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**TaylorsCollege**

# Pre-Arrival Guide

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Perth, Australia



# Welcome to Taylors College Perth

## The pathway to the University of Western Australia.



### Dear student

Welcome to Taylors College located at the University of Western Australia, Claremont!

We are looking forward to meeting you shortly. In the meantime we thought it would be useful for you to have some helpful information to prepare for your move to Perth, Western Australia.

Contained in this booklet you will find information on Perth, what to expect upon your arrival in the city, and important information in respect to commencing studies at Taylors College.

Safe travels!  
Sincerely,

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### 2020 Important Dates

Date	Holiday
1 Jan	New Year's Day
26 Jan	Australia Day
27 Jan	Australia Day Holiday
2 Mar	Labour Day
10 Apr	Good Friday
13 Apr	Easter Monday
25 Apr	ANZAC Day
27 Apr	ANZAC Day Holiday
1 Jun	Western Australia Day
28 Sep	Queen's Birthday
25 Dec	Christmas Day
26 Dec	Boxing Day
28 Dec	Boxing Day Holiday



### Taylors College Contact Information

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### Emergency Numbers

Student Emergency Phone: 0424 267 050  
(24 hour/7 days a week)

Police, Fire or Ambulance: 000  
(Life-threatening emergency)

Police Assistance: 131 444  
(Non Life-threatening emergency)

After Hours Doctor: 1800 022 222

### 2020 Intake Dates

Program	Intake Date
AEP	January 13
UWAFP <sup>SE</sup>	January 20
AEP	February 17
Diploma	February 24
AEP	March 23
UWAFP <sup>I</sup>	April 14
AEP	May 4
AEP	June 8
Diploma	June 22
UWAFP <sup>SE</sup>	July 13
AEP	July 27
AEP	August 31
UWAFP <sup>I</sup>	October 5
AEP	October 12
Diploma	October 19
AEP	November 16

<sup>SE</sup> Standard & Extended <sup>I</sup> Intensive

# Pre-Arrival Tasks

### Organise Prior to Arriving on Campus

- Arrange your passport and visa for entry into Australia
- Set up your accommodation for:  
UWA residential Colleges: please visit [livingoncampus.uwa.edu.au](http://livingoncampus.uwa.edu.au)  
Homestay: please visit [isaa.net.au](http://isaa.net.au) or contact Jodie at [jodie@isaa.net.au](mailto:jodie@isaa.net.au)
- Follow our social media accounts to begin getting acquainted with the campus and connect with fellow students. Information on social media can be found below (bottom right).

### Complete Pre-Arrival Modules

Together with your Letter of Offer, you would have received some pre-arrival information. To help with the transition from your home country to Australia and to help prepare you for your journey, we have created some online modules to assist with your learning in Australia prior to your Orientation Day. Be sure to complete these so you feel more prepared for life in Australia.

### Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

As a stipulation of your visa you are required to obtain overseas student health cover. Our campus-elected provider is Allianz. If you have opted to use Allianz, your healthcare information will be available on campus during orientation. If you have decided to go with another health insurance provider, you are responsible for knowing your health cover details.

### Accommodation

If you are under 18 you are required to live in homestay. If you want to live in College accommodation you must request to do so through the UWA residential portal at [livingoncampus.uwa.edu.au](http://livingoncampus.uwa.edu.au)

### Immigration Information

You will need to have a current student visa whilst studying in Australia. To apply for a visa you will need to contact the Australian Diplomatic Mission (Australian High Commission, consulate, or embassy) in your home country. Please note that it can take up to six months to be granted this visa.




### What are the steps to applying for a student visa?

1. Fill in our online application form to study at Taylors College ([www.taylorsperth.edu.au](http://www.taylorsperth.edu.au)).
2. Once we have received and assessed your application and you meet entry requirements we will send you a Letter of Offer. If you are from a country deemed a higher migration risk by the Australian government, screening under the genuine temporary entrant (GTE) requirements will apply. Further information can be found at [immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/genuine-temporary-entrant](http://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/genuine-temporary-entrant)
3. Pay your academic fees.
4. Once we have received payment we will send an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE). If you are under 18 you will need to take necessary extra steps to make sure you have appropriate accommodation and welfare arrangements.
5. You will need to have a medical check and x-ray at an authorised medical office.
6. Submit your visa application form, supporting documents, and fee to the Australian Diplomatic Mission in your country.

Any other questions relating to immigration please visit [taylorsperth.edu.au/how-to-apply/visa-information](http://taylorsperth.edu.au/how-to-apply/visa-information)

### Follow us on Social Media

 Follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/taylorscollegeperth](https://facebook.com/taylorscollegeperth)

 Share your photos on Instagram using our hashtag **#TaylorsPerth** or tag us: **@taylorscollegeperth**

# Plan Your Arrival

## Arrival Information



### BIG Taylors Welcome

We are very excited for you to arrive and look forward to making you feel welcome. Our BIG Taylors Welcome means we will meet and greet you at the airport (you will receive more information about this so you can plan your travel dates), we celebrate your first day of Orientation with a BIG breakfast on the lawn and we promise lots of fun as you get to make new friends with a social event.

