



IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
ACCOMPANYING A STUDENT COURSE OFFER  
FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS ON A STUDENT VISA  
AT PERTH BIBLE COLLEGE  
AUSTRALIA

## **Living in Perth**

Perth is Australia's fourth largest city, with a population of some 1.5 million people. It is the capital of the State of Western Australia and lies on the banks of the Swan River. Perth has the sophistication of a big city, with fine shops, restaurants, and sporting and cultural facilities, yet it also offers a clean, safe, and friendly environment to live in. Perth is a beautiful well-planned city, with magnificent waterways, golden sand, surfing and swimming beaches along the coast, and an extremely pleasant all year-round Mediterranean like climate.

On the far west coast of Australia, Perth is one of the world's most liveable cities. Unmarred by smog or pollution and with an average of eight hours of sunshine every day, it is home base for the West's enormous mineral and energy projects. For sailing, swimming, snorkelling or just soaking up the sun, there are few places on earth like Perth. From overseas Perth can be reached by regular international air services. And from the rest of Australia by domestic flights or by bus or train. Perth is a multicultural city and has a variety of stores which cater to people from many different countries. There are also a number of excellent markets located throughout the city.

Perth's hottest month is February with an average maximum temperature of 30C and a minimum of 19C. The coolest month is July having an average maximum of 18C and minimum of 9C. Perth has a perfect climate for outdoor activities and living much of the year. For more information on living in Perth see these websites:

<http://wa.gov.au/government/services/aboutwa>; and  
<http://www.tourism.wa.gov.au>

Living at Perth Bible College provides you with the convenience of having a large shopping centre (over 140 shops), excellent public beaches, a golf course, and access to public transport, all within easy walking distance from your front door. Living on site will give you the added advantage of having a fully furnished unit at a relatively low cost, complete with gas and electricity already connected, and a safe environment and play area for children.

## **Accommodation**

The college has 24 self-contained units for student accommodation. A single student living on campus should be able to manage on around \$1500 per month. A family living on campus at PBC could manage to live on around \$2000-\$2500 per month. These figures would include general living costs, and exclude course costs, books etc, schooling of children, and do not allow for extras like running a vehicle. Children are required to attend school from year 1. Obviously, costs vary for each individual situation (for Immigration finance requirements visit <https://seekvisa.com.au/student-visa-financial-capacity-requirements/>).

While holding a student visa you are permitted to work up to 20 hours a week during semester time and full-time during the holidays to supplement your income.

## **Schooling of Children**

Public schooling is close by, with the primary school only being a short walk away from the College. All children from the age of 6 must be enrolled in a primary school. Secondary school begins at age 12 or 13. All children enrolled at a government or non-government (private) school will be required to pay full school fees. Please visit <https://www.tafeinternational.wa.edu.au/your-study-options/study-at-school/school-tuition-fees> for current information on children and education.

Additional expenses include school uniforms, sports uniforms, school books, computer (leasing or purchase), contributions, excursions and school camps, transport to and from school, stationary and

personal items. Further fees are applicable to those students who require additional English language training. Below is a list of government schools local to the College:

#### Primary Schools

1. Doubleview Primary School
2. Glengarry Primary School
3. Scarborough Primary School

#### High Schools

1. Carine Senior High School
2. Balcatta Senior High School
3. Warwick Senior High School

### **Academic Misconduct**

In line with other tertiary institutions throughout Australia, Perth Bible College regards academic misconduct as a serious matter. Academic misconduct includes areas such as plagiarism; unauthorised collaboration; cheating and theft of another students' work.

Plagiarism can occur as either a deliberate act to mislead or as an unintentional result of improper use of, or inadequate referencing conventions. Plagiarism, whether deliberate or unintentional, is a serious academic offence and PBC will not tolerate its use within the institution.

For more information, please see PBC's [Academic Misconduct Policy](#).

### **Study Support**

#### **Pastoral Support**

As part of our commitment to train, equip and form people for effective Christian ministry, PBC is committed to pastorally caring for the students studying at the College. The designated first contact for all care matters is the Dean of Students, who will refer all matters appropriately.

Pastoral care within the college environment is provided via:

1. Weekly devotions
2. One on one sessions as requested by students
3. One on one sessions as requested and available with the Dean of Counselling
4. One on one sessions as requested by faculty advisors
5. One on one sessions as required as part of a unit of study
6. One on one sessions as required as part of PBC's *Personal and Ministry Formation* monitoring.

PBC also recognises that an additional source for the pastoral care of students, is the local church and that we are called to operate in partnership with the local church. As part of this partnership, PBC requires each student to nominate a local church and a leader in this church who will be responsible for their pastoral care in their church setting.

