



# Study Abroad and Exchange

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROSPECTUS



**Artist:** Jacinta Numina-Waugh

**Title:** Goanna, 2001

**Medium:** screenprint on paper

Artwork used on the cover of this publication is by Jacinta Numina-Waugh and was produced at Northern Editions printmaking studio. Jacinta was born in 1965 and is an Anmatyerre artist from Stirling Station (or Mount Stirling, Utopia country) in the Central Desert region, north of Alice Springs. The sand goanna that Jacinta has depicted is both an important totemic spirit as well as a significant source of bush food for Indigenous Australians from this region.

Jacinta moved to Darwin in 1996 to study art and in 2003 she completed an Associate Degree in Art and Design at Charles Darwin University (CDU), Darwin. Following her graduation, Jacinta undertook a six month traineeship with Northern Editions and was appointed as a full-time editioning printer in August 2004. Jacinta continues to combine her artistic practice as a painter and printmaker with her position at Northern Editions.

Northern Editions, Charles Darwin University's printmaking studio and gallery, is the longest established producer and retailer of limited edition fine art prints in northern Australia. Working primarily through the Art Centres in Aboriginal communities or with selected galleries and publishers, Northern Editions has introduced printmaking to hundreds of artists over the last 15 years. Many etchings, screenprints, lithographs and linocuts produced by Northern Editions have been acquired by major art galleries, museums, corporate and private collections around the world.

**w:** [www.cdu.edu.au/northerneditions](http://www.cdu.edu.au/northerneditions)



## Why choose Charles Darwin University?

### **Charles Darwin University is a university with a difference.**

Located in the Northern Territory of Australia, a unique region spanning the wet tropics in the north and arid desert in the south. The University offers unique and exciting study opportunities in one of the world's most culturally and biologically diverse regions. This is a place for students who love freedom, welcome choice, have a sense of adventure and appreciate one of the oldest landscapes and cultures on earth. Our students come from all parts of Australia and from more than 60 countries. Diversity and opportunity are the hallmarks of CDU, Australia's most youthful university.

CDU is a comprehensive, multi-sector university with nationally accredited courses in higher education bachelors and masters degrees, advanced research doctorates, and in vocational education and training (VET).

CDU dares to be different. Our small class sizes, readily accessible teaching staff and online learning facilities provide the individual attention and flexibility to support students to achieve their goals and to gain the qualifications they want. So, if you have commitment and a will to learn, CDU will help you succeed.

Our research and teaching strengths take advantage of our unique geographic and demographic features with specialist study opportunities offered in:

### **Tropical Knowledge**

Darwin's location in the tropical north of Australia makes it a living laboratory for a range of tropical knowledge disciplines. CDU is a leader in tropical knowledge, particularly in environmental science, health and alternative energy solutions.

### **Indigenous Knowledge**

The School of Australian Indigenous Knowledge Systems offers a wide range of courses in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies, aboriginal languages, creative arts, Indigenous governance and natural and cultural resource management.

### **Desert Knowledge**

CDU is a key partner in the Desert Knowledge Research Centre, finding ways of developing sustainable models for desert regions which can be transferred anywhere in the world.

### **An award-winning university**

CDU is the United Nations University Centre on Traditional Knowledge and has been awarded a four star rating for research intensity by the Good Universities Guide 2008

### **Students are our priority**

Individual attention, flexible study pathways, challenging education concepts and unique learning options characterise teaching and learning at CDU.



*Sandy Creek Falls (Tjaynera Falls)*

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*The Simpson Desert*

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*Bushwalking at Nitmiluk National Park*

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*Litchfield National Park*

## The Northern Territory of Australia: An exotic environment

Australia's Northern Territory offers a unique and unforgettable living and educational experience. The Territory's environment is clean, fresh and inviting. Its towns are free from the urban curses of traffic jams, noise and pollution. The Northern Territory is world famous for its scenic natural wonders in one of the world's oldest landscapes, prolific wildlife, and access to first hand experience of an ancient Aboriginal culture. Students at Charles Darwin University have the opportunity to explore and experience the stunning landscapes of World Heritage Kakadu National Park, Katherine Gorge and Uluru. The Northern Territory is a destination with its own style and sophistication where people are warm, friendly and down to earth.

### **Darwin**

Darwin is the capital city of the Northern Territory and Australia's only tropical capital coastal city surrounded by the Arafura Sea. It is a modern, clean, safe and friendly city with a tropical climate which promotes a relaxed, outdoor lifestyle in unspoiled surroundings and beaches without many of the hassles of a larger city.

Darwin's international airport provides quick access to south-east Asia, with direct flights to and from Singapore and Indonesia and air links

to other Australian cities. As a major tourism destination, Darwin is well served by many international standard hotels.

The city offers a broad range of cultural activities in museums, art galleries, theatres and cinemas, while recreational and sporting interests are well catered ranging from fishing to sailing, golf to tennis and soccer to rugby. Darwin is a multicultural city and this is expressed in the diversity of cuisine, restaurants and street cafes and the variety of foods at open air markets. As a young and vibrant city with a strong economy, young people are attracted to Darwin because of the exceptional employment and career opportunities. Darwin attracts backpackers from around the world and the nightclubs provide exciting entertainment for the young at heart. All major shopping and service facilities are within easy reach, either by walking, bicycling or bus.

### **Climate**

As a tropical city Darwin has two seasons each year. The wet season is from November to April, with a temperature range from 20 to 34 degrees celsius. The dry season is from May to October, with a temperature range from 15 to 31 degrees celsius.



*Arts Law building - Casuarina campus*

## Campuses

CDU has four main campuses at Casuarina (Darwin), Palmerston (Darwin), Alice Springs and Katherine.

### Casuarina campus

The Casuarina campus is the main university campus located in the northern suburbs of Darwin, 12 kilometres from the city centre. The campus covers 56 hectares with lush tropical gardens and comprises state-of-the-art facilities including an extensive library with IT enabled learning precinct, well equipped air-conditioned lecture theatres and research laboratories, on-campus accommodation for 300 people, on-campus childcare facilities, cafés and bar, post office, bookshop with online purchasing facilities, commercial printer with online print ordering facilities, student recreation areas, sports ovals, gymnasium and basketball courts.

The campus is close to Casuarina Beach, and a short walk to Darwin's largest shopping precinct, Casuarina Shopping Centre. It is serviced by regular air-conditioned buses and is connected to the suburbs and city centre by extensive cycle tracks. The majority of courses are available at this campus.

