



# Perth



## Student Departure Guide

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We look forward to [welcoming](#) you to our college

# Welcome

Welcome to Aspect. This guide will help you make the most of your chosen course and will give you useful information that you can refer to during your stay.

## So, what's studying at Aspect really like?

You have probably already imagined what your life will be like at Aspect College Perth. You may have ideas about life in Australia based on films, television or stories from friends and family. This guide aims to make your transition into Australia as enjoyable and easy as possible and will tell you what to expect when you attend an Aspect college whether you plan to do a Language, Business or Retail course. We hope that this information will help you to form realistic expectations and encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities ahead.

## Will I be able to adjust to a new culture?

At Aspect we understand that your transition into life in a different culture may be challenging at times – but it will also be fun. You will soon meet people from around the world, try new things, and live in a different culture. One of the best ways to make sure that your transition goes smoothly, is to maintain a positive attitude and keep healthy. View your new environment as a place to learn interesting things about yourself and others. Try to get enough sleep, eat right, exercise, and participate in social activities. Take time to observe and enjoy the new things going on around you and appreciate the differences you find in your host country.

## I have more questions...

Please contact your local representative if you have more questions before you depart. After you arrive all Aspect staff at the college will be happy to help you with any problems that you have or any questions you want to ask.



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# welcome

## Before you leave...

We understand that at times you may feel nervous when preparing for your stay in Australia. There are some important things you need to know before you leave that will make your life easier when you arrive. Use the checklist on the next page to ensure that you do not forget anything and are well prepared for the exciting times ahead of you.

### Pocket money

We recommend that you budget AUD 100 - 150 for every week of your course. This should cover personal expenses, laundry, local travel and Aspect activities. You will need additional money if you plan to rent a car, take weekend trips or travel. Bring AUD 100 with you in cash and the rest in traveller's cheques. These should be in small denominations AUD 20- 50 cheques if possible. You can also use a credit card. Do not bring foreign currency. It is not wise to carry around large amounts of cash.

### Clothing

Students dress casually for classes. You should bring some nice clothes for going out to restaurants, nightclubs etc. You should also bring clothing for sports and outdoor activities. You can usually rent sporting equipment. The climate in Australia is very warm and humid. The typical summer temperature is between 23C to 30C with some days reaching up to 40C and in winter 15C to 25C. Bring light clothing to keep you cool if you are arriving in summer.

### Bank account

If you are staying for longer than six months you may wish to open a bank account. If possible, try to set up your bank account before you arrive because rules, regulations and policies between banks vary. You may be required to bring a wide variety of personal documentation with you. If you decide to set up a bank account after you have arrived, remember that it can take a long time so make sure you are able to access your money at all times.

### Electrical current

Standard voltage in Australia is 240 volts. To make sure that you are able to use all your electrical appliances bring an adaptor with you, or alternatively you can purchase an adaptor upon your arrival from travel stores or some supermarkets.

# before you leave



## Checklist

Use this checklist to make sure that you have packed everything you will need and that you are well prepared for your trip to Australia. Check off each item as you pack it, or complete the task.



### Passport

Remember to bring your passport and any other form of personal identification you may need. For example, your driving licence.



### Passport sized photos

Remember to pack two passport sized photos to bring with you on your first day at college.



### Acceptance letter

Pack your acceptance letter and Aspect documentation (given to you by your Aspect representative) in your hand luggage so that it is easy to access on arrival.



### Visa

Ensure that your visa is with your passport and is stored in your hand luggage. You will need your visa when passing through immigration.



### Homestay/residential address details

Remember to pack your homestay or residential address details within your hand luggage so they are easy to access on your arrival. You will have received these details from your Aspect representative.



### Accommodation factfile (homestay or residential)

You can download the accommodation factfile from our website: [www.aspectworld.com](http://www.aspectworld.com). This document explains the details of your selected accommodation.



### College factfile

You can download the college factfile from our website: [www.aspectworld.com](http://www.aspectworld.com). This document will give you more information about Aspect College Perth.



### Knowledge of local laws and customs

Quiz yourself about local laws and customs in Australia. Talk to your Aspect representative about what you should expect and how you should behave in Australia.



