

Peninsula campus



Welcome to the Peninsula campus

The campus

The Peninsula campus, one of the smaller and more intimate of Monash's eight campuses, caters to about 3000 students undertaking both undergraduate and postgraduate courses in a range of study areas.

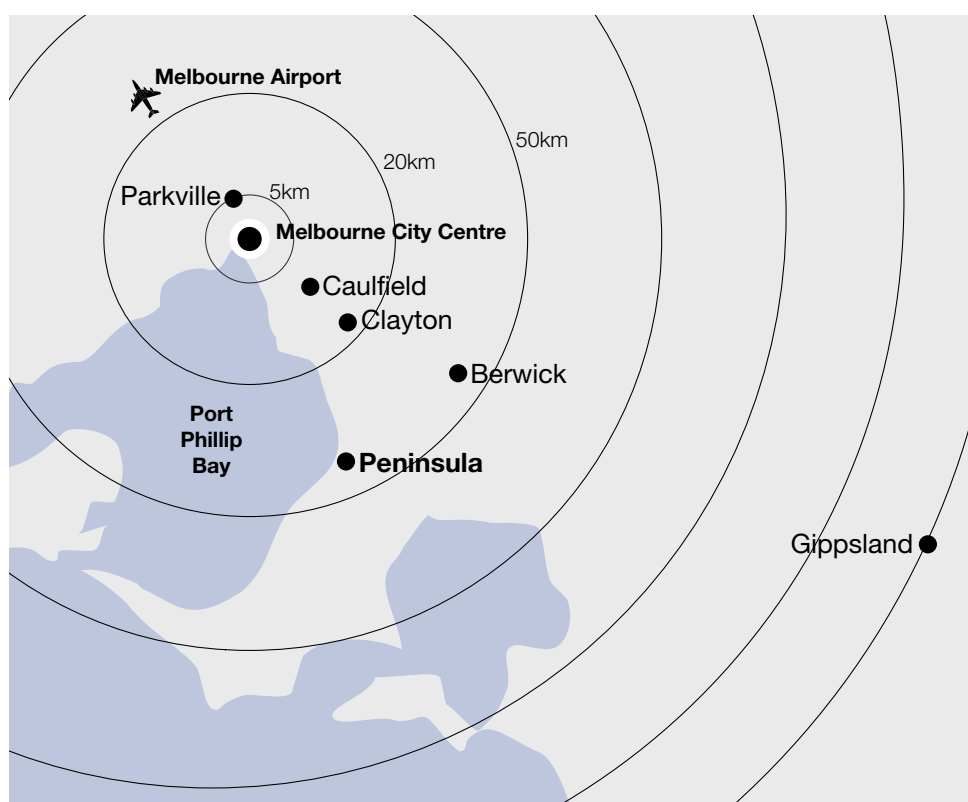
It is located in the bayside suburb of Frankston, about 40 km – or a 50-minute drive – south of Melbourne's CBD. Considered the gateway to the Mornington Peninsula, Frankston offers its residents access to beaches, national parks, wineries and restaurants.

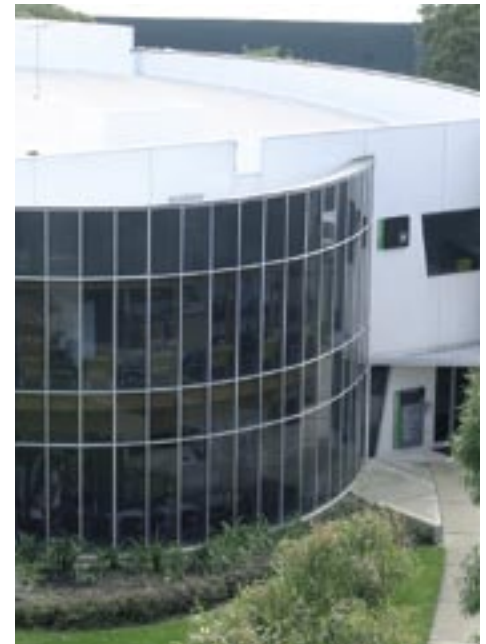
Getting to the Peninsula campus is easy, with frequent train services from the city to Frankston which connect with buses that service the campus. A free intercampus shuttle bus also operates between the Peninsula and Clayton campuses on Mondays to Fridays, from 7 am to 6.15 pm.

Peninsula campus is about a 15-minute walk from the centre of Frankston, which offers all the benefits of city living including a multi-storey shopping centre, major department stores, nightclubs, cafes, cinemas and a cultural centre.

The campus is steeped in history dating back more than 100 years, when its original building – Struan House – was built as a farm homestead. Its first incarnation as an educational institution came in 1957, when it was established as the Frankston Teachers' College to train Victoria's primary teachers. The first intake of 109 students was taught entirely out of the single original building, which has been maintained as a feature of the campus and currently houses a postgraduate study centre.

