



MELBOURNE

A world-class education
in a world-class city

Information for prospective students and agents





Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Australia's education state

- Melbourne is the capital city of Victoria, a state in Australia.
- Victoria has 10 universities, 12 public TAFEs and 1,100 private VET and English language providers.
- 258,000 students from over 175 countries chose to study in Victoria in 2024.
- Melbourne is a multicultural city with 40% of residents born overseas.



Top reasons to choose Melbourne and Victoria



A world-class student city

- Ranked as Australia's Best Student City and #5 in the world*.
- Ranked as Australia's Most Liveable City and #4 in the world**.
- Voted the world's Friendliest City^.
- Home to Australia's highest ranked university - The University of Melbourne^^.

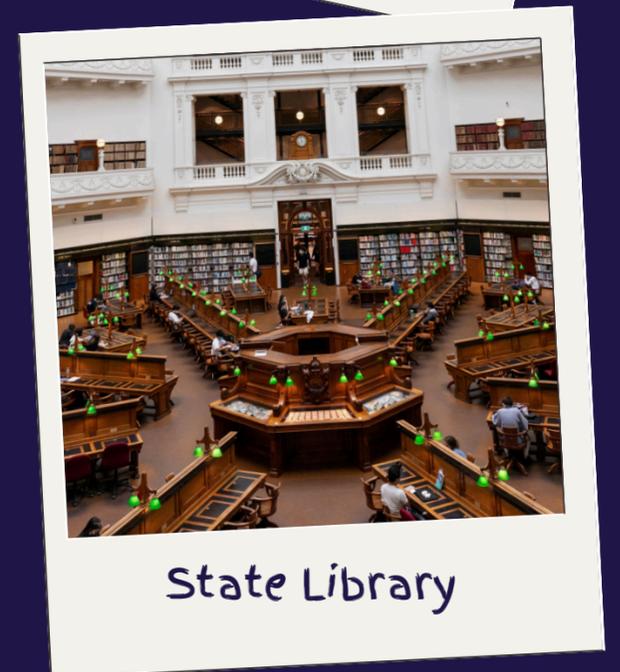
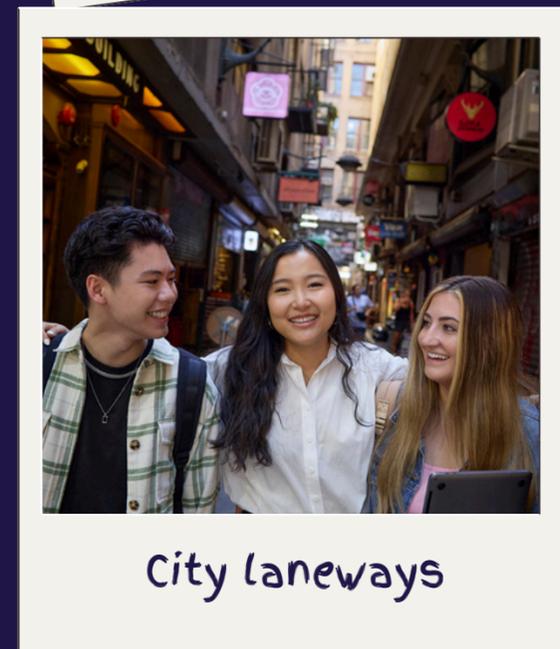
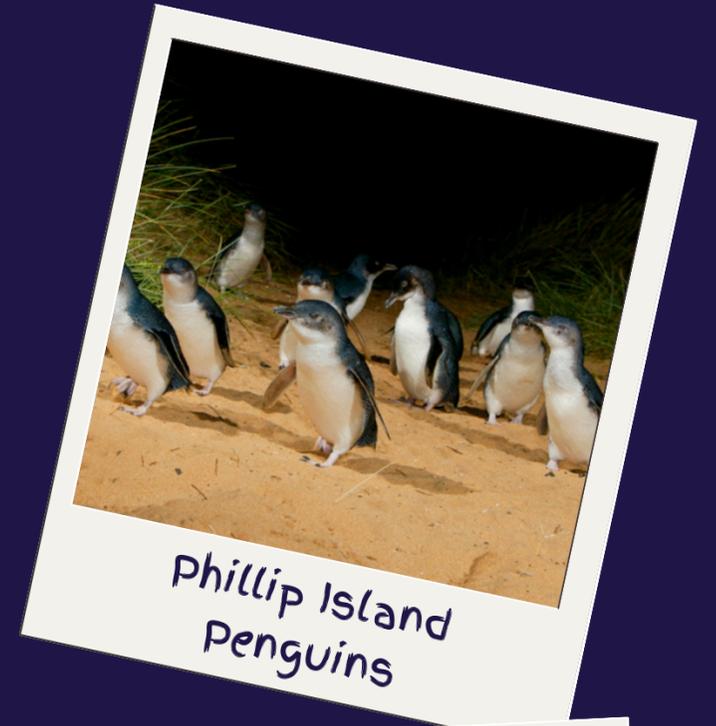
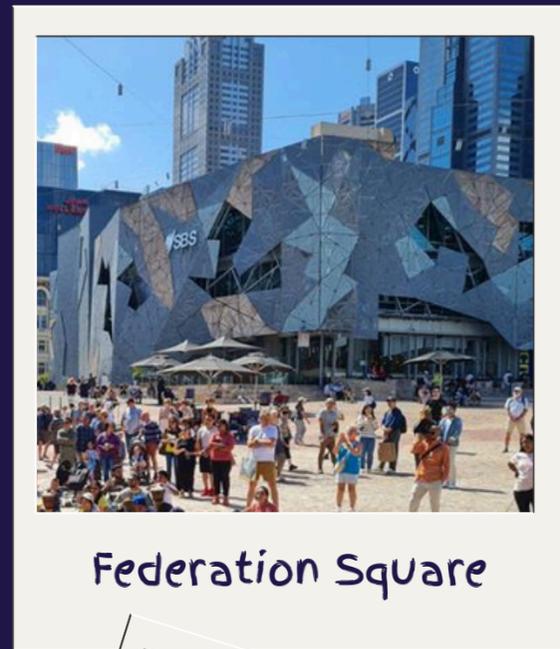