### Proof of Travel Insurance

You must bring proof of your Travel Insurance with you. Store this information in your hand luggage in case you have any baggage issues upon your arrival. Also keep a copy with your family in your home country in case you lose any documentation during your stay.



### Proof of Health/Medical Insurance

You must bring proof of your Health/Medical Insurance with you. Also keep a copy with your family in your home country in case you lose any documentation during your stay.



### AUD 100 in cash

Store this cash on your body or in your hand luggage. Try to avoid counting or pulling out your money in public places.



### Travellers cheques in low denominations

Store this cash on your body or in your hand luggage. Try to avoid counting or pulling out your cheques in public places.



### Correct clothing

Wear layers on your flight in case you get hot upon arrival.



### Adaptor for electrical appliances

Remember standard voltage in Australia is 240 volts. You may also need to bring a plug adaptor.



### Prescription medication

Pack medication carefully in full packaging in case you are asked questions in customs on your departure or arrival.



### Emergency information stored in your wallet or purse!

This can be found on the last page of this booklet.

## When you arrive...

Arriving in the airport of a foreign country can be overwhelming and stressful. Do not feel shy about asking for help, most airport staff will be happy to help you.

### Arriving at the airport

Perth airport is quite small so it is usually quite fast getting through Immigration and Customs. Immigration and Customs in Australia are very strict, so follow the rules carefully. Customs officers may want to check your bags. This is normal, so don't panic. They check many visitors bags and cases.

You may see customs officers walking around the baggage areas with dogs. These are dogs which are trained to smell food in your bags which you are not allowed to bring into Australia. There is a penalty of up to AUD 50,000 or jail sentences for people who fail to observe Australian quarantine laws.

If you want to bring gifts for people in Australia you must think about Customs regulations. If you bring something made from wood you may encounter problems as wood can contain insects, so Customs officers may not allow wooden items through. For further information about Australian Customs please visit [www.customs.gov.au](http://www.customs.gov.au).

When you go through passport control and immigration you should be ready to show your:

- » Passport
- » Acceptance Letter
- » Visa

#### If you have a pre-arranged Transfer Service:

- » Inform your Aspect representative of your exact flight details before you leave your home country.
- » When you pass through the arrivals hall look for your driver. All Aspect drivers will have an Aspect sign and Identity Card. Always ask to see the ID Card.

#### If you do not see the driver:

Do not panic! Go to the Information Desk and say, "Please call the Aspect driver". Wait by the Information Desk and the driver will come to find you. If you cannot find the driver after 20 minutes, call our emergency service on 0411 448 874. Please do not go outside the airport, to the toilet or to exchange money until you have identified yourself to the driver.

#### If you do not have a Transfer Service:

When you leave immigration pass through arrivals with all other passengers. Once you have walked through arrivals find the taxi rank outside the arrivals hall and tell the driver to take you to your residence or homestay address. Taxis all have meters and you pay exactly the amount shown on the meter. The driver may charge additional fees for luggage quantity. If you have any problems call 0411 448 874 and a member of Aspect staff will help you.

## Getting to your accommodation

### Homestay

#### If you have a pre-arranged Transfer Service

Ask the driver to take you to your homestay accommodation. You will have been given the address and contact information of your family prior to departing your home country.

#### If you did not book a Transfer Service

Go directly to your homestay via taxi or public transport.

### Residential accommodation

#### If you have a pre-arranged Transfer Service

The driver will take you directly to your hostel and you will be welcomed by a member of staff.

## Things to remember.....

Store your passport, student visa and acceptance letter in your hand luggage so they are easy to access when passing through customs.

- » Passport
- » Acceptance Letter
- » Visa

Do not bring any food with you into Australia.

### Emergency Number

0411 448 874

when you arrive

## Life at College

Your life at an Aspect College Perth should be enjoyable and rewarding. At the beginning you may find some things strange. The information below should give you a better idea of what to expect.

### Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to reception at Aspect College Perth at 8.30 am if you are a language student, and 1: 50 pm if you are enrolling in a vocational course (Your first day will be a Monday unless there is a public holiday on the Monday - in which case your first day will be Tuesday). Your course will begin with an introduction which will include:

- » Registration and creation of student ID card
- » Introduction to the school
- » A Placement Test to determine the level of the course you require
- » Information about the school and area
- » A walk around Perth to show you local amenities
- » You will receive your timetable, showing your schedule, classroom and teachers.
- » You will have your first class and an induction to the self-access library and computer room

You will be assigned the most appropriate class for your level of English. You will need to bring all your Aspect documents, your passport, two passport photos, an English dictionary and pen and paper for note-taking purposes with you on your first day.

