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Photographer of the Year – Alf Coruana

AUSTRALIA

Advanced Diploma of Photography

International Student Information Guide



Photography Studies College
(Melbourne)
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**Welcome to
Photography Studies College
located in the vibrant city
of Melbourne, Australia...**

About Photography Studies College (PSC)

Photography Studies College (PSC) is a leading specialised tertiary photographic college, focused on learning, innovation and contemporary industry practice. With thirty - eight years of experience, PSC is committed to excellence and enjoys an international reputation for its outstanding course and award-winning graduates and students.

The Advanced Diploma of Photography is unique to PSC and offers specialisation studies in Commercial Photography, Art Photography and Photojournalism. (For course information please see the Full Time Course Guide available at www.psc.edu.au/international)

Award Winning College and Students

PSC students are frequent winners of Australian Institute of Professional Photography (AIPP) awards at both state and national level. **In 2009 PSC was awarded the AIPP Australian Tertiary Institute of the Year and PSC student Alf Caruana the 2009 AIPP Australian Student Photographer of the Year.** In 2008 student Kohei Sato won the Advertising category at the (AIPP) Victorian Photography Student of the Year photography industry awards; this high level of achievement followed on from the previous year when, in 2007 our student won the (AIPP) Victorian Photography Student of the Year award. PSC graduates now work as photographers and image managers around the world in cities as diverse as New York and Dubai, London and Tokyo.

Course Dates

The Advanced Diploma of Photography takes three years of full time study to complete. The course commences in February each year and there are two semesters during the year; from February to June and July to November.

Why study at PSC?

At PSC you will find a rewarding and unique educational experience with:

- Smaller classes giving a better teacher to student ratio
- A choice of specialisation— the Advanced Diploma offers the opportunity to choose one of the key areas of photography (art/commercial/photojournalism) as a major stream within the final year of the course
- Learning with Australian photographers through our extensive final year mentor program
- Reasonable fees and costs

Pathway from PSC to RMIT University

PSC has its own unique credit transfer pathway arrangement for graduates of the Advanced Diploma of Photography course. A one-year degree conversion is available at RMIT University in Melbourne. This enables PSC graduates to obtain either the BA (Photography) or the BA (Fine Arts). In turn, students may then be eligible to undertake further studies e.g. Masters and Doctorates at universities throughout Australia and internationally.

Why Study Photography in Melbourne?

PSC'S Great City Location

PSC is located in Southbank, in the heart of Melbourne's vibrant arts and recreation precinct; only 10 minutes walk to the city centre and 5 minutes from Flinders Street railway station. PSC is within easy walking distance of a number of important contemporary galleries such as the National Gallery of Victoria, Ian Potter Centre at Federation Square and the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art.

About Melbourne

Melbourne is the second largest city in Australia and the capital of the southern state of Victoria. It features amongst the world's most liveable cities for its safe environment and well-developed infrastructure. It is an easy city to explore on foot or bicycle and has an accessible public transport system. Around 50,000 international students live in Melbourne, which has 3.5 million residents from over 140 nations and about 150 different languages are spoken in Victoria. 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

Arts, Culture and Lifestyle

Melbourne has a worldwide reputation as an exciting centre for the arts and photographic education. There is always something to do or see – which makes for many photo opportunities. Festival goers, sports fans, foodies, lovers of fashion, theatregoers, art lovers (photographers!) will enjoy the wide variety of restaurants, cafes, laneways and great shops.

Laneways, cafes and restaurants

Enjoy taking in the sights, eating and relaxing at the many vibrant cafes and bars scattered all around the inner city. Or just be inspired walking through the laneways and taking photographs.

Events

There are a wide range of events and festivals to whet your artistic appetite including, a large food and wine festival; sports festivals; Melbourne International Comedy Festival; Melbourne Fringe Festival; Melbourne International Film Festival and Melbourne International Arts Festival. Find out more at www.thatsmelbourne.com.au

Melbourne – a UNESCO City of Literature

Melbourne joins Edinburgh as the second City of Literature in the network of 12 creative cities. The title recognizes this city's rich literary culture, history and creative talent.

What does it cost to live in Melbourne?

Australia is an affordable and popular study destination and International students can work while studying in Australia. As a general guide, costs other than accommodation, such as food, transport, clothing and other living expenses could cost between AU\$8,000 to AU\$12,000* a year, depending on your lifestyle. More estimated costs found at www.studyinaustralia.gov.au

*The costs quoted here are only an indication of every day 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.





Applying to PSC

International students are required to complete the International Application Form (available for download at www.psc.edu.au/international) and satisfy all the following course entrance requirements:

- Evidence of completion of Secondary School Year 12 or equivalent, this is the minimum educational requirement (you must include certified transcripts of your results and any post secondary qualifications)
- A photographic folio of minimum 10 to 15 images *
- Details of any previous 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, equipment requirement costs, other course material costs and living expenses

*Your folio of images together with a visual diary or ideas journal must represent your ideas, concepts, processes, inspirations and abilities. The work should demonstrate creative potential and an aptitude for photography.

* *English Language Proficiency

International students require a sound level of English. Applicants from non-English speaking countries need to undertake a special test. The type of test required is the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The overall Band Score required by PSC is level 6.0. This is a pre requisite for course entry. Information about IELTS can be obtained at www.ielts.org/

Selection Criteria

Selection into the Advanced Diploma of Photography course is based on successfully meeting the course entrance requirements, presentation of a photographic folio and an interview. (If you are not in Australia a telephone or email interview can be arranged, please contact the Student Relations Officer on info@psc.edu.au. For those students already living in Australia attendance at an interview is required.)

