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# New South Wales Government Schools Study Abroad

*Short-term Study Experience*



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**Monica, Germany**  
**Cronulla High School**





## Study Abroad ~ an experience of a lifetime

For high school students, a short-term study abroad program at a government school in Sydney or country New South Wales offers an exciting opportunity to experience a uniquely Australian lifestyle while you study.

There are frequent international flights from Europe, North and South America to Australia.

### About Sydney and New South Wales

Sydney, the capital city of New South Wales, is Australia's largest city. It is famous for its quality education, friendly people, great climate and multicultural lifestyle.

New South Wales has many regional cities located near magnificent coastal beaches, national parks, mountain ranges and open plains. Summer and winter recreational activities include surfing, swimming, tennis, football and skiing.







## About NSW Government Schools

New South Wales (NSW) government schools are owned and operated by the NSW Department of Education and Communities, Australia's largest education organisation. With schools across the state, you can choose the study location which is best for you.

A selection of over 25 school profiles for the study abroad program with interactive map locators are available on our website – [www.internationalschool.edu.au](http://www.internationalschool.edu.au)

Our schools offer modern facilities with state-of-the-art technology, e-learning resources, a wide range of language courses, music, creative arts, design and sports and are recognised worldwide for their academic excellence.

Students may receive credit for their Australian studies when they resume studies in their home country.

Schools are safe, friendly, multicultural learning places.

At each school, the international student coordinator, year adviser and school counsellor provide expert guidance and support services to ensure the wellbeing of international students.

Students quickly integrate into the school community, improve their English and learn about Australian culture.





## Digital technology skills

Schools are equipped with laptop and desktop computers, video conferencing, interactive whiteboards and online resources.

Computer and e-learning strategies are integrated into classroom activities so students develop digital technology and web-based skills for their secondary and tertiary education.

Approved education portals provide online learning resources which students can access using their DEC approved email account so they can share knowledge with other learners, research topics and work collaboratively with classmates and teachers.

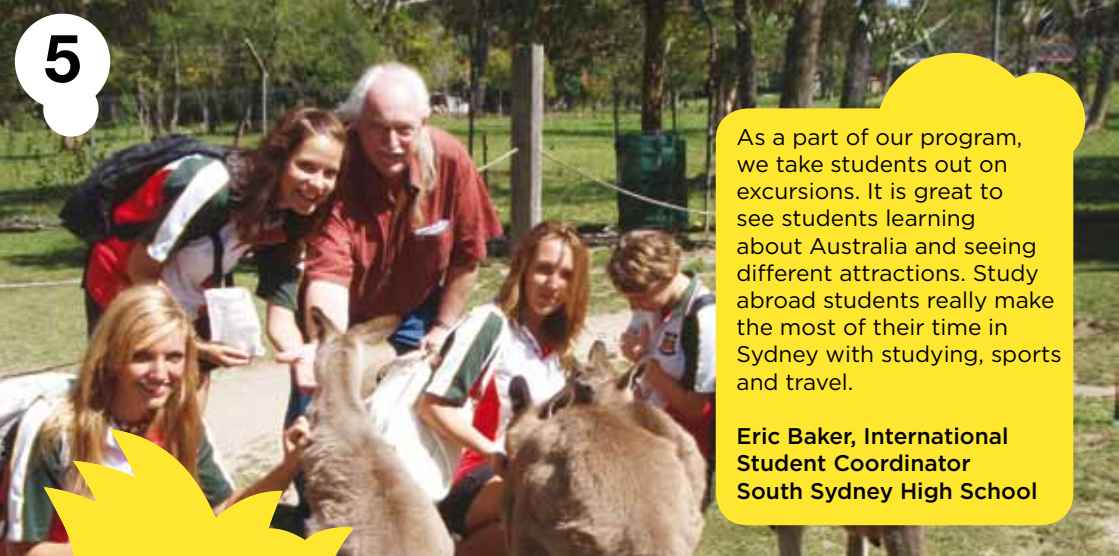
## Choose your subjects

Subject areas include:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Languages
- Technology
- Music
- Visual Arts
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.

Attendance is strictly monitored and students are allocated homework and assignments to complete outside school hours. Homework is compulsory.





As a part of our program, we take students out on excursions. It is great to see students learning about Australia and seeing different attractions. Study abroad students really make the most of their time in Sydney with studying, sports and travel.

**Eric Baker, International Student Coordinator**  
South Sydney High School

## Your study abroad experience

### Feel good and stay healthy

Sport is an important part of the Australian lifestyle and most schools offer a wide range of sports including Learn to Surf.

