# **Sydney English Academy SEA**

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#### **Message from the Directors**



With a combined career history of over 30 years in the English Teaching Industry, we set out to create a school where students would receive optimum service in all areas: **excellence in education** and *customer service*; an educational environment combining both **professionalism** and the **personal touch**, and the **best holiday** experience of a lifetime.

In February 2001 we established the Sydney English Academy (SEA) and since then we have taught many thousands of students and have received nothing but the **best feedback** on the services we provide. SEA is independently owned by Mick Edwards and Samantha Milton.

The SEA is uniquely located in a *beautiful beachside* location and only 15 minutes from downtown Sydney.

We look forward to a mutually fulfilling professional relationship with you as our new representatives, and will always endeavour to streamline our services by incorporating any suggestions for improvement that you may have.

Michael Edwards (MEd, Dip Ed, BSc, RSA CELTA) Principal Administrator

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# Location

The school is located 50 metres from beautiful Manly Beach

#### The School

- NEAS Accredited
- IALC Member since 2014
- CRICOS Provider no: 02353C
- Modern air-conditioned premises
- In the centre of Manly's main pedestrian precinct
- 50 m from Manly Beach
- 100m from Manly Wharf (commute to Sydney CBD in 17 minutes)
- Safe, off-road location
- Surrounded by shops & cafes
- Quick & easy access to excellent sporting & recreational facilities
- See map for location of the SEA
- Family Atmosphere







- Beautiful **Sydney Harbour** on one side and **Manly beach** on the other
- A wonderfully friendly village atmosphere in which students soon feel at home
- A clean and safe environment
- Exciting nightlife
- Great Work opportunities: with one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state, many students quickly find work either while they are studying or after they finish their course
- Fantastic *homestay homes*, many with beach-side location
- A great range of independent accommodation
- Tertiary study facilities in the area at the TAFE business centre and University of Technology study centre at nearby Freshwater, and at Brookvale TAFE
- Excellent public transport system (ferry and bus)
- visit www.manlytourism.com for more information and great photos



# **Sydney**





- Australia's largest and best known city
- Great shopping
- Year round good climate
- Beautiful beaches
- World Heritage Listed Blue Mountains
- Multicultural Lifestyle

# Why study at the SEA?

At the SEA we have purposefully set out to create a learning environment that differs from larger educational institutions in the following ways:

Point of Difference		Benefit to Student		
*	Independently owned	*	Students feel part of a supportive family	
*	Owner-Directors on site	*	Students receive immediate attention to their needs	
*	Teachers with time for students	*	Students progress rapidly due to increased teacher input	
<b>*</b>	Small classes (max 16, average 12)	*	Individual attention to needs & more speaking	
*	20 hours of face to face teaching + 2 hours of supervised study + 1 hour conversation club	*	Better progress	
*	Fantastic nationality mix	*	Speaking English all the time	
*	Free internet access and wireless	*	Keep in touch with family & friends	
*	Emphasis on speaking & pronunciation	*	Students consistently develop communicative competence	
*	Monthly tests & progress checks	*	Students receive regular 1:1 interview with class teacher	
*	Teacher accompanied social activities	*	Students build up genuine friendships with teachers & peers	
*	'Extra Care' Help Desk	*	'Nothing is too much trouble' is our motto	
*	Large & welcoming student lounge	*	Students are naturally motivated to communicate in English	
*	English plus Work program	*	Students receive job-search support	

#### **School Facilities**

- Fully air-conditioned premises
- Free email & internet access (wireless also available)
- Independent Learning resources
- Large, sunny student lounge
- Fully equipped student kitchen





#### **School Services**

- Airport Transfer
- Homestay placement Director of SEA organizes and visits all homestay families.
- Many types of accommodation: Hostel/self-contained budget accommodation.
- Accommodation advice service.
- Welfare counseling
- Academic counseling
- Travel advice service
- Social Program (2 teacher led afternoon social activities each week)

#### **Teachers**

- Teachers have specialist TEFL qualifications and a university degree
- Selected for their *professionalism* & genuine *love of teaching*
- Experienced, caring, creative, dedicated & enthusiastic

#### **Course Materials**

Students receive a course text book on their first day. During the course they receive other photocopied material necessary for daily lessons. All of this is covered by the Materials fee which is paid at the start of the course.

# **SEA Programs**

#### 1. General English Full-time

Students can attend this course on a student, tourist or working holiday visa.

Morning and Evening Classes

Morning 8.45 am - 3 pm Monday to Friday

Intensive General English Course

23 hours / week (includes 2 hours supervised study and 1 hour conversation club)

Evening 8.45 am - 3 pm Monday to Friday

20 hours



Our full time General English course focuses on spoken English, pronunciation, listening, reading and writing skills. Our aim is to develop your fluency, accuracy and confidence in these areas.

#### 2. General English Part-time

Students can attend this course on a tourist or working holiday visa.

8.45 am - 12.10 pm each day

Our part time General English course focuses on spoken English, pronunciation, listening, reading and writing skills. Our aim is to develop your fluency, accuracy and confidence in these areas.

#### 3. Cambridge FCE and CAE courses

Students can attend this course on a student, tourist or working holiday visa.

8.45 am - 3 pm each day

25 hours / week (includes 2 hours supervised study and 1 hour conversation club)

These intensive courses prepare students for the internationally recognised Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE and CAE) exams. With a maximum of 13 per class, our students receive a high level of personal tuition, and can focus on individual problem areas both during supervised study and during regular interviews with their teacher.