As personal issues in the lives of students may not only affect their studies at PBC, but also their ministry in the local church, PBC must retain the right, where deemed appropriate, to share the communication of students with the student's nominated local church leader, or other faculty members at PBC.

If it is deemed that the communication of the student is required to be shared with either other faculty or the student's nominated local church leader, the student will be informed by PBC that this will be the case prior to any notification of the third party.

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### **Student Council**

The Student Council is responsible to the Dean of Students for the conduct of student affairs, including ACCS and SCD students. The Student Council is responsible for the organisation and control of all "purely student" matters.

The Student Council is a group of about 4-6 students who are elected by the students to represent the student body's interests and concerns. They act as a liaison from the students to the staff and in this sense the Student Council is open for ideas from the students to be heard and considered.

The Student Council organises and coordinates particular events where the students can come together and enjoy doing something different. Some of these events include balls, movie nights and other activities. They are also responsible for the upkeep and upgrading of the equipment in the common room which is designed specifically for student enjoyment and use.

The Student Council is funded by a voluntary contribution of \$100 for full-time students and \$50 for part-time students per semester. This contribution enables the Student Council to provide the services that it does at a minimal cost to the student.

### **Academic Support**

PBC is committed to assisting students to successfully complete the units in which they enrol. Students needing additional academic support are often identified during the enrolment process. They may be enrolled provisionally; in which case they need to enrol in CE504 Study Ready.

This unit is also recommended to students who may benefit from them, even if they are not enrolled provisionally. This unit interacts with other first-year subjects to help students engage with those assessments. There is also a free, timetabled weekly Study Ready Tutoring session made available to all students who may be struggling with understanding how to approach researching for and writing assessments.

In addition, lecturers are readily available for appointments and students can contact them at any time for academic assistance.

PBC also offers all students access to Studiosity. Studiosity is a free study support service with incredible benefits to you, whether you are an HD student or struggling to make sense of what to do. Studiosity offers core study skills and writing support, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year. You can either Connect Live for personal support or submit your draft essay for Writing Feedback within 24 hours. You can access Studiosity through PBC Online and find more information in the HELP Course (PBC Online: HELPME!).

Students who fail assessments are given the opportunity to resubmit them, having gained the benefit of written lecturer feedback. As outlined in the [Student Assessment Policy](#), students are also given the opportunity to re-sit an exam, if failing it has resulted in failure of the unit.

If a student is identified as “At Risk” (for PBC students, see [Student Course Progress Policy](#) and [Student Course Progress Procedure](#); for SCD students, see [SCD Monitoring Course Progress of Overseas Students Policy and Procedures](#) and [SCD Students at Academic Risk Policy and Procedures](#); for ACCS students, see [Progress, Completion and Attendance Policy and Procedure](#) and [Students at Academic Risk Policy and Procedure](#)) they may be required to access support, as advised by faculty, to assist in improving their results. This may include meeting with their faculty Growth Group advisor, attending a study group, accessing tutoring, etc.

At the end of each semester, student progress is examined by the Dean of Studies. It is also the role of the Dean of Studies to re-enrol students, resulting in any academic issues that surfaced in the previous semester being discussed at this time, and recommendations to strengthen the student’s progress are explored.

### **Orientation**

Perth Bible College commences each semester with an Orientation Day. During this time students are introduced to staff, each other, the campus, the surrounding area, PBC Library resources and procedures, and PBC Wireless services. A special time in this programme is reserved for issues directly related to orienting overseas students to the campus, the courses, visa requirements, and the surrounding environment.

### **Government Protection**

The government provides considerable protection of your rights as an overseas student. This written agreement, and the right to make complaints and seek appeals of decisions and action under various processes, does not affect the rights of the student to take action under Australian Consumer Law. Additionally, you are protected under the Tuition Protection Services in the event that the course you are enrolled in ceases to be provided. For information on course assurance specific to PBC, please see:

<https://www.pbc.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Tuition-Assurance-updated-August-2021.pdf>

For more information on government protection afforded to overseas students, please see:

<https://www.dese.gov.au/esos-framework/resources/international-students-factsheet> and <https://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/>

### **Visa Conditions**

While studying at Perth Bible College you must abide by all of your visa conditions which include:

- Maintaining your primary purpose as a student at PBC.
- Remaining in good academic standing as a student.
- Notifying PBC of any changes in your contact details within 7 days.
- Working no more than 20 hours per week (including working for cash).

Further information regarding visa conditions can be obtained from:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500>