

STUDENT INDUCTION GUIDE



Australia Institute of
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CULTURE

BRISBANE IS A CULTURAL HUB. THIS SUB-TROPICAL CAPITAL MAY BE RELAXED, BUT ITS CULTURAL PROGRAM IS DYNAMIC AND EVER-CHANGING.

Here, you will find the sprawling Queensland Cultural Centre on South Bank, which hosts every mode of artistic endeavour and a growing number of world-class exhibitions. Brisbane's cultural melting pot includes the eclectic New Farm and Fortitude Valley and the inner city, with its public art and heritage buildings.

Students can satisfy almost every type of culture craving beneath the architecturally-pleasing roof of the **QUEENSLAND CULTURAL CENTRE ON SOUTH BANK**. Begin your cultural journey in the Gallery of Modern Art, which houses more than 10,000 Australian and international artworks and is the largest of its kind in Australia.

Continue your way to the Queensland Museum, where downstairs the Queensland Science Centre offers heaps of interactive science entertainment. Wear your finest dress or sport jacket for the ballet, opera, or musical in the Queensland Performing Arts Centre or visit the huge State Library of Queensland to brush up on your studies or reading.

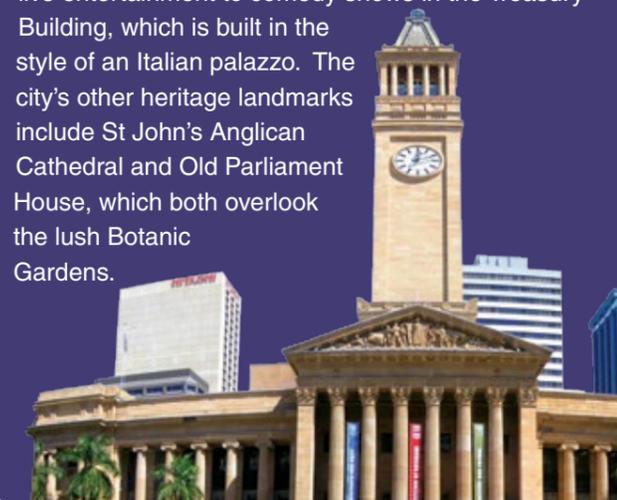


The industrial spaces of **NEW FARM** offer venues for comedy, dance, and art, as well as markets and restaurants. Enjoy snacking on lunch in one of the many riverfront restaurants, and relish in the excitement of the regular festivals. Take a walk along the floating walkway from here to neighbouring **FORTITUDE VALLEY**, a hub for live-music, nightlife and counter culture. The once-gritty valley has been transformed into a culturally diversified community with bohemian flair. February brings the Chinese New Year, and with it a bustling Fortitude Valley hosting nightly Chinese-themed performances.



NEW FARM

In **BRISBANE'S CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD)**, you can view an orchestra play between the grand Corinthian columns of the heritage-listed Customs House. Catch everything from live entertainment to comedy shows in the Treasury Building, which is built in the style of an Italian palazzo. The city's other heritage landmarks include St John's Anglican Cathedral and Old Parliament House, which both overlook the lush Botanic Gardens.



The city's cultural delight continues during the Brisbane Festival, which runs from mid-September to early October. Enjoy the opening night party in Queensland's own Spiegel tent. Witness surreal circus performances and multi-media exhibitions on plasma screens and the latest Queensland Ballet productions. The celebration ends with Riverfire, a pyrotechnic extravaganza set to an almighty soundtrack of the year's biggest songs and heart-pumping classics.



TELECOMMUNICATIONS

AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT, IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE A MOBILE PHONE FOR YOU TO BE CONTACTED.



BEFORE BRINGING A MOBILE PHONE, CHECK TO MAKE SURE THAT IT CAN BE USED IN AUSTRALIA.

Some countries, operate their mobile phones on networks that are not available in Australia.

One option is to buy a phone when you arrive in Australia. There is a wide range of mobile phone companies and plans to suit your needs.

Once you have a phone, it is a good idea to include an emergency contact in your phone book. Enter ICE (In Case of Emergency) and the number of a person who should be contacted in case anything happens to you.

COMMON NETWORKS PROVIDERS:



Telstra



Optus



Vodafone



Virgin Mobile

TELEVISION AND RADIO



SPECIAL BROADCASTING SERVICE (SBS)

television and radio stations broadcast programs in many languages. Weekly programs are listed in newspapers such as The Courier Mail.