Other sports include:

- Swimming
- Water sports – sailing, rowing, canoeing, water polo
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Hockey
- Athletics
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Cricket
- Rugby league
- Touch football
- Rugby union
- Softball
- Baseball
- Netball
- Horseriding
- Golf
- European handball
- Ten pin bowling

Sports offered at each school will vary. For further information refer to the school profiles on our website:  
[www.internationalschool.edu.au](http://www.internationalschool.edu.au)

There are also many weekend community sporting clubs you can join when you arrive in Australia.

### Experienced care and support

All NSW government schools that enrol international students have a dedicated **International Student Coordinator** who provides academic and pastoral care and guidance to international students.

The coordinator maintains contact with homestay host families to ensure each student adjusts to life in Australia and successfully progresses with their studies.

#### Homestay

A highlight of the study abroad experience is the opportunity to live with an Australian family. Homestay provides a unique opportunity to learn more about Australian life and improve English language skills by living and sharing with an Australian host family. Students have a safe place to live with their own bedroom, a study desk, a shared bathroom and are provided with 2 meals a day and 3 meals on weekends.

It is a requirement of the NSW Department of Education and Communities for all study abroad students to live with an approved family during their stay.



## At School

School hours are generally between 9:00am and 3:30pm Monday to Friday.

Safe, clean and efficient **public transport** systems provide access to schools by train, bus or ferry.

NSW government schools have a **uniform** policy and most schools require students to wear the school uniform as part of the school's code of conduct. The cost of a uniform is approximately AUD\$150-\$200 and can be purchased at your school.

**Program durations:** 1 term = 3 months;  
2 terms = 6 months; 3 terms = 9 months;  
4 terms = 12 months (one year)

**School year levels:** 9, 10 and 11

**Program entry:** Students may enrol at the beginning of academic terms 1, 2 or 3. See calendar on page 11.

**Academic entry requirements:** Passing grades or better in the last two years of study in their home country.

**English requirements:** Satisfactory skills in English. For a number of countries there are specific English entry requirements for study abroad students.

**Program fees:** Refer to our website [www.internationalschool.edu.au](http://www.internationalschool.edu.au)

**Visa requirements:** All students must have a valid student visa.

**Travel:** Students must arrange for their own travel and arrive 3-5 days before the start of the program. This may vary if students are visiting family; however, earlier arrival must be pre-approved by the DEC International Students Centre.

**Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC):** The Australian Government requires all international students to have medical insurance called Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) which DEC International Students Centre will arrange. OSHC fees are charged with tuition fees. It is recommended that students take out private health insurance in their home country to cover items not covered by OSHC.

For information about tuition fees, entry requirements and health cover go to our website [www.internationalschool.edu.au](http://www.internationalschool.edu.au)



## Discover New South Wales – a state of great natural beauty

Study Abroad students can select from five study destinations close to city centres and amazing coastlines.

### Eastern and Southern Sydney

Sydney is Australia's largest city with four million people. It offers many multicultural and entertainment activities for international students including Chinese New Year festivities, the Royal Easter Show, City to Surf Fun Run, Darling Harbour concerts, The Bridge Climb and major sporting events. There are large shopping centres at Bondi Junction, Eastgardens and Miranda. Schools in the eastern and southern suburbs of Sydney are close to beautiful beaches at Bondi, Coogee, Maroubra and Cronulla.



### Sydney Northern Beaches

Students can live and study close to many of Sydney's beautiful north shore parks and beaches including Manly and Palm Beach (where Australian television series Home and Away is filmed), and the Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park at Akuna Bay. You can ride a ferry across the harbour, visit Taronga Zoo, see sharks at Manly Oceanworld, ride a bike to Fairy Bower or walk through native bushland on the Manly to Spit Bridge scenic walkway.



### Illawarra South Coast and Wollongong

The Illawarra region, known also as the Sapphire Coast, is on a spectacular stretch of the New South Wales coastline. It starts near Wollongong, one hour by train south of Sydney, and extends past Bega to the Victorian border. Wollongong is home to 300,000 people from 90 nationalities and offers a variety of entertainment, sporting and leisure activities. Popular scenic destinations include the Kiama Blow Hole, Stanwell Tops where you can watch paragliders, Jervis Bay for snorkelling, the Royal National Park for bushwalking and marine parks at Jervis Bay and Batemans Bay where you can see pods of dolphins and whales.







### Newcastle and Hunter Region

Newcastle is a lively multicultural city with an active port, situated on a breathtaking stretch of coastline two hours north of Sydney. It is a great place to study and has wonderful beaches, a casual lifestyle and very good sporting facilities. You can walk The Bather's Way, a 5km coastal walk from Nobbys Lighthouse to Merewether Beach, visit the koala colony at Tilligerry Peninsula, hike through Myall Lakes National Park, or see whales and dolphins at Port Stephens.