## How we teach

### The communicative method

The communicative method is the foundation of studying language at Aspect. This approach may be different to those you may have encountered when learning English in your home country. We believe that it is important to put YOU at the centre of your learning experience. In your classes, you will see how the study of language can be presented and practiced through communication.

### Classroom participation

At Aspect you are expected to participate in classroom activities by asking questions and giving answers which involve feelings and attitudes. You should be active in your classes by continually interacting with teachers and students. This type of classroom experience imitates English language use in the real world and will be immediately useful in jobs, college and meetings with English speaking people.

### English-only policy

Aspect encourages the study of language through an English-only policy. This means that we expect you, your teachers and staff to speak only English whilst at college. If you wish to speak another language with any staff members or other students, you must do so in your own time and off campus. You will learn much more if you make the effort to use only English during your stay.

### Course schedules

Each lesson is 45 minutes long and classes are 90 minutes in length (two 45 minute lessons per class). At some schools, students have 2 lessons in the morning and elective's in the afternoon. However, this schedule may change. You may have classes in the morning on some days and in the afternoon on other days, alternating with another group of students. This allows some variety in your schedule and enables you to participate in morning and afternoon activities.

## Things to remember.....

- » Report to reception on your first day at 8.30 am
- » Bring your Aspect documents, passport, two passport photos, English dictionary, pen and paper with you on your first day
- » Participate actively in your lessons
- » Remember to speak only English whilst at school

## Sample Timetables

### Yellow 1

#### Monday and Tuesday

08.30 - 10.00: Class  
 10.00 - 10.15: Break  
 10.15 - 11.45: Class  
 11.45 - 12.30: Lunch  
 12.30 - 14.00: Elective  
 14.00 - 14.15: Break  
 14.15 - 15.45: Elective

#### Wednesday and Thursday

08.30 - 10.00: Class  
 10.00 - 10.15: Break  
 10.15 - 11.45: Class

#### Friday

08.30 - 10.00: Class  
 10.00 - 10.15: Break  
 10.15 - 11.45: Class  
 11.45 - 12.30: Lunch  
 12.30 - 14.00: Elective

### Blue 2

#### Monday and Tuesday

12.30 - 14.00: Class  
 14.00 - 14.15: Break  
 14.15 - 15.45: Class

#### Wednesday and Thursday

08.30 - 10.00: Class  
 10.00 - 10.15: Break  
 10.15 - 11.45: Class  
 11.45 - 12.30: Lunch  
 12.30 - 14.00: Elective  
 14.00 - 14.15: Break  
 14.15 - 15.45: Elective

#### Friday

10.15 - 11.45: Class  
 11.45 - 12.30: Break  
 12.30 - 14.00: Class  
 11.45 - 12.30: Lunch  
 12.30 - 14.00: Elective

Class times are subject to change and you should use this timetable as an example of what type of structure to expect.

**Text books**

During your course we will loan you text books. This service will cost you AUD 60. These books will be loaned to you on your first day of class and will need to be returned when you finish your course or if you move up levels during your course. If you prefer to write in books, or would like to keep the books you use, you may buy them locally. Speak to the Aspect staff at the school about this option.

**Student file**

You will be given an Aspect student file when you arrive. This is your personal student file and you do not have to return it once you have completed your Aspect course. You are expected to bring the student file to class every day and keep an organised record of all your course work, homework and handouts. Effective use of the student file should make organising your study easier.

**Homework and exams**

Your homework and exams will vary depending on your chosen course, but they are part of your academic requirements. You should expect that you will have homework to complete every day. Even if you have not been set any homework, we recommend that you revise your coursework every day. Exams will test your grammar, reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.

**Academic requirements**

Grades are awarded based on your performance in your course as measured by your classwork, homework (both written assignments and class preparation) and exam results. Your teachers will explain the mark system and Individual Student Record at the beginning of your course. You will be tested regularly and a score of 75% is required to be able to be promoted to the next level of study.