A list of ethnic radio stations can be found at the National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters' Council (NEMBC) website at:

NEMBC.ORG.AU



POWER

IN AUSTRALIA, ELECTRICITY IS 220-240 VOLTS AC.

If you have an electrical device with a different voltage you will probably need to use an adaptor or transformer. You can buy an adaptor from department, electrical and luggage stores.



LEISURE

Brisbane residents enjoy relaxing and socialising outdoors in parks, at cafes, restaurants and bars and pubs around the city and suburbs. There are lots of fun things to do in and around the city, including:

SUNSHINE AND GOLD COASTS, SITUATED APPROXIMATELY AN HOUR DRIVE FROM THE CENTRE OF BRISBANE



THEME PARKS, SUCH AS DREAMWORLD, MOVIE WORLD AND AUSTRALIA ZOO



FREE MUSIC EVENTS OR FESTIVALS



WALKING AND CYCLING ON BRISBANE'S EXTENSIVE BICYCLE PATH NETWORK



WEATHER AND SEASONS OF BRISBANE

Brisbane has a humid subtropical climate with hot, humid summers and dry, moderately warm winters. Due to its proximity to the Coral Sea and a warm ocean current, Brisbane's overall temperature is somewhat less than most other Australian capitals. On an annual basis, Brisbane averages 124 clear days. Average annual temperature of the sea is 24 °C (75 °F), from 21 °C (70 °F) in July to 27 °C (81 °F) in February.

DECEMBER – FEBRUARY

SUMMER

22-35 degrees Celsius
Hot, humid and stormy

MARCH – MAY

AUTUMN

16-28 degrees Celsius
Cooler

JUNE – AUGUST

WINTER

12-24 degrees Celsius
Cool and dry

SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER

SPRING

14-30 degrees Celsius
Warmer

HELPFUL WEBSITES

BRISBANE.QLD.GOV.AU

VISITBRISBANE.COM.AU

TRUELOCAL.COM.AU

THINGSTODO.COM.AU

LONELYPLANET.COM

STUDYBRISBANE.COM.AU

THESE WEBSITES HAVE INFORMATION ON:

- weather
- living in Brisbane
- accommodation
- transport
- maps
- entertainment
- clubs
- laws
- and much more!



ACCOMMODATION

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS IN BRISBANE TO SUIT DIFFERENT BUDGETS.



Most rental properties will require a bond, and is usually equivalent to the amount of four weeks' rent.

If you have a limited budget, you may consider sharing a house or apartment with several friends, or looking for share house accommodation. This allows you to split the costs among several people.

Some places may ask you to sign a lease committing to six months or 12 months, while others may be more flexible. If you leave early in your lease term, your landlord or agent may seek compensation.

Another thing to consider is location. It is important to think about whether your home is close to shops and restaurants, and how long it takes to travel to school and work. Consider living close to your place of study, otherwise look into public transport options.

Rental costs vary depending on the accommodation style, type and suburb. You can find average rental costs on the Residential Tenancies Authority website at RTA.QLD.GOV.AU

[search for median rents](#)

TIPS:

- 1 INSPECT THE PROPERTY BEFORE HANDING OVER ANY MONEY**
- 2 READ THE CONTRACT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING IT**
- 3 PAY ON TIME**
- 4 KEEP THE PROPERTY CLEAN AND TIDY**
- 5 KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

ACCOMMODATION RESOURCES:



GENESIS 1 STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

****GREAT RATES FOR AIBT STUDENTS****

Genesis 1 is where you can be part of a community, connect and make friends, and find your new home. Your achievements have brought you to this new start and our accommodation will position you for your new goals and future achievements.

With great security and onsite managers, Genesis 1 offers stylish and modern student accommodation for local and international student. Students will share a three-bedroom apartment each with their own ensuite bathroom.

[1848 Logan Road](#)
[+61 7 3137 2300](#)

REALESTATE.COM

Students interested in finding their own accommodation can do so through realestate.com.au. Whether it is finding a share house with friends and fellow students, or moving into your own apartment, students can simply insert their accommodation requirements and location, and the website will do the rest.

realestate.com.au

ESI HOMESTAY

ESI sources homestay families who are kind, caring and happy families, interested in showing students the Australian culture and encouraging them to feel welcomed and accepted into their home as a new member of their family. ESI also provides a 24-hour phone support system where students and homestay families can make contact anytime if needed.