### North Coast New South Wales

The North Coast region starts four hours north of Sydney and extends to Tweed Heads on the Queensland/Gold Coast border. It is sub-tropical with warm-to-hot summers and very mild winters. The area features some of Australia's best beaches, clean rivers and lush rainforests. It is a popular holiday destination for surfing, swimming, diving, kayaking and bushwalking. Places to visit include Byron Bay, the Big Banana plantation at Coffs Harbour, Historic Trial Bay Gaol at South West Rocks, and Port Macquarie's Koala Hospital – the only centre of its kind in New South Wales.

### Map of Australia and regions of New South Wales



International airport



Domestic airport



## Living Costs

You'll need approximately AUD\$360 per week for living expenses in addition to your tuition fees.

Weekly expenses guide	\$AUD
Homestay	\$240 - \$265
Public transport	\$25 - \$40
Personal items and entertainment	\$25 - \$45
Occasional meals / snacks	\$35 - \$40
Total	\$325 - \$390

## Banking

There are many local and foreign banks in Australia with a large network of Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) so you can withdraw cash 24 hours per day, 7 days a week without going into the bank. You can open an account in Australia simply by taking your passport and student visa to a local branch.

## Airport pickup

If you do not have family or friends to pick you up from Sydney airport, DEC International Students Centre can arrange airport pickup for a small fee.





## Shopping

Supermarkets sell fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, frozen foods, canned goods, bread, paper products, and non-prescription medicines.

Department stores sell clothing, shoes, furniture, computers, electrical goods, kitchenware and gifts at a fixed price.

Large shopping centres are located in Sydney's central business district and suburbs and larger regional towns. They include department stores, supermarkets, specialist retail stores (books, clothing, shoes, sportswear, music), banks, cafes and cinemas.

## Places of Worship

In Australia, people are free to practice and follow their own beliefs and religion.

You will find many churches, temples, synagogues, mosques and other places of worship in Sydney and in other cities and towns in New South Wales.

*If anyone is thinking about coming to Australia, they should come and enjoy every moment.*

**Angelo, Brazil**  
**Northern Beaches Secondary College**  
**Freshwater Senior Campus**



## Next stop ... New South Wales!

### Five easy ways to apply



#### ApplyOnline

[www.internationalschool.edu.au](http://www.internationalschool.edu.au)



#### Through a registered agent

For a full list of our agents go to  
[www.internationalschool.edu.au](http://www.internationalschool.edu.au)



#### Through a relative in New South Wales

DEC International Students Centre  
827-837 George Street  
Sydney NSW 2000 Australia



#### By email

[isc@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:isc@det.nsw.edu.au)



#### By mail

Download the application form from  
the website and post to:  
DEC International Students Centre  
Locked Bag 53  
Darlinghurst NSW 1300 Australia