Australia's most liveable city

- A world-class education system.
- Ranked Australia's most liveable city, and #4 in the world (EIU Liveability Index 2025).
- Exceptional public transport with a discounted travel pass for eligible undergraduates.
- Welcoming and friendly culture.
- Green open spaces and gardens.
- Vibrant arts and food scene.
- Sporting capital of the world



Visit Victoria's Major Attractions



Smaller student cities

Students can also choose to study outside of metropolitan Melbourne in a smaller student city:

- Ballarat
- Bendigo
- Churchill
- Echuca
- Geelong
- Mildura
- Shepparton
- Warrnambool



Why students choose smaller cities for study

- Natural beauty and diverse landscapes.
- Welcoming communities.
- Close ties with local employers and high-demand industries.
- A lower cost of living and more affordable tuition fees.
- A strong sense of community and belonging.
- Generous post-study work rights.



**Victoria is Australia's
education state**



World-class universities

Study an undergraduate, postgraduate or research degree at:

- Australian Catholic University (ACU)
- Deakin University
- Federation University
- La Trobe University
- Monash University (#36 in the world*)
- RMIT University
- Swinburne University
- The University of Melbourne (#19 in the world*)
- University of Divinity
- Victoria University



Industry focused education and training

- Study a certificate or diploma at a government owned Technical and Further Education (TAFE) institute:
 - Bendigo TAFE
 - Box Hill Institute
 - Chisholm Institute
 - The Gordon TAFE
 - Holmesglen Institute
 - Kangan Institute
 - Melbourne Polytechnic
 - SuniTAFE
 - William Angliss Institute
- Or choose a private vocational education and training (VET) provider (see course finder).

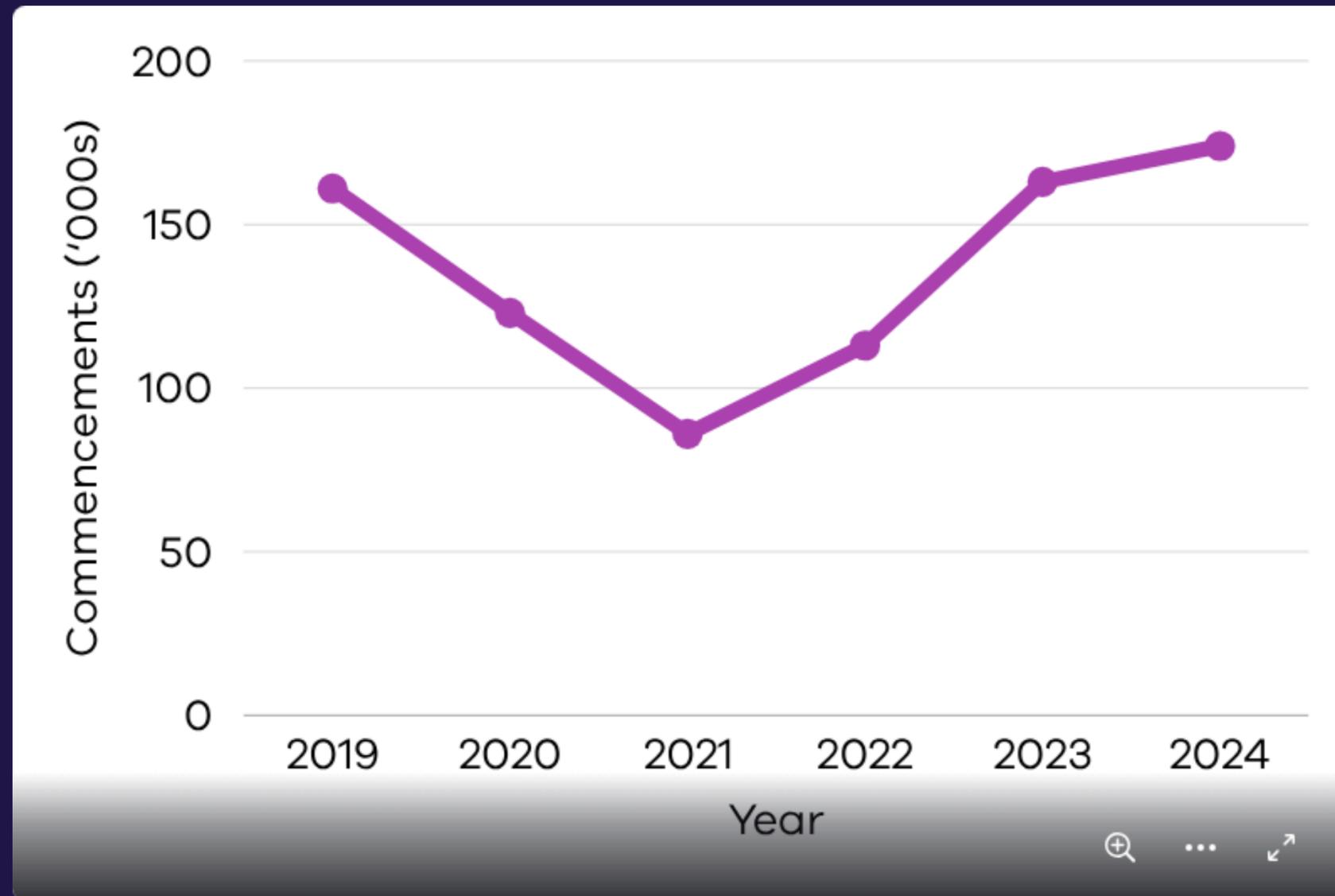


Learn general or academic English

- Students study English to expand career options, broaden cultural horizons, meet new people or as a pathway to study at an Australian tertiary institution.
- English Language Intensive Courses (ELICOS) help students to develop the speaking, writing, reading and listening skills they need to succeed in their studies.