#### 4. Demi Pair Program

#### 5. English plus Surfing



# Students can attend this course on a tourist or working holiday visa

Manly Beach is one of Australia's most famous surfing beaches! The SEA is located only 50m from Manly Beach so we are perfectly positioned to offer this fantastic course. Combining English classes at the SEA with Learn to Surf classes at Manly Surf School (a fully accredited professional surfing school) only 5 minutes' walk from the school, students can attend this course for 2, 3 or 4 weeks.

#### The course includes:

- English classes each day from 8.45am to 12.10pm (3 hours of tuition per day)
- 3 x 2 hour surfing lessons each week on Monday to Friday afternoons with the Manly Surf School
- Students are provided with wetsuit, rash vest and surfboard
- The social activity each week on Tuesday afternoon or evening all students can take part in this social activity so it's a great way to make friends
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#### 6. English plus Diving (PADI License)



# Students can study this course on a tourist or working holiday visa

With the Diving School located in Manly the SEA is perfectly positioned to offer this exciting course. The dive course is carried out over two weekends. The diving school is only a ten minute walk from the school. This is a two week course but can be combined with further full time or part time English classes at SEA.

Students need to have an intermediate level of English for this course.

Students are required to undergo a medical examination by a local doctor before starting the course. The cost is approximately \$80. This is not included in the cost of the course. This course is ideal for students who are looking forward to travelling and diving in Australia after they finish their course.

#### The course includes:

- English classes each day from 8.45am to 3.00pm (5 hours of tuition per day)
- Two days of dive instruction over a weekend
- The social activity each week on Tuesday afternoon or evening all students can take part in this social activity so it's a great way to make friends

#### 7. Study Tour

Because we are located 50m from beautiful Manly Beach and 100m from spectacular Sydney Harbour we are able to offer some amazing Study Tour Programmes which combine morning study of either 3 or 4 hours with teacher accompanied activities in the afternoon.

These courses are specifically designed to suit the special interests and needs of the group. Classroom activities concentrate on speaking and communicative activities with the aim of helping students to achieve maximum communicative competence in a limited time.

#### Selection of Afternoon Activities

- Learn to Surf
- Beach Volleyball
- Harbour Cruise
- Soccer
- Bushwalk
- Beach Barbeque at Shelly Beach
- Bowling
- Sydney Aquarium

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#### **Selection of Weekend Activities**

- Blue Mountains Trip
- Port Stephens and Whale Watching Tour
- Weekend Surf Trip at the Royal National Park
- Hunter Valley Wine Tasting Tour



#### 8. Private Tuition

1:1 lessons can be arranged on application.
These lessons are personally tailored to focus on

the student's specific language needs (for example Speaking and Pronunciation), or professional or personal areas of interest (for example Tourism, or Business). Students can combine private tuition with any of our other courses.

#### 9. Junior Program

SEA's Junior program allows students aged 15 – 17 to join our General English classes for 20 hours per week from 8.45 to 1.10 each day (Monday to Friday) followed by one of our fun afternoon activities for four afternoons each week. These activities are designed to make the most of everything Manly Beach and Sydney has to offer. The afternoon activities are a mix of sporting, cultural and sightseeing activities. In addition there is a full day Saturday activity provided for those students also booking homestay accommodation. This program runs from 15/07/2019 to 16/08/2019 and can be booked for 1 to 5 weeks duration. Package A price includes enrolment fee, material fee, tuition, four weekday afternoon activities, guardianship service, homestay accommodation and return airport transfers. Package B price includes enrolment fee, material fee, tuition, four weekday afternoon activities and guardianship service. Weekly travel cards are not included in the package price and must be purchased by students independently.

**Full-time Study Timetable** 

Morning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45-10:45	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
10:45-11:10	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
11:10-1:10	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
1:10-2:00	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break
2:00-3.00	Social Activity	MyEnglish	Conversation Club	MyEnglish	Social Activity
3:00-4:30	Full use of school	Full use of school	Full use of school	Full use of school	Full use of school
(4:00 Friday)	facilities	facilities 	facilities	facilities	facilities
Evening	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4:15-6:15	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
6:15-6:30	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
6:30-8:30	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class

NB. Full-time students have access to our facilities beyond supervised study. Elective classes are specific for each level and require a minimum number of students.

# **Supervised Study**

#### From 2 - 3 pm students, with the guidance of one of our teachers, may focus on:

- Speaking Practice
- Examination practice for exams such as FCE, CAE, TOEIC,
- Writing Development
- Grammar Practice
- Pronunciation
- Grammar radiidd
- Reading Development
- Computer Assisted Language Learning
- Vocabulary
- Job Search Skills

#### **Electives**

- Exam Practice
- Grammar
- Pronunciation
- Vocabulary Extension
- Business English
- Social English

Pathway to APC, MEGT... SEA students have direct entry to the above

institutions and many more, from Sydney English Academy. See attached document (page 28) to get more information.

# **Activities**

# Weekday Social Activity (Every Tuesday and Friday)

Activities take place on Tuesdays and Fridays during the afternoon after supervised study, or in the evenings, and are posted weekly on our 'What's on' notice board. Sample program attached.

#### Weekday Activities

Students join teachers for two social activities each week, such as:

- Beach barbecues
- International Picnics
- Bush walking
- Kayaking
- Pub night
- Rock climbing (indoor)
- Beach Volley-ball
- Tennis
- Sandcastle building competitions
- Ten-pin bowling
- Karaoke
- Pool competitions





#### **Weekend Activities**

We have a close relationship with a weekend tour provider who works with many other language schools in Sydney. Trips are offered each weekend at the most competitive rates in Sydney. Through this arrangement we can offer students weekend social activities such as:



- Blue Mountains Trip, Weekend Surf Camp
- Port Stephens and Whale Watching Tour
- Weekend Surf Trip at the Royal National Park
- Hunter Valley Wine Tasting Tour
- Weekend South Coast Surf Trip (two nights)

#### **Travel Advice**

Our staff can help students with alternative travel suggestions for weekends or for when their studies finish. Manly has several travel centres which specialise in travel in Australia. We have guest speakers from these centres who can offer students the most competitive prices available and give advice for travelling on completion of their English course

#### **First Day at School**

Students may join classes on any Monday, excepting public holidays and during the Christmas break.

