



Ashton English

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Course Guide | 2017 - 2018



Dear Prospective Student,

I wish to introduce you to the ELICOS faculty of Ashton College, namely Ashton English. We are proud of our courses, academic quality, and most importantly, the culture that is illustrated in our values.

Ashton College is committed to assisting students achieve their aspirations, whether they are aiming to learn English, vocational education, gain employment or career progression. Ashton College values our students as individuals and offers an outstanding educational experience that provides great opportunities to excel.

I am Will Stanley and I have 25 years professional experience in the English Language Teaching industry and have worked with international students in Melbourne's finest secondary and tertiary institutions. As the Academic Director at Ashton English, I lead an ELICOS department of professional and fully qualified teachers who are committed to achieving successful outcomes for their students. All of our English language teachers are dynamic, enthusiastic, knowledgeable, possess vast experience of teaching English to international students and are dedicated to making your student experience at Ashton College both positive and productive.

I want to reassure you that your faith in us will have a rewarding outcome. Once you are here, you are in the care of a supportive and welcoming team. We wish you every success in your endeavours.

WILL STANLEY

ACADEMIC DIRECTOR, ASHTON ENGLISH



Why Australia

Australia is the world's sixth-largest country by total area and has a population of approximately 24 million people, with most people living in the 6 major cities of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and Darwin. The country is split into 6 states and 2 territories being: Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Northern Territory, Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania and the capital Canberra.

Australia has many attractions for International students including a high quality education system, climate, great lifestyle, sports, beaches, strong industries, and to many, considered as the land of opportunity.

Australia's popularity as an education destination for International students is forecast to continue long term, fuelled by the economy's continued steady growth, high standards of living and lifestyle opportunities among numerous other factors. Australia's vocational education and training (VET) sector enables students to gain practical qualifications.

Did You Know

- More than 85% of the population of Australia live within 50 km of the coast.
- Australia was the second country in the world to allow women to vote.
- In 1880, Melbourne was the richest city in the world.
- It is the most culturally diverse city, people from more than 200 countries call Melbourne home.
- Nearly half of the population was born overseas or have a parent who was born overseas.
- English is Australia's national language, however more than 230 languages and dialects are spoken.



Living in Melbourne

Melbourne – the most livable city!

Melbourne is known for its magnificent lifestyle and has once again won the award for the most liveable city in 2016, making it its sixth win for 6 consecutive years, as reported by the Economic Intelligence Unit's annual survey. It is a city of endless opportunities with high quality education, entertainment, tourism and sports. Every year Melbourne is the hub for many different types of events which include, The Melbourne Cup, Australian Open, Comedy Festival and Formula 1 among others. Melbourne comprises a multi-cultural community that enjoys entertainment, food and fashion which makes it an exciting and vibrant city to visit and live in.

Melbourne has a reputation as a destination of choice for students all over the world. Its renowned student services and high standards of education places Melbourne in a top notch position as one of the world's top five cities for students.



Footscray Campus (Main Campus)

Our Footscray campus is approximately a 5 minute walk from Footscray Train Station. We are located 3 metro stops from Melbourne CBD. There are many restaurants and public transport access within walking distance of the college. Students enjoy the ease and comfort of studying at Ashton College.

Address: 213 Nicholson Street, Footscray 3011 VIC Melbourne

Train lines: towards Werribee, Williamstown, Sunbury or Laverton.





English Programs

In 2012, Ashton English was formed to meet the English language proficiency needs for international students. Our ELICOS (English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students) program offers skills for all levels from elementary to advanced. ELICOS includes General English and three levels of English for Academic Purposes. During the course, students may pursue a pathway to our Business and Automotive courses, and subsequent tertiary qualifications. We also prepare students for PTE-A, and we are recognised by Pearson as a PTE-A preparation centre.


At Ashton, we pride ourselves on focusing not only on speaking, listening, reading and writing skills, but grammar and vocabulary development as well. Students have access to support services, computer laboratories, excursions, and language activities to enhance their multicultural learning experience in Australia.

All Ashton English trainers have appropriate graduate and postgraduate qualifications and are equipped with a wealth of practical teaching experience.

