University of New South Wales Medical Society

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS INFORMATION PACK 2017

MedSoc International Students Representatives 2017

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An Introduction to...

UNSW MedSoc

Dear incoming Med Class of 2020,
WELCOME! And a HUGE CONGRATS to you all (we’re sure you have heard this many times now, but here’s another) – we’re so excited for you all and welcome you into our warm, loving family of medsticks. We hope the six-year journey with us will be a fun, engaging and memorable experience. As a student-run society, our Medical Society (Med-Soc) will always try to represent you, advocating for your welfare and academic needs with faculty. In addition we strive to alleviate concerns when it comes to bigger issues such as the national internship crisis by making your opinions heard. We are also your go-to for all kinds of extra-curricular learning, socializing and broadening of horizons. Together, along with Joanne and Angela, we hope to be the familiar faces that you feel comfortable turning to for a chat, assignment advice, or even a selfie at an upcoming MedSoc event! You name it, we are here if you ever need us. All the best!

UNSW Medical Society President and Vice-President
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https://www.facebook.com/unsw.medical.society?fref=ts
**MedSoc International Students Representatives**

Hello hello, our fellow meddies!! We’re Joanne and Angela – your friendly international reps of 2017! We’re very excited to welcome you into our MedSoc international community. Moving away from home and friends to study abroad in a foreign country can be stressful both emotionally and physically. And on top of that, we’re all doing medicine, which isn’t exactly the easiest course to take. Therefore, as your international reps – part of the MedSoc Council, we’re here to help you out in any possible way. Our role is to provide support for all UNSW international medical students to ensure that your needs are addressed and your transition to Sydney goes as seamless as possible. With the help of previous international reps (Bao and Susan), we’ve put together this guide based on our experiences — on what we’ve done/wished we had done. Although this guide is not the most comprehensive, we hope it can provide you a few handy tips that make your life in Australia easier.

We strive to:

- Improve and strengthen MedSoc’s connection with international students
- Better facilitate transition of new international students to Sydney and UNSW Medicine
- Develop a strong and friendly international peer support network
- Advocate for and promote awareness of issues surrounding all international students
- Strengthen relationship among all local, rural and international students

Looking forward to meeting you all in person!

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MedSoc Second Year Representatives

Hello Class of 2022 International Students!

A huge welcome to Australia, and a huuuuge welcome to the UNSW Medicine community! We hope you’re excited to move to Australia and start your degree, because you’re in for a fantastic time!

We’re the Second Year Representatives for 2017, meaning we act as the channel between MedSoc and the second year students, as well as voicing the concerns of Phase 1 students at Medicine faculty meetings. We know you’re only fresh first years, but don’t worry, we’ll still be involved in helping you settle into life at UNSW, and come second semester (when first and second year students combine classes), we’ll be putting on some killer events for you (#Integration2017 - get keen!).

Even though we didn’t move from overseas to study at UNSW, we have come from all over the country, with some of us coming from remote communities and having never visited Sydney before enrolling, so we understand that it can be incredibly daunting moving to a new place and starting university. If you’re feeling the pinch, or just have some questions, please please please talk to one of the older students around, whether it’s us (don’t be afraid to message us on Facebook, or email us at the address below), your peer mentors, your wonderful International Student Representatives Joanne and Angela, your amazing First Year Representatives Nick and Roshi, or really any other older students you can find (we hear the International Students FB group is great for that…). We’ve all experienced the turbulence of first year, and we’d love to share with you our tips and tricks for surviving and enjoying yourself (Tip #1: Go to MedCamp! It’s a fantastic way to meet new friends :D ).

We’re super keen to meet you all very soon!

Dayna Duncan (II) & David Tighe (II)
Second Year Representatives 2017

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MEDICAL STUDENT GROUPS

UNSW International Medical Students
This is the official group for all UNSW International Medical Students where you will receive the latest updates on exciting events, internship crisis and connect with your fellow international meddies. You definitely don’t wanna miss out on anything so **definitely start joining!**
Facebook Group: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/654404094638815/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/654404094638815/)

Korean Medical Students Association
From the moment a Korean student accepts an offer into the MD program at UNSW, they also become a member of the Korean Medical Students Association (KMSA) - it’s just that they don’t know it yet. The KMSA is a long-standing society at UNSW embodying the Korean value of building strong and meaningful relationships, so although we are named KMSA you don’t have to be Korean to be involved! We are open to any medical students willing to help others and socialise, and likes Korean culture. Throughout the year, senior students (seonbaes) look out for the junior students (hubaes) not only academically, but also in their life as a medical student in general. Seonbaes are always happy to answer any questions or have a chat over coffee; all you have to do is ask.