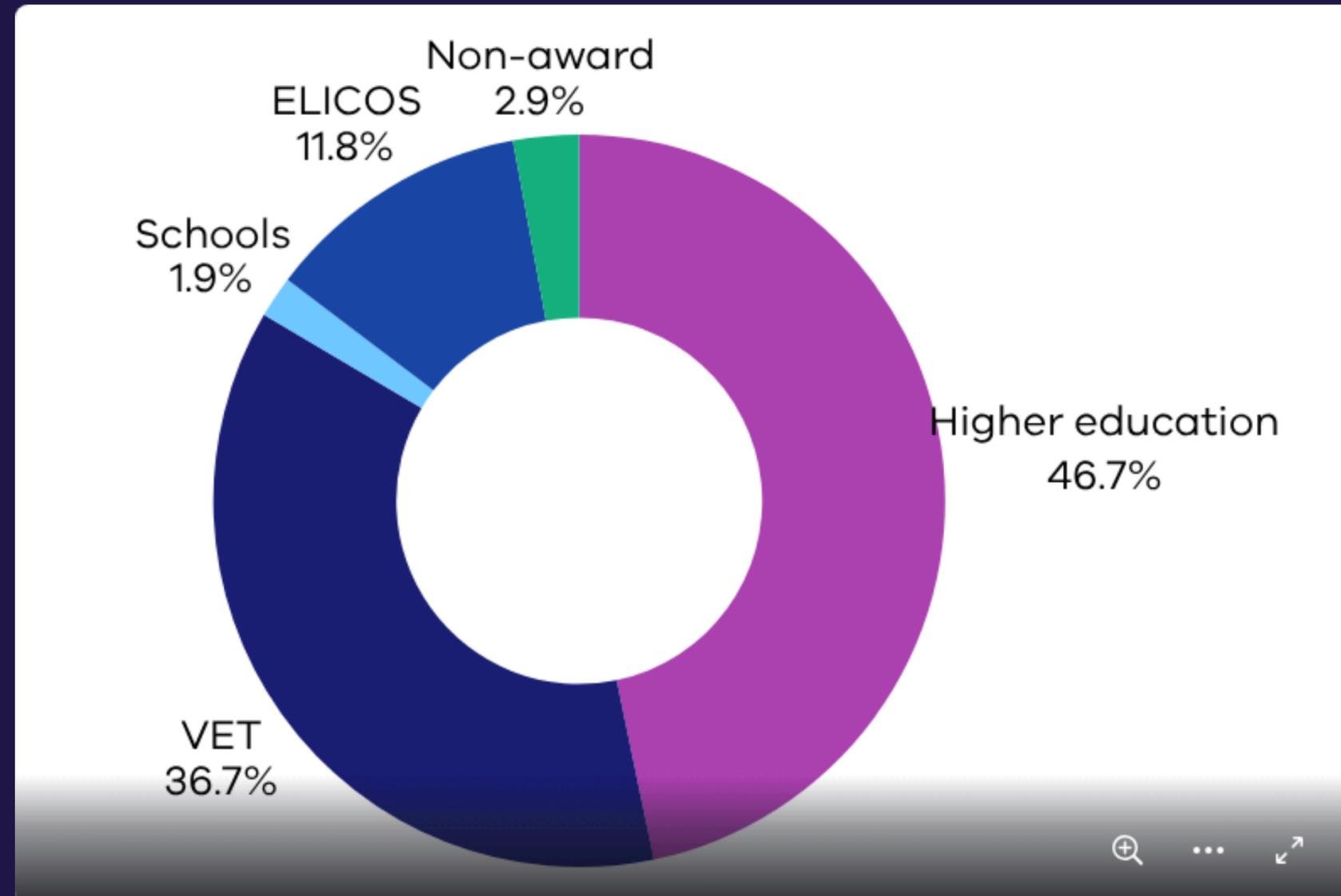


Student commencements by year

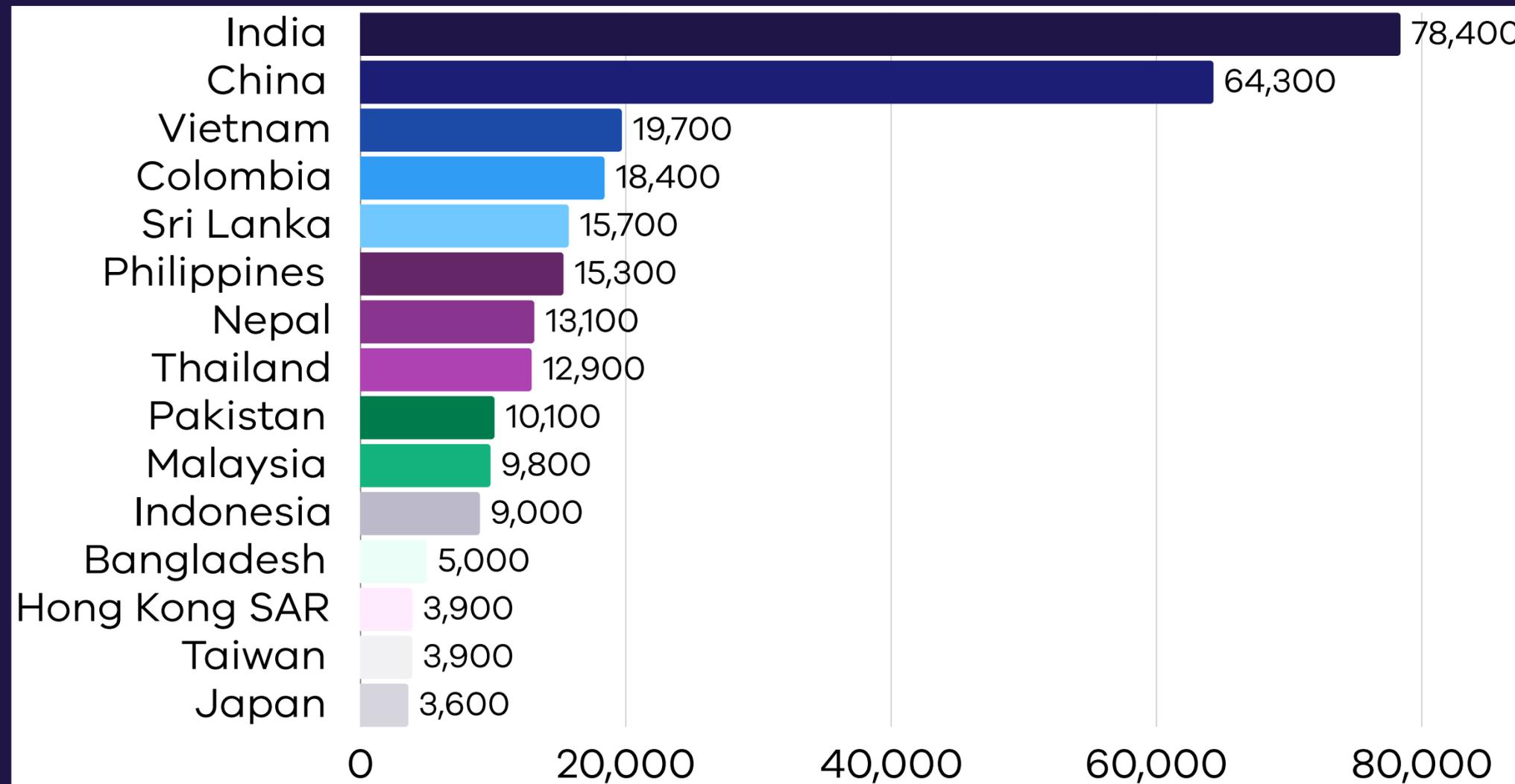