#### Procedure:

- Arrive at school 9am met by a SEA staff member (10am for Cambridge Students)
- Sit a placement test and a short oral interview to assess level of English
- 11.10am (depends on student number)-placed into appropriate class for their level of English
- 2pm receive a Student Orientation Pack (see page 29-39), Maps and Transport Information
- 2 2.30pm full school induction with one of the teachers
- Orientation walk around Manly returning to school at 3pm

**Graduation Day** 



Graduation consists of:

- Certificate of Completion
- Student Evaluation of Course & Services
- \*Graduation Ceremony & Speeches by teachers

\*This takes place in our lounge area every Friday. We make this a memorable occasion for students with speeches and many photo opportunities. Leavers' photos feature on our Facebook site

#### **Part Time Students**

Students doing the Part Time English course or English and Surfing must finish their class each day at 12:10pm. If they decide to change to full time they may do this by paying the balance of the full time course.

Please note that supervised study is only available to student doing the Full Time English course or the FCE and CAE Courses.

#### **Students on Student Visas**

Please inform your students that:

- They must inform school of their address and contact details on their first day of school. If they change details they must inform the school immediately. This is a condition of their visa.
- These students must attain an attendance of at least 80%
- If students are more than 15 minutes late to class they are marked as absent for that hour

#### **Homestay Accommodation**



Homestay families are carefully selected by one of our Directors based on the following requirements:

- The house must be located not more than 35 minutes journey by public transport from the school (priority will be given to those families nearest the school)
- The student's room must include a comfortable bed, desk and lamp suitable for study, storage for clothes and personal belongings and access to bathing and laundry facilities
  - If homestay families house more than

one non-English speaking student, the SEA will house students only with share mates of a different native tongue

- We assess the suitability of homestay families in terms of general warmth and friendliness, cultural awareness and sensitivity, time available to spend with the student and cleanliness of the home
- Through student feedback forms (completed by all students at the end of their course)
   Homestay Providers are continuously monitored
- Many of our homestay families are located in beautiful beachside suburbs with additional facilities such as swimming-pool, sporting facilities & internet access

#### Other Accommodation

We can organise backpacker (dormitory and single room) and also guest house and serviced room accommodation. The prices and availability of these vary depending on the season and the length of the booking.

SEA Student Residence: We have two excellent options. Please contact us for more details about single, twin and dormitory rooms

Manly Bunkhouse <a href="http://www.bunkhouse.com.au/">http://www.bunkhouse.com.au/</a>

For students who do not want homestay for their entire stay, we recommend that they stay with a family for their first 4 weeks. This gives the student time to adjust to life in Australia while viewing the residential accommodation options.

Residential accommodation is also available. We have an accommodation notice board where locals and students advertise apartments.

#### **Assistance for Students Seeking Rental Accommodation**

Students seeking share accommodation, or single flats are aided in the following ways:

- Relevant information regarding the rental system in NSW such as payment of a bond, average length of leases, contact numbers for NSW Consumer Affairs etc. is available on request.
- Students are advised on how shared households in Australia usually operate in regards to such things as the payment of bills and the purchasing of food.
- Students can be helped with searches of the local paper for shared accommodation and rental properties.
- Phone calls regarding the inspection of rental accommodation can be made for students whose level of English requires it.

#### **Airport Pick-up Service**

Students will be met by a SEA representative at the arrival gate who will display a welcome sign from the Sydney English Academy. The student will be taken to their homestay or alternative accommodation.

Emergency contact numbers are:

Airport Pickup number: 0419 483 711 99766988 (business hours) 0423 522 936 (emergency after hours) MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

Please see attached Airport Pickup Information (page16). If a student is not found (no show) the driver will inform the homestay and the school. The full cost of the transfer will apply. Mark Whitehair trading as Student Airport Services is an accredited bus and tour provider.

# SEA DATES 2020 Sydney English Academy

General English Course start dates: Preferred start dates but may start on any Monday.

(Best to avoid starting on week 4 of a term)

December 30, 2020

January 28 (Tue)

February 24

March 23

April 20

May 18

June 15

July 13

August 10

September 7

October 5

November 2

November 30 to 24 December

Re open date, Monday Jan 4 2021

#### **CAMBRIDGE 2020**

**FCE** 

January: 10 week course

Course start: Mon 6th Jan 2020 / Course fin: Fri 13th March / Exam: Fri 13th March Book 10 weeks

March: 12 week course

Course start: Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March / Course fin: Fri 5<sup>th</sup> June / Exam: Tues 9<sup>th</sup> June Book 12 + 1

September: 12 week course

Course start: Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Sept / Course fin: Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Nov / Exam: Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Dec Book 12 + 1

CAE

**January:** 10 week course

Course start: Mon 6th Jan 2020 / Course fin: Fri 13th March / Exam: Sat 14th March Book 10 weeks

March: 12 week course

 $Course\ start:\ Mon\ 16^{th}\ March\ /\ Course\ fin:\ Fri\ 5^{th}\ June\ /\ Exam:\ Weds\ 10^{th}\ June \qquad Book\ 12+1$ 

September: 12 week course

Course start: Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Sept / Course fin: Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Nov / Exam Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Book 12 + 1

#### **Public Holidays:**

January 1 New Year's Day, January 27 Australia Day April 10 to April 13 Easter, April 25 ANZAC Day June 8 Queen's Birthday, August 3 Teacher's Holiday

October 5 Labour Day

School closed from 25 December, 2020 for Christmas Holiday

and reopens Monday 4 January 2021.