### Palmerston campus

The Palmerston campus is located 20 kilometres from Darwin's city centre within walking distance of Palmerston city centre. The campus is the home of tourism, hospitality, conservation and land management courses. The campus features modern hospitality training facilities including the Karawa training restaurant and a hairdressing and beauty therapy salon, both of which are open to the public, as well as a virtual travel agency. The state-of-the-art Learning Space focuses on information technology, and is complemented by a library with electronic learning resources,

computer labs with 24-hour access, lecture halls and a café. A limited number of courses are available at this campus.

### Alice Springs campus

The Alice Springs campus is located in the centre of Australia among native desert vegetation with stunning views of the majestic MacDonnell Ranges. The campus provides practical training facilities for tourism and hospitality students, including the award-winning Desert Lantern restaurant which is open to the public. The campus has extensive vocational training facilities, a well equipped library and electronic learning resource centre, and a new Higher Education Centre with a state-of-the-art lecture theatre and postgraduate student research and computing facilities. Also on campus are a coffee shop, butcher, hairdresser, a vineyard, and a gymnasium. A limited number of courses are available at this campus.

### Katherine campus

The Katherine campus is located 314 kilometres south of Darwin, within 16 kilometres of the Katherine town centre. It covers 4,000 hectares and has well-equipped workshops, cattle handling facilities, stables, modern air-conditioned classrooms, library with computer facilities and full residential facilities for students. The campus focuses on horticultural and agricultural training for VET courses and apprenticeships and traineeships, including the nationally accredited Rural Production VET Training Package and expanded jackaroo and jillaroo courses. As well as studying at the Katherine campus, students can gain hands-on experience in rural studies at Mataranka Station, a 77,000 hectare commercial cattle station. A limited number of courses are available at this campus.



*Palmerston campus*

*Alice Springs campus*



*Katherine campus*

# Postcards Home

I recently arrived in Darwin. I am a Chinese international student studying at Marburg in Germany. I decided to take a study abroad semester with CDU in accounting (an allied subject area to my German degree). The CDU units will carry across to my German degree.

When I finish my degree in Germany I would like to study a masters degree in marketing and management in the US. After that I would like to return to China to work. I will have travelled around the world to undertake my studies! I am really looking forward to the coming dry season as it is said to be lovely - sunny and warm. Darwin people are friendly. Due to the small class sizes you can get much more contact with lecturers than you can in Germany and China.



From: Hao Qin  
 To: University of Marburg

CDU offered units relevant to my course. I always wanted to visit Australia and University of Florida is an exchange partner with CDU. I met lots of great people and enjoyed studying in a relaxed atmosphere. Living and studying abroad gave me a chance to learn a lot about myself and what you are interested in. I think future employers will appreciate this.

The day spent in Litchfield National Park with people from NFIH was great fun and a terrific way to meet other international students. It was amazing to see the huge magnetic termite mounds that are found all over the plains in the park!



From: Jacqueline Feil  
 To: University of Florida, USA



I chose Darwin because of the climate; it is very different to Sweden. As the semester in Sweden ended in November I had time to travel as a tourist before I started study in Darwin which had a March start!

Studying in Darwin was fun and different from what I was used to. The people were friendly and open and gave me help whenever I needed it.

I have learned a lot by going abroad, mostly about myself and also the English language. I went to another country by myself, organised things by myself...it is something that will help me in my future.

From: Lisa Bradstorm  
 To: Jonkoping International  
 Business School, Sweden



Conquering my dream travelling to Australia and being able to experience the most cultural part of the country, the Northern Territory, was the best investment I have done with my life.

From falling in love with the Australian community, the different markets where I listened the sounds of Australia while testing the different foods or maybe venture out into the night life throughout the different pubs.

Meeting people throughout classes, working at the casino or just a casual outing around town. Learning that 'Such is life.'



From:

Katelyn Zurek

To: Northern Arizona University, USA

I wanted to come to Australia. The core classes I needed were available at CDU and I would never trade the option to come to Darwin for any other city.

I came for the academic study but more so the whole experience. At home my grades would have been higher. Not knowing what a High Distinction looks like it is hard to know the amount of work needed.

The experience is worth more. It's not what marks you get that make you who you are, they are just grades. Your grades may determine where you stand but they don't determine who you are.



From:

Krystal Tomlin

To: University of Florida, USA

I wanted to see the culture, experience the different weather and, as I am a chef as well, I wanted to experience and see new foods and methods of cooking.

Darwin was my only option but I would have come anyway because of the variety of culture. I made new friends, both in and out of class as well as the fun at the student accommodation, North Flinders International House.

I recommend to future students at CDU to live life to its fullest potential and enjoy the times you spend with the people whom you have met.



From:

Paul Sterbenc

To: Mount Royal College, Canada

## Study abroad / exchange options

CRICOS code: 017776A (1 semester program)  
CRICOS code: 017777M (2 semester program)

CDU offers one or two semesters of study abroad/exchange programs which allow you to explore a unique part of Australia and enhance your studies at the same time. Studying at CDU will give you a valuable academic personal experience to broaden your knowledge and take advantage of study options that are often not available at your home university. Some CDU subjects involve field work, allowing you to discover the unique beauty and wonder of this ancient and dramatic landscape.



### A wide choice of study options

The university has a broad range of subjects giving you a wide choice from which to build a study program to suit your particular education requirements. Subject choices include:

- Aboriginal and Indigenous studies
- Anthropology
- Animation
- Aquaculture
- Architecture and interior design
- Biological sciences
- Biomedical science
- Business – accounting, marketing, management and economics
- Communication and media studies
- Ecology
- Exercise science
- Education
- Engineering – civil, electrical, electronics, mechanical and mechatronics
- Environmental management
- Geographic information Systems (GIS)
- Graphic design
- History
- Hospitality and tourism
- Humanitarian and community studies
- Humanities and social sciences
- Information technology
- Legal studies
- Music
- New media design
- Natural resource management
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Politics
- Psychology
- Science
- Social Work
- Sociology
- TESOL
- ELICOS

For more information on subjects available, w: [www.cdu.edu.au](http://www.cdu.edu.au)

## Specialised study themes

In addition to the wide choice of subjects, the following study themes reflect CDU's unique environment of tropical and desert landscapes, ancient and vibrant Indigenous cultures, and ancient geography and natural wonders, and provide an opportunity to develop a specialised program of study. Choices include:

### • Australian Indigenous Studies

- \*\*\* CUC 107 Northern Perspectives
- \* CAS 110 Introduction to Yolngu Languages and Culture
- \*\* CAS205 Yolngu Life and Literature
- \* BCC 301 Culture and Identity
- \*\* BCC202 Communication Technology and Culture
  
