

Overseas Students' Association

The **Overseas Students' Association (OSA)** is the official **student body for international students** and **all international students** at the University of Adelaide **are automatically members** of the OSA. Furthermore, other interested individuals who have similar aims and objectives as the OSA are invited to become associated members.

Advocacy & Representation

The OSA **represents all the international students on a variety of levels**, both on the personal level and as a group, both within and outside of the University. The **Education & Welfare Officer** can assist members with queries about academic **procedures, difficulties 'with departments and any other education and welfare issues**. The Women's officer addresses the women's issues. They liaise with the International Student Center (ISC) for the **benefit of all the international students** at the University. The OSA also liaises with NLC the national body for international students.

On a wider scale, the OSA is represented on **University, NLC and AUU committees** that make decisions that **affect all areas of student life**. In addition, the OSA **President** produces **submissions** to bodies with in and outside of the University on a wider range of **issues that concern to international students**.

Through this representation, the OSA ensures that the **voice of international students** is heard in the decision-making and policy processes of the University.

Facilities

We have a **lounge** that **all international students are welcome** to use. It is the place to **study, chat, read, have lunch or meet new friends**. The OSA subscribes to a couple of newspapers and there is a **TV, Pool table, microwave and more** available to use. Located in the OSA lounge is the International Student Information Library, which contains information on topics such as academic support services, complaint procedures, health and welfare, immigration and visa issues and personal development.

Located in the same place is the **OSA council office**. These officers are the **first point of contact to receive assistance**. They are usually staffed during the day.

Social Activities and events

The OSA organizes a **wide range of social activities** and events through the year. These include **Multicultural Week, the OSA cup soccer tournament, social gatherings, annual trip, film festivals** and many more. The OSA also works with the international student bodies at University of South Australia and University of Flinders to stage the annual **international impression ball**.

The OSA **produces several publications** for all the international students:

- The **International Student Handbook** is a guide for new international students that contains information about many aspects of study and life in Adelaide:
- The **OSA Year Book** is produced yearly for graduating students. It contains articles written by these OSA students and other OSA members as well as photos and reports of the year's events;
- The **OSA Times** is the **OSA newsletter**. It is made available around the OSA and also can be **viewed online**.
- The **OSA Bulletin** is the fortnightly email sent out by the OSA informing of up coming **events, activities, issues affecting international students**. If you like to contribute, contact the OSA president.

OSA website (under construction)

Every thing you want to know about OSA is in the website, including upcoming events, news relevant to international students, submitted reports

If you have any of the following questions, then come and visit OSA:

- Where can I heat up my lunch and relax at lunch time?
- How can I meet people and have fun?
- How can I get involved with organizing events for international students
- How can I meet Australians and establish connections?
- Who can I tell my opinion, or complaint, to?
- What are current issues affecting international students?
- Do international students have a voice in the University?