There are two main annual events run by KMSA:

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*Further exciting events are being planned for 2015!

These events are a great opportunity to meet and network (especially the 5th and 6th years as we don’t have uni and only have hospital placements at that point!) and to also receive many (extremely helpful) tips and notes for what lies ahead in the Medicine program and beyond. Other events currently being run include mentoring, regular tutorials as well as
mock clinical exams. If you are seeking for further opportunities beyond the boundary of university, you may be interested in participating in KAMS (Korean Australian Medical Society). KAMS is an organisation run by doctors with Korean background in Australia. It runs many events both academic and charity in nature which provides many opportunities for medical students to be involved in such as volunteer work and research. You can also participate in the World Korean Medical Students Organisation (WKMSO), a collaborative organisation of Korean medical students around the world.

**KMSA Representatives**

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**Hong Kong Medical Student Society**

UNSW Hong Kong Medical Student Society (HKMSS) aims to provide a social environment for Hong Kong medical students at UNSW, aiding members with their studies and career pathways by aligning them with senior students and increases the awareness of prevalent health issues in both Australia and Hong Kong.

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**Singaporean Medical Student Society**
The Singapore Medical Student Society of New South Wales (SMS-NSW) currently consists of 158 members. The society is purposed to help Year 1 medical students better prepare themselves for the challenges of studying medicine at UNSW. Activities include a peer-mentoring program, classroom-based teaching sessions, clinical tutorial and mock exam preparation session. Given that it is a society purely driven by the efforts of senior medical students, no fee is required for membership.

**SMSS Representative**
Charlene Tan (IV)
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http://www.facebook.com/groups/sms.nsw/

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**Malaysians in Medicine Society**
Malaysians in Medicine Society or MMS has been known as a group that aims to integrate our Malaysian diversity and mixed cultures into the Australian environment while bridging the gaps between students to offer consultations and guidance.

The approach used to form bonds and share knowledge with members is through BBQ events, ethnic restaurant outings and open-houses (following the Malaysian culture). We are open to any and all medical students that want to experience the rich and diverse Malaysian culture.

We are here to offer our members insights to help them with studies and future professions. Besides that, we make sure our members are up to date with current affairs related to international students and internships. Do join us for a great time and great company!

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This Guide

This guide has been written by current UNSW international students for students who have recently or are about to move to study medicine, which means:

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So you’re now a UNSW medical student...
Whether you’re the latest addition to a family of general practitioners, or the first in a long line of circus acrobats, you’re now well on your way to becoming a doctor!

First things first, spend your holidays well – you surely deserve it for all your hard work! Go travelling. Eat good food. Exercise. Explore your own backyard. Spend time with friends and family (you won’t get to see them in a while!). And perhaps start compiling a list of to-do things in Sydney and Australia -- Brunch? Bushwalking? Why not both? But remember, you’ll need to get everything the University asks of you done, and here is a list you need to tick off.

**University Must-Dos**

The university should send you a much more comprehensive set of instructions, so if there’s any queries, you can contact the university directly by emailing David Boothey at d.boothey@unsw.edu.au.

Basically, there are a lot of things you’ll need to do before you leave for Australia, and to ensure that you have completed each step and have a good start, here’s a few tips from experiences:

1. **Start the process of acquiring a student visa**
   a) Necessary medical examinations required for the visa application process. Please remember that there are specific medical centers to get your checks done.

2. **Overseas Health Care Scheme**

3. **NSW Health Check Requirements**
   a) Before you start clinical placements in the public hospital system in your 8th week, you’ll need to have already fulfilled the NSW health check requirements. This will include:
      i. Police checks from your country and Australia (Australian Federal Police),
ii. Your vaccination card,

iii. A mantoux test if you live in a high-risk area, etc. (Note that the links in the footnotes may be outdated – David Boothey should send you a more comprehensive and updated requirements for 2017).

