



NEWSLETTER

A change to the Graduate Diploma of Management (Learning) and what it means for our students



Some news is hard to share, and this is one of those times. Many of you chose to study the BSB80120 Graduate Diploma of Management (Learning) with us, and we know you planned your time in Australia around it. So, we want to explain clearly what is happening and make sure you know we are with you through it.

What has happened?

On 3 September 2026, the Assistant Minister for International Education made a new legal instrument under the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (ESOS Act). It applies to the BSB80120 Graduate Diploma of Management (Learning) at every provider in Australia. From **5 October 2026**, overseas students can no longer enrol in or start this course, and providers

can no longer issue new Confirmations of Enrolment (CoEs) for it.

The Government says it made this decision because of integrity concerns with the course across the sector. These include enrolment patterns, student transfers, students not starting the course, completion outcomes and student visa risks. The decision is about the course nationally. It is not about any one student, and it is not a reflection on you or your study.

What does it mean for you?

- **If you have already started the GDML**, nothing changes for you. You can keep studying and finish your course with us, and we'll keep supporting you all the way to graduation.

- **If you have a CoE but haven't started yet**, you won't be able to start the GDML on or after 5 October, and your CoE for it will be cancelled on that date. Within 14 days, we will either offer you a place in another course with us (the choice to accept is yours) or refund your unspent tuition fees.
- **If the GDML is part of a package of courses**, you may be able to continue the other courses in your package. Please visit us asap or no later than Friday 2nd October 2026 to talk through your options.

About your visas

We know your visa is often the first thing on your mind. By law, we can't give migration advice, but the Department of Home Affairs has helpful pages called

"Your study situation has changed" and "Education provider default". Your registered migration agent can also help (or you can find one through OMARA website). If you are thinking about a different course, please check how it fits your visa, including AQF level requirements.

You are protected

We will keep meeting all our obligations to you under the ESOS framework. As a further safety net, the Tuition Protection Service (www.tps.gov.au) can help if a provider can't meet those obligations.

From us to you

When I think about our GDML students, I think about the effort behind every enrolment: the saving, the paperwork, the long flights, the families cheering you on from home. Changes like this can feel like the ground shifting under you, and it's okay to feel disappointed or worried. What I want you to know is simple: you are not going through this alone. Our team has already started contacting every affected student, and our door is open. Whether it's a new course, a refund, or just a conversation to think things through, we will help you find the right next step.

Need to talk?

Contact Student Support Officers at sso@asli.vic.edu.au or 03 9639 9951 or visit us at Level 2, 123 Lonsdale Street Melbourne VIC 3000. If you're affected, please reach out before 2nd October 2026 so we can go through your options with you.



Mr. Pawandeep Singh Aulakh
Chief Executive Officer

Stay Scam-Smart

Protecting yourself, your money and your visa

Last time I wrote about looking out for each other. This time I would like to talk about something closely related: protecting each other from scams.

Every year, international students across Australia lose thousands of dollars, and sometimes a great deal of peace of mind, to scammers. These people are clever. They know you are far from home, they know how important your visa is, and they know that official processes can be confusing. They use that against you.

This matters especially right now. Some of our students have just received news about changes to the Graduate Diploma

of Management (Learning). When people feel worried or uncertain, scammers see an opportunity. So please read this carefully and share it with your friends.

Scams to watch for right now

- **Fake government calls.** Someone claims to be from the Department of Home Affairs, the ATO or the police. They say there's a problem with your visa or taxes and you must pay immediately or be arrested or deported. **This is always a scam.** Government agencies will never threaten you over the phone or ask for payment in gift cards, cryptocurrency

or bank transfers to a personal account.

- **"Visa fix" offers.** Someone offers a guaranteed visa, a quick course transfer, or a special deal, often through social media or WeChat or WhatsApp groups, for a fee. Only registered migration agents and lawyers can legally give migration advice. You can check whether someone is registered on the official OMARA register.
- **Fake enrolment or refund messages.** An email or text that looks like it's from us, asking you to pay fees

to a new account or “confirm” your details to receive a refund. Australian Study Link Institute will never ask you to pay into a personal bank account or change our payment details by email. If in doubt, call us on our official number.

- **Rental scams.** A cheap room advertised online, and the “landlord” asks for a bond before you have seen the place. Never pay before inspecting a property and signing a proper lease.
- **Job scams.** Offers of easy money for little work, jobs that require you to pay upfront, or requests to “receive and transfer money” through your bank account. That last one can make you a money mule, which is a crime even if you didn’t know.
- **“Virtual kidnapping” scams.** Callers pretending to be officials from your home country’s police or embassy who tell you that you are in trouble, demand money, and tell you to hide from family and friends. If this happens, hang up and talk to someone you trust.

Red flags to remember

- They create **urgency**: “Pay now or you’ll be deported.”

- They ask for **secrecy**: “Don’t tell anyone about this call.”
- They want **unusual payment**: gift cards, crypto, or transfers to personal accounts.
- They ask for **personal details**: passport, bank logins, or one-time codes.
- The offer seems **too good to be true**, because it usually is.