**Certification**

You are eligible to receive a Certificate of Completion describing the course type and its length if you successfully complete the course work in all your classes with a passing grade and have a cumulative attendance percentage of at least 90%. You must follow the Aspect attendance policy, which will be outlined on your first day. If you are enrolled for four weeks or longer, you are also eligible for a Language Proficiency Certificate.

**Additional educational services****One-to-one lessons**

This service is designed to offer you specialised individual tuition whenever needed. One-to-one lessons are charged on an hourly rate allowing you to tailor your extra tuition to your individual needs. You will find this service helpful around exam times when you may wish to address certain areas more closely or simply take advantage of a one-to-one lesson to help with revision. You may also find this service useful if you have fallen behind in your coursework and need help catching up. One-to-one lessons provide a personalised approach where you can address any areas you may be having difficulty in, or where you can develop certain English skills further.

**University and College Placement Service (UCPS)**

This service is designed to accelerate and simplify the application process for entering a university or college after the completion of your Aspect course. Our schools have advisors to provide expert, one-on-one advice to help you select a university or college course and a location that is suitable to your needs. The advisor's role is to provide guidance in your decision to pursue higher education abroad by helping you through the complete process of university application. We work with a large network of colleges and universities throughout Australia. For more information ask your representative to take you through the UCPS manual.

**Internships**

Internships provide you with the opportunity to fine-tune your language skills whilst gaining experience in the business world at a host company. You need to have an advanced level of English, a keen interest in business and the ability and willingness to use your skills in the workplace. Aspect College Perth offers Internship Plus. This consists of intensive language training for a minimum of 4 weeks followed by a full-time unpaid internship with a local employer.

**Things to remember....**

- » Complete your homework as it counts towards your academic requirements
- » Attend class as you need 90% attendance to receive a Certificate of Completion
- » Use our one-to-one lessons to catch up if you fall behind in class work
- » Ask about our University College Placements Service and see if you are eligible to take part
- » Ask about our internships and gain practical experience in using your English in the workplace

## Student services

Below is a list of student services developed to help you study, keep in touch with your family and settle into a new culture.

### Self study

#### Multimedia centre

There is a vast array of learning software and computers available for your use in the multimedia centre. These facilities have been developed to help you in your self study.

#### Self access centre

In the self access centre you can practice listening and pronunciation, review your day's lessons, read magazines and books, practice English using computer language programmes, do your homework or watch a movie.

#### Library

Our library provides a quiet place for you to study and research for your course. There are computers to work on and many books available to help you with your study needs.

### Communications

#### Incoming mail

You can have mail sent to you whilst at college. The address where you can receive mail is: Student Name, C/O Aspect College Perth, 1325 Hay Street, West Perth, Western Australia 6005, Australia.

#### Messages

Reception will take important telephone messages and will alert you to the message as soon as possible. Please notify your family that your host family or residence is their first number of contact.

#### Internet and e-mail

You can access internet and e-mail in the student lounge. An internet cafe is also situated nearby.

#### Faxes

You can send and receive faxes in reception. Cost will vary depending on the number of pages you are sending and where you are sending the fax to. You will be notified by reception if you receive a fax. The fax number is: +61 8 9481 7838.

#### Phone cards

You can purchase phone cards from reception or from shops nearby. There is a public telephone only five minutes walk away from the school. Using a phone card is often cheaper than a home line.

#### Post offices

You can buy envelopes, stamps, cards and gifts at most Post Offices. Post office boxes are red (regular post) or yellow (express post) and located on many streets.

#### Telephones

Calls are cheaper after 6pm and on the weekend. If you need to make international calls you can either call reverse charges or use a phone card. Call 12455 for Director enquires.

### Lunch facilities

#### College dining facilities

There is a vending machine with snacks, a drink machine and a microwave oven for students use in the student lounge.

#### Local dining facilities

There are local restaurants and cafes located nearby. There is also a supermarket where you can purchase ready made sandwiches and meals for lunch. Supermarket meals are usually cheap.

### Transport

#### Bus passes

Travel within the city centre is free of charge. Bus tickets can be purchased on the bus or at newsagents and are priced as follows:

Single Fare	AUD 0.80 - 2.90
1 week bus pass	AUD 17.00 - 25.50
Monthly bus passes are also available	

The college is close to numerous bus stops and buses generally run every 5 - 20 minutes, depending on the time of the day and day of the week. You can also use the free inner city RedCat service to get from the residence to the college.