Social Activity Program every Tuesday and Friday afternoon or evening.

#### **FEES**

**General English Full Time** 

1 lesson = 60 minutes

#### 23 hours pw (includes 2 hours supervised and 1 hour Conversation Club)

#### **General English Full Time**

1 - 4 weeks \$410 pw

5 - 12 weeks \$400 pw

13 - 23 weeks \$395 pw

24 + weeks 380 pw

#### **General English Part time**

GE \$350 pw (**15 hours pw**)

#### **General English full time Evening**

GE \$ 260 pw

#### **English Plus**

English plus Surfing \$ 580 (part time English plus 3 x 2 hour surf lessons)

English Plus Diving \$1650 (does not include cost of medical check)

Private tuition \$140 per hour

#### **FCE and CAE Cambridge courses**

10 week course \$ 4,650 (includes material fee and exam fee and postage of certificate to home address)

12 week course \$ 5,470 (includes material fee and exam fee and postage of certificate to home address)

#### All other fees/costs

Enrolment fee \$220

Homestay Accommodation placement fee \$220

Hostel Accommodation placement fee \$150

Accommodation changing fee \$100

Airport transfer \$150

OSHC (Overseas Student Health Cover as of 30/10/2019)

3 months \$192.00

6 months \$288.00

9 months \$432.00

12 months \$576.00

(\$48 per month)

#### Material fee (includes course book)

1 - 6 weeks \$95

7 - 12 weeks \$150

13 - 20 weeks \$210

21 - 30 weeks \$275

31 weeks + \$ 310

Cambridge Course books (2 books) and materials fee \$200 (course book and exam practice book) Cambridge Course Exams fee \$350 (includes postage of original test certificate to home address by certified mail)

#### **Demi Pair Placement Programme**

Students must study a minimum of 12 weeks English Application fee \$ 850

Airport pickup included in fee.

#### **Accommodation prices**

Homestay Single room (18+ years) \$300 pw, \$43 per extra night

Homestay Twin/Double Share \$260 pw, \$37 per extra night

Homestay (under 18)

Single room \$330 pw \$47 per extra night

Twin room \$275 pw, \$40 per extra night

Christmas Week Surcharge \$70 per week per person (from 19/12/2020 to 26/12/2020)

#### **Guardianship Service**

Guardianship placement service fee \$200

Guardianship weekly fee \$45 pw, (\$6 per day)

Parents of students under 18 must nominate a guardian living in Sydney who will be responsible for the welfare of the student or request SEA's guardianship service.

#### Other Accommodation Hostel / Backpacker Accommodation

Minimum age 18

#### Manly Bunkhouse www.bunkhouse.com.au

Summer rates	1/10/19 to 30/04/20	1/10/19 to 30/04/20
	DORMITORY	TWIN/DOUBLE
Long term & students	\$280 p/w (\$40 p/n)	\$665p/w (\$95 p/n)
Twin share (selling each bed	-	\$365p/w (\$53 p/n)
separately to students only)		

Low Season	1/05/19 to 30/09/19	1/05/19 to 30/09/19
	DORMITORY	TWIN/DOUBLE
Long term & students	\$255 p/w (\$37 p/n)	\$555 p/w (\$80 p/n)
Twin share (selling each bed	-	\$322 p/w (\$46 p/n)
separately to students only)		

#### **Bunkhouse Bookings**

A Minimum of 2 weeks apply for the students discounted.

Bookings cancelled more than 7 days from expected check in – deposit

refundable. Less than 7 days' notice – deposit non-refundable.

ID and a refundable \$50 (cash) deposit or credit card details are

required upon check-in as security.

All prices are in Australian dollars including GST.

Prices are subject to change without notice.

#### New Year week from 26<sup>th</sup> Dec to 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan:

(minimum 7 nights bookings, no refund, no cancelation)

\$65/night in a dorm

\$210/night in private room for 2

\$110/night per person twin share

# **Airport Pickup Information**

Our driver will meet the student at the **Meeting Point** at the **international** arrivals area between **GATE A** and **GATE B** 

carrying a Sydney English Academy sign with the student's name.

If you have been waiting for 30 minutes or longer at the Meeting Point and our representative has not met you, please telephone the emergency airport pickup number.

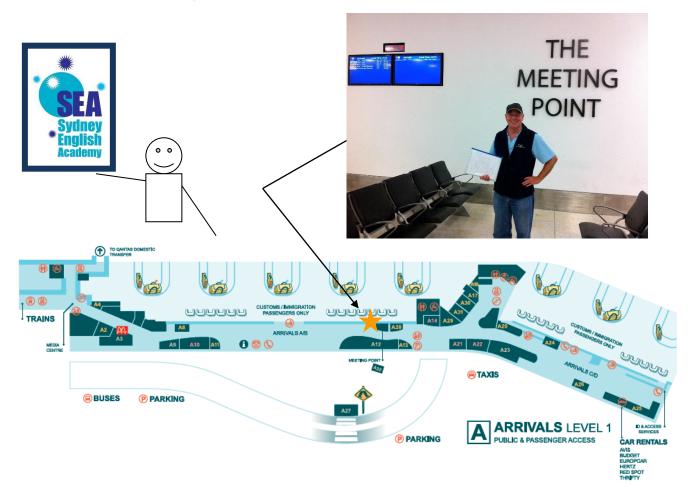
The emergency airport pickup number is 0419 483 711

Students arriving at the **domestic** terminal should wait there at the **INFORMATION DESK** arrivals area.