ELICOS - General English

 **Duration:** 10 - 50 weeks

ELICOS - English for Academic Purposes

 **Duration:** 10 - 30 weeks

ELICOS - English for High School Preparation

 **Duration:** 12 - 36 weeks

Our ELICOS Levels

English for Academic Purposes	Not Available		Intermediate	Upper intermediate	Advanced
General English	Elementary	Pre Intermediate	Intermediate	Upper Intermediate	Advanced
English for High School Preparation	Not Available	Pre Intermediate	Intermediate	Upper Intermediate	Not Available
PTE	10 - 20	20 - 29	29 - 36	36 - 50	50 +
IELTS	2.0 - 3.0	3.0 – 4.0	4.0 – 5.0	5.0 – 6.0	6.0 +

General English / CRICOS: 081502G

The General English course at Ashton College promises to assist students achieve either their career or educational goals. The course is carefully designed to address all the macro skills - reading, listening, writing and speaking, as well as grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation skills and intercultural communication. The training conducted at Ashton College is effective as it progresses in an engaging and effective manner.

Course aim

The General English course aims to provide core English language skills. All students will develop the necessary skills to communicate effectively and confidently in a diverse range of topics encountered everyday.

Entry requirements

Students must complete an entry level test before enrolling in the General English course, be 18 years and above who have satisfactorily completed year 11 or equivalent.

What is this course about?

Students entering the five levels of the General English course at Ashton English will have many reasons for studying English in an English speaking country which can include basic English for travel, gaining part time employment, creating a pathway towards studying in Australia at a tertiary level or to have an international experience while improving English language skills for personal reasons.

Intakes

Every Monday



We **LEARN** from the diversity that surrounds us.

How to apply?

Contact us for more information or apply through one of our partners agencies around the world (see the agencies list on our website).

Fees

For further fee information please visit our website ashtoncollege.edu.au or see the "2017 Fees" section at the back of this brochure.

 **Duration:** 10 - 50 weeks

 **Levels:** Elementary - Advanced



“ I really like the atmosphere in Ashton College. I have made a lot of new friends in my classmates, who are from all over the world, this makes learning exiting!

My teacher is always very supportive of me and my classmates and he makes sure to pay special attention to any parts of the course that I don't understand. He makes sure that we all get the most from our studies. Ashton English has helped me learn and practice all of my English skills in writing, reading, speaking and listening - I always feel that I am improving and growing! ”

James Goris - Sweden

English for Academic Purposes / CRICOS: 081503F

The English for Academic Purposes course is designed specifically for International students who intend to study in Australia, in the VET or Higher Education sector. The course aims to prepare students with the necessary research skills to succeed in further education and to familiarise them with the expectations placed upon them as tertiary level students in Australia.

Course aim

The course aims to orient students to the demands of studying in Australia, familiarizing them with: research, referencing and study methods, essay construction and writing types, academic listening and lecture note taking, discussion and tutorial participation skills, reading and critical thinking, completing projects and preparing and giving an oral presentation.

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 **Duration:** 10 - 30 weeks

 **Levels:** Intermediate - Advanced

Entry requirements

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“My favourite part of my studies at Ashton College is all of the new friends that I have made from all over the world. It is very interesting to meet people from other cultures and practice our English together - it makes it very fun! My teacher is very kind, helpful and patient. She explains every aspect of what we are studying in detail and makes sure that we properly understand it. Since beginning my studies with Ashton English I have definitely really improved my English in all aspects.”

Florence Tan - Malaysia


We **INSPIRE** the lives we teach and engage with.

English for High School Preparation / CRICOS: 081502G

The English for High School Preparation course (EHSP) has been developed to meet the needs of students who seek the academic and English language skills necessary for study in Australian secondary schools. The course structure is based around the core subject of English as a Second Language and runs over a twelve week period. Additional to the core unit, there are: Literacy Focus on Maths and Read and Respond to Australian Texts.

 **Duration:** 12 - 36 weeks

Course aim

The aims of EHSP are twofold; to develop the range of English language skills necessary for successful secondary school study and to introduce overseas students to the Australian secondary school system and the broader Australian cultural experience. Students can also expect to learn about Australian sports, local popular culture and to spend time becoming familiar with Melbourne.