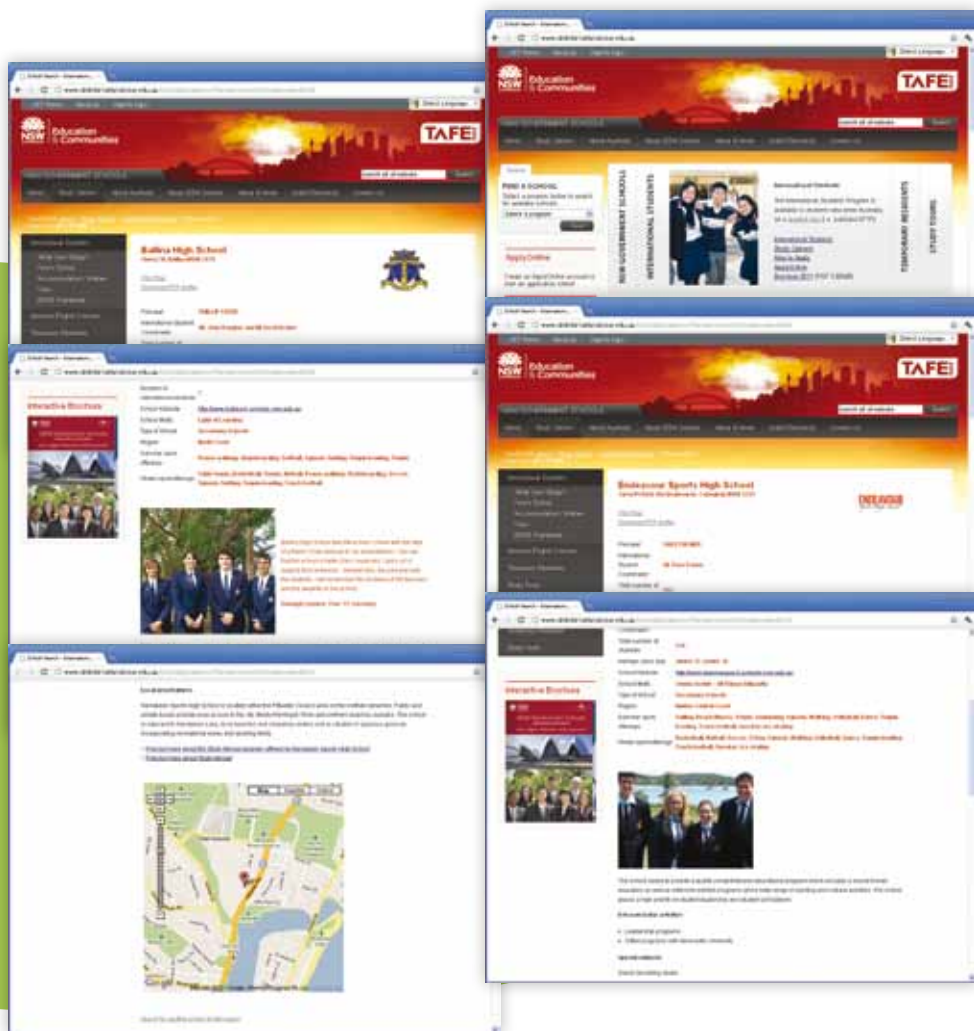
## School Calendar

The academic school year in New South Wales is divided into four terms.

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Term 1	27 January to 5 April	29 January to 12 April	28 January to 11 April	27 January to 2 April
Term 2	23 April to 29 June	29 April to 28 June	28 April to 27 June	20 April to 26 June
Term 3	16 July to 21 September	15 July to 20 September	14 July to 19 September	13 July to 18 September
Term 4	8 October to 21 December	8 October to 20 December	7 October to 19 December	6 October to 18 December

Our website can help you  
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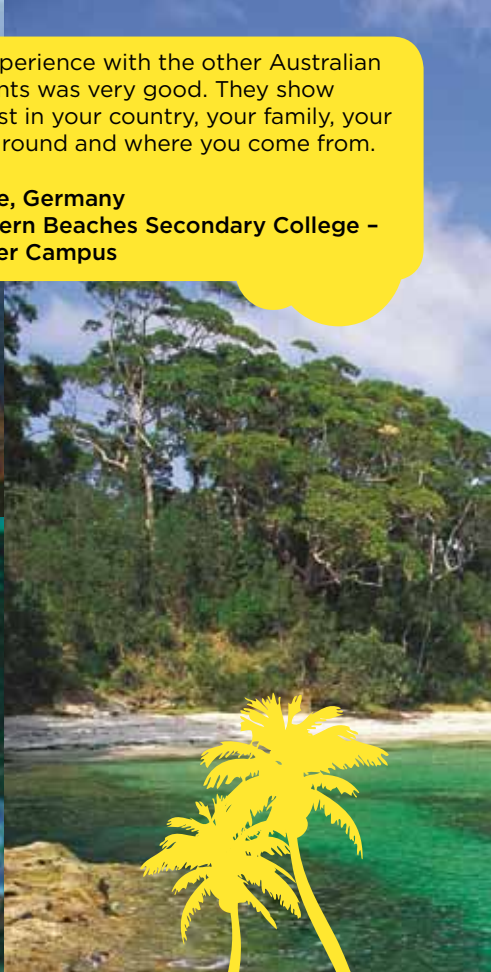


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Raissa, Brazil  
Northern Beaches Secondary College – Cromer Campus

My experience with the other Australian students was very good. They show interest in your country, your family, your background and where you come from.

**Leonie, Germany**  
**Northern Beaches Secondary College -**  
**Cromer Campus**



## Holiday sightseeing

To make the most of your study abroad experience, students can travel within Australia during school vacations on a number of approved tours. These tours are safe and fully-escorted by trained teachers.

Tours are offered at the end of each academic term and include a variety of destinations:

- » Blue Mountains
- » Sydney day tours
- » Great Barrier Reef, Queensland
- » Melbourne, Victoria
- » Brisbane, Queensland
- » Gold Coast, Queensland theme parks

Contact your agent or the DEC International Students Centre for further tour information.

Please note: Independent travel by study abroad students is not allowed in any circumstance.





**For a preview of your  
Australian study abroad  
experience view this DVD.**

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The information in this brochure is correct as at July 2011. Tuition fees and overseas student health cover fees listed on our website are subject to review and/or change. It is advisable to contact the DEC International Students Centre or (for up-to-date information) visit our website [www.internationalschool.edu.au](http://www.internationalschool.edu.au).