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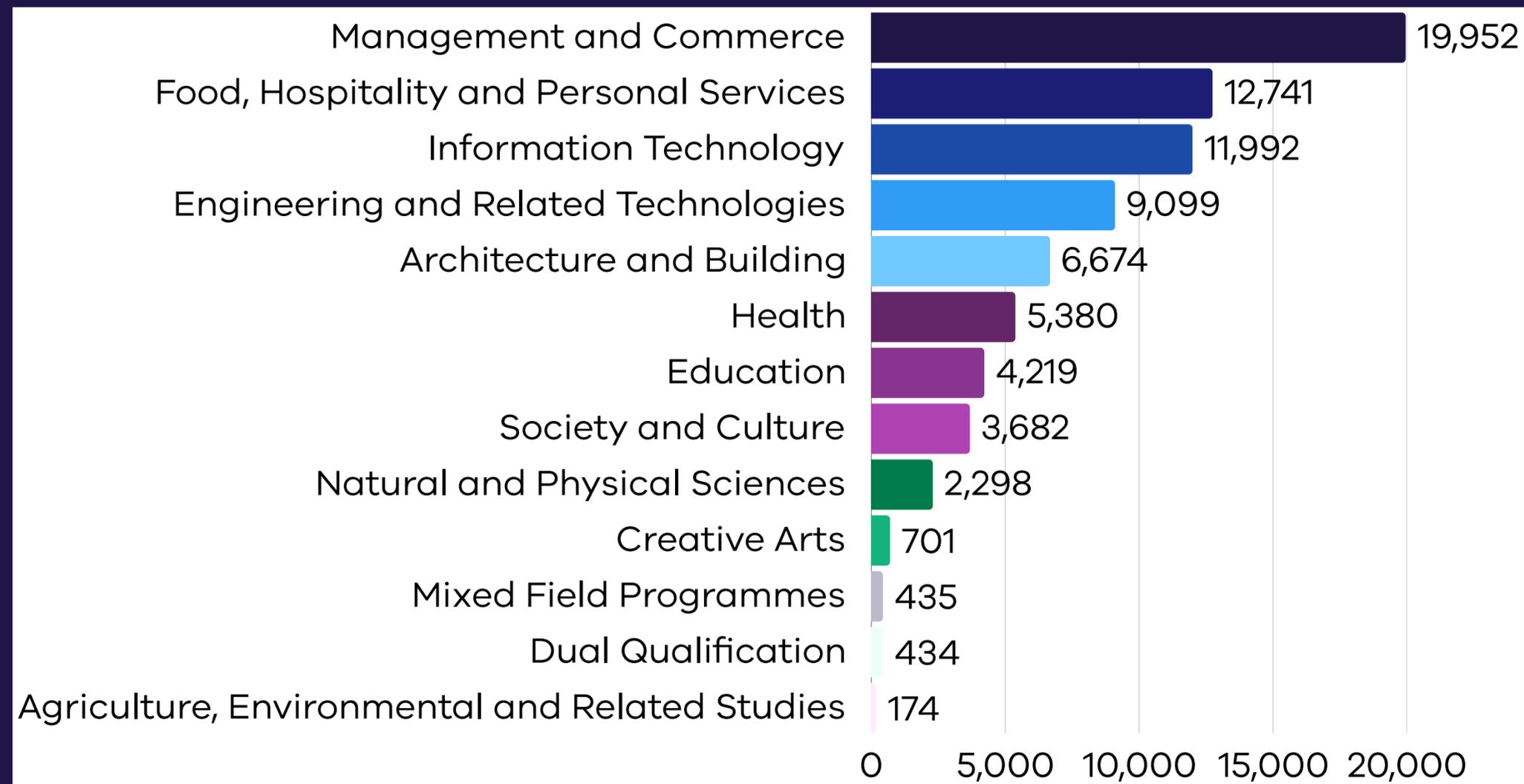
Student enrolments by sector



