

Need financial assistance?

Help with fees

Negotiate payment of tuition fees via instalments with Monash Connect. You won't be able to graduate until you pay the fees in full, but it may give you some time to sort things out.

Inquire with your faculty about funds for some sort of scholarship. If you are performing well academically the faculty may be persuaded to help.

Help with living costs

Apply for a student loan at Monash Connect. Monash offers small, interest-free loans for both domestic and international students to help cover living and studying costs (aside from fees). Student loans must be repaid before you can graduate.

Contact Monash Connect for a financial grant. A financial grant does not have to be repaid. There are strict criteria to qualify for a grant, but it's worth asking.

Approach the MPA for help with food. We can provide emergency non-perishable food packages up to \$50 but usually on no more than 3 occasions.

Contact MONSU for access to The Pantry. MONSU can help Caulfield based students by offering non-perishable food packages.

Visit MSA Survival Centre. Located on Level 1 of the Clayton Campus Centre, the Survival Centre has items donated by Monash students for those in need available for collection. May include second hand clothes, linen, and occasional non-perishable food.

Contact The Department of Human Services. This government run department offers an interest-free Bond Loan Scheme to help renters meet the financial requirements of a bond. You must be a permanent resident of Australia. www.housing.vic.gov.au/bond-loan-scheme

Help for international students

Contact your embassy/consulate. Some nations offer financial aid to their students studying in Australia. Ask your embassy/consulate if they can do this for you.

Community groups. Some community groups and associations offer support to people from the same background as themselves. For example, the Nepalese community in Melbourne provided support for Nepalese students affected by the earthquake in 2015.

Contact Study Melbourne. They may be able to offer financial assistance or have scholarships you could apply for. They offer visa advice. www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au

Help for residents

Many local councils offer financial aid and/or food packages for residents in their area. Look for your local council or suburb below to see what's available in your area. Eligibility varies. Most places, with the exception of the CBD centres, require you to present proof that you live in the local area along with your Student ID. Many will also require that you are an Australian citizen or resident, and some will require you to have a current Centrelink ID. Please contact your local centre to check your eligibility.

CBD:	Hamodava Café (free meals) a: 69 Bourke Street, Melbourne t: 9653 3293 Study Melbourne Student Centre (food vouchers, financial assistance) a: 599 Little Bourke St t: 1800 056 449
Camberwell:	Camcare Inc (food vouchers, financial assistance, counselling, health services) t: 9831 1900
City of Casey:	Cornerstone Contact Centre (meals, crisis assistance) t: 9794 5654
City of Glen Eira: incl. Caulfield	Community Information, Glen Eira (food vouchers, food parcels, clothes, travel cards, phone cards) t: 9571 7644
Clayton:	Monash Oakleigh Community Support & Information Services (food, food vouchers, op shop, caseworker assistance) a: 25 Downing Street, Oakleigh t: 9807 9844
Coburg	Coburg Community Information Centre (financial assistance) t: 9350 3737
Dandenong:	Dandenong Community Advisory Bureau Inc. (food vouchers, petrol vouchers, advocacy services) t: 9791 8344 Cornerstone Contact Centre (meals, crisis assistance) t: 9794 5654 The Couch (safe lounge space for international students: t: 0451 374 507
Keysborough:	Dandenong Community Advisory Bureau Inc. (food vouchers, petrol vouchers, advocacy services) t: 9791 8344
Frankston	Community Support Frankston Inc. (food, meals, housing, medical, clothing and whitegoods) t: 9783 7284 w: http://www.frankston.net/loclasst.htm
Mount Waverly:	Mount-Waverly Community Support & Information Services (food vouchers, food parcels, clothing, white goods and furniture)

t: 9807 9844

t: 9827 5996

Oakleigh: Monash Oakleigh Community Support & Information Services (food, food vouchers, op shop, caseworker assistance)

a: 25 Downing Street, Oakleigh

t: 9807 9844

Prahran: Prahran Citizens' Advice Bureau (food voucher, food parcels, housing crisis)

t: 9804 7220