### No pre-arranged pick up from the airport

If you have not coordinated an airport pick up you will need to utilise either public transportation or a taxi service to get to your accommodation.

### Swan Taxi 13 13 30

Please note that there will most likely be taxis waiting outside the airport that you could also catch.

### Trans Perth Services

You should download the Trans Perth App on your smartphone. This will allow you to plan your journey via bus to your accommodation.

### Hotels and Temporary Housing

Taylors does not offer temporary housing or hotel stays. There are however many hotels in Perth city and the surrounding areas. A campus-preferred hotel close to UWA is St Catherine's on Park. Use the code "Taylors" to receive a 10% discount on rooms.

St Catherine's on Park  
2 Park Road, Crawley WA 6009  
+61 (08) 9442 0585



### Items to Bring

Prepare well in advance. Last-minute packing will only add more stress, so plan ahead and worry less during your travel. Only pack what is necessary and make a list of things to buy once you arrive and get settled.

### Packing List

- All necessary immigration documents (passport/visa)
- Power adaptor for electronics (voltage in Australia is 240V)
- Items that remind you of home (photos, music, etc.)
- Bilingual dictionary or electronic translator
- Spending money (for taxi from airport, items for your room)
- Clothes and shoes for a variety of weather conditions (from summer shorts and t-shirts to warmer winter items from a coat, gloves shoes etc)

### Buy after Arrival

- Computer
- Full-size toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.)
- Bedding and homeware necessities
- Food (Australia has strict rules on food being brought into the country)

For further information on what you can bring into Australia, please view the Australian Government website;

[agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity](http://agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity)

# Arriving on Campus

## On the first day of school you will go through orientation.

During orientation you will learn the ins and outs of campus life here at Taylors. You will be introduced to your program curriculum and get set up with everything you need for your studies. This includes: receiving your student ID card, receiving your timetable, setting up your student email, learning about library and printing services, touring campus, and getting to know your fellow classmates and teachers.

Orientation day will also include important workshops that are aimed to help you acclimate to your time in Perth. You will have a chance to:

- set up a bank account
- receive a Public Transportation card
- learn about the city of Perth and International student resources

We are here to help, so if you get lost on your way to campus or are sick on Orientation, please give us a call on 6462 1300 or after hours on 0424 267 050.

### Important reminders about Orientation Day:

- Remember to bring your passport, visa and laptop to orientation
- Food will be provided
- You will accomplish all tasks relating to getting started at school this day, there is no need to prepare ahead of time



### Accommodation

Homestay provides international students with a safe, clean, and well-supervised home environment. You will be provided with your own furnished room, laundry facilities, internet, and telephone access. Your homestay will also provide you with two meals a day.

### Living on College Row

There are five university accommodation sites at Taylors, St Catherine's, St Thomas More College, University Hall, St George's College and Trinity College. These are all a short bus ride from the Claremont campus. UWA residences have a strong sense of diversity and community. Living in these residences gives you the opportunity to live and socialise with UWA students. Meals are provided every day and most offer other services such as cleaning, tutorials, WiFi and gym facilities.

For information or queries about:

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Homestay: please visit [isaa.net.au](http://isaa.net.au) or contact

**Jodie at [jodie@isaa.net.au](mailto:jodie@isaa.net.au)**

### Campus Safety

UWA Campus Security serves the UWA Crawley and Claremont campuses to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff. Here are some general things you can do to keep yourself safe as well:

- Be aware of your environment: don't walk alone late at night and always keep valuables out of sight.
- Do not leave your belongings unattended.
- Keep your cell phone charged in case you need it during an emergency.
- Dial 000 if it is a life threatening emergency.

### Academics

Your program requirements will be slightly different from your classmates' depending on your instructor(s) and program. However, all students will learn about the following basic policies at new student orientation:

- Attendance
- Academic integrity
- Immigration requirements
- General classroom expectations

### Social Program

Taylors College has a vast social program, with various activities running each week. Whatever your hobbies, Taylors will have an activity to suit you. You will learn more about the activities on campus along with the social calendar during orientation. Please note that some of these activities will cost money so make sure you plan ahead when budgeting for your terms.

In addition to social programs at Taylors, you are also able to join the Student Guild at UWA, giving you access to many resources for UWA students. They currently have hundreds of clubs and organisations based on cultures, faiths, degrees of study, hobbies, and more. You will also learn more about that on campus however you can start to acquaint yourself through their webpage [uwastudentguild.com](http://uwastudentguild.com)

# About Perth

Perth is the capital and largest city in the Australian state of Western Australia. It is the fourth most populous city in Australia. Perth is known for its picturesque beaches and natural parklands.



## Basic Information

Population 2,190,000

Distance to popular travel destinations in WA  
 Fremantle ..... 35 min  
 Margaret River ..... 3.5 hours  
 Esperance ..... 7.5 hours  
 Broome ..... 24 hours  
 Coral Bay Reef ..... 11.5 hours

## Smoking & Alcohol

Smoking is banned in all indoor areas and outdoor eating areas. Tobacco is heavily taxed in Australia so expect to pay close to \$25 per pack of cigarettes.