Top nationalities by international student enrolments, Victoria

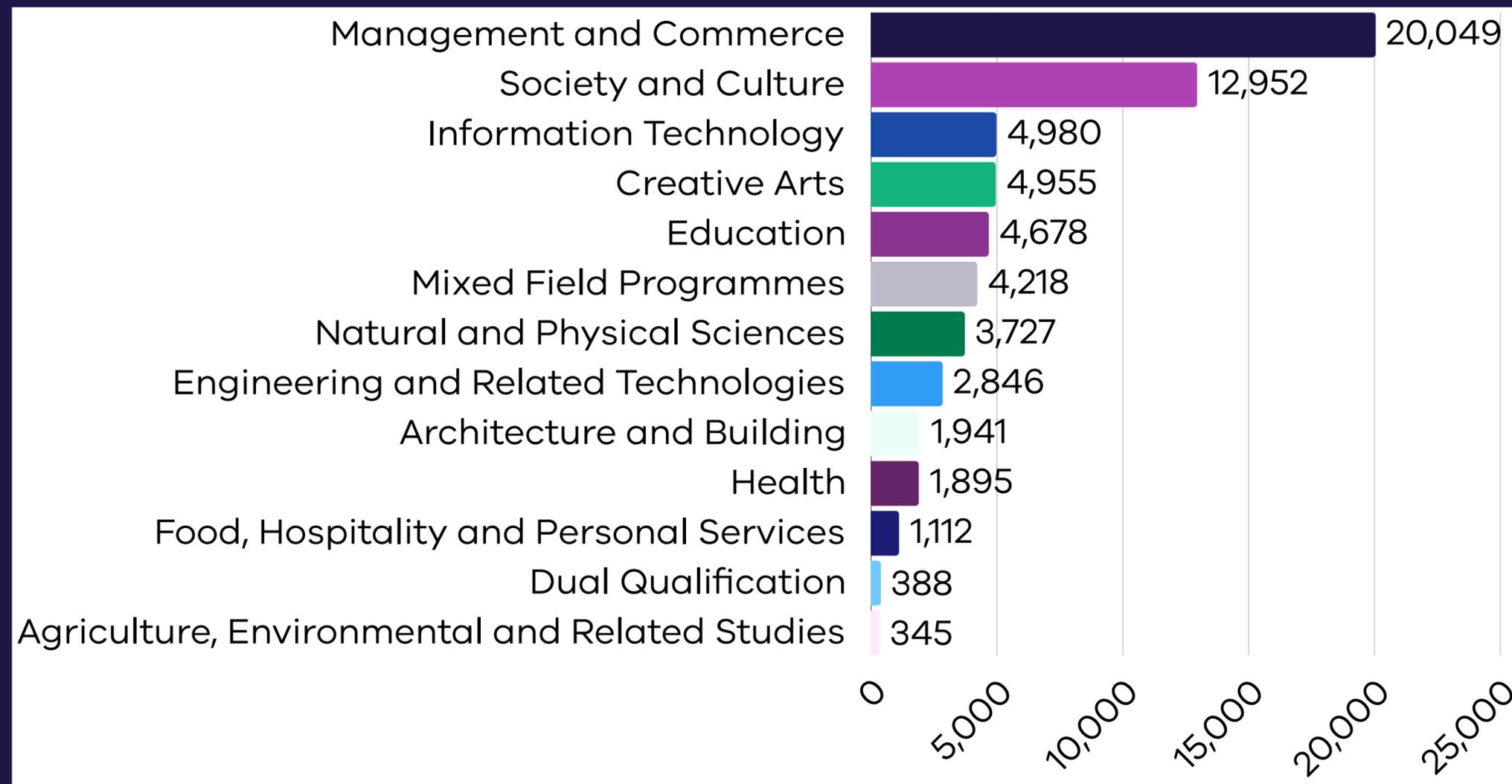


Victorian international enrolments by broad field of education, 2024 (India)