Entry requirements

Overseas or non-English speaking students between the ages of 14 and 18 who have satisfactory language proficiency - IELTS overall score of 3.0 or equivalent.

Assessment Arrangements

These include written tests, essays, oral presentations, reading tests, listening tests, and observation checklists.

Teaching Mode

Face to Face

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Units / Modules

The course is modular and covers areas such as reading, writing, English language, maths and the study of Australian texts at three proficiency levels.

English as a Second Language	
Level 1	Pre-Intermediate English Skills
Level 2	Intermediate English Skills
Level 3	Upper Intermediate English Skills
Literacy Focus on Maths	
Level 1	Getting the Basics Right
Level 2	The Language of Fractions & Number Theory
Level 3	The Language of Shape & Measurement
Read and Respond to Australian Texts	
Level 1	Town
Level 2	Riding the Black Cockatoo
Level 3	Growing Up Asian in Australia

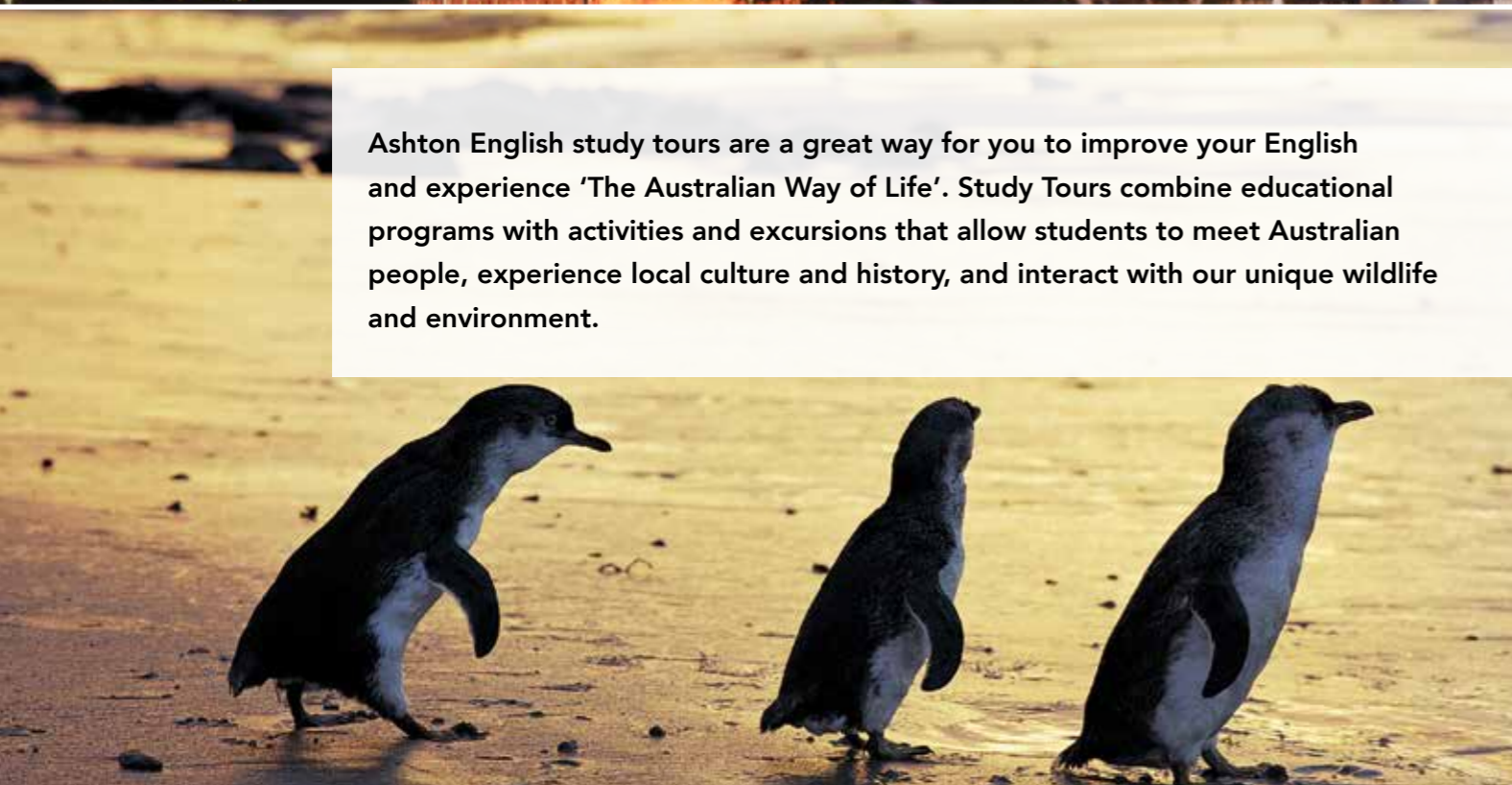



We **CHALLENGE** minds to be catalyst of change.

STUDY TOURS AT ASHTON ENGLISH



Ashton English study tours are a great way for you to improve your English and experience 'The Australian Way of Life'. Study Tours combine educational programs with activities and excursions that allow students to meet Australian people, experience local culture and history, and interact with our unique wildlife and environment.



Why Choose Ashton English Study Tours?

Ashton English will customise a Study Tour to suit your specific requirements with the following options available:

- You can choose your own activities and excursions
- Available to both small and large groups
- Visits to Melbourne Schools, Colleges and Universities
- Offered to both student and teachers
- Assistance with the entire process of booking and arranging of your stay in Australia
- Full Australian cultural immersion secured through a tailored program
- Airport Pickup
- Caring homestay accommodation
- Interpreters are available
- Lots of activities, excursions and photo opportunities



Our study tours are excellent value for money and include a high level of support and care from our team and a graduation ceremony where participants are presented with a certificate of completion at the end of the tour.



We can also include subjects/classes from the below list in your study tour program. For example -:

- ELICOS – English
- Hospitality – cookery
- Automotive – repair your car
- Business – customer service/ business etiquette
- Train the Teachers program (teachers and staff only)

Duration: As requested by your group, with a minimum of 2 weeks.

