



THE STUDENT VOICE

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Passion led us here, where ideas flourish and dreams take flight.

This newsletter embodies our collective journey of curiosity, creativity, and courage.

We hope it provides you with a well-deserved break from studying, then motivates you to press on.

DID YOU KNOW?



MELBOURNE

Melbourne has been consistently ranked as one of the world's most livable cities due to its cultural diversity, excellent healthcare, education, and infrastructure.

The city is renowned for its coffee culture, with more cafes per capita than any other city in the world. It's a haven for coffee aficionados and offers a wide range of coffee styles.

Melbourne is often called the "Garden City" due to its extensive parks and gardens, including the Royal Botanic Gardens, Fitzroy Gardens, and Carlton Gardens.

Melbourne's tram network is the largest in the world, with over 250 kilometers of double track. It's also the only tram network that operates entirely within a city's central business district.

The city is known for its vibrant street art scene, particularly in neighborhoods like Fitzroy and Collingwood, where laneways are adorned with colorful murals and graffiti art.

ADELAIDE

Adelaide is known as the "City of Churches" due to its early history as a planned settlement by religious freedom seekers. It has over 600 places of worship.

Adelaide's parklands are unique; they encircle the city center and were designed by Colonel William Light, the city's planner, to ensure that Adelaide would always have green spaces.

Adelaide is home to the largest undercover produce market in the Southern Hemisphere, the Adelaide Central Market, which has been operating since 1869.

The city hosts the world-famous Adelaide Festival, which combines theater, music, dance, and visual arts, attracting artists and visitors from around the globe.

Adelaide is the capital city of South Australia and is known for its festivals, particularly the Adelaide Fringe Festival, which is the second-largest fringe festival in the world after Edinburgh.

Meet a **MELBOURNE BASED STUDENT**



Nirvie Patel

2nd Year MBA Student

Tell us about yourself:

I'm Nirvie Patel, often known as "Patel" around campus, hailing from the beautiful island of Fiji. Over the past nine years, I have specialised in Human Resource Management, and recently ventured into the world of finance. My career has led me through a variety of industries, including Computer & Technology, Finance, Hospitality, and now Property Management. When I'm not crunching numbers or managing people, you can find me indulging in my passion for dancing, baking delicious treats, and socializing. I love being a busy-body, exploring new adventures, staying active and engaged in everything I do.

Why did you choose to study at AIHE?

Well, after conducting thorough research on various options, I decided to study at AIHE because its Melbourne campus really drew me in with its vibrant atmosphere. Accredited by TEQSA, AIHE's curriculum stood out for its top-notch standards, designed to be both challenging and rewarding. The faculty members bring a wealth of diverse knowledge and experience, ensuring a truly enriching learning environment. Plus, I read and heard glowing reviews from former students about the school's stellar reputation. The campus also offers amazing networking opportunities and a supportive community, which simply made it the perfect place for my academic journey.

What has been the most valuable thing you have learned in your program?

The most valuable thing I have learned in MBA program is the art of strategic

thinking. It's like being able to see the chessboard from above, understanding how each move influences the game's outcome. This skill has not only sharpened my decision-making abilities but has also transformed me into a more effective leader and a confident, independent thinker.

What aspects of studying have you found the most rewarding and why?

Besides learning and upskilling, the most rewarding aspect has been the priceless connections I've made along the way. The professors at AIHE have been instrumental in my journey, not just teaching but inspiring and supporting me and every student to reach new heights. Also, the collaborative spirit and attitude among my colleagues have enriched my learning experience beyond measure. Together, these aspects have made my MBA journey at AIHE not just academically rewarding but personally fulfilling as well.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?

Initially, I was a bit nervous about Aussie ways and culture. However, I found that Australian community and people here are incredibly friendly and welcoming, which helped me settle in quickly. Balancing work and studies had presented its own challenges, but with some good time management and I guess a lot of coffee (I mean healthy dose only!), I managed to stay on top of things and maintain a steady rhythm. And ofcourse, the support from my professors, family, and the amazing community at AIHE has been invaluable in helping me overcome these hurdles.

What do you like about studying in Melbourne?

Studying in Melbourne is an absolute delight! The city's vibrant and multicultural atmosphere makes every day exciting. I love the beautiful campus, "coffee-culture", and the endless array of food options especially for a foody-vegetarian like me. The parks, scenic spots are perfect for unwinding after a busy week. Plus, there are many events happening every now and then to enjoy at Fed-Square and other places - the public transport system is just fantastic, making it easy to explore different neighborhoods and discover hidden gems. The people here are super-friendly like in Fiji, making it feel like a home away from home!