#### Trains

The college is an 8 minute bus ride away from the train station. The bus service from the station to the college is free of charge. There are four train lines in the train station that connect the suburbs to the city .

#### Bike hire

You can hire bikes locally in town. Prices for hire start from AUD 25 for a full day and AUD 7 per hour. Using a bike to get to and from college can save you money in transport costs and help keep you fit!

### Other services

#### Religious institutions

There are places of worship in the surrounding areas of the college. They are all accessible by public transport. For more information please ask the college staff.

#### Medical service

If you need any medical services the Student Services Coordinator can help you with any medical questions. Your local chemist can also offer good advice if you have a minor illness. For more information see the Health and Safety section of this guide.

#### Banks

You should always exchange your money and cheques at a bank. You will always need identification, such as a passport, when you go to a bank. Banks are open Monday to Friday and some Saturday mornings.

#### Entertainment information

Details of sports clubs, events, museums, markets, art galleries, theatres and local entertainment venues can be found in your college reception, local and national newspapers, tourist information points and your local library.

## Social programme

At Aspect there is always lots to do. We have developed a fun packed activities programme designed to entertain you and help you to socialise with other students. Every week Aspect offers a wide range of activities including:

- » Bush camping
- » Swimming and tennis
- » Weekend trips to Rottnest Island
- » Camping and beach holidays
- » Scuba diving
- » Ten pin bowling
- » Sports activities

You can collect your copy of the activities timetable at reception. Also let the Activities Co-ordinator know if you have any other activity ideas or recommendations.

### Sample activities programme

Please note that this is a sample programme and activities may change.

#### Week one

Monday	Welcome new students
Tuesday	Visit Beatty Park
Wednesday	Ten Pin Bowling
Thursday	Swimming
Friday	School party at Spirit of Sound Bar
Saturday	Weekend Surf Trip
Sunday	Weekend Surf Trip

#### Week two

Monday	Weekly movie
Tuesday	Visit hills discovery centre
Wednesday	Backgammon
Thursday	Sailing on Swan River
Friday	Movie Club
Saturday	Rottnest Island - snorkel and exploring of rock pools
Sunday	Opera night

### Our advice,....

The best way to make the most of your experience at Aspect is to take part! Join in on activities as you will be able to form friendships with other students and improve your English skills at the same time.

View the activities programme as an opportunity to relax and enjoy the delights that Australia has to offer.



### Things to remember.....

- » It is your activities programme - made so that you can have fun and relax!
- » Take part in activities - they provide a fun way to make new friends and practise your language skills!
- » You can pick up a programme in reception

## Homestay accommodation

Our homestay families reflect the diversity of life in Australia. They include young, senior and single parent families and couples with and without children. Hosts have varying ethnic backgrounds and different interests and lifestyles. Please refer to the Australia homestay accommodation factfile, which can be downloaded from [www.aspectworld.com](http://www.aspectworld.com), for more details.

### Your life in a homestay

Living in homestay will allow you to practise your English in a real-life family setting. It is important to remember that you are both part of a family and a guest at the same time. You may have to help with household chores, keep your bedroom tidy and make your bed each morning. Water is in short supply in Perth. It often does not rain for six months or more, so remember to take short showers (5 minutes max) and conserve water. Make sure that you always ask for permission to bring friends round and remember to ask before you change channels on the television!

### Meals

**Breakfast:** Breakfast is usually a light meal consisting of cereal, fruit, toast, juice or coffee. Often these foods will be made available to you and you will prepare your own morning meal (otherwise known as 'help yourself').

**Lunch:** You will be responsible for purchasing your own lunch at the school, a local restaurant or from the local shops.

**Dinner:** Dinner may be a shared meal in the evening, or occasionally you may prepare your own meal with food supplied by your host.

### What to bring

You can purchase toiletries and other personal needs locally, but if you have specific items that you need, you should bring them with you. Your host will provide you with bed linen and towels. If you have any prescription medications that you are required to take, you should bring a supply with you.