- CRS245 Freshwater Resource Management; an intensive two week unit delivered every June/July, includes field trips

### • Art and design

CDU is uniquely placed in northern Australia for study in Aboriginal and Indo-Malay art. Choices include:

- \* DRE101 Drawing 1
- \*\* SVA103 Introductory Studio (20 credit points)
- \* AHT213 Contemporary Indigenous Art
- \* AHT231 Modernism in European, American and Australian Visual Cultures
- \*\* SVA203 Intermediate Studio (40 credit points)
- \* AHT216 Representing the Other: Ethnographic film
- \*\* AHT131 Visual Cultures: Art and architecture
- \*\* AHT214 Indigenous Art in Northern Australia
- \*\* AHT215 Foundations of Southeast Asian Arts

### • Environmental science

Much of the Northern Territory remains untouched, making it the ideal place to study environmental science, remote sensing, geographic information systems (GIS), environmental management and tropical wildlife management - from the tropical savannas and wetlands to the dry arid regions. Choices include:

- \* SES201 Introductory Remote Sensing
- \*\* SES360 Field Studies in Tropical and Desert Landscape Processes

- \* CRS145 Resource Policy and Planning
- \* SBI201 Introductory Ecology
- \* SES101 Earth Sciences A
- \*\*\* SCH214 Tropical Medicinal Plant Chemistry
- \* SES220 Geographic Information Systems 1
- \*\* CRS120 Social and Cultural Mapping
- \*\* SBI105 Biology A
- \*\* SBI209 Design and Analysis of Biological Studies
- \*\* SBI240 Environmental Issues
- \*\* SBI250 Tropical Environments

### • Communications, new media design and public relations.

The global environment and economy has a demand for graduates who are creative, innovative and can demonstrate a high level of capability with technology and its creative applications. The School of Creative Arts and Humanities offers a wide range of subjects across creative arts disciplines. Students can move from studio discipline to computer laboratory and back, combining subjects and suites of study from contemporary music to sculpture, from video production to gaming, from animation to web design, from sound to performance design. Choices include:

- \* PRS101 Principals of Public Relations
- \*\* PRS201 Practising Public Relations
- \*\* MKT202 Marketing Communications
- \* BCC101 Foundations of Communication Studies
- \*\* BCC204 Professional Writing
- \* NMD203 New Media Animation Studio
- \*\*\* NMD204 New Media Scripting and Interactive Studio
  
- \* *offered in semester one only*
- \*\* *offered in semester two only*
- \*\*\* *offered in both semesters one and two*

## Field study options

### Environmental science

From the tropical savannas and wet lands, to the dry arid regions, studying environmental science at Charles Darwin University means that your learning doesn't just have to happen in a class room. Field study allows you to experience and explore the environments of the Northern Territory first hand.

### • SES360 Field Studies in Tropical and Desert Landscape Processes

This subject involves an intensive 10 day field



trip in June/July and a major assignment due in November (there are no formal teaching contact hours in addition to the field trip). The field trip includes many stops between Central and Northern Australia, starting in Alice Springs, and on to the MacDonnell Ranges, Barkly Tablelands, Mataranka, Nitmiluk National Park, and Darwin.

Students will be exposed to highly variable environments and engaged in a variety of fields for assessing landscape structure and function. They will also assess how different stakeholder groups manage natural resources and what environmental issues they face.

The cost of the fieldwork (\$700) is additional to tuition fees.

### Environmental research

The School for Environmental Research (SER) undertakes integrated biophysical, social and economic research with a focus on tropical and desert environments in Northern Australia and in similar climatic regions globally, with emphasis on south-east Asia. SER aims to balance conservation and development outcomes, thereby enhancing human wellbeing through responsible natural resource management.

#### • WLM404 Natural Resources and Livelihoods

This subject is available in semester one only. It will cover a range of topics including ecological impacts, economic issues, certification (including labelling and cultural branding) and communicating research results.

The subject is delivered in a flexible structure comprising online learning over 13 weeks with an intensive one week residential school in an iconic Northern Territory destination in the mid-semester break (June/July). The residential school will involve a field component exploring numerous businesses that use native species/natural environment in their products (e.g.

bush food, Aboriginal art, tourism). Students should budget approximately \$1000 to cover transport, accommodation and meals during the residential school, in addition to tuition fees. This subject is a postgraduate subject, but undergraduate study abroad students may be accepted with the approval of the course coordinator.

### Australian Indigenous studies

Indigenous knowledge is a cultural, environmental and intellectual resource for the wider community and can help provide both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people with an understanding, appreciation and respect for Aboriginal tradition and contemporary cultures. With Australia's largest Indigenous population, the Northern Territory is the ideal place to study Indigenous issues.

#### • CRS350 Cultural Tourism

This subject focuses on cultural enterprises that focus on Indigenous engagement in tourism. Students develop a critical understanding of the concept of 'tourism' and how this context translates for Indigenous peoples particularly in Northern Australia. How cultural tourism has evolved and issues such as authenticity, representation and ethics are examined. The development of tourism-based businesses run by Indigenous people on Indigenous owned land or that capitalises from some aspect of Indigenous culture is explored from the perspective of cultural and natural resource management, and social, cultural, economic and environmental costs and benefits. Current tourism strategies and policies are discussed. This subject is taught intensively (September/October) and involves a significant field trip component focusing on Indigenous enterprises in the Litchfield and Central Australian regions. Students should budget approximately \$1000 to cover transport, accommodation and meals during the field trip, in addition to tuition fees.

# Admission requirements

## Academic requirements

Students wishing to take part in a study abroad or exchange program at CDU must:

- be enrolled in a bachelor degree program at their home university
- have completed at least one year of study at their home university
- have a minimum GPA of 2.5

Students may also be required to satisfy subject prerequisites where applicable.

## Postgraduate study

Postgraduate subjects may be available for eligible students where they have completed the recognised equivalent of an Australian bachelor's degree.

## Gap year

Students with an equivalent Australian year 12 qualification will be eligible for admission to a study abroad program, provided they satisfy all requirements for admission. Gap year students may choose from first year bachelor degree subjects only.

## English language proficiency requirements

Study abroad / exchange students whose first language is not English must satisfy the University's English language proficiency requirements. While IELTS remains the preferred English language proficiency qualification, listed below are other qualifications which would satisfy the University's minimum English language proficiency requirements for bachelor degree programs. Other evidence of English language proficiency will be considered.