What advice do you have for new students?

Embrace every moment and stay open to new experiences. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone as it is where the magic happens. Connect with your peers, participate in campus activities, and make the most of the amazing opportunities around you. And remember, it is okay to feel overwhelmed at times; just take it one step at a time and do not hesitate to reach out to talk. Well, you've got this, and I'm confident your journey will be incredible here. Just keep believing in yourself and enjoy the ride! All the best!

Meet an **ADELAIDE** BASED **STUDENT**



Shou Yang

1st Year MBA Student

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

My name is Shuo Yang and I come from China. I got both my bachelor's and master's degrees in liberal arts and have been working in IT industry as consultant, project coordinator, and quality assurance engineer for seven years. Reading novels and history study are my hobbies.

Why did you choose to study at AIHE?

It was all after the pandemic that I found myself hitting a plateau. All the passion and glamour has gone, and I felt it was the time to get restarted. One quote I have learned from Confucius was "It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop." One of my friends recommended studying abroad and getting my mood changed, and AIHE is one of the target places. Compared with those traditional universities, AIHE is developing fast and offering all kinds of possibilities and opportunities to students.

What has been the most valuable thing you've learned so far in your program?

People in different countries do business in different ways. In Asia, it is unusual to have small chat with clients with a cup of coffee or tea before making final decisions. However, I have heard a lot about this culture here. For each subject, the first thing came to my mind was how to put those theory into practice. Some of the methods may already have been used for years, but I just did not fully realize that. This is a second chance for me to combine and reorganize my previous working experience with the newest knowledge.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?

I never realized it would be difficult for native English speakers to pronounce my short first name! Haha. That was just kidding. The real challenge here is, as I am from humanity background, all the subjects used to be about history of literature and review of poetry or novels. Technically, I did not know anything about business management or even thinking in this way. On the other hand, there is a gap between Asian college style and Australian one too. The good thing is our lecturers could understand that and helped me a lot. John asked me many times about whether I could understand his feedback and Faisal always reminded me of getting more references. Their indomitable effort inspired me to get through with this.

What aspects of studying abroad have you found most rewarding and why?

As the old Chinese saying goes, "It is better to travel ten thousand miles than just to read ten thousand books." Traveling nearly ten thousand kilometers away from my hometown is an opportunity to expand my vision. I have been taught how I should behave to meet up a certain standard since I was a little boy, but now, embracing the diversity and leaving those unnecessary judgement aside is the great value I should take in my mind. The world is so diverse but in the deep down, we are all connected by universal values. Contribution, helping each other, and make a better community, those voices brought me here to join the student ambassadors' team.

What do you like about studying in Adelaide / Melbourne?