### Telephone use

You should purchase a phone card or use your mobile phone to make telephone calls. Your hosts' telephone should only be used for emergency incoming calls. Remember to notify your family of any time differences to avoid calls in the middle of the night. It is often very expensive to make international calls from a home line, which is why we recommend using a phone card.

### Laundry facilities

Your hosts do not do your washing so please ask them how to use their washing machine or take your laundry to a laundrette to wash and dry - please do not wash clothes in the bathroom or dry them in your bedroom or cupboards or on heaters. The average cost per load of washing in an Australian laundrette is AUD 2.80 per wash and AUD 1.00 per ten minutes of tumble drying.

### Getting to and from school

Your host will help you to find your way to and from college on your first day and will show you how to use public transport. Journey time will depend on the location of your homestay. Explore several options when considering transport to college such as trains, buses or even bike riding. Please refer to the Australia accommodation factfile for more details.

### Smoking

When you book your accommodation, please request a homestay that allows smoking if you smoke. Most hosts will ask smokers to smoke outside. Always ask your host family upon arrival for their specific house rules regarding smoking. It is general courtesy to ask someone for permission to smoke next to them, even if you are outside. In Australia it is against the law to smoke in a restaurant or any area where food is being prepared.

### Questions

Should you have any questions or problems regarding homestay please see the Accommodation Coordinator at the college. The Accommodation Coordinator can assist you to extend or change your homestay accommodation.

## ■ Things to remember.....

- » You are a guest as well as part of the family
- » You may have to take part in family chores
- » Purchase a phone card for international calls
- » Do not hang your laundry to dry in your room
- » Take short showers to conserve water
- » Ask permission to have a friend come visit you
- » Notify your family if you are not coming home for the night
- » Always ask permission to smoke

# homestay

## Residential accommodation

Please refer to the relevant Aspect accommodation factfile for more details about your specific residence. You can download this from [www.aspectworld.com](http://www.aspectworld.com).

### Going to and from school

Aspect College Perth's recommended hostels in the city are within a 10 minute walk from the station where students can take the free city bus to the college. Students preferring to stay in a hostel near the beach will take 30 - 40 minutes to get to college.

### What to bring

Each hostel includes basic appliances and furniture. In the kitchen you will find a cooker, microwave, fridge, freezer, crockery and utensils. You will be given linen, blankets and a pillow upon arrival. Personal toiletry items can be purchased locally.

### Phone use

You can purchase a phone card at the college reception or at local stores. Some phone cards will be cheaper for calling home to your country. Ask reception staff for advice when purchasing your phone card.

### Laundry facilities

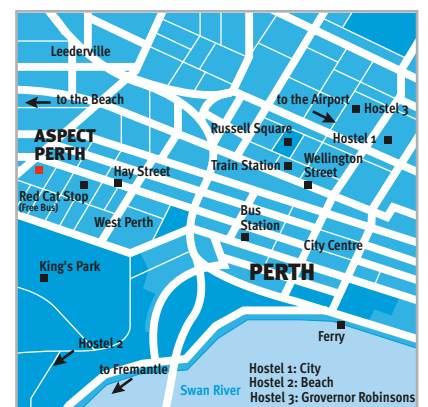
Please check your accommodation factfile for details on laundry facilities at your residence. An iron and ironing board are available for your use to do your own ironing. If your accommodation does not have laundry facilities, there will be a laundrette close by for your use. Average cost per load of washing is approximately AUD 2.80 per wash and AUD 1.00 per ten minutes tumble drying.

### Security

You are responsible for keeping your own room secure. Aspect cannot be responsible for items that go missing from the residence. Keep your personal belongings safely stored. Aspect advises you to have Travel Insurance to cover any loss or theft. The owners do live on the premises so each residence is secure.

## Things to remember.....

- » Purchase a phone card to make telephone calls
- » Keep your valuables hidden in a safe place



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## Perth

### Why Perth?

Perth is located on the banks of the Swan River and is only 20 minutes away from some of Australia's most famous beaches. The capital of Western Australia, Perth, enjoys a temperate climate year-round that is suitable for outdoor activities. King's park is Perth's most visited attraction. Here people can enjoy a bird's eye view of the city's skyline, the Perth Hills and the Swan River.