Our driver will make the necessary steps to find the student at the airport and to wait until all passengers have come through to the arrivals area.

If a student is not found (no show) the driver will inform the homestay and the school. The full cost of the transfer will apply.

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# **General English Placement Test**

<b>SEA</b>	Name:	<b>Date:</b> /	/
<b>Sydney English</b> Academy	Spend 20 minutes on this part of in each space (contracted words		
Steven is (1)_	farmer. (2)	wife's name is Jenny. They	(3)
three children.	Their children's names (4)	John, Paul (5)	Sally. Paul
and Sally still	(6) at home, but John	n (7) John (8)	
studying scien	ce (9) university.		
Paul is sevente	een. He has a girlfriend (10)	Sarah. Paul (11)	out all the
time with his g	girlfriend. His mum and dad (12)	very worried (13)_	him.
Sally, (14)	is fifteen, is (15)	youngest child. After (16	)
school, she is (	(17) to study science is	n order to (18) (1	9)
engineer.			
(20)	isn't a lot of work in the count	ry these days. Farmers (21)	make as
much money a	as they used (22) S	teven thinks it (23)	_ be better
(24)	sell the farm and buy another l	nouse (25) Sydney.	
(26)	Jenny doesn't want to move (2	she's (28)	three
horses and she	doesn't want to sell (29)	In her free-time she (30)_	
horseriding.			
Yesterday (31)	), while they (32)	allaro	und the table,
Jenny said "I (	(33)	(ride) horses (34)	I was five
years old and l	I'm not going to give (35)	now!" Steven replied "It	f I
(36)	(know) you were	going to be so (37)	, I
(38)	(ma	rry) someone (39)!"	,
She (40)	just (serve) di	nner (41) Steven w	alked out. She
was (42)	angry that she (43)	his meal at the wall.	
The children (4	44)never	their (45) argu	ing before. Paul
(46)	to his sister and said "Well, (	47)Dad doesn't w	vant to run the
farm, maybe w	ve should take it (48)	». •	
"Now that's ar	n idea, (49)(50)	?" said Sally.	



# Placement Test First Certificate in English (FCE)

You have 1 hour to complete this test Please do not use a dictionary

Name:	
Date:	



# **FCE Placement Test**

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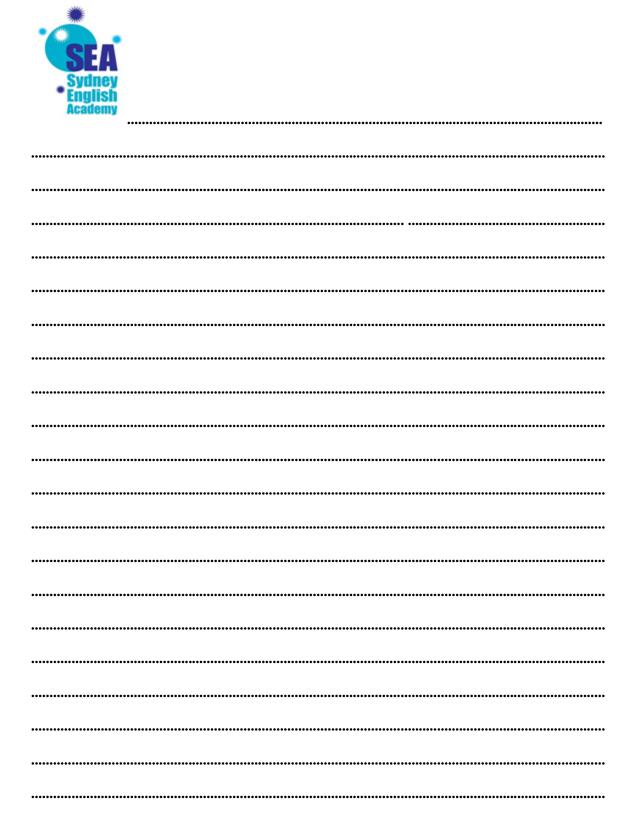
# **FCE Placement Test**

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Spend 20	20 minutes on this part of the test.			
For ques	estions $1 - 15$ read the text below and	d think of	the word which	best fits each space.
Use only	y one word in each space. There is a	ın examp	le at the beginni	ng (0).
	WRITIN	NG A STO	ORY	
Where do	lo you start if you want (0) to	write a su	uccessful story?	Clearly, what you need
first of (1	(1) is an idea which you c	an develo	p into a strong pl	ot. But (2)
do ideas l	s like this come from? The (3)	is 'a	nywhere and eve	rywhere'. They may
come from	om something that has (4)	_ to you o	r to (5)	else, from a
newspape	per, an interesting picture, or even a so	ng. It's a	good idea to keep	p a notebook nearby (6)
	that you can write down the detai	ils of any o	odd incidents (7)	catch you
imaginati	tion. Make a note of ideas (8)	titles	too, and any spe	cial phrases or
description	ions that you think of. A small tape re	corder car	n (9)	useful for this purpose
Some wri	riters even keep (10) by t	heir bed in	n (11)	they wake up with the
'idea of tl	the century'.			
Another r	method of developing the story is to r	nake use (	(12)	the characters
themselve	ves. Why not (13) putting	g three pe	ople you know w	ell into a situation such
as a wedd	dding, where feelings may be very stro	ng, and se	ee (14)	happens. But don't
make the	e final characters too much like your A	Aunt Jane	or Uncle Jim or y	ou may find (15)
	in real trouble.			