Remember to make an appointment at the University Health Services (Corner of the Quadrangle) to get your vaccination card signed off. Hard copies will be available from MESO in Wallace Wurth.

**Enrolment**

To enroll, you’ll need your student number (zID) and zPass to log onto [www.my.unsw.edu.au](http://www.my.unsw.edu.au). You need to enroll into the following two courses for Semester 1:

- Medicine Teaching Period 1: MFAC1501 Foundations [Class Number = 1201]
- Medicine Teaching Period 2: MFAC1521 Beginnings, Growth & Development A [Class Number = 1211]

The Phase I program is made up of eight courses, each lasts 8 weeks. Your timetable for the course will be uploaded prior to its commencement on eMed. Unlike other courses, timetable for Medicine can differ every week and last minute changes aren’t unheard of. In terms of your Foundation’s timetable, once MedFac finalises clinical allocations, scenario groups and more, your timetable will come out in mid-Feb.

An eMed tutorial is available at [http://web.med.unsw.edu.au/Emed/Start.htm](http://web.med.unsw.edu.au/Emed/Start.htm). This will become your most frequently visited sites once university starts. You will find your class allocations, course-mates, tutors, lecture notes (including past-year notes & recordings) here, as well as assignment and assessment results.

**Payment of School Fees**

There are three main ways school fees can be paid in UNSW, and they are available on the [www.my.unsw.edu.au](http://www.my.unsw.edu.au) website. Under "My Student Profile" tab, there will be a "Fee Statement & Payment Options" under "Financials", on the left side of the screen. Simply

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follow the instructions on-screen and you will see the following payment options: BPAY, Australia Post, or Internet Payment via ANZ eGate.

Fee statements will appear after your enrolment in the two courses above. It is important to adhere to the deadlines for the payment of tuition fees, for it may affect your ability to take the barrier examinations and your progress in Medicine.
The Ultimate Packing List

**General Clothing**

Get your **summer** and **winter** clothes are ready!

When you arrive at Sydney in March, the weather is going to be blazing hot. Summer is much drier than South East Asia regions, and a hot summer’s day can well be in the high 30°Cs! However, the days start to cool down at the end of May and temperatures will reach around 4-5°C at the lowest. A light wind-breaker or water resistant jacket will go a long way in dealing with Sydney’s sometimes windy and rainy seasons.

**Hospital Clothing**

Prepare a few sets of formal clothes, pencil skirts, dress pants and dress shoes, as professional attire will be expected in any clinical settings (no jeans or sports shoes). During Phase 1, you only visit the hospital once a fortnight, but in Phase 2, you’ll be going to hospital regularly.

You might want to consider buying a **lab coat** (or two, just in case) since half of the Practicals in Phase 1 will require a lab coat. As a general rule of thumb, it’s better to get all the clothing apparels before arriving at Sydney because **shopping is expensive**.

**Housewares**

For those of you who live in colleges, kitchen wares and utensils are provided. However, for those of you who won’t be staying in a college, housewares are available for purchase in the local stores such as K-mart, Coles, Target and Big W. If you bring any electronic devices from home, don’t forget about **adapters/power converters**, as Australia uses **240V** instead of 120V. This is how the power sockets/plugs look like in Australia:
Documentation

Here is a list of essential documents that you’ll need when moving to Sydney:

- Identification documents: Passport, Driver’s license, birth certificate (opt)
- Printed copies of your eCoE
- NSW Health Bulk Compliance Checking: Medical records, Vaccination card, police certificate

You will need these in many situations, such as setting up your bank accounts and phone plan. And if possible, get a Notary Public to certify these photocopied documents as official ones, so you will not need to carry the actual documents around all the time and risk losing them.

Textbooks and Medical Equipment

For phase I, most of the lectures have lecture notes provided and textbooks are generally available in libraries both online and in hardcopies. As there are several versions of textbooks referenced by the lecturers, you’re better off waiting until the course has started to figure out which books you will learn the best from and purchase these at the MedSoc Bookshop.