To request a Study Tour itinerary and quote, please contact us at studytours@ashtoncollege.edu.au or by phone at +61 3 9349 2488.



Student Care and Support



Accommodation Arrangement

We assist our students by placing them with expert and considerate homestay families to absorb the Australian culture and lifestyle. Temporary and independent accommodation services are available, please request them at the time of completing your application form.

Airport Pick Up Services

Ashton English can arrange for students to be met at the airport by a member of our friendly staff and taken to their accommodation. Students must inform us of this when completing their application form. Students who are under 18 years on the date that a Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) is issued by Ashton English will be required to use the airport pickup service.

Orientation

An orientation program delivered to new students at Ashton English before course commencement involves familiarisation of living and studying in Melbourne and provides the opportunity for new classmates to interact and meet each other.

Medical and Health Cover

Ashton English can arrange Overseas Student Health Cover (OHSC) on student's behalf. In accordance with the conditions set out in student visas by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, international students are required to have OHSC during their study period in Australia. OHSC can cover some of the medical costs incurred by students. Please indicate on your application form if you would like us to arrange it for you.

Student Wellbeing

At Ashton English, student welfare is our priority. We strive to create a safe and caring environment for our students while nurturing their drive to explore and enjoy the fruitful student available life in Melbourne. Our staff are always on hand to offer support and guidance to students and if we cannot help internally, we can refer students to external sources.

Complaints and Appeals

Ashton English has an internal and external complaints and appeals process which can be viewed in the student handbook located on our website. For more information on student services, please visit our website which also details all of our policies and procedures and student handbook.

Student's Rights and Responsibilities in Australia

The International Office is there to help students with any questions they may have about the laws in Australia and provide guidance on any major differences between their country and Australia. They can also assist students in contacting Study in Melbourne & Victoria, an official government gateway, for advice regarding international students' rights and responsibilities.