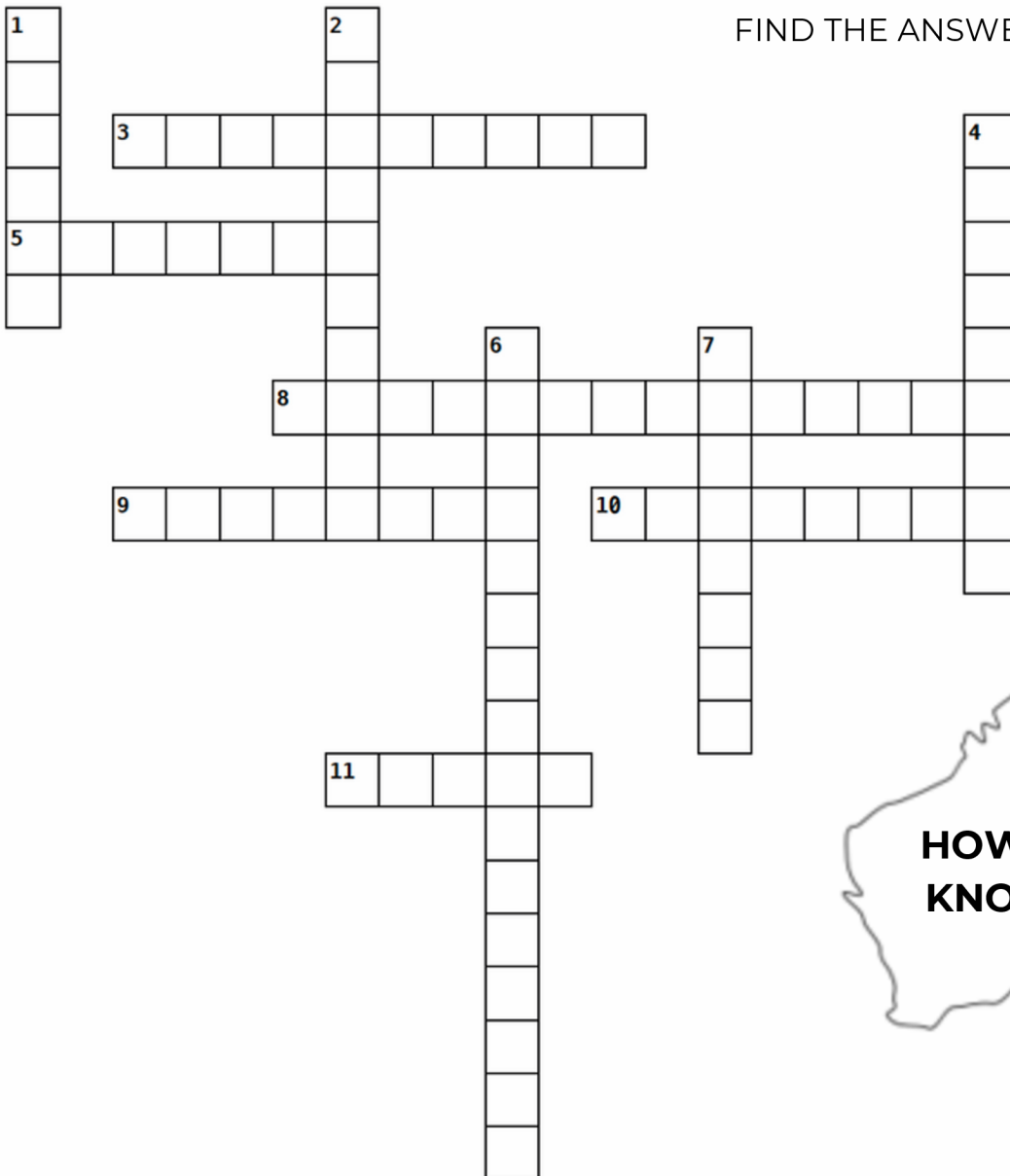
Unlike Shanghai, where CBDs are next to CBDs, and 20 metro lines underground, Adelaide is a small and quiet place. I have to admit I was feeling uncomfortable when realizing there were not many restaurants open after midnight for snack, or I had to learn to drive for traveling to places like Christie Downs. After a while, I began to get adjusted. The mountains and beaches are all around, and familiar faces are always there too. People will greet in a building or inside a bus. I can feel the warmth everywhere.

What advice do you have for new students?

Getting a new life pattern here is the first thing. When to take the bus, as well as where to get the less expensive groceries. Then we need to build our own connections. Whether by working, studying, or socialising, we will eventually meet the right people who can lead to more opportunities here. As MBA students, we should see far beyond theories in books and make preparations for future career and life. Both our choices and efforts make who we really are. I am sure you might feel overwhelmed or confused sometimes, as I had those same feelings too. All I can say is to reach someone for instructions, and keep going in the right path. One day you will get the reward.

PROCRASTINATION CROSSWORD

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Across

3. Indigenous Australian wind instrument
5. A large, spiny mammal native to Australia
8. Australian tennis tournament held in January
9. What is the capital city of Australia?
10. Popular Australian spread made from yeast extract
11. Famous rock formation in the Northern Territory

Down

1. Largest city in Australia by population
2. Famous opera house located in Sydney
4. Nickname for Australia due to its location in the Southern Hemisphere
6. World's largest coral reef system
7. National animal emblem of Australia

SOCIAL NEWS

CONNECT

The ambassadors are busy planning social and educational events for this term. We plan to host events at least once per month that give you the opportunity to connect with other students, build networks, and discover career paths. The next event will be specialisation presentations to help you pick the right path. Stay tuned for further details through email and school posters.



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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

(1) Sydney (2) Opera House (3) Didgeridoo (4) Down Under (5) Echidna (6) Great Barrier Reef (7) Kangaroo (8) Australian Open (9) Canberra (10) Vegemite (11) Uluru