Today, the campus continues to offer studies in early childhood education, primary education and sports and outdoor recreation, as well as in a range of other disciplines including business and economics, information technology, nursing, midwifery, wine technology and marketing, health sciences and emergency health (paramedic). As well, many Peninsula students are often able to undertake part of their studies on other campuses of the university.





The courses

The Peninsula campus offers undergraduate and postgraduate programs in the following areas.

The **Faculty of Business and Economics** at Peninsula offers the Bachelor of Business and Commerce in a range of major study areas including accounting, international business, management, marketing, human resource management, sport management and electronic business systems.

It also partners with other faculties to offer three-year degrees with double majors in business and psychology, and internet systems and commerce. Four-year double degrees with arts and information technology are also available.

As well, the faculty offers the graduate diploma and masters programs in wine technology and marketing, which have proved popular with those working within the wine industry. Other graduate and postgraduate opportunities are available via masters and PhD programs.

The **Faculty of Education** at Peninsula campus continues to meet the increasing demand for highly qualified and professional teachers via the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education, the Bachelor of Primary Education and the Bachelor of Sport and Outdoor Recreation. The one-year graduate diploma programs offered in these study areas are highly regarded and in great demand.

Those looking to further extend their professional expertise can undertake masters or PhD studies at the campus.

The **Faculty of Information Technology** at Peninsula offers the Bachelor of Information Technology, with a major in net-centric computing. The degree covers the fundamentals of computer systems, programming, systems analysis, project management, data communications and networks, database, web applications development and network administration, standards and specifications. Further areas of study cover network and web-based applications, and network technologies, which includes network security, network performance and modelling, internetworking and wireless communications and grid computing.

The Bachelor of Internet Systems and Commerce, offered in conjunction with the Faculty of Business and Economics, provides students with the skills and knowledge required to use internet-based technologies both to construct commercial websites and to use such sites to conduct internet-based commerce. There are postgraduate opportunities at honours, masters and PhD levels.

The **Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences**, through the **School of Primary Health Care**, offers professional health science courses for students interested in pursuing careers in physiotherapy, occupational therapy and health sciences/social work.

The **School of Nursing and Midwifery** offers a three-year Bachelor of Nursing degree, as well as a three-year Bachelor of Midwifery that prepares students to work in a variety of maternity settings.

With a 100% employment rate for graduates, the school is recognised for the quality of its teaching and high standard of clinical experience. A range of graduate diploma programs in specialist nursing areas are also available, along with opportunities for masters and PhD studies.

The **Centre for Ambulance and Paramedic Studies** was established at the Peninsula campus in 1999 and provides training for Metropolitan Ambulance Service and Rural Ambulance Victoria staff. It also offers the Bachelor of Emergency Health (Paramedic) and the Graduate Diploma of MICA Paramedic Studies, along with masters and PhD programs and a range of short courses in specialist paramedic areas.





The research

The Peninsula campus offers a range of exciting research opportunities for those students wishing to advance their educational or career outcomes.

In addition to graduate programs, the campus provides a supportive learning environment for more than 100 higher degree by research students undertaking courses at both masters and PhD levels.

There are a number of dedicated research centres located at the Peninsula campus – the Centre for Wine, Food and Agribusiness, the Centre for Health Services Operations Management and the National Centre for Australian Studies. In addition, the Centre for Ambulance and Paramedic Studies hosts the Cochrane Prehospital and Emergency Field and leads the Australian Prehospital Research Forum.

These centres, combined with the research expertise of other academic areas on campus, provide a strong interdisciplinary focus for those interested in undertaking research programs at Peninsula.

A collaborative environment is fostered at the Peninsula campus that allows for a range of opportunities not only within the campus and university environment but also on a local and an international level.

The services

Peninsula campus is small enough to offer a personalised learning experience but large enough to provide the full range of services required to help students make the most of their time at university.

Peninsula students enjoy a friendly environment, a close relationship with staff, small class sizes and easy access to student support services. The campus also provides state-of-the-art facilities, including high-tech lecture theatres, and a range of campus amenities that enhance students' overall learning experience.

Academic support services

The Peninsula campus offers a range of services for students to support them in their academic endeavours. The Language and Learning Services Unit provides programs to both local and international students who wish to improve their approach to study or their academic English.

The Peninsula Library, staffed by knowledgeable subject librarians, has particular strengths in business, early childhood education, information technology and nursing. Education students can also make use of a variety of teaching materials, and a collection of medical models supports the training of nurses and ambulance officers. Faculty-based course advisers are also on hand to assist students with their academic study requirements

General support services

The campus also provides a full range of general support services including a health service with doctors, nurses and counsellors; an employment and careers centre; financial advice; and a multi-denominational chaplaincy service.

A 24-hour, seven-day-a-week security service also operates on campus. Information Technology Services together with the faculties provides a range of IT services and advice to students, as well as a Service Desk and access to the computer laboratories on campus.

Campus facilities

The campus offers a full range of facilities for the benefit of students, including a bookshop, a child care centre, a cafe, a bar and bistro, an internet cafe, a fully equipped gymnasium, tennis and basketball courts, a hockey field, soccer facilities and a multi-purpose sports hall.