General Support

The Ashton English International Office located in Melbourne is a one-stop place for students and parents to request general information and assistance. All are welcome to contact International Office by walking in, phone (+61 3 93492344) or via email: international@ashtoncollege.edu.au. All student support services offered at Ashton English are at no cost to students. However any services obtained at external specialist will be paid by the student.

Academic Support

Ashton English staff will support students academically during their study and make full effort to assist students to maximise their potential and academic targets. We take a collaborative approach with our students to make them as involved in their learning as possible. This is particularly important for new international students studying in Australia.

If a student is struggling academically or if they feel that the level of English assigned to them is not suitable they can meet with the Academic Director and a unique study plan will be devised for them or to talk about the best option for them. Teachers give students regular detailed feedback and an array of homework options are available to cater for the needs of every individual.

We will take all reasonable steps to ensure that we provide students with their intended course of study once their enrolment has been confirmed. In the unlikely event of Ashton English being unable to fulfil our commitment in the provision of the selected course at the agreed date we will offer students a refund as set out in our Fees and Refunds policy.

Community Connections

Ashton English maintains relationships with a number of community initiatives and not-for-profit organisations to offer students the opportunity to get involved in various activities and events outside of the classroom. This also provides students with a platform to improve their English through social interactions with local Australians and many other cultures.

Library Services

We strongly encourage our students to avail of the books in the College. Student can obtain additional books and learning material upon request from their teacher. Ashton English will also assist you in applying for library cards from Melbourne City Library and State Library Victoria along with the local library near our campus in Footscray to borrow books and avail of their excellent study facilities.

Additional information for EHSP Students

Care and Safety

Ashton English is a friendly and secure place for students to study. Every student is valued as an individual and our staff are dedicated to meeting their academic needs and personal welfare requirements. The emergency phone line 1800Ashton is available for students to call 24hrs a day if they require any urgent assistance or via email: international@ashtoncollege.edu.au.

Pathway to Secondary Schools

We are committed to assisting our students in smoothly transitioning into leading Australian public and private high schools on completion of the EHSP program. Through our close relationships with schools, agents and other educational organisations, Ashton English can support the placement of students in prestigious schools. Please contact the international office for further information.

Performance Supervision

Students are encouraged to use English throughout the entire day while at school. Academic and social activities will be supervised and a formal report will be sent to parents and/or guardians after each level. Parents and guardians are welcome to contact administration office for their child's most up to date progress report at any stage of the program.

Optional Service for EHSP Students

Ashton English provides the following optional service to EHSP students, listed below. The items have been collated to support a stress free stay transition to Melbourne. Please note this service incurs additional charges which must be paid at the time of letter of offer.

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These items are offered as a package only:

SIM Card Preparation

Pre-paid SIM cards will be registered and activated for students before their arrival in Melbourne. International Office staff will offer one-to-one support to help students learn how to top up their phone credit and how to use plans within Australia. (A SIM Card Fee and an AUD\$30 voucher have been included.)

Student Myki Card Preparation

A Myki Card is a re-usable, credit card sized smartcard that stores value which is used as payment for public transport fares around Melbourne and surrounding suburbs.

A student Myki Card with 4 weeks fare will be prepared for students. International Office staff will offer one-to-one guide to teach students how to use public transportation systems in Melbourne.

Bank Account Open Assistance

International Office staff will go to the bank with students to help them open an Australianbank account.

Secondary School Enrolment Assistant

International Office staff will contact the secondary school where students intend to enrol, and help them complete necessary documents required.

Campus Visit and Interview Transfer

International Office staffwill take students to visit the secondary school campuses before completing their EHSP in Ashton English and attend interviews (if required) up to 2 times.

Homestay re-arrangement and transfer

After completing theEHSP program in Ashton English, students will usually change to another homestay family close to the secondary school. International Office staff will arrange new homestay families, if required, and help students transition over to their new accommodation by introducing them to the new family. Transport of belongings to the new located is the responsibility of the student.



ASHTON College Pathways

English for High School Preparation (EHSP)

Ashton English has established articulation arrangements between our English for High School Preparation (EHSP) program and selected high schools in Victoria. With our expanding network of partner schools, students and parents can receive convenient and reliable advice and assistance in finding the most suitable secondary school for them.