Test	Test score
IELTS	An overall minimum score of six with no band less than 5.5 valid for two years, from the date of the test to the date of commencement at CDU.
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)	An overall minimum score of 550 and a minimum score of 4.5 in the Test of Written English (TWE), valid for two years, from the date of the test to the date of commencement at CDU.
Computerised TOEFL	An overall minimum score of 213 and a minimum score of 4.5 in the Essay Rating, valid for two years, from the date of the test to the date of commencement at CDU.
Internet based TOEFL (IBT TOEFL)	An overall minimum score of 79 and a minimum score of 22 in writing, valid for two years, from the date of the test to the date of commencement at CDU.
University of Cambridge English Language Proficiency exams	A grade of C or better in the Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) or a grade of A in the Certificate of Advanced English (CAE), valid for two years, from the date of the test to the date of commencement at CDU
Common European Framework	A certificate of English proficiency with an overall grade of B2 valid for three years, from the date of the test to the date of commencement at CDU.
Medium of Instruction in the English Language	International applicants may be deemed to have met the English language requirements if they can provide the University with a letter from the principal or the registrar of the home university attesting that English is the primary language of instruction and assessment in the study successfully completed by the student over a minimum of a two year period.



# Student life

## Academic services

### Library

The University's library holds a stock of over 300,000 items including print, electronic, microfilm, computer software, compact disc, and other audiovisual material and online access to over 17,000 journals. The Casuarina campus library is open for 77 hours per week during semesters, with access to electronic collections on a continuous basis. Students can borrow from the library's collections or access the extensive online collections. There are also libraries at the Palmerston and Alice Springs campuses, all connected to the main library's resources.

The Learning Precinct in the Casuarina campus library is an IT-enabled learning space, with individual student and collaborative workstations configured for laptop wireless networks. Laptop computers are available for loan within the library using the wireless network. Library staff provide assistance and training in the use of library and information resources to ensure students gain life-long skills in accessing information. Our library staff also speak several languages.

w: [www.cdu.edu.au/library](http://www.cdu.edu.au/library)

### Teaching facilities

Casuarina campus has well-equipped air-conditioned classrooms, laboratories and lecture theatres. Many of these have overhead, video and data projection facilities and are connected to the internet. There are 12 computer laboratories for general teaching and individual student use, and specialised science and engineering laboratories. The general computer laboratories are open from 7am to 1am every day.

### IT student support

Every student is given a free internet account and a university email address on enrolment at CDU. This allows students to develop computer study skills which are an essential learning tool. Our information technology services include internet, library databases, and the University's online learning and course management system. Support and advice for all users is provided by the University's IT Help Desk.

### Assessment methods

Course-specific information on assessment and standards is given to students during the first lecture for each unit. Regular written assignments, tutorial participation, practical work, projects, research reports, short tests,

semester exams, seminar presentations and final examinations may form part of the assessment. In some units, the final examination may be worth 20% – 60% of the final grade, and other units may have no final examinations. VET courses are assessed on a competency basis.

Students are awarded one of the following grades after completing a unit of study.

Result	Mark range	Explanation
H – High Distinction	85 – 100%	Work of outstanding quality
D – Distinction	75 – 84%	Work of superior quality
C – Credit	65 – 74%	Work of good quality showing more than satisfactory achievement
P – Pass	50 – 64%	Work showing a satisfactory achievement
F – Fail	0 – 49%	Work showing an unsatisfactory achievement

### Course duration and full-time study

Australian student visa regulations require international students to enrol in full-time study and maintain full-time attendance. At CDU a regular full-time study load is four units (usually four subjects worth 40 credit points) per semester. There are two semesters per year. Study abroad / exchange students are generally restricted to a maximum of four units (usually four subjects worth 40 credit points) per semester. Prior approval is needed if a study abroad / exchange student wishes to enrol in five units in the semester. If you enrol in more than five units in a semester, you will be liable for the tuition fees of any additional units.

## Student support services

### Study Abroad/Exchange Officer

The Study Abroad / Exchange Officer is the first point of contact for all study abroad and exchange students at Charles Darwin University. The Study Abroad / Exchange Officer is able to provide a range of support and assistance throughout your study abroad program, and will help with matters such as identifying a suitable program of study that will transfer as credit to your academic record at your home university and assist you to complete your enrolment. Assistance is also offered in finding suitable accommodation either on or off campus, and providing you with local information that will help you settle into your new environment, such as public transport information, maps and health services. The Study Abroad / Exchange Officer liaises with your home institution for the duration of your studies at CDU.

Following the completion of your studies at CDU, the Study Abroad / Exchange Officer will issue an official academic transcript of the grades you have achieved in your study program direct to your home university. You will receive a certified academic transcript and a Study Abroad Participation Certificate. The Study Abroad / Exchange Officer can be contacted via email [international@cdu.edu.au](mailto:international@cdu.edu.au).

### Student counselling

The University provides professional, confidential and free counselling services to students. Counselling staff have expertise in assisting students with a wide range of personal, study and cross-cultural issues to assist in adjusting to life in a new environment and in the transition to university study.

w: [www.cdu.edu.au/ses/student-support.html](http://www.cdu.edu.au/ses/student-support.html)

### Learning assistance

The University's LearnLink provides study skills assistance and support to help students improve their skills in time management, essay writing, note taking, reading, tutorial presentations, exam preparation, English language support and other areas. Students are assigned learning advisors to support them in their transition into the University and their studies. An additional learning support is Learnline, the University's online learning environment where students can access course materials online, download lecture notes, view grades and participate in online class discussions.

w: [www.learnline.cdu.edu.au](http://www.learnline.cdu.edu.au)

### Disability support

The University is committed to accessibility in teaching, learning and support to assist students with disabilities to make a successful transition to university. Students with a disability should advise the University beforehand so that preparations may be made to meet specialist needs (equipment or the provision of tutors/note-takers or alternative examination arrangements).

w: [www.cdu.edu.au/ses/disabilitysupp.html](http://www.cdu.edu.au/ses/disabilitysupp.html)

### Complaints and grievances

The University's complaints and appeals processes are designed to resolve student complaints regarding academic or administrative matters. The processes are a commitment to attempt to resolve complaints informally and provide a transparent process with a capacity for timely response and a respect for confidentiality.

w: [www.cdu.edu.au/ses/student-complaints.html](http://www.cdu.edu.au/ses/student-complaints.html)

### Health insurance

The University has appointed Worldcare as the preferred provider of compulsory Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). Students are required to pay OSHC for the full duration of study at CDU before enrolling. On arrival on campus the University will give students their OSHC cards which must be presented every time you visit a doctor.

w: [www.oshcworldcare.com.au](http://www.oshcworldcare.com.au)





## North Flinders International House

### Arrival and orientation

You are required to arrive at CDU at least one week before your classes start to allow time for your enrolment and orientation. This will ensure you have a smooth transition to living and studying in your new environment. You must send the International Office your flight and accommodation information at least two weeks before you arrive.