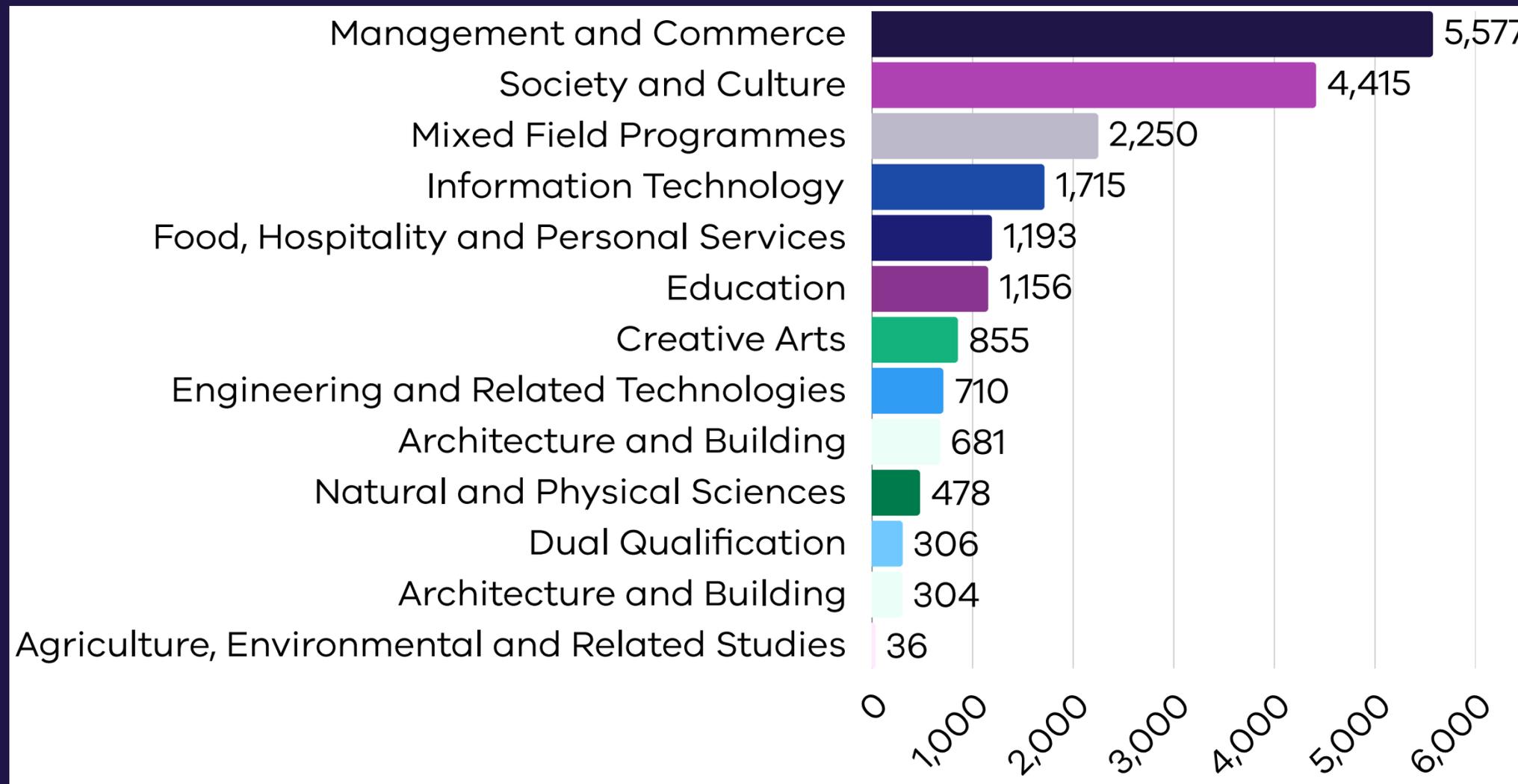
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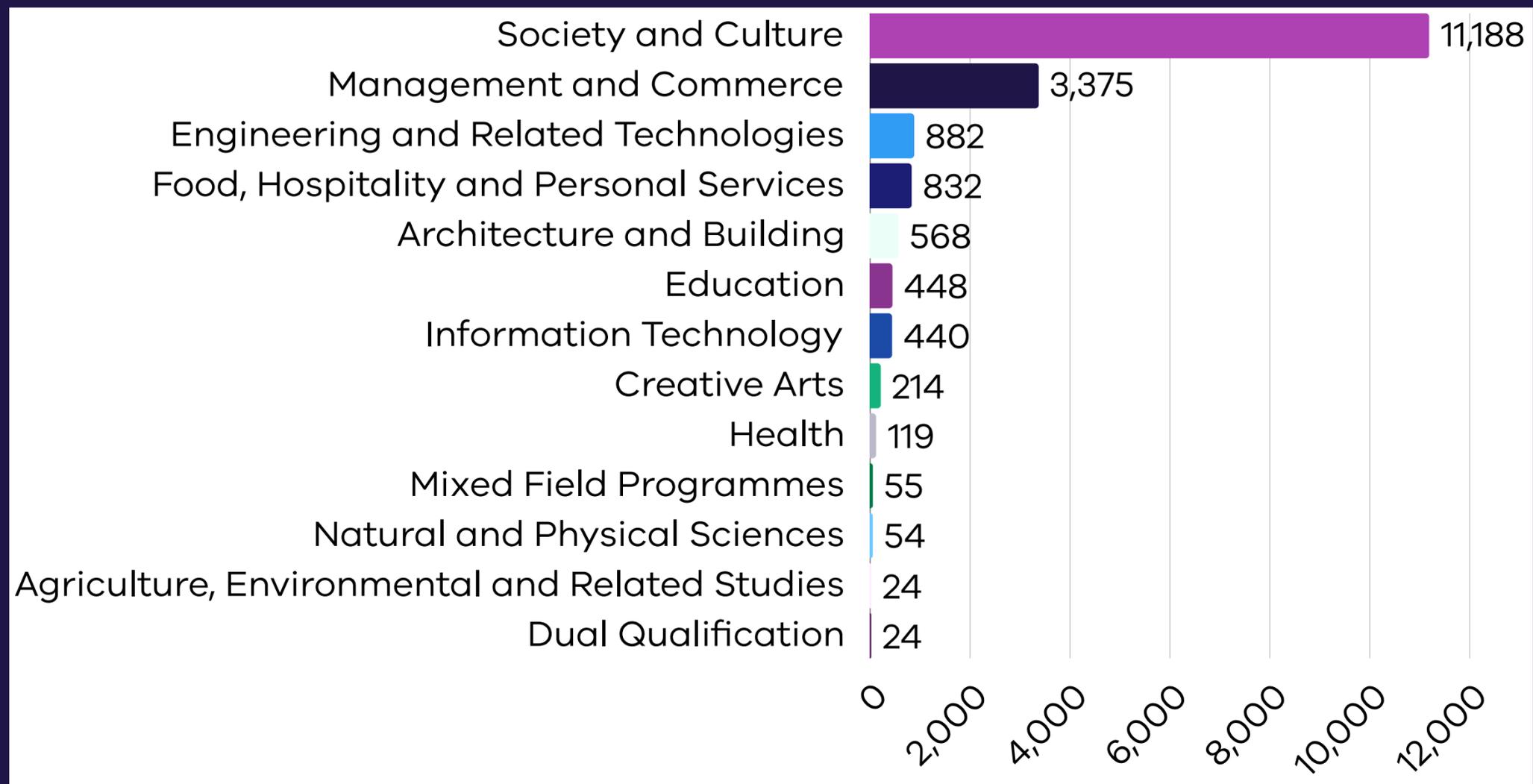
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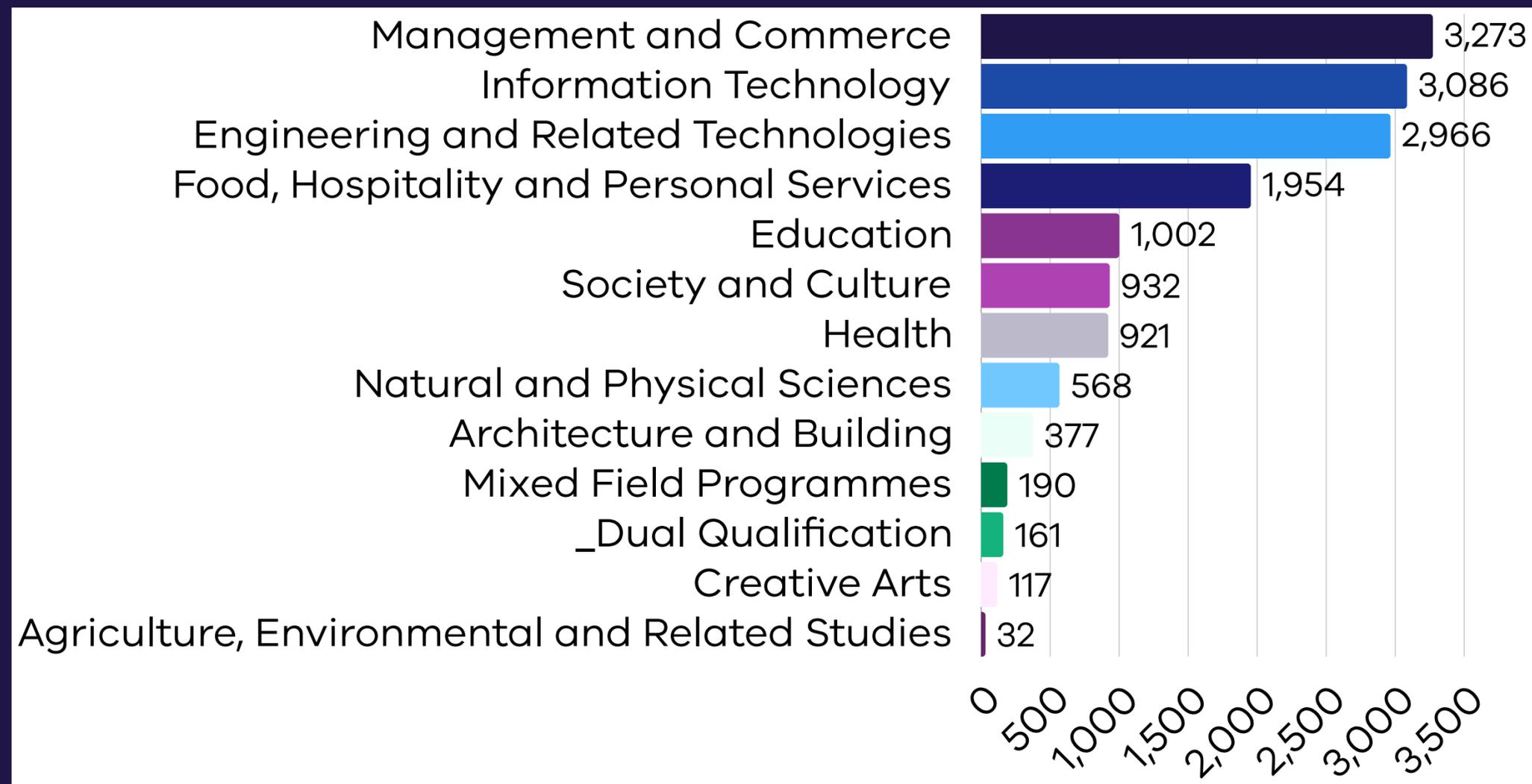