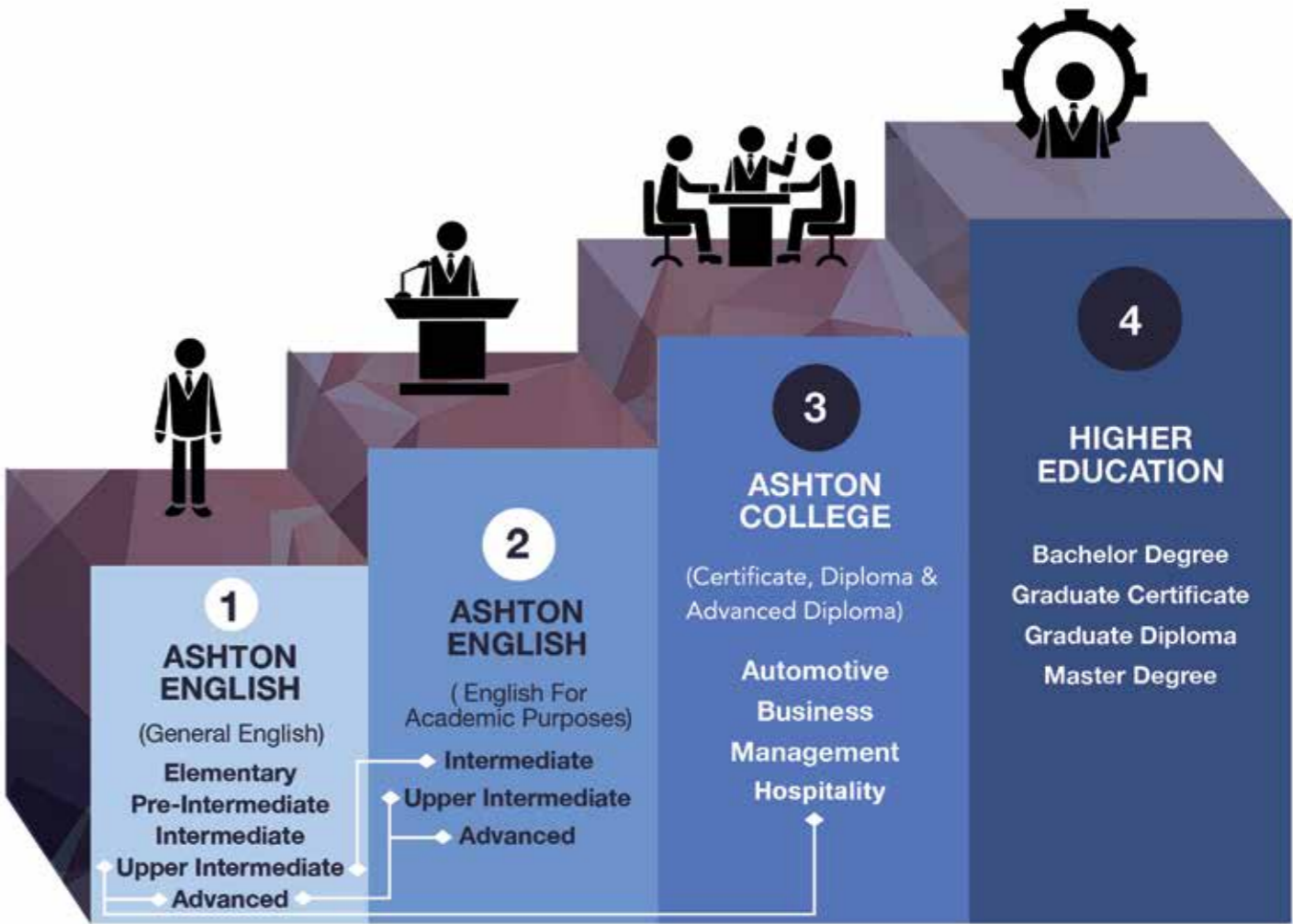
At Ashton English we are proud of the wonderful services we have available for helping our students with submitting applications and packaging offer letters from over 130 schools across State of Victoria. For more information on which school to choose, please contact us at info@ashtoncollege.edu.au OR

Please refer to Ashton English website for the latest school list and general entry requirements. <http://www.ashtoncollege.edu.au>

Note - The above partnership services will be supported by Ashton College, Ashton English and its alliance partners.