F: +61 8 8946 6644

E: [international@cdu.edu.au](mailto:international@cdu.edu.au)

#### Before leaving home

Read about your destination. Research books and the internet for information about Australia, the Northern Territory, Darwin and CDU. Useful websites include:

w: [www.cdu.edu.au](http://www.cdu.edu.au)

w: [www.theterritory.com.au](http://www.theterritory.com.au)

w: [www.travelnt.com](http://www.travelnt.com)

w: [www.tourismtopend.com.au](http://www.tourismtopend.com.au)

w: [www.australia.com](http://www.australia.com)

w: [www.studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au)

Check passport, visa, medical requirements and airline tickets.

Pack carefully for life in the tropics. Clothing needs to be informal, cool, lightweight. In addition to your clothes you should consider bringing the following items:

- For your accommodation: sheets, towels, favourite cookbook and any special cooking implements, etc. Computers are available in on-campus housing and in computer labs on campus. However, you may wish to bring a stand-alone computer for personal use.
- Personal items: special medications and copies of prescriptions, camera, addresses and contact numbers of family and friends.

Have a small amount of Australian currency for initial needs (\$100). Alternatively there is a currency exchange booth in the arrivals hall,

which will be open when you arrive at Darwin International Airport.

#### Arriving in Darwin - Customs and immigration

Before arrival in Darwin, you will be given a Customs and Quarantine form to complete. Answer each question carefully, as fines for violations are very high. Australia has strict regulations to ensure against disease and pests. Do not bring any parcels into Australia if you do not know the contents. If you have items that must be declared to Customs, it is wise to pack them together in easily accessible luggage.

When you disembark, proceed to the Entry Control Area where you will present your passport, immigration card and customs statement. After your papers are returned to you, proceed to the baggage hall to collect your luggage. You will then pass through a quarantine inspection. Declare all plant, animal products, and food that you have with you.

#### Leaving the airport

Once you have completed all immigration and customs formalities, you will move through to the arrivals hall and if you are being met by friends this is where they will be waiting. Outside the airport there are usually taxis waiting but if there are none you can use a free phone in the arrivals hall to call one. If you have booked accommodation on campus ask the driver to take you to North Flinders International House at Charles Darwin University. If you have booked private accommodation make sure that you have the address to show the driver.

When you arrive at your destination pay the driver and ask for a receipt. The fare from the airport to the University is about \$10. If you take the receipt to the International Office within the first week of semester, you will be reimbursed the fare.



### CDU orientation

Your first point of contact once you have arrived on campus is the Study Abroad and Exchange Officer in the International office to help you with your enrolment and any questions you may have about student life.

The University organises an International Student Orientation program for new students each semester in the week before teaching commences. The Orientation program is designed to familiarise new students with university services, facilities, support staff and to prepare students for living and studying in their new environment. This is also an opportunity to meet other new students and to take part in the organised social and recreational activities. Attendance at Orientation is compulsory.

## Accommodation

### On-campus

On campus accommodation is available year round at North Flinders International House (NFIH), located on the University's Casuarina campus; just three minutes walk from the main library and lecture facilities. NFIH is part of a network of the International Houses in Australia, North America, Asia and Europe. It provides an opportunity for both local and overseas students to live in a residential community that understands the demands of academic pursuit.

NFIH has 270 rooms, located in several multi-level buildings. NFIH offers self-catered accommodation, with an optional meal plan (evening meal) available to residents. Each building has a number of individual bedrooms with communal kitchens, bathrooms, free laundries, computer lab, wireless internet access in most buildings, swimming pool, BBQ facilities, communal games and separate TV room. NFIH is just a 15-minute walk from Darwin's largest shopping centre where supermarkets, speciality shops, restaurants and

food outlets, banks and cinemas are located. A 10-minute stroll in either direction will get you to some of Darwin's beautiful beaches and foreshore, where you can enjoy spectacular sunsets.

NFIH will be your home away from home! It provides a safe and secure residential community that encourages academic achievement and the social, cultural and intellectual development of all residents.

w: [www.cdu.edu.au/nfih](http://www.cdu.edu.au/nfih)

### North Flinders International House 2008 rates:

*Long term rates (semester contract)*

Accommodation type	Cost (AUD)
Standard room (shared external bathroom)	\$150.50 / week
Standard room (shared external bathroom)	\$168.00 / week
Large standard room (shared external bathroom)	\$189 / week

### Off-campus

For students who prefer to live off-campus, there is a variety of accommodation such as apartments (units, townhouses, flats and duplexes) and houses available for rent through real estate agents. Rent for a two-bedroom apartment can vary from \$150 – \$300 per week and from \$300 – \$400 per week for a three-bedroom house. Most rental properties also require a bond, which is equivalent to four weeks' rent. Sharing with other people is a popular living arrangement for students. This allows accommodation and living expenses to be shared by several people.

Prices depend on the location, facilities (including whether furnished or unfurnished) and if in a share house, the number of people sharing. Support and Equity Services at CDU maintains an accommodation register which may assist you in finding share or rental accommodation once you are on campus. Alternatively, local real estate agents can assist you in finding rental accommodation.

w: [www.reint.com.au](http://www.reint.com.au)

## Other essential services

### Spiritual support

Due to the multicultural nature of Darwin, there is a wide range of places of worship to suit almost everyone. Darwin has facilities and places of worship for Christian, Hindu, Buddhist, Islamic and other religions.

### Childcare

The University Child Care Centre is located within easy walking distance of the Casuarina campus. The centre is nationally accredited, with places for up to 50 children from ages 0 to five years. It is open 50 weeks a year. The demand for places is strong and often out-numbers the places available. Other childcare options are available off campus.

w: [www.cdu.edu.au/fas/childcare.html](http://www.cdu.edu.au/fas/childcare.html)

### Banking

A Westpac Bank Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) is located at the Casuarina campus. The Post Office on the Casuarina campus is an agent for the Commonwealth Bank and has withdrawal and deposit facilities. At other campuses and centres, banking facilities are within a short walking distance.