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Victorian international enrolments by broad field of education, 2024 (Colombia)



Victorian international enrolments by broad field of education, 2024 (Sri Lanka)



**A welcoming city that supports
students to thrive**



Supportive learning environments

- Education providers have dedicated support for international students.
- Welcoming cultural, community and social groups.
- Students from all backgrounds feel safe, welcomed and valued.
- A place for personal growth and cultural exchange.



Study Melbourne Hub

- A safe and inclusive place for international students in the centre of Melbourne.
- Access free support and advice from experienced staff.
- Study spaces, free tea, coffee and snacks.
- Free professional development programs, social events and networking.
- Free one-on-one support for job search and advice on work rights.
- Free legal advice for employment and accommodation issues.
- Open Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm.



Rights and protections for international students

- International students have the same rights under Australian workplace law as all other employees.
- Australia has strict anti-discrimination laws and racism of any kind is unacceptable and against the law.
- Study Melbourne provides a free and confidential legal service for any employment or accommodation issues.



Diverse and welcoming community

- Melbourne is one of Australia's most culturally and socially diverse communities.
- All international students are welcome, including women, LGBTIQ+ (lesbian, gay, intersex, and queer) communities, people of all faiths and colour, people with a disability diverse socio-economic backgrounds.
- Victorians come from over 300 ancestries and speak over 200 languages.



Tuition Protection Service

- Australia has an excellent reputation for quality education. However, sometimes an education provider may close, fail to start a course or stop offering a course part way through.
- The Australian Government's Tuition Protection Service is here to support international students.
- Provider's must provide written notification within 14 days and:
 - place you in an alternative course; or
 - refund your unspent tuition fees.



Launch your global career



Career Readiness

- Work up to 48 hours per fortnight while you study.
- Access free professional development programs and events to build employability.
- Free one-on-one support for job hunting and work rights through the Work Ready Program.
- Meet prospective employers at the annual Study Melbourne Careers Fair.
- Volunteer, network and pursue internships.