# FIRST CERTIFICATE PLACEMENT TEST Writing - 30 minutes

Name:	Date:	: / /		
Write an essay of between	120-180 words on O	NE of the following	; <b>:</b>	
1. Write a speech for touris	sts from your country	explaining the differ	ences between Austr	alia
2. Your cousin has written reply.	to you asking you to	recommend an Engl	sh school. Write you	ur
3. As I walked home from story)	work the other night	I heard footsteps beh	ind me (continue t	he
4. What are the advantages	and disadvantages of	f living in shared acc	ommodation?	
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# Placement Test Cambridge Advanced English (CAE)

You have 1 hour to complete this test Please do not use a dictionary

Name:	
Date:	



# **CAE Placement Test**

Name: <	> <b>Date:</b> / /	
Spend 20 minutes on this part of the (contracted words such as 'don't' ar		ord in each space
Steven is (1) farmer. (2)	wife's name is Jenny.	They (3) three
children. Their children's names (4)	John, Paul (5)	Sally. Paul and Sally still
(6) at home, but John (7)	John (8)	studying science
(9) university.		
Paul is seventeen. He has a girlfriend (10)	Sarah. Paul (11)	out all the time with
his girlfriend. His mum and dad (12)	very worried (13)	him.
Sally, (14) is fifteen, is (15)	child. After (16)	school, she is
(17) to study science in order to (18	3)	
(19) engineer.		
(20) isn't a lot of work in the cour	ntry these days. Farmers (2	21) make as much
money as they used (22) Steven		
the farm and buy another house (25)	Sydney.	
(26) Jenny doesn't want to move	(27)she's (28)	three horses and she
doesn't want to sell (29) In her f	ree-time she (30)	horseriding.
Yesterday (31), while they (32)	all	around the table, Jenny said "I
(33)(rid	le) horses (34)	I was five years old and I'm not
going to give (35)now!" Stever	replied "If I (36)	(know) you were
going to be so (37), I (38)		(marry) someone
(39)!"		
She (40)just(serve) of	linner (41) Ste	even walked out. She was
(42) angry that she (43)	his meal at the wall.	
The children (44)never	their (45)	_ arguing before. Paul
(46)to his sister and said "Well,	(47)Dad do	esn't want to run the farm, maybe
we should take it (48)".		
"Now that's an idea, (49)(50)	?" said Sally.	

#### **CAE Placement Test**

Name: <	> Date:	/	/

You have 30minutes to complete this part of the test. For questions **47-53**, use the words in the box on the right to form **one** word which fits in the same numbered space in the text. The exercise begins with an example (0)

#### IS THIS THE END FOR RECORD-BREAKING?

According to researchers, we have reached the limits for some sports. No matter how hard we train or whatever the (0) improvements in the design of our running shoes, they say we're just not going to get any better. A mathematical (47) was carried out to show that most of our track and field records are in fact being broken by chance. The researchers looked at the best annual performances in 22 events in German athletics (48) over the last 20 years. Only four events showed any kind of (49) increase over that time and the record-breaking times fitted the (50) distribution you would expect if the overall level of performance had stayed the same. The researchers concluded that the (51) of record breakers is not (52). Record breakers are just (53) rare.

<b>Example:</b>	
0 IMPROVE	
0 improvement	
47 ANALYSE	
48 CHAMPION	
49 SYSTEM	
50 STATISTIC	
JUSTATISTIC	
51 EXIST	
52 MIRACLE	
53 EXCEPT	

For questions **16-30**, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. **Use only one word in each space**. The exercise begins with an example (0).

#### On the other hand?

On the other hand?		
We left-handed people lack collective pride. We (0) just try to get by, in our clumsy way. We make (16)		
demands and we avoid a fuss. I used to say whenever someone watched me sign my name and remarked that he		
or she was also left-handed; 'You and me and Lernardo da Vinci!' That was a weak joke, (17) it		
contained my often unconscious desire to belong to Left Pride, a social movement that (18) far		
doesn't exist but I hope may one day come. There are many false stories about the left-handed (19)		
circulation: for example, a few decades ago someone wrote that Picasso was left-handed, and others kept		
repeating it, but the proof is all (20) the contrary. The great genius Einstein (21)		
often still claimed as one of ours, also (22) proof. And sadly there is also no truth (23)		
the myth that the left-handed tend to be smarter and more creative.		
(24) the amount of research that has been carried out, researchers in the field still find it hard to		
decide precisely what we mean (25) left-handed. Apparently, a third of those (26)		
write with their left hand throw a ball with their right. (27), those using their right hand for		
writing rarely throw with their left. A difficult skill that becomes crucial at a most impressionable age, writing		
defines (28) you will call yourself. I have never used scissors, baseball bat, hockey stick or		
computer mouse with anything but my right; (29) so, I think I'm left-handed as (30)		
everyone else.		



# **CAE Placement Test**

Name:	: <	> Date:	/	/			
Write 1. Wi	ng - 30 minutes an essay of between 120-180 we rite a speech for tourists from you d your country.					ween Austra	alia
2. Yo	d your country. our cousin has written to you aski oly.	ng you to re	ecomn	nend an En	glish school.	Write your	•
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# A - Z of ACTIVITIES and SERVICES IN MANLY

#### **Art Gallery and Museum**

Are you an artistic, creative person? Or do you appreciate interesting pieces of art? Then this is the place for you!

At the Manly Art Museum, you can see artwork, sculptures, and photography exhibitions as well as a history of beach culture, there's something for everyone! Sometimes there are exhibitions about surfing too. For more information; visit <a href="https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/arts-and-culture/manly-art-gallery-museum">https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/arts-and-culture/manly-art-gallery-museum</a>

The Art Gallery of NSW in the Domain Park behind the Botanical Gardens, and the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) in Circular Quay in the city are free.