What to do

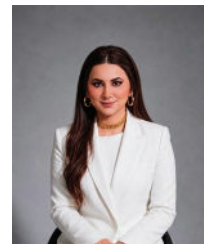
- 1. Stop.** Don’t pay, click links, or share details. Take your time; genuine organisations will wait.
- 2. Check.** Hang up and contact the organisation yourself using contact details from its official website, not the ones the caller gives you.
- 3. Talk to us.** Come to our Student Support Officers / reception or call us. No question is silly, and we would much rather check something with you than see you lose money.
- 4. Report it.** Tell Scamwatch (scamwatch.gov.au). If you have lost money, contact your bank straight away, and report it through ReportCyber (cyber.gov.au).

- 5. Get support.** IDCARE (www.idcare.org, 1800 595 160) offers free help if your identity details have been stolen.

I have sat with students who have been scammed, and what stays with me isn’t just the money they lost. It’s the embarrassment. Many waited days before telling anyone because they felt foolish. Please hear this: being scammed is not your fault. These are professional criminals who target intelligent, careful people every day. The sooner you speak up, the more chance there is of stopping the damage.

So, if something feels wrong, talk to us. And if a friend mentions a strange call or an offer that sounds too good, take a minute to check in with them. That’s what looking out for each other is all about.

Stay safe,



Ms. Roopsirat Kaur Sekhon
Campus & Compliance Manager

Important Dates

OCTOBER 2026

- **13:** Orientation for October 2026 intake
- **15:** October intake CoE start date
- **15:** October fee due date

NOVEMBER 2026

- **03:** Melbourne Cup
- **11:** Orientation for November 2026 intake
- **15:** November intake CoE start date
- **15:** November fee due date

DECEMBER 2026

- **10:** Orientation for December 2026 intake
- **15:** December intake CoE start date
- **15:** December fee due date
- **25:** Christmas Day
- **26, 28:** Boxing Day

Our R U OK? Day Catch-up

Small moments, big conversations



On Thursday 10 September, our campus came together for a little R U OK? Day catch-up, and I wanted to share a few moments from it.

It wasn't a big event. There were no speeches or fancy decorations, just coffee, snacks and some yellow outfits in the student lounge. But sometimes the simplest gatherings turn out to be the most meaningful.

What we did

Students and staff dropped in over morning tea. We shared a yellow-themed spread, chatted about how everyone was really going, wrote messages of encouragement on a "kindness wall", handed out R U OK? conversation cards and shared wellbeing resources.

What stood out to me

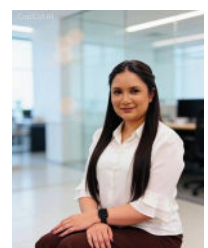
What I loved most was watching conversations start between people who might not normally talk. Students from different classes and countries swapped stories about the hardest parts of studying so far from home: missing family, juggling work and

study, and adjusting to a new culture. Many said it was a relief to hear that others felt the same way.

Keeping the conversation going

R U OK? Day comes once a year, but the question works every day. If you missed the catch-up, our door is always open, and our Student Services team at sso@asli.vic.edu.au is here whenever you need to talk.

Until next time, keep checking in on each other.



Ms. Jasvir Kaur
Admin Coordinator

Trick or Treat... or Practise Your English?

Join the Halloween Language Exchange!



Study Melbourne is hosting a **Halloween Language Exchange**, and all international students across Victoria are welcome. It's a great chance to meet new people, practise your language skills, and celebrate the spooky season.

Event details

 **Date:** Thursday 29 October 2026

 **Time:** 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

 **Where:** Study Melbourne Hub, 17 Hardware Lane, Melbourne (in the CBD)

 **Cost:** Free, but registration is required

 **Register:**
events.humanitix.com/halloween-language-exchange

What to expect

- **Trick-or-treat table** with sweet and savoury treats

- **Games and activities**, including haunted Halloween trivia
- **Costumes welcome.** Come as something spooky, creative or funny!
- **New friends** from all over the world

Why I would love you to go

One of the things students tell me most often is that making friends in Australia is harder than they expected. Classes are busy, work shifts take up weekends, and it's easy for weeks to pass without meeting anyone new. Events like this make that first step much easier.

It's also a great way to build confidence in English in a relaxed setting. There are no marks and no pressure, just conversation (and possibly a vampire or two).

And if Halloween isn't celebrated where you come from, even better! It's a fun way

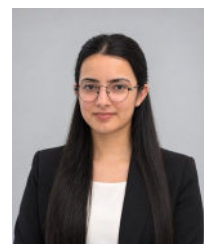
to experience a bit of culture here, and to share your own traditions with others.

Bring a friend

Going somewhere new on your own can feel daunting, so grab a classmate or a friend and go together.

We would love to see photos if you go, especially of your costumes! Send them to sso@asli.vic.edu.au and we may feature them in our next newsletter (with your permission, of course).

Happy haunting! 🎃👻



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