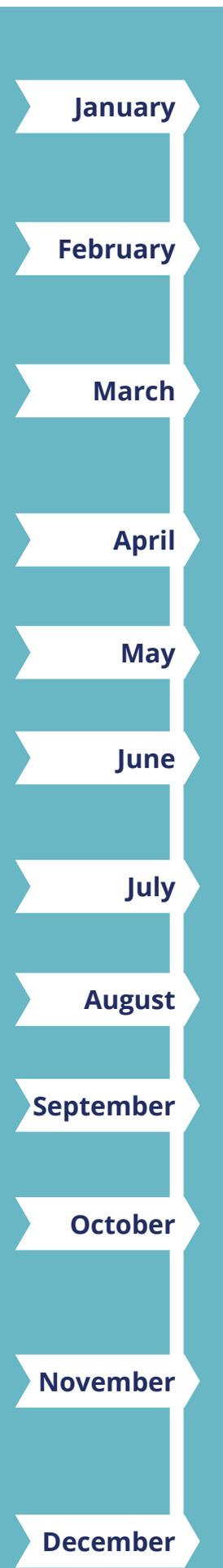


International Students and COVID-19: A timeline of social and wellbeing impacts in Melbourne's Inner East 2020



January	Coronavirus identified	New international students arriving in Australia	Public Health restrictions including event cancellations start in Victoria	Impact of coronavirus becoming apparent	Universities start to prepare responses	Existing students returning to Australia
February	Enrolled students and newly commencing students from mainland China unable to travel to Australia		Public Health restrictions in Victoria increase	"Countries of concern" list increases		
March	Pandemic declared by WHO	International arrivals required to self-isolate for 14 days	State of Emergency declared in Victoria - 16th March	Bans imposed on Australians travelling overseas	Universities step up preparations for campus closures and remote learning	Many international students lose employment International students exclud'd from Fed Govt employment support benefits
April	International students told they "should return home if they are unable to support themselves" by the Prime Minister		Universities implement hardship packages	International students included in Work for Victoria jobs program	Victorian Government establishes International Student Emergency Relief Fund	
May	Community organisations, migrant peak bodies, Local Government and community members reach out to international students providing food, rental assistance, emotional and practical support					
June	Evidence of the significance of the damage to the higher education sector continues to emerge		Universities announce big deficits, deep funding cuts and staff redundancies	Reports of racism towards Chinese students in particular emerge		
July	Greater Melbourne enters a second lockdown	Plans for safe return to campus for second semester suspended	Federal Government announces changes to visas to support re-enrollment	COVID 19 case numbers in Greater Melbourne continue to rise		
August	Stage 4 lockdown implemented in Greater Melbourne		Closure of retail and inhouse dining in restaurants and cafes			
September	Roadmap for easing of restrictions in Victoria released	Stage 4 restrictions in Greater Melbourne extended to mid-October	Release of research findings detailing the impact of the pandemic on international students in Australia			
October	Lockdown restrictions in Greater Melbourne start to ease		Vic. Gov. announces expansion of the extreme hardship support program in partnership with the Red Cross and Brotherhood of St Laurence			
November	Restrictions in Greater Melbourne continue to ease	Travel between Greater Melbourne & regional Vic reinstated	Students continue to access support from food relief programs in high numbers	Employment opportunities start to re-emerge	Fatalist of five food delivery drivers in 3 months reported	Underage international students studying in secondary schools face the prospect of not returning home for the extended school break
December	Restrictions continue to ease increasing opportunities for socialization and employment		Online learning continues for most tertiary students		Opportunities for the safe return of international students in 2021 being explored	