# **Barbecues**

There are free barbecues at Shelly Beach where you can take your food, push the button and cook away to your heart's desire! They get very busy in the summer so get there early if you want to use them. Grill your favourite food, grab a spot by the water and enjoy one of Australia's favourite pastimes. This area is an alcohol-free zone.

# **Beaches**

Manly Beach is the most popular beach in Sydney located just a couple of minutes away from the Wharf and next to some of the best pubs, cafes and restaurants. Lie in the sun, jump into the water or if you're feeling even more adventurous, try some surfing and snorkeling! Each of Manly's beaches, bays and coves provide a different experience for visitors to Manly. Some are located on the open ocean, which are ideal for surfing, body surfing or simply enjoying the swell, others are on the harbor or in protected coves, providing a gentler water experience. Find a list below of some of our favourite ones! Hang out at the beach but don't forget your sunscreen!

North Steyne Beach, Queenscliff Beach, Cabbage Tree Bay, Shelly Beach, Fairy Bower, Quarantine Beach, Store Beach, Spring Cove, Little Manly Cove | Little Manly Beach, Little Manly Point, Manly Cove, Fairlight Beach, North Harbour Reserve, Forty Baskets Beach, Reef Beach, Clontarf Beach

#### **Billboard**

Check the billboard on the way to Manly Beach in front of The Pantry, Manly for all the local events and things to do in the area! It's a good way to stay up-to-date.

#### **Bicycles**

If you're an environmentally-conscious person but don't feel like walking, then cycling around Manly is one of the best ways to experience and explore it! You can hire bicycles from several places in Manly. Manly Cycles is at 17 Sydney Road, Manly, Tel: 9977 1189. <a href="http://www.manlycycles.com.au/">http://www.manlycycles.com.au/</a>

#### Cafes

Manly has lots of great cafes where you can get your daily dose of coffee, read a book, catch up with friends or just chill out! 7/11 does \$1 coffees if you need a quick cup. Some of our favourite cafes are:

Little Legends, Starbucks, Showbox Coffee Brewers (a fun music themed café), Bluewater Café (beautiful beach view if you sit outside!)

# Comedy in Manly

The Old Manly Boatshed is a pub/club which has comedy on certain nights (usually Monday nights, but check their website/Instagram or the local paper. https://www.oldmanlyboatshed.com.au/comedy @oldmanlyboatshed

Hemingway's bar/restaurant has stand-up comedy on Wednesday nights. <a href="http://www.hemingwaysmanly.com.au/">http://www.hemingwaysmanly.com.au/</a> @hemingwaysmanly

# Cricket

You can watch live cricket at Manly Oval (summer only) on Belgrave Street. If you like playing, then the beach is the perfect place for a nice, energetic game of cricket!

# **Dive Centre Manly**

Are you adventurous? Why not go on a Snorkel Safari for a fun underwater adventure! \$25 a day to hire a mask, snorkel, fins and floaty. Explore the ocean and meet some of the beautiful creatures that live in it. There are several dive schools in Manly; The closest to the school is the Dive Centre at 10 Belgrave Street, Manly (near the police station). You can prepare for your PADI ticket here.

https://www.divesydney.com.au/

#### **Explore!**

Sometimes its nice just to walk around without a plan and Manly is the perfect place for that. Grab a map, put your earphones on and explore the beautiful suburb of Manly! There's a lot to see and do. ©

#### **Football**

Football in Australia means rugby union –or Rugby league great games to watch. Manly Oval on Belgrave Street often hosts big matches (winter only). Check the Manly Daily to find out when the next match is.

#### **Festivals**

There are several annual festivals in the Manly area:

- 1. 'Food and Wine Festival' takes place on the Manly beachfront in June each year try some of Australia's famous wines, international food and live music.
- 2. Jazz Festival is usually on around September October time with lots of free and ticketed events. SEA students have the amazing opportunity of being able to volunteer and play an important role in speaking to locals and helping organize and set up events over the weekend,
- **3. Manly Arts Festival** in spring which is a great opportunity to experience or get involved in the art scene.
- 4. World Food Culture Festival Enjoy great international food and live music under the beautiful iconic fig trees in Gilbert Park Manly every Friday night from 11 January to 29 March between 5pm – 9pm.

https://www.manlyaustralia.com.au/info/thingstodo/festivals/ https://www.svdnev.com/destinations/svdnev/svdnev-north/manly/events/manly-

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https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/whats-on/manly-arts-festival-2017-launch

# Golf

You can play a round of golf at the Warringah Golf Club - the public days are Thursday and Friday. You usually don't need to book - just go to the Pro Shop on the corner of Kentwell and Condamine Streets, Manly (10 minutes by bus from Manly centre). Most golf courses in Australia are public so you don't have to be a member to play. www.warringahgolfclub.com.au

#### **Mini Golf**

Why not try your hand at some mini golf? A fun day out for the family or with friends. Play one or both 18-hole miniature golf courses in our classic putt putt venue. For more info, visit:

http://www.pittwatergolfcentre.com.au/mini-golf/

#### <u>Gyms</u>

There are several gyms in Manly which you can become a member of or pay per visit to shed off all the fish and chips!

https://www.plusfitness.com.au/gyms/manly/

http://www.manlybeachhealthclub.com/

https://www.anytimefitness.com.au/gyms/au-1095/manly-nsw-2095/

http://38xfitness.com.au/

http://www.fightgym.com.au/

# **Harbord Bowling Club**

A friendly, relaxed atmosphere that has beautiful views, a beer garden, barefoot bowls, bowls, quality food and wine and is a nice place just to hang out!