Accommodation

Monash Residential Services offers on-campus housing for students at Peninsula. Secure, furnished, self-contained residences are located within walking distance of all campus amenities. Students can choose from one, two, four or six-bedroom designs, with private lockable bedrooms and shared living areas including fully equipped kitchens.

All bedrooms have network connections, and shared areas are cleaned weekly. The rental fee covers all amenities, excluding the telephone. Supervisors are on call to assist residents with any issues or concerns that may arise.



Marni-Lee Dickson

Bachelor of Early Childhood Education

When Marni-Lee Dickson decided to leave a successful career in real estate and return to study, the convenient location of the Peninsula campus appealed to her.

Marni-Lee, who lives on the Mornington Peninsula, says that with a young daughter starting primary school, she needed to be close to home, and Monash Peninsula seemed the perfect choice.

Now in the third year of a four-year Bachelor of Early Childhood Education, she says the campus offers more than just convenience.

"I love the intimate atmosphere of the campus – it has a welcoming and friendly environment that I found very comforting, particularly when I first started here. The staff are also very approachable and always willing to assist students."

Marni-Lee says that after having worked in real estate for the past six years, she wasn't quite sure what the course would involve but was pleasantly surprised to find it was more hands-on than she expected.

"Although I get a lot out of the lectures and tutorials, it is during the fieldwork that I truly get my 'education' about how to teach. I can definitely see the theories taught to us at work when I am in a classroom," she said.

When she completes her degree, Marni-Lee says she would love to work in either the pre-school or primary sector.

"The range of teaching opportunities this course offers is fantastic and gives graduates career flexibility that other courses don't offer. I am able to teach children aged anywhere from birth to 12 years."



The Peninsula campus sits at the gateway to the beautiful Mornington Peninsula, with stunning beaches and opportunities for a range of water activities.



The pathways

While many students gain entry into courses at the Peninsula campus straight from school, there are other ways of meeting the university's minimum entry requirements:

Students can undertake a range of TAFE programs.

As well as increasing students' chances of selection into a specific course at Peninsula campus, TAFE qualifications may enable them to gain credit towards their chosen university degree.

Students can undertake full-fee single university units, either on campus, by off-campus learning or through Open Universities Australia.

By undertaking single units, students can demonstrate their potential for university study and, depending on the units chosen, gain credit towards their degree program.

Local and international students who have narrowly missed the academic requirements for direct entry into Monash University can apply for Monash College.

Located on Peninsula campus, Monash College offers small class sizes, faculty-designed courses and dedicated student support officers so students can experience the Monash lifestyle, with full access to university facilities.



Satisfactory completion of a Monash College diploma provides entry into the second year of selected Business and Economics and IT courses*. In 2004, more than 85% of college graduates qualified for entry to Monash University.

The college offers access and equity bursaries that reduce tuition fees for diplomas offered in the Business and Economics and Information Technology faculties at the Peninsula campus. Australian students who meet the equity criteria are eligible to apply for the bursaries.

International students interested in undertaking courses at the Peninsula campus should check the credit transfer arrangements that exist between Monash University and many overseas institutions.

* Dependent upon results.

International students

The 300 international students who attend the Peninsula campus enjoy the same support as local students, with the added benefit of dedicated assistance from Monash International staff.

The staff are available to assist students with a range of issues – including pre-departure, arrival, visa and accommodation information – and provide them with ongoing support throughout their time at the campus. Many of Peninsula's international students – who come from more than 20 countries – choose to live on campus, while others prefer to live in surrounding areas and commute to the campus each day.

The Overseas Student Service, run by current international students, coordinates cultural activities and social events throughout the year for the benefit of both local and international students.

Accelerated programs

The Peninsula campus offers accelerated course options in information technology and business and economics that allow students to finish their degree in two to two-and-half years by undertaking summer semester studies. This option might appeal to domestic and international students who may be interested in fast-tracking their degree.



Alison Garrick

Bachelor of Nursing

Alison Garrick says that after attending Open Day at the Peninsula campus to find out about course options and facilities, she knew it would be an ideal place to study.

Alison, who has recently completed a three-year Bachelor of Nursing degree, says not only did the course appeal to her but also the location of the campus was ideal because it was close to home.

She says she has enjoyed her time at Peninsula and believes studying at a small campus offers many benefits. "Studying here has been easy – the campus is compact, and the staff have been friendly and helpful.

"There are also many services within the campus that are there to help students settle into university life, such as counselling, career advice, and sports and recreation," she said.

Alison says she found her course to be "challenging but at the same time very rewarding".

"While the course involved a lot of work, the support from other students and being able to take part in study groups made life easier," she said.

"As well, ongoing evaluation of the course meant units and topics were always relevant and up to date."

Alison has decided to specialise in psychiatric nursing and is currently undertaking postgraduate studies in mental health at Frankston Hospital.



The Peninsula campus is set on 12 hectares of native landscaped gardens, providing a relaxing environment for students.