In terms of medical equipment, it’s better to buy a good stethoscope from the start. It’s a good investment since you’d want it to last for your whole degree. Additional medical equipment such as a pen torch, reflex hammers and tuning forks are also available for purchase at the UNSW MedSoc Bookshop. However, in your early years, these can be borrowed from the Clinical Simulation room in Wallace Wurth.

Food

Australia is really strict with quarantine, but as far as I know, you’re allowed to bring yummy snacks/biscuits from home as long as you declare it and it is sealed!
Accommodation Information

There are a number of options that are available for incoming students in regards to accommodation. Each accommodation type has its advantages and disadvantages, and the best place for you to live really depends on your needs.

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On-campus Accommodation

For the uninitiated, some colleges are pretty much the Australian equivalent of American fraternities. However, some are different as they’re dry (alcohol-free) whilst some are known for their social and party atmosphere. Living on campus is very convenient for us as medical students we have lectures every day. In addition, it is a good way to start making friends with other students and get involved in the various events that are held in UNSW. On-campus accommodations are usually high in demand and the application process differs between all the housing options, so i apply as soon as possible if you’re interested in living there! For more information: [http://www.housing.unsw.edu.au/](http://www.housing.unsw.edu.au/)
**Off-campus Accommodation**

There are many residential areas available around the university if living on-campus is not your preference. It is better to live in places closer to the university, such as Anzac Parade and Randwick. There are other available places too, such as Coogee, Maroubra, and the CBD. However, living there requires you to take the bus to the university. It is important to note that we don’t get full concession for being international students, so living far away will burden you with more expenses on transport.

For more information: [https://classifieds.unsw.edu.au](https://classifieds.unsw.edu.au)

**Unilodge**

*Unilodge* is located very close to the university and although it is very expensive, it is recommended for students aged <18 as you have to be >18 to apply for on-campus accommodation. A lot of incoming students live here to briefly settle down in Sydney and make new friends. They usually only stay for a term or two and move out with their friends to other places.
Getting Around Sydney

Public Transport

The NSW Transport Info website www.131500.com.au is an awesome tool for planning trips around Sydney.

If you have a smartphone, there’s an Android/iPhone app called TripView Lite Sydney which also lists transport times that you can access offline. The full version ($2.99 AUD) comes without ads and allows you to save your trips, so that you don’t have to reenter to-and-fro places each time you use the app.

The Opal card is an easy, convenient way of paying for your travel on public transport (ie. buses, trains, ferries). Using Opal card has many benefits such as 30% off-peak discounts on full price Opal fares, travelling all day for just $2.50 on Sundays, etc.

The Opal card itself is free and you can load as little as $10 in it. To obtain an Opal card, you can either get it from retailers (most convenience stores/news agencies/IGA would sell them) or online (just register, add value to your Opal card and it will be mailed to you)!


Do keep in mind that if you are caught with a concession ticket for MyBuses/MyFerries/MyTrains without the concession sticker on your student card (sticker only given to domestic students), you will be fined ($100 in buses, $200 in trains).
Cars

The costs of having a car in Sydney can be pretty expensive, as you have to consider insurance, green slips, registration and petrol. Parking can also be an issue, parking on campus (free/short term paid) or in the near vicinity are limited. However, a car does make travelling convenient, especially if you are planning to travel around Sydney frequently, or if you are staying on campus and are allocated to hospitals such as Liverpool/Bankstown.

If you are interested in purchasing an afterhours parking permit, they are available at FM Assist. More information can be found on http://www.facilities.unsw.edu.au/node/25/#studentandvisitorparkingpermits.
General Life Tips

Bank Accounts, Phone Numbers, ID

Identification
If you plan on going to 18+ events, you will need a valid ID (official identification with photograph and date of birth). Passports and driver's licences are often accepted, but if you feel that it’s not safe to carry your passport/driver's licence with you to clubs/bars, you can apply for a licence or Proof of Age Card through the RTA website.

Bank Account
You’re going to live here for the next 6 years, so you’re likely to want to set up an Australian bank account. You’ll need your passport, an address, a phone number and bank documents from home to open an account. There are Commonwealth, ANZ, and Westpac ATMs scattered around campus. The choice of bank account that you open is completely up to your needs and preferences.