RPL

PSC offers a recognition of prior learning (RPL) process. Further information is available from the Student Relations 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 from PSC. Successful applicants will then be required to complete the PSC International Enrolment Form and pay the relevant annual Tuition Fees and the Overseas Student Health Cover payment. Once these payments are received and confirmed an electronic confirmation of enrolment (eCoE) will be issued.

Annual Tuition Fees

The Advanced Diploma 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. A payment plan or an upfront discount is available for the relevant enrolment period. The international tuition fees are available from the Student Relations Officer email: info@psc.edu.au

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.

Additional Expenses

In addition to the tuition fees, there are essential equipment and material costs (refer to the PSC Full Time Course Guide for further details.) There are also visa application fees - more information on these fees available by following the links on www.immi.gov.au/students - and an annual fee for Overseas Student Health Cover.

Applying for a Student Visa

Information about applying for a Student Visa for Australia is available from the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) - at www.imm.gov.au/students

The Australian Education International websites are also very informative: www.dest.gov.au and www.studyinaustralia.gov.au

The Advanced Diploma course at PSC is registered in the Vocational Education and Training Sector. This means the visa you will be applying for is Subclass 572- Vocational Education and Training (VET).

Your will need:

- A current letter of offer into the Advanced Diploma 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.



Kohei Sato
From Osaka, Japan

Kohei recently won the 2008 Advertising Category at the Victorian Photography Student of the Year (VPSY) photography industry awards. His award winning photograph is featured here.

“I’ve enjoyed my time at PSC. It’s given me the opportunity to learn to communicate through my photography. The best thing about living here is the people that you meet and the chance to live in amongst another culture. Everyone has been very friendly and helpful.”



Photograph by Kohei Sato



Working While You Study

Please note that after 26 April 2008, applicants granted a student visa will automatically receive permission to work with their visa. You will be entitled to work once you commence your course of study.

Overseas Student Health Cover

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. PSC's OSHC provider is Medibank Private. For further information go to www.medibankprivate.com.au then go to Overseas Students tab.

The ESOS Framework for International Students

The ESOS framework provides quality education and protects the rights of international students in Australia. The framework can be read at: http://aei.gov.au/AEI/ESOS/QuickInfo/ESOS_FrameWork_pdf.pdf or go to the link a link on the PSC website under International Information.

Getting Settled

At PSC we work to ensure that all international students have a productive and fulfilling educational experience. Our Student Relations Officers are available to provide assistance with airport pick up, accommodation and settling in. In the first week of the course an orientation is conducted to ensure that all International Students are familiarised with PSC and studying and living in Australia. The PSC Student Handbook with the policies and rules that are applicable to students at PSC is available to view online at www.psc.edu.au go to International.

Need More Information?

Student Relations Officer

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Living Costs – 2011 update

All costs are in Australian dollars.

From 1 January 2010, the basic rate of living costs under the Migration Regulations increased. Under these regulations prospective student visa applicants and their family members must have access to the following funds to meet the living costs requirements:

- A\$18,000 a year for the main student
- A\$6,300 a year for the student's partner
- A\$3,600 a year for the student's first child
- A\$2,700 a year for every other child and where required

Accommodation & Estimated Costs – 2011 update

Temporary Accommodation

AU\$ 100 – 200/night

Temporary hotel or hostel accommodation .

Homestay

AU\$ 180 – 300/week

This involves living with a family. The cost generally includes some meals.

Hostels and Guest Houses

AU\$ 140 – 200/week

Students share bathroom and kitchen facilities.

Share Accommodation

AU\$ 100 – 200/week

Accommodation where one or more people share a house or flat.

Rental Accommodation

AU\$250 – 500/week

As with share accommodation, units, flats, single bed sitters and even houses, are available through real estate agents. These are normally unfurnished. One month's rent in advance may be charged plus a security bond (equal to one month's rent) prior to signing a lease agreement.

The Student Village

AU\$ 168 – 210/week

Located in Maribyrnong, 9km from the centre of Melbourne and provides accommodation for over 500 tertiary students. www.vu.edu.au/facilities-and-services/housing-services/student-village

Alternative Evidence of English Proficiency

Students who have completed an Australian EAP course may qualify for admission to PSC without sitting an international English language test.

PSC has a key partnership with the well-known Holmes English Language Centres.

Features of this pathway include:

- Streamlined application process: students only need to apply once;
- No need to re-sit the IELTS test after completing English studies;
- Holmes has centres in: Sydney, Melbourne, Gold Coast, Brisbane and Cairns.

About Holmes English Language Centres

The Holmes Institute story began in 1963 with the establishment of a commercial college in Melbourne Australia. In 1986 Holmes established one of Victoria's first accredited private English Language centres and has since expanded its national campus network to include Brisbane, the Gold Coast and Cairns. For over forty years, Holmes has had an enviable reputation as a quality education provider, being 100% Australian owned and maintaining since 1988 an unchanged senior management team.

Visit www.holmes.edu.au (CRICOS 00067C)

Info@holmes.edu.au

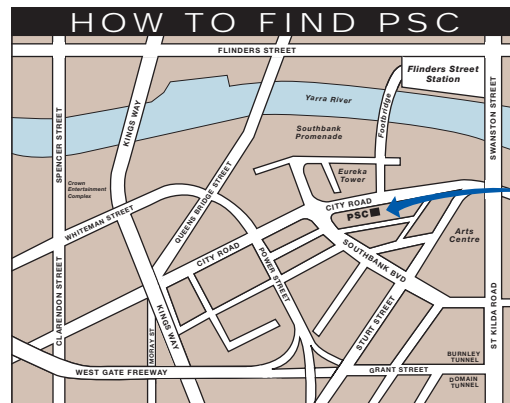
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Please contact PSC for more information.





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