The legal drinking age in Australia is 18.

## Popular Activities

Perth is known for the many outdoor activities that can be undertaken, particularly relating to water. There are many kayaking, sailing, and surfing areas in Perth. Popular beaches include Cottesloe Beach, City Beach, and Scarborough Beach.

Perth also has an active arts community. There are also various theatres and music venues located throughout Perth, popular music venues include Kings Park and Fremantle Arts Centre.

Western Australia is also home to some amazing vineyards and wineries. Swan Valley is the closest wine region to Perth with Margaret River and Dunsborough roughly 3 hours drive south.



## Weather

Perth is pretty temperate all year round.

Winters tend to have a low levels of rain and summers can get quite hot. Below are average temperature ranges for the different seasons, but keep in mind that some days will be much colder or warmer than listed. Plan to bring clothing for a variety of weather conditions.

Summer (December-February) 17.5-32 ° C

Autumn (March-May) 13.7-26 ° C

Winter (June-August) 8-19 ° C

Spring (September-November) 11.7-23 ° C

## Sun Safety

We advise you to take care in the sun and take the following steps to protect your skin and ensure you are sun safe:

1. Wear at least SPF 30 sunscreen and reapply every few hours
2. Wear a hat, preferably a hat that also protects your neck
3. Wear loose covering clothing
4. Stay hydrated
5. Sit in shaded areas

## Spiritual Centres

No matter your religion or faith, you can find a welcoming spiritual community in the Perth area. UWA also has many faith-based student groups.

# Life in Australia

If this is your first time living in Australia, it is good to prepare yourself for the adjustment period that typically comes with an international move.



## Tips for Cultural Success:

- Have a sense of humour. Being able to laugh when things don't go as you expect helps ease the stress of the situation.
- Expect a different educational system from your home country. For example, Australian instructors expect students to actively participate in class.
- Get involved in your community and campus. You will feel more comfortable in your new living environment by developing relationships.
- Be patient and give yourself time to go through the process of adjusting to your new home.
- Take care of yourself. Eat well, exercise, and learn relaxation techniques.

## Australian Etiquette Basics

It is difficult to generalise any culture into universal "dos and don'ts", but below are generally acceptable guidelines for being polite in Australia

- Australians are very down to earth and do not give the impression that they are better than others, they value modesty. This includes academic achievements.
- Australians place a large value on "mates" or friends.

- Australians are not very formal; at initial meetings they often use first names and introduce themselves with a handshake and smile.
- Table manners are very important, hold the fork in your left hand, and knife in the right while eating. Indicate you are done eating by laying your knife and fork parallel on your plate. Keep elbows off of the table while eating.
- Treat others as you would like to be treated. Be calm, respectful, and polite with anyone you meet.
- Staring is considered impolite. On the other hand, when you are talking with someone, it is important to maintain regular eye contact to show you are interested in the conversation.
- People generally greet each other with handshakes and do not touch during conversation unless they are close friends or relatives. This is especially important when men and women interact.
- Littering (throwing away garbage) is very impolite. For example, if you smoke, you should put your cigarette ends in a trash can when you are done.

## Budgeting

A budget is simply a plan on how you will spend your money. We encourage you to prepare a monthly budget to avoid the risk of overspending. A budget will also help you save for the future. Saving money is important if you have an unexpected or emergency expense, or if you would like to make a larger purchase later.

## Approximate prices in Perth:

- Mobile phone service: \$80-\$100/month
- Movie ticket: \$15-20 in town
- Dinner at a restaurant: \$20-30/per person + GST
- Coffee: \$4-5 per cup

We look forward to meeting you!

# TaylorCollege

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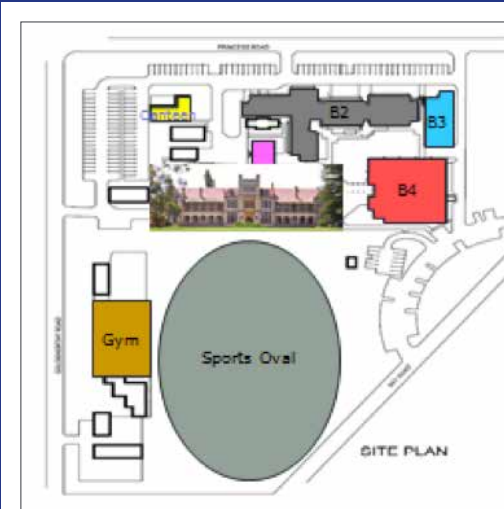
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### Building 2

- Reception
- Student Services staff
- College Management
- Classrooms
- Staffrooms

### Building 3

- Science and Maths classrooms and labs
- Science and Maths staffrooms

### Building 4

- Library
- Classrooms
- Student common area
- Table tennis and pool table
- Computer area

### Canteen

- Hot and cold food & drinks
- Microwaves
- Seating areas



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