Internet
It takes forever to get it set up once you register (in my experience at least 3 weeks) in your new home, so try and get this done as soon as possible. You would need to get your own modem/wireless router. □ Cost = □ Reliability eg.

- Dodo.com.au: cheap – unreliable
- TPG.com.au: cheap – can be unreliable but generally pretty good
- Optus.com.au: expensive – better
- Telstra.com.au: expensive – better

Phone Numbers
There is a range of different providers in Australia with varying pay plans. To apply for a phone plan, you will need your passport, eCOE, bank account details, and proof that you’re living at Sydney (electrical bills, etc.) and go to the nearest telecommunication shops (Vodafone/Optus).
Emergency Contact Details

Here are some numbers that may be useful to keep in your phone at all times! :) 

1. Police, Fire & Ambulance: 000
2. UNSW Security Services: 9385 6666 (in an emergency)
   9385 6000 (everything else)

UNSW Security Services is a 24 hour security presence on campus and maintains security monitoring services for the University. There are many initiatives carried out by them to enhance our safety, such as safety escorts, night shuttle bus and help points on campus. More information can be found at http://www.facilities.unsw.edu.au/security-safety/about-unsw-security-services.
Getting Food & Supplies

Groceries and supermarkets

A – Coles Supermarket or D – Woolworth Supermarket (inside the Royal Randwick Shopping Centre)

*These are the two major supermarkets in Australia, where you get quality food at the cheapest price.

B – Randwick Oriental Supermarket

C – IGA Everyday or Gate 2 on campus

*Slightly pricier supermarket located in Kingsford. Grab your grocery on your way back home if you are eating at one of the restaurants there.

E – Randwick Oriental Supermarket (same name, but this one is located in Kingsford)
H – Ausbaker Supermarket (Asian supermarket)

I – The Spot

Good place to hang out with friends. It has many good restaurants, and desert places. The Ritz cinema at the Spot has discount prices for students and Arc members.

Eastgardens Westfield is the closest shopping centre near UNSW and it’s a short 15-minute bus ride away (Bus Route 400), it has a food court, Coles and K-mart/Target/Big W/Myer etc.
Internship Crisis

As you may be aware the massive growth in medical school places over recent years has not been matched by a growth in internships. In 2012, the "intern crisis" almost saw up to 180 Australian-trained doctors miss out on internship offers due to a political standstill over who was responsible for the funding. It is expected that if nothing changes, this number will increase to as many as 300 students next year, and 500 in 2017. This won't only affect international students, everyone will be at risk of being left without a job, without registration and without the ability to work.

Thanks to the last minute rescue by the Federal Government and some of the states, the 2012 intern crisis was narrowly avoided.

After the federal election in 2013, the federal government has promised an additional 100 internship positions as part of the national scheme, which is available for international graduates to apply. However, this is still insufficient in addressing the issue!

So, a couple of things you guys can do:

1. Keep yourself updated through the official webpage and AMSA official media releases (http://interncrisis.org/ or http://www.amsa.org.au/advocacy/internship-crisis/. We will also be giving more information during the Info Night as mentioned below)
2. Actively participate in the national campaign organised by AMSA Intern Crisis Committee (talk to us if you are keen to be part of it!)
3. Keep your options open (we will be hosting events to introduce you to possible internship opportunities in other countries, eg. USMLE info night)
Get Involved: Event List

We’d love for you to get involved in MedSoc in any possible way. The beauty of MedSoc is that it provides equal opportunities to both local and international students. Don’t think that first year is too early to get involved – there are plenty of opportunities for you: being a First Year Representative, Assistant Secretary, Council subcommittees, or even just participating in various MedSoc events! Medicine is not all about study – by getting involved and working with different people, you can develop a skill or two as well as a whole lot of new friends, who can support you through six years of hard work.

We have organized a busy year for you, and here are some events/key things to look out for throughout Semester 1! Don’t forget to put them in your calendars!

**O-week (20th Feb – 24th Feb)**

#YOFO (You Only Fresher Once) – so make the most of your orientation experience and join thousands of new uni students for a week of fun festivities and events. Use this week to explore uni, join societies you like and meet new people. MAKE SURE TO JOIN ARC!!