Melbourne is a leading knowledge centre

- Hub for Cyber Security, Digital Games, Digital Health, FinTech, SportTech, Clean Energy and AgTech.
- Headquarters to world leading companies including Rio Tinto, Synnex, Eventbrite, Alibaba, Mitsubishi, UNIQLO, Medibank, and Mission Foods.
- Home to 47% of Australia's unicorns.



Diverse and innovative industries

- Dynamic industries are powered by strong business R&D investment, nurturing ideas, innovation and ambition.
- Diverse industries including:
 - Digital technologies
 - Medical research and health technology
 - Advanced manufacturing
 - Clean and circular economy
 - Agribusiness
 - Design innovation and the creative industries



Post study work options

University graduates can consider a number of options to work in Australia after their studies:

- You may be eligible for the Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) Post-Study Work stream.
- An Australian employer may be able to sponsor you for a new visa.
- You can submit a Registration of Interest in Victoria's Skilled Visa Nomination Program.



Find out more



Ready to study in Melbourne?



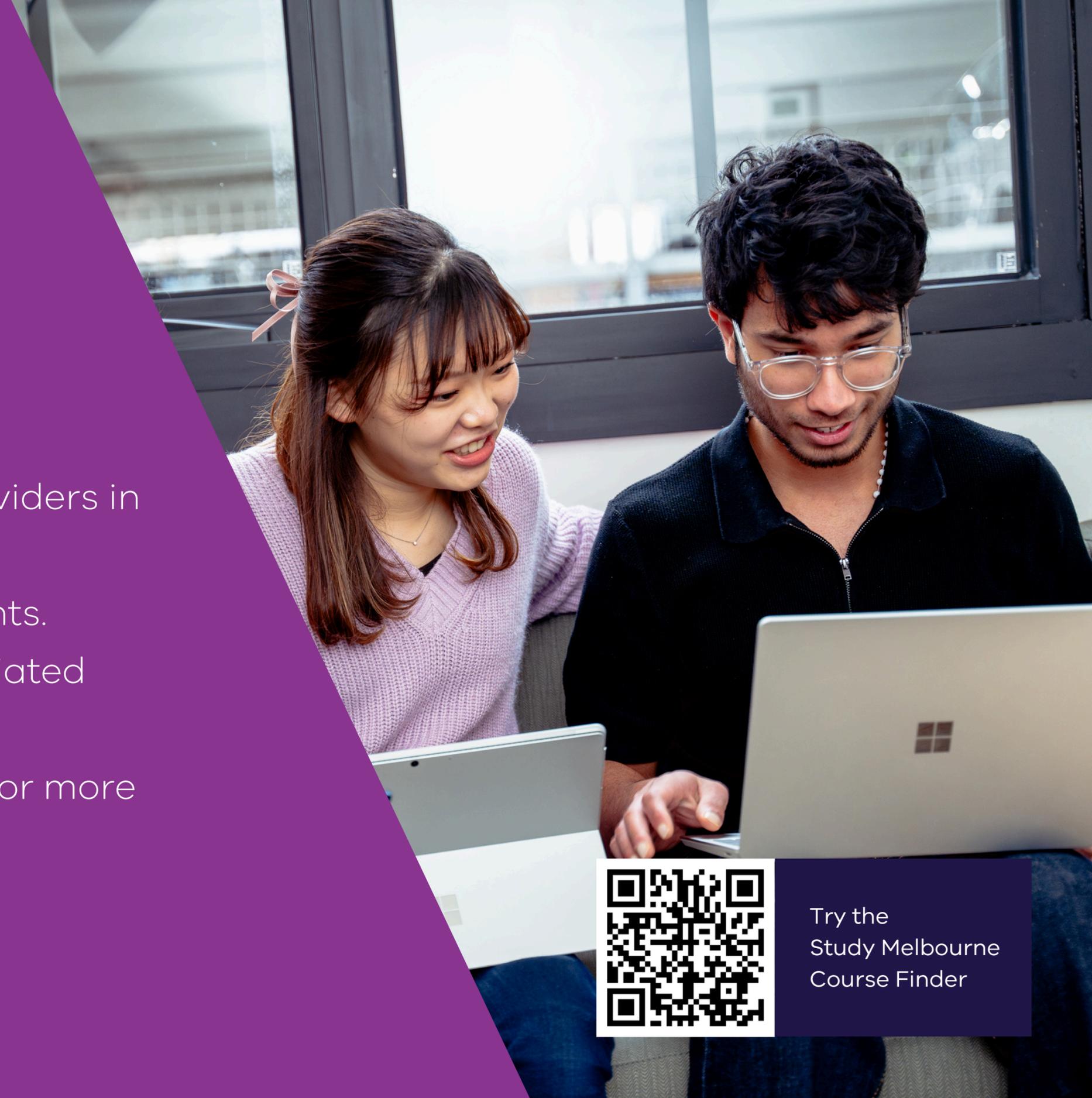


Study Melbourne Course Finder

- Search all courses, scholarships and providers in Victoria.
- Compare subjects, costs and requirements.
- Learn about different careers and associated courses.
- Make an inquiry directly to the provider for more information.



Try the
Study Melbourne
Course Finder



Accommodation options

- On-campus:
 - Convenient and social, with access to campus facilities and support services.
- Private rental:
 - Live independently or share a house with others.
- Homestay:
 - Live with a local family for a cultural experience and on-hand support.



Cost of living calculator

- Understand the cost of living in Melbourne.
- Estimate the cost of living based on your lifestyle and needs.
- Compare costs based on different accommodation and transport choices.



Try the
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Apply for a visa

- The Student (subclass 500) visa allows you to live, study and work for up to 5 years in line with the duration of your degree.
- To apply, you must have already been accepted to a registered full-time course at an Australian education provider.
- You must also meet other eligibility requirements (see Home Affairs website).
- If you want to study here, but aren't yet 18 years of age, your parent or guardian can also come with you using the Student Guardian (subclass 590) visa.



Visit Australia's
Home Affairs
website for more
information



Need more information?



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We can't wait to meet you!