[PO Box 5297, Q Supercentre, Mermaid Waters, Queensland 4218, Australia](#)
[+61 7 5568-0835](#)

RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AUTHORITY

The RTA provides tenancy information, bond management, dispute resolution, investigation, policy and education services.

rta.qld.gov.au
[1300 366 311](#)

SOME SUBURBS SURROUNDING AIBT TO CONSIDER:

MT GRAVATT

is the name of both a major suburb of Brisbane and a prominent hill in the area. It is situated in the south-east of the city and was one of Brisbane's largest suburbs. The Mount Gravatt Showgrounds are an important centre for cultural and community activities and the site of the annual Mount Gravatt Show, an agricultural fair. Mount Gravatt Lookout is accessible via Shire Road, which winds its way past water towers up to a lookout and a communications tower.

MACGREGOR

is a suburb in Brisbane, 15 km to the southeast of Brisbane City, incorporated by a very diverse multicultural community. Go indoor skydiving at Sky Zone, or hit the bowling alleys at AMF.

SUNNYBANK

is a suburb in Brisbane, 15 km to the south of Brisbane City. The rolling hills and headwaters for both Stable Swamp Creek and Bulimba Creek draw people and wildlife to the Sunnybank area. Sunnybank is a thriving multicultural suburb, with strong Asian influences in design, food and culture. Many of the suburb's shops and businesses are owned and run by people of Asian descent who call Australia home, along with many bilingual business signs written in Chinese and English.

RUNCORN

is a suburb on the south side of Brisbane, and is about 19 kilometres from Brisbane's central business district. The suburb is centrally located to practically everything in Brisbane including Sunnybank eateries, the highway to Gold Coast, Brisbane City and the airport... to name a few. There have been so many shops and restaurants opened up recently, as well as plenty of parks and open spaces.

EIGHT MILE PLAINS

is a suburb of Brisbane and is located 14 kilometres from the Brisbane central business district. The name Eight Mile Plains was given early in its settlement, and refers to the area's flat topography.

SPRINGWOOD

is a suburb of Logan City, and about 30 kilometres south of the Brisbane CBD. Springwood is a significant activity centre in the region offering many malls, libraries, and a major bus station. Access to Springwood is easy via the Brisbane Translink Bus Line. The suburb has 17 parks covering nearly 9% of the total area and a predominant age group of 20–29 years. Springwood is also home to the IKEA store.

ROCHEDALE

is an outer southern suburb of the City of Brisbane. It is 17 kilometres south-east of the Brisbane central business district. Rochedale backs onto the Priest Gully, a wildlife corridor that has been set up to preserve the local flora and fauna.

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WESTFIELD GARDEN CITY

BRISBANE CITY

GOLD COAST

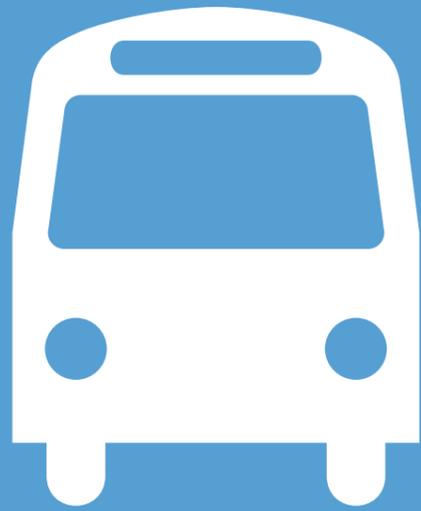
PUBLIC TRANSPORT

GETTING TO AIBT IS EASY USING THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AVAILABLE. THE CITY OF BRISBANE OFFERS TRAINS AND BUSES TO CONNECT YOU TO WHERE YOU'D LIKE TO BE.

Translink.com.au

A comprehensive bus service runs throughout the city, connecting the outer and inner suburbs to the CBD, major shopping centres, railway stations and ferry terminals. Special NightLink bus services run after midnight on Fridays and Saturdays for late-night travellers.

A MAJOR BUS DEPOT IS LOCATED AT WESTFIELD GARDEN CITY RIGHT ACROSS THE ROAD FROM AIBT



CONCESSION CARD

All tertiary students in Queensland are eligible to purchase and travel on a concession go card or concession paper ticket.

A concession entitles the passenger up to 50% off fares on approved public transport anywhere in Queensland.

SHOPPING

ONE OF THE BRISBANE'S MAJOR SHOPPING CENTRES IS LOCATED JUST METRES FROM AIBT.

Westfield Garden City

Logan Rd & Kessels Rd, Upper Mount Gravatt QLD 4122, Australia

+61 7 3135 5450

Number of stores and services:

440

BRISBANE ALSO OFFERS A GREAT VARIETY OF OUTDOOR MARKETS, WHERE YOU WILL FIND FRESH PRODUCE AND GOURMET FOOD STALLS.