*ARC is the student organization responsible for student life on campus – you can get a bag full of freebies after signing up as well as lots of discounts with the shiny sticker on the back of your Student ID Card!

**Medicine Faculty Orientation (Wednesday 22nd Feb)**

Enjoy an introduction to the Medicine Course and Faculty in the morning, but make sure you get super pumped for your Medsoc welcome straight after!! Meet your First Year Reps, the Exec and don’t miss out on getting your MedSoc membership stickers (they give you discounts too)!!

**International Welcome Orientation (Thursday 23rd Feb 10am)**

This is a specially designed event for international students to meet your international peers.
It will also be informative and hopefully will answer all of your budding questions.

**International Bonding Night (Saturday 25th Feb)**

This will be a night for you to mingle with each other. It will be a fantastic opportunity for you to get to know each other, as you’ll create six years of experiences with them. We’ll have lots of fun games and conversations, along with delicious snacks.

**Meet your Mentors (Monday 27th Feb)/MedSoc Mentoring**

One thing med school taught us is the importance of having seniors’ guides and advice. Therefore, MedSoc has a mentoring program where a group of 6-7 first years is assigned 3 mentors from the upper years to help you through the occasionally tumultuous and confusing first few months. Mentoring sessions will cover topics like End of Course Exams, Mental Health & Well Being and how to survive Foundations.

**Beach Day (Thursday 2nd March)**

Join your fellow meddies at Coogee beach for chill times, good food and sports after uni. This will be the first event of the year, and it will be a great time to soal up the sun and get to know a bit of Coogee.

**Pubcrawl (Thursday 16th March)**

Run by your exuberant Social Reps Vivian and Jenny, Pubcrawl has always had the largest turnout and all first years go and have a great time. It’ll be a special time for first years as you get to dress in your white lab coats and have friends writing messages/doodling through the night. DO NOT MISS OUT!

**Medcamp (Friday 10th- Sunday 12th March)**

Medcamp is the best time and place to make lifelong friends in your medicine degree. As per tradition, this will be held on the 2nd weekend of semester at Wiseman’s Ferry (a 2-3 hour bus ride from UNSW). Medcamp is undoubtedly the most memorable part of your first
year experience and the best place to get to know other first years in an informal environment. This is the biggest event on the Year I calendar. DO NOT MISS OUT at all costs and get your tickets early when semester starts.

**The 1st International Dinner (April)**

This is the first official dinner for international students and it’ll be during the Easter break. It’ll bring together international students from across the year groups and allow you to socialize whilst sharing some great food. Look out for the upcoming facebook events.

**Culture Night (1st week of May)**

Ever thought of sharing your culture, your favorite food, your music with people from across the world? Come to culture night and show us what you’ve got! On the night, medical students from all over the world, including Australia, will come together and celebrate our differences whilst appreciating each other’s culture. We will bond over delicious food and it will be a great opportunity to connect with the local students.

*Looking for other fun ways to get involved in uni?*

**Med Revue/Med Show**

If you love dancing/singing/acting, this is definitely for you. MedRevue would be held in Semester 1 whereas MedShow would be in Semester 2. It is an excellent opportunity to showcase your talent while getting to know other meddies who have the same interest in performing arts so look out for that. It will be an experience of a lifetime – you will certainly not regret it!

**AMSA Convention (2nd – 8th July):**

Every year, 1000 medical students from all over the country gather to share ideas, listen to speakers, and party like crazy! And this year, the AMSA Convention is coming to Sydney. Ever thought the price is too expensive? Well accommodation will be ‘free’ this year and
people literally camp at their computers to get a shot at registration for this convention!

Keep yourself updated by visiting http://un.convention.al/

Last of all... ALL THE BEST and COME AND SAY HI!!

We wish you the best of luck with moving to Sydney, whether it’s to campus life or to homestay. If you have any questions/feedback, feel free to email us at international@medsoc.org.au or say hi to us on Facebook (Angela and Joanne)! We look forward to seeing all your lovely faces! (:}
**P.S. The Ultimate Checklist**

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