### Bookshop

The University Bookshop on the Casuarina campus supplies textbooks, stationery and other study materials.

w: [www.cdu.edu.au/bookshop](http://www.cdu.edu.au/bookshop)

### Post Office

The Post Office located on the University's Casuarina campus provides full postal services for students, including PO boxes. At the Post Office, students can also pay bills, recharge mobile phones and buy phone cards to reduce costs of overseas calls.

## Recreation

### Sports Association

CDU Sport provides sporting and recreational services and opportunities to students and staff of the University, as well as the wider Darwin community. CDU Sport – Fitness Unlimited is a fully equipped, air-conditioned and modern gymnasium featuring an extensive range of cardio equipment, machine and free weights and group fitness classes. Rates are charged on a casual basis or three, six and 12 month memberships are available.

CDU Sport also offers a wide variety of associated sporting clubs which students can join. These provide opportunities for people to get involved in sport in a competitive and social atmosphere. Sports include: netball, basketball, cricket, hockey, badminton, rugby union, soccer and volleyball.

In addition, each year CDU Sport sends teams to different parts of the country to compete against other Australian universities on a national and regional level. You can attend by becoming either a competitor, volunteer or official. It's an experience not to be missed.

w: [www.cdu.edu.au/sport](http://www.cdu.edu.au/sport)

### Community radio station

Territory FM 104.1 broadcasts from the University's Casuarina campus. The station welcomes volunteers who want to get to know how a radio station operates and gain some practical, on-the-job experience.

w: [www.territoryfm.com](http://www.territoryfm.com)

### Ethnic community groups

The Northern Territory has a diverse ethnic community and is home to a wide range of ethnic community groups. International students are invited to join and participate in these ethnic groups. A directory of ethnic community groups is available online at

w: [www.nt.gov.au/dcm/multicultural/docs/information\\_directory/multicultural\\_directory\\_contacts.pdf](http://www.nt.gov.au/dcm/multicultural/docs/information_directory/multicultural_directory_contacts.pdf)

or from the Student Facilitator (International Support) at CDU.

### Food and shopping

Another reflection of the Northern Territory's diverse mix of cultures is the wide variety of food available, including options catering for religious dietary requirements, such as Halal. Casuarina, Palmerston and Alice Springs campuses all have food and drink outlets and cafeterias on campus offering students a variety of options for meals. Around the Northern Territory, this diversity is represented in the restaurants and cafés. All tastes and budgets are catered for, from five-star restaurants to budget cafés. Alfresco dining is particularly popular in Darwin as the climate encourages outdoor entertaining all year round.

The Northern Territory's major centres offer a wide variety of shopping opportunities, with major retailers through to small boutiques, national supermarket outlets and large airconditioned shopping centres. Darwin's largest shopping centre is located within walking distance of the Casuarina campus. Another shopping choice in Darwin are the many open-air markets which offer a vast array of gifts, clothing, arts and crafts, as well as many food stalls serving great value meals and snacks.

# Financial considerations

## Study abroad tuition fees:

2008 and 2009	One semester	Two semesters
Tuition fees	AUD \$7,000	AUD \$14,000

## Statutory expenses

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) requires evidence that applicants for a student visa have sufficient funds to complete their studies. Expenses to be considered include visa fees, Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC), tuition fees, general living expenses and return airfares.

w: [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

## Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) is a compulsory requirement for a student visa. OSHC Worldcare is the preferred OSHC provider for Charles Darwin University. The University requires students to pay full OSHC Worldcare costs for the duration of the course in one initial payment.

## OSHC Worldcare 2008 fees

Months	Single Premium (AUD\$)	Family Premium (AUD\$)
6	\$185	\$370
12	\$370	\$740

OSHC Worldcare health insurance provides 24 hour emergency assistance and advice and OSHC basic medical and hospital benefits. The OSHC Worldcare website contains information on 2008 prices, options, what is and what is not covered by this form of insurance.

w: [www.oshcworldcare.au](http://www.oshcworldcare.au)

## Students supporting dependents

A student bringing a spouse and/or children to Australia will need to have enough money to support them before the Australian Government will issue a visa. As a condition of the dependant visa it is a requirement that all dependent children between the ages of five and 18 must attend school full-time. For further information about schools in the Northern Territory, including school fees for international students, visit the Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET) website.

w: [www.deet.nt.gov.au/education](http://www.deet.nt.gov.au/education)

## Employment options

To be eligible to work in Australia, international students must apply to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) for the right to work after the commencement of their studies. International students should not expect to cover the costs of their tuition fees or living expenses from casual or part-time employment.

Holders of a student visa with work rights are entitled to work part-time up to 20 hours per week and full-time during semester breaks. The Northern Territory offers excellent part-time employment opportunities in the hospitality and retail sectors. CDU offers an employment service to all students which may assist in finding part-time work.

w: [www.cdu.edu.au/careers/employment-opportunities.html](http://www.cdu.edu.au/careers/employment-opportunities.html) or [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

## General expenses

A single student should budget approximately AUD \$12,000 – \$14,000 per year for living expenses in Darwin. Airfares, visa costs, OSHC and tuition fees will be additional. Accommodation costs, either on or off campus will be a large component of living expenses. Allowance should be made for recreation, emergencies and health expenses not covered by OSHC. Exchange rate variations may also affect budgeting. A married student will need an additional AUD \$5,000 per year for a spouse and approximately AUD \$3,000 per year per child.

Note: It is compulsory for children between the ages of five and 18 to attend school and pay school tuition fees of up to AUD \$10,000 per year. Childcare costs of up to AUD \$45 per day may also need to be considered. [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

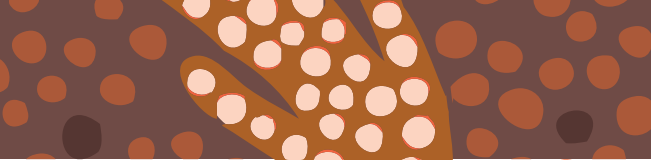
## Weekly expense guide (estimates only)

Accommodation initial costs	Private/off campus** Sharing with 2 or 3 people (AUD)	On campus (AUD)
Rental accommodation bond	x 4 weeks rent \$320 - \$640	x 2 weeks rent \$301 - \$378
Rent in advance – two weeks	\$160 - \$320	\$301 - \$378
Electricity/gas/phone connection	\$120	
TOTAL	\$600 - \$1080	\$302 - \$756
Estimated living expenses (based on single student)	Private/off campus** (AUD weekly)	On campus (AUD weekly)
Rent per week	\$80 - \$160	\$145 - \$180
Additional house expenses (gas, electricity, water)	\$20	-
Phone (includes mobile and modem)	\$20	20
Food and groceries	\$60	60
Public transport	\$15	15
Personal (clothes, health etc)	\$10	10
Recreation/entertainment	\$20	20
Photocopying/printing/stationery***	\$10	10
<b>Estimated weekly living costs (including rent):</b>	<b>\$235 - 315*</b>	<b>AUD\$ 280 - \$315*</b>

\* Tuition, visa costs, OSHC and airfares are additional. Please also remember if you are bringing a spouse or family then weekly rent, food and utilities will increase with additional yearly expenses for services such as child care or school tuition fees. See relevant information in this section.