### Is it expensive to live in Perth?

Cost of living in Perth is reasonable. There are restaurants, cafes and supermarkets to purchase food from. Groceries cost: sandwiches AUD 2.00 - 3.95, pizza/pasta AUD 4.50 - 7.50, coffee AUD 1.80 - 3.50, tea 1.80, pub meal from AUD 5.00, beer AUD 2.20, wine AUD 4.50 per glass.

### Perth on a budget?

Enjoy Perth on a budget by socialising on one of the many beaches or even spending a night out on the town as many clubs have reduced rates on student nights with the Aspect student card! There are plenty of places to hang out, relax and study on a budget.

### Working in Perth?

If you have a student Visa you can apply for work permission. The cost for this is AUD 55.60.

## Aspect College Perth

### About Aspect College Perth

Aspect College Perth was established in 1997. The school is located on the Western side of Perth's Central Business District, only 5-10 minutes on the free RedCat bus from the city centre.

### What is the college like?

The school occupies a 2 level modern building. Classrooms are spacious, bright and airy.

### What features does the college have?

There is a common area with internet access, vending machine, microwave, tables, chairs and notice board that can seat up to 100 people.

## TEMPERATURES IN AUSTRALIA

(DEGREES CELSIUS)

	MAX	MIN	AV.
JAN	45	18	29
FEB	41	18	28
MAR	40	16	25
APR	32	14	22
MAY	28	11	20
JUN	26	9	18
JUL	24	8	15
AUG	25	9	15
SEP	27	10	18
OCT	30	13	21
NOV	35	15	25
DEC	40	17	27

# Perth

## Health and safety

If you or a friend is seriously ill and needs an ambulance call 000. Stay calm and describe to the operator on the line what type of assistance you need (ambulance, fire or police) and your location. You may be required to describe any symptoms. Explain as much as you can, don't worry if you are not confident with your English - say as much as you can, as clearly as you can.

### Medical and Travel Insurance - Student visa

The Australian government requires all students on student visas to join the Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) scheme (Medibank Private), a health insurance plan for overseas students in Australia. Payment of AUD 27 per month for compulsory OSHC must be made before a visa can be issued.

This insurance covers:

- » Visits to a doctor (Medibank will pay 85% of the scheduled fee)
- » The total cost of hospital treatment provided that the treatment is in a public hospital and is provided by a hospital doctor
- » Eye tests
- » Benefits for medication/medicines

This insurance does not cover:

- » Dental costs
- » Physiotherapy
- » Optical glasses, contact lenses
- » Ambulance transport
- » Medical expenses for any pre-existing medical condition before you came to Australia, during the first 18 months of membership
- » Treatment covered by provisions for compensation and damages or accidents

Please note that you are already covered by Medibank Private from the very first day that you arrive in Australia if you are on a student visa.

### Medical and Travel Insurance - Working Holiday or Tourist visa

If you are studying at Aspect College Perth on a Working Holiday or Tourist Visa you must make your own Health Insurance arrangements before you commence your studies.

Aspect offers you a low-cost Travel and Medical Insurance plan that we advise you to take. If you are not taking Aspect insurance you are required to show proof of alternative medical insurance. Aspect Medical and Travel insurance costs AUD 25 per week and you can arrange your insurance with your Aspect representative. Travel and Medical insurance is compulsory at all Aspect schools for the duration of your stay.

### If you get sick

If you get sick whilst you are in Australia you should visit a doctor. You can ask staff at Aspect reception or your host family where the nearest doctor is. If you have a minor illness you can often ask staff at a local pharmacy for advice. If you are ill, make an appointment to see a doctor and take any relevant insurance or medical documentation with you. You may be required to register with your local doctor.

Medical costs are at the discretion of your local doctor or hospital. A guide to costs in the Australia are as follows:

- » A consultation with a doctor (minimum AUD 45)
- » Prescriptions at a chemist (minimum AUD 4.00 per item)
- » Dental treatment (check up - minimum AUD 40)
- » New spectacles (minimum AUD 140)

### Protecting your belongings

If you are not using Aspect Medical and Travel insurance we strongly recommend that you take out insurance for your personal belongings, especially cameras, radio, personal CD player and lap top computer. Personal items cannot be covered by Aspect homestay or residence. You can cover these items with your own personal travel insurance. Please ensure that you are properly covered in case of loss or theft.

