

## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

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**Introduction** - The Rabbinical College has set a world-recognised high standard in tertiary Jewish education. It has become especially popular in recent years as a result of the individual attention given to its students and the progress they make during their stay.

**Accommodation** - Is provided on the premises either in our main building or dormitory wing, or at one of the flats we may rent nearby in the event of an overflow. Bedrooms accommodate 2 to 6 students to a room. The cost of accommodation is included in the fees charged.

**Airport Transfer** – Advice of flight arrival details should be given to our office. If you are not able to arrange pick-up from the airport by family or friends in Melbourne, we recommend using Airport Bus Dandenong service to get to East St Kilda. They may be contacted via their website <http://www.airportbusdandenong.com.au/> or by email [bookings@airportbusdandenong.com.au](mailto:bookings@airportbusdandenong.com.au). Rates are very reasonable approx \$20. Drop off point is Kimberley Quest Hotel at 441 Inkerman St, East St Kilda – less than a block away from our campus. On arrival at Kimberley, a student should phone our office to request pick-up and a ride to the college. Alternatively, a student should allow approximately AUD\$70-80 to cover a taxi fare. Destination is our rear entrance via the archway at 13A Wavenhoe Ave, East St Kilda.

**Facilities** - The study hall, reference and lending libraries, kitchen and dining room areas are all located on the property, making it very convenient for the students.

The spacious grounds give the effect of a more secluded institution which is to the benefit of students wishing to live and learn in relaxed and peaceful surroundings. A tennis/basketball court provides students with a modern recreational facility for their study breaks.

**General Living Expenses** - Although every student's needs are different and all meals are provided by the college, students will need some funds to cover snacks, laundry, dry cleaning, phone calls, purchase of personal items, transport etc. AUD\$25-30 per week would seem reasonable, however to get a better idea, it may be an idea to enquire from other students as to how much they spend.

**Immigration** - International students must seek the prior approval of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) or its equivalent for certain course changes or before commencing a new course or changing courses. It is a condition of receiving a student visa that the student is enrolled in full-time study and satisfies requirements relating to attendance and academic performance.

If the course is completed early, the student must either enrol in another CRICOS-registered course or depart Australia immediately, unless authorisation has been given by DIBP to remain in Australia. If a student fails to meet attendance or academic requirements, or has his enrolment cancelled (in which cases a notice of non-compliance will be issued to the student as soon as possible), or defers or suspends his studies, the college is obliged by law to report this electronically by the PRISMS system to DIBP.

Further information about the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Framework is available online at:

<https://internationaleducation.gov.au/regulatory-information/pages/regulatoryinformation.aspx>

**Insurance** - Student belongings are not covered by our insurance - if necessary please arrange for personal insurance to be taken out. The same applies if you feel travel insurance is necessary.

**Laundry** - Interstate and overseas students wishing to avail of the laundry facilities may do so at a cost of \$3.00 per washing load and \$1.00 per dry. Local students are expected to take their laundry home. At this stage, there is no charge for washing powder. Organisational and cost changes in this area are anticipated in the near future - students will be informed of all details.

**Location** – The college is ideally located in the East St Kilda - Caulfield area and is in close proximity to most Jewish organisations, shules and kosher food outlets.

**Lockers** - for storage of students' tefillin, books etc are available. Annual rental is AUD\$10.00 plus a refundable AUD\$10.00 key deposit.

**Mikveh** - Parents or students are expected to arrange and pay annual Mikveh membership fees directly to the Yeshivah Centre or other organisation of their choice. Enquiries as to costs involved should be addressed to them directly. Mikveh fees are not included in Yeshivah Gedolah's fee structure or collected on our behalf.

**Money Transfer** - Whilst overseas students are in Australia, it would be advisable to send funds to them either by direct wire to their bank account here or by Australian dollar bank draft.

**Orientation** - On arrival, overseas students will be provided with information regarding the setting up of bank accounts, health services, accommodation etc. Students may discuss academic progress and further study opportunities with the academic staff. Students who have problems of any nature are encouraged to discuss them with staff members. Students with queries should contact the office for assistance.

**Pesach Vacation** – The Yeshivah Gedolah kitchen will be closed over the Pesach break. Overseas students are allowed to return home for the three week break, provided they return in time for the commencement of the next term. For the last number of years, most overseas students have made their own arrangements and either assisted the Shluchim on Merkos shlichus or stayed with families in Sydney or Melbourne. Overseas students staying in Australia will need to purchase matzos and wine etc at their own expense. Should a student encounter difficulties in making arrangements, the office will endeavour to assist by finding a suitable family with whom to stay. Local and interstate students must go home.

**POSTAL AND DELIVERY ADDRESSES** (Nothing should be sent to 67 Alexandra St)

**1. Standard mail**

PO BOX 67  
BALACLAVA VIC 3183  
AUSTRALIA

**2. Mail Parcels**

Parcel Locker CN 10012 64901  
170-172 Chapel St  
ST KILDA VIC 3182  
AUSTRALIA

**3. Courier delivery items**

13A WAVENHOE AVE (via archway)  
ST KILDA EAST VIC 3183  
AUSTRALIA

**Student Phones** – Students may be contacted on (613) 9527 6733 or 9527 1191. Emergency numbers (no card required) and 1800 free calls may be called using either of the two student lines located near the dining room. Pre-paid Phone Cards with a 1800 access number may be used on either of the two student phones. A Magic Jack phone for free calls to the USA is available at the office – (917) 383 8970.