\*\* Off campus rental accommodation is commonly unfurnished therefore the purchase or rental of furniture and appliances will be an additional expense.

\*\*\* Text books can be a considerable cost, which varies depending on the course. This is normally an upfront cost at the beginning of each semester. Second hand books may be available for purchase to help reduce this expense.



# Application procedures

## How to apply

Discuss your application with advisors (from the International Office and your faculty); seek transfer credit approval for at least four unit (course) offerings per semester; select the semesters that suit you.

→ *\* If you are applying as an exchange partner, you should first apply through the international office at your university and follow their procedures for application.*



Following successful selection through your university, complete the Charles Darwin University International Student Application form for study abroad / exchange.   
w: [www.cdu.edu.au/studyabroad/howtoapply.html](http://www.cdu.edu.au/studyabroad/howtoapply.html)



Submit form to Charles Darwin University (by mail or fax) or agency. Include name and unit codes for eight units (subjects). Please include a copy of your current academic record to assist in processing preferred subjects.

→ **Contact**  
**International Student Officer**

Preferred dates for lodgement:

\* May for the second semester of the same year (July – November)

\* 1 September for the first semester of the following year (February – June)

\*You may submit after these dates but you may have problems in organising your visa on time

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W: [www.cdu.edu.au/studyabroad/](http://www.cdu.edu.au/studyabroad/)

CDU International Office will then issue you a Letter of Offer. You may then accept the offer.



CDU International Office will then issue the electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (e-COE) letter needed to obtain visa.



You then need to apply for a student visa. Contact the nearest Department of Immigration and Citizenship office in your country ([www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)).



## Documentation required

Students should not send original documents (except for TOEFL results). The University requires copies of certified documents, which have been certified by a Justice of the Peace, a notary public or similar government official in your country, or by one of CDU's authorised representatives:

w: [www.cdu.edu.au/international/prospective/howtoapply/agents.html](http://www.cdu.edu.au/international/prospective/howtoapply/agents.html)

If awaiting transcripts or current results, students may submit their completed application with a note advising when results are likely to be available. Students should forward their transcripts as soon as they receive them. Please check that transcripts sent separately are clearly marked with your CDU student ID (if available), family name, first name, date of birth, anticipated program, and a notation that an application has already been submitted.

## Student visas

All international students applying to study in Australia must have a student visa. Applications and processing of student visas can take up to six months. An application fee applies for visas. For all visa enquiries and applications, please contact your local Australian Embassy, High Commission or Diplomatic Mission.

w: [www.dfat.gov.au/missions](http://www.dfat.gov.au/missions)

For more information about student visas, visit the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) website.

w: [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

## Who is an international student?

An international student is one who is not an Australian citizen, or permanent resident, or a New Zealand citizen, and is enrolled or proposes to enrol at an Australian institution. Temporary residents of Australia and permanent residents of New Zealand are classified as international students.

## Charles Darwin University Refund Policy

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Charles Darwin University adheres to the following fee refund policy based upon the policy formulated by the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee.

This agreement does not remove the right to take further action under Australia's consumer protection laws. Students who wish to apply for a refund may obtain a Refund Request Form from a student facilitator at the International desk in the Information Centre or from any staff member in the International Office. Students who are not in Australia may apply for a refund by emailing the relevant information to: [international.applications@cdu.edu.au](mailto:international.applications@cdu.edu.au)

### 1. Application fees – non-refundable

The application fee of AUD \$100 (included in the tuition fee) is non-refundable in all cases except in extenuating circumstances.

### 2. Total refunds

2.1 In the event that an offer of a place is withdrawn, all compulsory fees paid are fully refundable. Where an offer of place was made on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information supplied by the applicant/student, the University reserves the right to retain up to \$600 of the tuition fee.

2.2 Refunds if the registered provider defaults cannot be covered by a written agreement between the provider and the student. Such situations are covered by the provisions of the ESOS Act 2000 and the ESOS Regulations 2001. Students must be advised of this before making any payment to the provider.

2.3 A student who fails to meet degree/diploma progression rules and who is thus not permitted to re-enrol will be eligible for a refund of fees if paid in advance of notification of exclusion.

2.4 A notice of withdrawal due to exceptional circumstances (see 4 below) may be accepted as grounds for a total refund of compulsory fees paid.

### 3. Partial refunds

(Note: The guidelines for partial refunds apply equally to commencing students and continuing students.)

3.1 Where a student, after accepting an offer of a place, gives a minimum of four weeks written notice before the commencement of the semester of an inability to undertake the course, all tuition fees paid are refundable less an administrative fee of 15%, provided that the reasons for withdrawing are acceptable to the University.

3.2 Where a student gives less than four weeks written notice before the commencement of the semester of an inability to undertake the course, all tuition fees paid are refundable less 50% (including an administrative fee of 15%) provided that the reasons for withdrawing are acceptable to the University.

3.3 Where a student withdraws from a course within the first four teaching weeks of a semester, all tuition fees paid are refundable less 50% (including an administrative fee of 15%).

### 4. Grounds for refunds

A notice of withdrawal due to exceptional circumstances may be accepted as grounds for either a total or partial refund of fees, subject to the provision of acceptable documentary evidence in support of the application for a refund. Exceptional circumstances may include:

- (i) inability to obtain a student visa;
- (ii) illness or disability;
- (iii) death of the student or a close family member (parent, sibling, spouse or child); or
- (iv) political or civil event which prevents the student from accepting an offer of place.

### 5. No refunds

A student who withdraws from a course, for whatever reason, after four teaching weeks shall not be eligible for a refund in any circumstance.

### 6. Fees refund related to international students who obtain permanent resident status in Australia

6.1 An international Higher Education student who is granted permanent resident status in Australia will be given the option of enrolling in a Commonwealth supported place, subject to place availability, or full fees paying place if available to domestic students. Permanent resident status is recognized from the date stamped on the student's passport, not the date on which the application for status is made.