## ■ Things to remember.....

- » Call 000 in case of fire, medical emergency or need for police
- » You must have Medical and Travel insurance to attend an Aspect course. If you do not have Aspect Medical and Travel Insurance, you must provide proof that you are covered by another provider.
- » If you have a student visa you must also be a member of OSHC

## Laws and customs

You may find that laws are enforced differently in Australia than they are in your home country. You must obey the country's laws and respect its customs. It is important that you understand the laws, rules, and customs that you may encounter.

### Laws

- » No one under the age of 18 in Australia may buy or drink alcohol, including beer and wine. It is against the law to buy alcohol for someone you know is under the age of 18.
- » Driving under the influence of alcohol is a very serious crime and police make regular random checks.
- » Buying, selling and using drugs is illegal.
- » You must attend all classes. If you do not attend 80% of classes your representative and parents will be informed. If you do not then improve your attendance Aspect is required to report you to the Federal Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs (DIMIA). Breaching of these conditions may result in the cancellation of your student visa.
- » Under the national code, student information may be made available to Commonwealth and State agencies.

The police and Aspect are very strict in enforcing these laws.

### Aspect's rules

Aspect has rules that must not be broken. These rules may apply to academic work at school as well as life in your residence or homestay.

- » If you leave your Aspect course, Aspect has the right to revoke your student visa and advise you to return home.
- » Always tell Aspect if you are going to be absent from school for any reason and tell your host family if you are going away overnight.
- » If you commit a criminal offense or have to be severely disciplined you will be sent home and no refund will be given. We will also inform the immigration authorities.
- » If student visa holders want to take a holiday you must give the college 2 weeks notice. Students are entitled to 1-week holiday after 12 weeks of study. Not all holiday requests on student visas will be approved. Your attendance must be over 80%.
- » AY/AS students have scheduled holiday breaks during their course that cannot be changed.
- » If you are on a Tourist visa or Working holiday visa you cannot take a holiday.
- » Be on time for all your lessons.

### Customs

Customs are an accepted way of behaviour in a country. You need to know the customs of Australia to help you feel comfortable with people. Some important customs to know include:

**Women:** Women in Australia are equal to men and should always be treated fairly. Men and women share equally in household work and childcare.

**Queues:** Always stand in line and wait your turn when buying tickets, in a bank, post office or waiting for a bus. Keep to the left when standing on escalators.

**Friendliness:** Australian people talk to strangers in public areas. This is a great way to practise English but, caution should be taken. You should not give out your address and telephone number, or accept inappropriate invitations. Although most people are friendly, some may be reluctant to speak with strangers.

**Please and Thank you:** These are very important words! Always use them if you ask someone to do something for you, or if they help you or give you information.

## Things to remember.....

- » If you are under 18 years of age it is illegal to drink alcohol
- » Buying, selling and using drugs is illegal
- » Notify Aspect if you are going to be absent from school
- » Women are treated equally to men in Australia
- » Remember to say please and thank you

## Important Dates to Remember

### Public Holidays 2006

New Year's Day	02/01/2006
Australia Day	26/01/2006
Labour Day	06/03/2006
Good Friday	14/04/2006
Easter Monday	17/04/2006
Anzac Day	25/04/2006
Foundation Day	05/06/2006
Queens Birthday	02/10/2006
Christmas Day	25/12/2006
Boxing Day	26/12/2006

The dates above are the dates for observed holidays in the years 2006. For holiday dates in other years, consult your Aspect representative. If you arrive on a Public Holiday week, induction will be held on Tuesday.

There are no classes for the full week of Christmas. Students enrolled in the Academic Year Programme, or any other long term programme will also have vacation time during their stay. Please refer to the Aspect brochure, or your Aspect representative for further details of these holidays.

### Useful links for more information

The following websites offer further details and travelling tips regarding your stay in Perth. Any other information can be obtained from Student Services at Aspect College Perth.

Australian Maps	<a href="http://www.whereis.com.au">www.whereis.com.au</a>
Perth public transport	<a href="http://www.transperth.wa.gov.au">www.transperth.wa.gov.au</a>
Tourism, culture and lifestyle	<a href="mailto:travel@westernaustralia.com">travel@westernaustralia.com</a>

**We look forward to meeting you at Aspect College Perth. If you have additional questions please ask our staff on arrival.**

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