climate to what you have experienced so be sure to pack clothing for all weather conditions and seasons. You will be arriving in February which is our final month of summer. Autumn is from March to May, winter June to August, spring from September to November and summer December to February. For more information: www.bom.gov.au

On arrival

- Call home and let them know you have arrived safely
- Settle into accommodation and purchase required household items and food
- Contact Communications & Students Officer 03 9682 3191 to arrange a time to come into PSC
- At PSC you will be issued with your Student ID Card, your OSHC card, another copy of the PSC International Student Handbook
- Open a bank account
- Arrange a mobile phone account or purchase an Australian sim card
- Attend your international student orientation session

“Photography is a love affair with life.”
Burk Uzzle

Need more information? Give us a call on +61 3 9682 3191 or send us an email at info@psc.edu.au
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HOW TO FIND PSC

PSC is here in Melbourne’s vibrant Arts precinct just 5 minutes walk from Flinders Street Station

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