6.2 If the Higher Education student has already paid the tuition fees applying to international students for the semester, a total refund of these fees will be payable to the student less any agent fee applying to the University if, in the first year of enrolment, the student has:

- (i) obtained permanent resident status by the census date for that semester; and
- (ii) been enrolled as a Commonwealth Supported Student under the Higher Education Support Act 2003, or
- (iii) has made arrangements with the University to pay fees as a domestic student.

6.3 If the Higher Education student obtains permanent resident status after the census date in a semester, the student will be classified as an international student for the remainder of that semester. The student will be liable to pay the tuition fees applying to international students for that semester. From the following semester, the student will be classified as a permanent resident and will be liable to pay the student for a Commonwealth supported place or full fees applying to domestic students.

6.4 A Vocational Education and Training student who is granted permanent resident status in Australia will be entitled to a pro rata tuition fees refund from the date of becoming an Australian permanent resident, minus a \$100 processing fee if they have been granted permanent residency during a course.

6.5 An ELICOS student who is granted permanent resident status in Australia is not entitled to a refund as International and Domestic fees are the same.

### 7. Refunds due to exemptions

No refund of tuition fees will be made where a student after paying tuition fees for the semester, applies for and is granted exemptions for units within the program the student is enrolled in. Instead the fees will be credited towards the next semester's tuition fees.

### 8. Refunds due to change of course

Refund of tuition fees will not be made where a student, after paying tuition fees for the semester, applies for and is granted approval to change the program in which the student had been accepted. If the tuition fee for the new program is lower than the fees for the original program, the difference in fees will be credited towards the next semester's tuition fees.

### 9. Payment of refunds

9.1 Where there is a written agreement between the University and the international student regarding the University's fees refund policy, the terms of that agreement will apply to the payment of refunds.

9.2 Where there is no such written agreement between the University and the international student, payment of refunds shall be made as follows:

- (i) Where the university defaults, within two weeks after the date of withdrawal of the offer of a place or notification that the university is unable to provide the course; or
- (ii) Where the student defaults, within four weeks after receiving a written claim from the student.

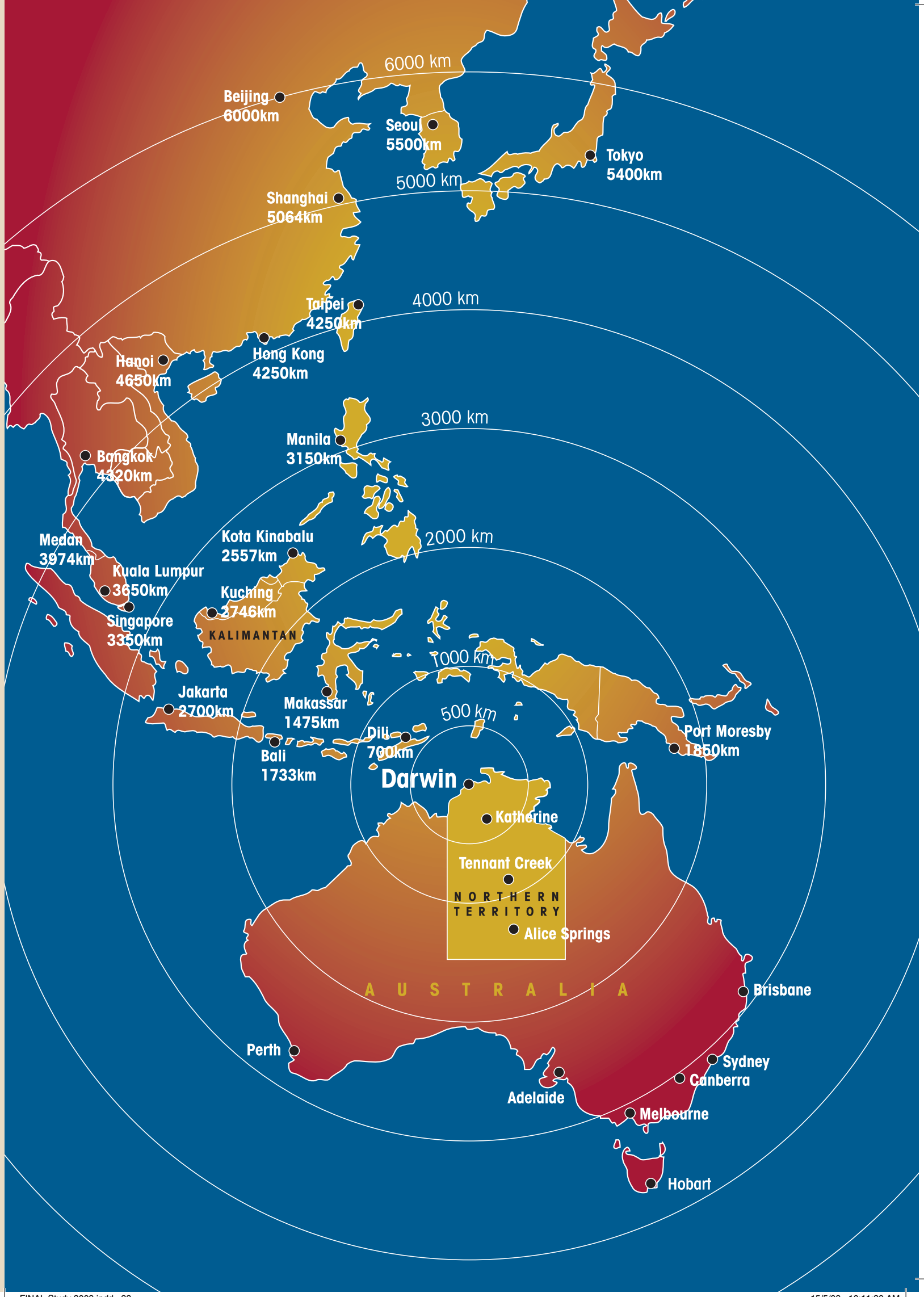
9.3 Refunds will be reimbursed in the same currency as the fees were originally paid and will be made in the student's home country, except in exceptional circumstances.

### 10. Transfer to another institution within Australia

If a student decides to transfer to, and has been accepted by, another institution within Australia after arrival in Darwin, or part way through the course of study at Charles Darwin University, the tuition fees which have been paid to the University by that student, less the relevant charges referred to in Section 2 above, will be transferred to the new institution. The money will not be refunded to the student.

### 11. Appeals process related to fee refunds

If a student wishes to appeal the process relating to fees refunds, he/she should contact the Student and Corporate Services Division's Student Equity Officers, who will advise on the University's dispute resolution processes.





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