Pathways to Further Study after General English and English for Academic Purposes

Ashton College have range of courses available in Business, Automotive and Cookery. For more information please visit our website www.ashtoncollege.edu.au.



Living Cost in Australia /

Here are some of the costs associated with living in Australia. According to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, you will need a minimum of \$19,830 (excluding tuition fee) to cover health services, accommodation, food, transport, books, clothing, entertainment and other expenses.

2017 Fees

Enrolment Fees - \$250 (non-refundable)

Course Title	Campus	Course Duration	Tuition Fee	Material Fee	Intake Dates
General English	Footscray	10 to 50 weeks	\$225 per week	\$100 per level	Weekly Intake
English For Academic Purposes	Footscray	10 to 30 weeks	\$265 per week	\$100 per level	Weekly Intake
English for High School Preparation	Footscray	12 to 36 weeks	\$360 per week	\$200 per level	Visit website or contact college
				Fees (AUD)	
Overseas Student health Cover (OHSC)	Single Policy			\$47 per month	
	Couple's Policy			\$242 per month	
	Family's Policy			\$426 per month	
Accommodation and Airport Pickup	Airport Pickup			\$150	
	Accommodation Placement			\$250	
	Homestay accommodation (over 18yrs)			\$300 per week	
	Homestay accommodation (under 18yrs)			\$350 per week	
	Guardian Placement fee			\$275	
	Guardian fee			\$65 per week	
Others	EHSP students (optional services fee)			\$650	

- Fees are correct at the time of printing. However, they may be subject to change without further notice.
- Enrolment fee of \$250 is non-refundable.
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OHSC) provided by Bupa is the preferred Overseas Student Health Cover provider of Ashton English. Single Policy cover for student only. A student is defined as the primary student visa holder. Couples Policy cover for the student and their partner as listed on the student's dependant visa. Family's policy covers for the student, their partner and their dependent children under 18 years of age if they live with the student in Australia. Family policy covers for the student, their partner and their dependent children under 18 years of age if they live with the student in Australia. Fees mentioned above are approximate. More information about fee can be found on Bupa website <https://www.bupa.com.au/health-insurance/overseas-students/oshc>
- Homestay fees must be paid for 4 weeks in advance. The bond deposit of 4 weeks is also required. The bond is refundable at the end of Homestay arrangement provided there is no money owing for unpaid rent, bills or damage and appropriate notice is given (two weeks) in written.
- Students who are under 18 years on a Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) issued by Ashton College will be required to use the Ashton English airport pickup service.
- Guardian fee – Ashton College can provide long and short term guardianship for students. Our fees have been structured to allow us to provide quality care at the lowest possible cost.
- EHSP students (optional services) is not a mandatory service. If parents do require these optional services they need to pay this fees at the time of letter of offer. Once these fees are paid, it not refundable.
- All fees (except enrolment fees \$ 250) are refundable in case if student visa is rejected. Refund will be made within28 days of receiving the rejection letter.
- For fees and refunds please visit website ashtoncollege.edu.au for further information.

How to Apply?

- Decide what course you want to study at Ashton English**
For more information go to our website www.ashtoncollege.edu.au
- Check entry requirements for your chosen course**
Prepare supportive documents in English
- Apply for the course**
You can apply for a course directly to us or through one of our chosen education agents. (See the list on www.ashtoncollege.edu.au)
- If you are successful Ashton English will send you a Letter of Offer**
- Sign the Letter of Acceptance**
- Making the payment**
Bank Transfer
Bank Name: WESTPAC
Account Name: Ashton College
BSB: 033 - 005
Account Number: 363127
Swift Code for International Payment: WPACAU2S
Or
Credit card payment, we accept VISA and MASTERCARD
**Transaction fees may apply*
- Receive a Confirmation of Enrolment (COE)**
- Apply for your visa**
- For more information about our policies, please visit our website www.ashtoncollege.edu.au**
- Plan your arrival**





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