Brisbane is a multicultural city and offers a great variety of food and goods from all parts of the world. There are many fresh food and organic markets, speciality supermarkets and restaurants scattered across the city.

Finding different cultural food shopping areas:

BRISBANE.QLD.GOV.AU

TRUELOCAL.COM.AU

MEDICAL AND OSHC

AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STUDYING AT AIBT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE OUT HEALTH INSURANCE KNOWN AS OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC), FOR THE FULL PERIOD OF YOUR STUDENT VISA.

This type of insurance will provide cover for any basic medical and hospital care while in Australia and may also include extras such as dental, optical, and physiotherapy depending on the level of insurance purchased.

If you need medical help in Brisbane, make an appointment to see a doctor, also known as a general practitioner (GP), at your local medical centre.

SOME MEDICAL CENTRES NEAR AIBT:

Garden City Medical Centre

+61 7 3343 1344

Upper Mt Gravatt Medical Centre

+61 3343 9033

There is a national after hours GP service contactable through **13 SICK (13 74 65)**

It is important that you contact your OSHC insurer before being admitted to a private hospital. While private hospitals will still provide you with medical attention, be aware that not all of their services will be covered by OSHC and you may have to pay extra for these services.



For more information about Overseas Student Health Cover, visit the Department of Health website at:

health.gov.au

AIBT IS ALSO ABLE TO ASSIST YOU IN ARRANGING THIS COVER.



FOOD OF MOUNT GRAVATT

8 STREET

- Dumplings
- Japanese Pizza
- Malaysian Noodles

FANTASIA

- Asian Fast Food

GRILL'D

- Burgers
- Chicken Burgers

HAKATAYA RAMEN

- Ramen
- Tonkotsu Soup

HUNGRY JACKS

- Burgers
- Chicken Sandwiches
- Frozen Drinks

KFC

- Chicken
- Burgers
- Wraps

MAD MEX

- Burritos
- Tacos
- Nachos

MCDONALD'S

- Burgers
- Chicken
- Shakes
- Coffee

MIKI

- Japanese Style Sushi

TAKEAWAY FOOD IN WESTFIELD GARDEN CITY

MOS BURGER

- Burgers

NANDO'S

- Portuguese Style Glazed Chicken
- Wraps
- Pitas

ORIGIN KEBABS

- Kebabs
- Wraps

SALSA'S FRESH MEX GRILL

- Burritos
- Tacos
- Nachos

SUBWAY

- Sandwiches

SUMO SALAD

- Gourmet Salads

SUSHI IZAKAYA

- Japanese Style Sushi

SUSHI SUSHI

- Japanese Style Sushi

TOUCH OF INDIA

- Curries
- Naan

VAPIANO

- Pasta
- Pizza

YUM CHA CUISINE

- Chinese Style Yum Cha



COFFEE & JUICES IN WESTFIELD GARDEN CITY

BOOST JUICE

- Fresh Juices
- Smoothies

CREMA ESPRESSO

- Coffee and Tea
- Cakes

COFFEE CLUB (THE)

- Coffee and Tea

COFFEE HIT

- Coffee and Tea
- Pastries
- Sandwiches

GLORIA JEAN'S COFFEES

- Coffee
- Pastries

STARBUCKS

- Coffee
- Frozen Drinks
- Pastries

TUTTI FRUTTI

- Frozen Yogurt

FOOD OF MOUNT GRAVATT



RETAIL AND GROCERY STORES

IN WESTFIELD GARDEN CITY

ALDI

Full range of grocery products that are at low prices.

COLES

The Coles Supermarket Garden City offers a range of features for healthy living.

WOOLWORTHS

As the "Fresh Food People", the scale and quality of fresh food offering is unrivalled by other supermarkets.

LENARD'S

Lenard's is a multi-award winning company, considered to be one of Australia's leading fresh food retailers and a pioneer in the kitchen ready market.

KMART

Menswear, womenswear, kidswear, beauty, footwear, toys, and sporting goods.

WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE TO AIBT

TAKEAWAY

ARABELLAS RESTAURANT

- Lebanese Style BBQ
- Chicken
- Lamb

BASKIN ROBBINS

- Ice Cream
- Shakes

DOMINO'S PIZZA

- Pizza
- Breadsticks
- Cheese Bread

FRESH ONE KEBABS

- Kebabs

LITTLE GREEN CAFÉ

- Breakfast Sandwiches
- Coffee

MEHFIL INDIAN RESTAURANT

- Indian Style Share Platters
- Curries

NANDO'S

- Portuguese Style Glazed Chicken
- Wraps
- Pitas

NOODLE BOX

- Asian Style Noodles

SUSHI NIKKOU

- Japanese Style Sushi Train

VILLAGE FISH BAR

- Fish and Chips
- Burgers

GROCERY AND RETAIL STORES

COLES AT THE VILLAGE

Coles is one of Australia's largest retailers, providing fresh food, groceries, general merchandise, financial services, and liquor.

THE VILLAGE DISCOUNT PHARMACY

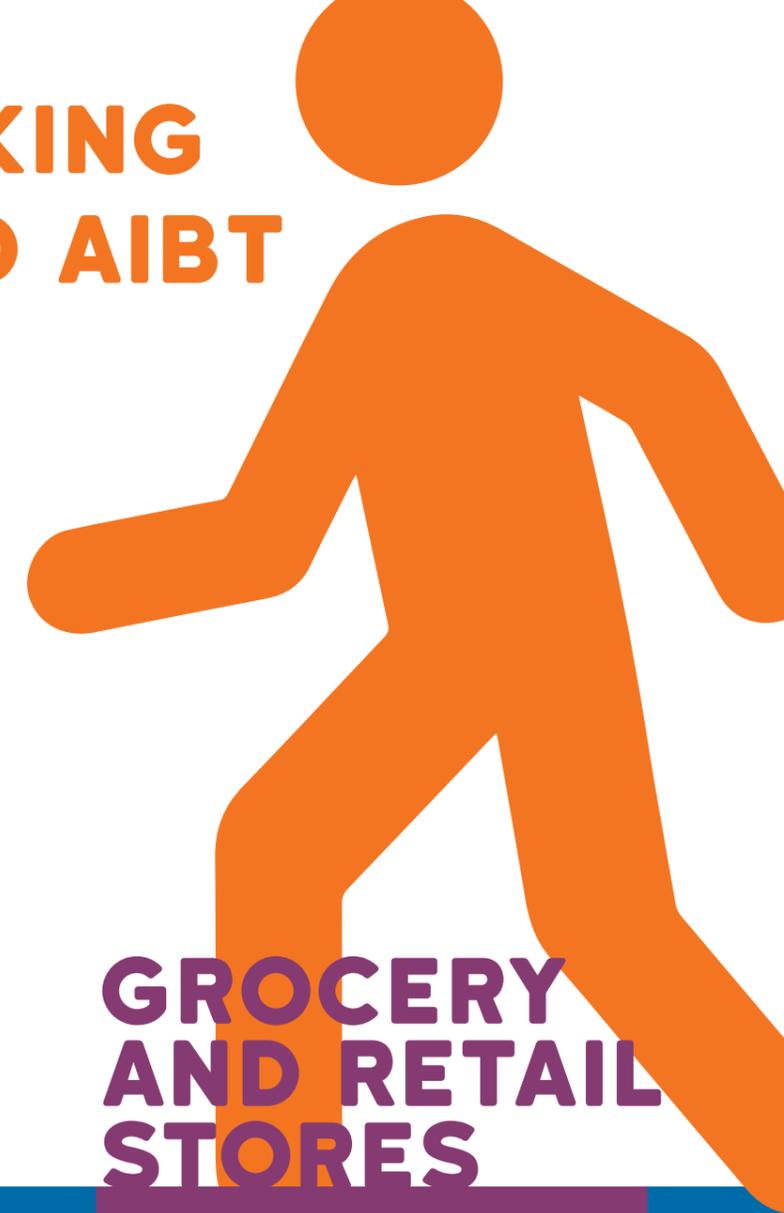
Prescriptions, personal hygienic products, passport services and dry cleaning.

JETTS 24-HOUR FITNESS

250 gyms throughout Australia. 24/7 access. No locked-in contracts.

CRUISEABOUT TRAVEL AND PA TRAVEL

Discuss travel options in Australia or overseas with one of these travel agents.





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ABOUT US

AIBT is a multi-faculty vocational college that specialises in the training of **Business, Hospitality, Community Services and Engineering programs**. Our flexible modes of delivery include in-class, transnational, and virtual training.

Innovativeness, diversity and employability form the backbone and foundations of our programs.

AIBT is confident that our graduates will carry with them highly transferrable skills that are aligned with market and industry needs.

To be recognised as the

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to domestic and international students alike, while assisting them in their successful integration into the multicultural Australian society and professional realm.

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