# **Historic Tours**

Quarantine Station, North Head, Manly - a tour around the old buildings where quarantined people used to stay until they got well. Learn about the illnesses of the past and some of the ghosts that haunt this area! You must book in advance – To get there, catch bus number 135 from Manly Wharf.

http://www.qstation.com.au/ghost-tours.html

http://www.gstation.com.au/history-tours.html

# <u>Jogging</u>

Many local people love jogging along the beach in the morning or evening. Or you can join a local jogging club - contact the local gyms to find out more about jogging clubs.

# **Kayaking**

If you're an outdoors person and love a little adventure, then this is the thing for you! The Manly Kayak Centre offers its visitors 3 convenient locations to rent a kayak, stand up paddle board or hire boat in Manly, we provide access to the best inner harbour beaches and waterways in Sydney Harbour.

http://www.manlykayakcentre.com.au/

#### **Live Music**

The Steyne Hotel and The Old Manly Boatshed on the Corso have live music regularly. Check out their websites and Instagram pages to see what's on!

http://hotelsteyne.com.au/moonshine/ @moonshinebarmanly

https://www.oldmanlyboatshed.com.au/ @theoldmanlyboatshed

Some other cool live music spots to check out are:

- Donny's Friday and Saturday https://www.donnys.com.au/
- <u>4 Pines Brewery</u> Thursday and Sunday <u>https://4pinesbeer.com.au/our-venue/brewpub-manly-brewery/</u> -
- <u>Hemingway's</u> Thursday <u>http://www.hemingwaysmanly.com.au/</u>
- <u>Daniel San</u> Sunday <u>https://danielsan.com.au/</u>
- <u>New Brighton Hotel</u> Tuesday, Friday and Sunday <u>https://www.newbrightonhotel.com.au/</u>
- <u>Ivanhoe</u> Friday-Sunday <u>https://www.ivanhoehotelmanly.com.au/</u>
- <u>The Hold</u> Every Night <u>https://thehold.com.au/</u>
- Manly Wharf Hotel Tuesday- Thursday - <a href="http://manlywharfhotel.com.au/">http://manlywharfhotel.com.au/</a>

#### **Markets**

There is an arts and crafts market every Saturday and Sunday at the beach end of the Corso

https://manlymarketplace.com.au/ @manlymarketplace

On the third Saturday of every month there is a second-hand market at Manly Village Public School, Darley Road, Manly.

There is also a market at Narrabeen Lakes Primary School (catch bus number 155 or 156 from Manly Wharf) on the 1st Saturday of each month.

#### <u>Music</u>

You can listen to music for free around Circular Quay and Manly at the weekends; you'll find lots of buskers and street performers entertaining you!

There is also often music at Darling Harbour.

Every Friday in the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper there is a music guide for what music is playing in Sydney.

http://www.smh.com.au/entertainment/music

# **Nightclubs**

On Friday and Saturday nights the Steyne Hotel, the Wharf Bar Hotel, Shark Bar, and Sugar Lounge are popular venues.

The Boatshed on the Corso is popular with backpackers on Saturday nights. Many of Manly's cafes become bars at night.

# **Parasailing**

If you're looking for more adventurous things to do, then how about flying for 10 minutes flying in the sky? Try parasailing from the Manly Wharf! It'll get your blood rushing. For more details, ask at the reception.

# **Pool**

There are pool tables at the Shark Bar, above the New Brighton Hotel, and at the back of the Steyne Hotel (behind the courtyard) on the Corso. There is also a pool club upstairs at the end of the Corso opposite the ferry wharf.

# <u>Pubs</u>

Manly has lots of cool pubs where you can just relax, hang out with your friends and have a good time and a cold beer! Here are some popular ones:

- Four Pines <a href="https://4pinesbeer.com.au/our-venue/brewpub-manly-brewery/">https://4pinesbeer.com.au/our-venue/brewpub-manly-brewery/</a>
- Manly Wharf Hotel <a href="http://manlywharfhotel.com.au/">http://manlywharfhotel.com.au/</a>
- Ivanhoe Hotel https://www.ivanhoehotelmanly.com.au/
- Jamtown http://www.jamtownmanlybeach.com/
- Hemingway's <a href="http://www.hemingwaysmanly.com.au/">http://www.hemingwaysmanly.com.au/</a>

#### **Q- Station**

Q Station really should have kept their original name for their ghost tours – because 'Quarantine Station' already sounds like a horror movie. Q Station runs a number of ghost tours and their Ghostly Encounter tour is the most popular (it's been running for 20 years). Located at North Head, the Station used to be the first port of call for ships coming in during colonial times that were carrying passengers with contagious diseases. The station is said to be home to many spirits, from playful spirits to intellectual ghosts and the strict matron who takes no nonsense.

# Rock Pool - Fairlight

Along the popular Manly to Spit walking path you'll come across quieter swimming spots that attract more of a chilled-out family vibe than the busy beaches and promenades in Manly. Fairlight Beach is one of those gems, and the clear, calm waters are something of a shared secret for snorkeling and spotting sea life – however, if you're more inclined to swim laps or if you have little ones in tow there is a walled rock pool and small paddling pool that's sheltered from the harbour swell. What makes it super family-friendly are the public facilities, all pram accessible from the path. There are warm showers and accessible toilets too.

# **Room Eight – Escape Rooms**

Room Eight is a team sport for your mind: can you and your companions untangle the web of clues and triumphantly make a great escape before time runs out? Our themed rooms – from the fiendishly macabre to the oddball and bizarre – will challenge couples, coworkers, friends and families with a mix of puzzles, brainteasers and conundrums to test your logic, your intuition and your will.

#### Second-hand Shopping

For really cheap second-hand clothes try Vinnie's on Pittwater Road and Lifeline on Sydney Road, and for cheap clothes and furniture try Vinnie's at Brookvale (catch bus number 155 or 156 to Warringah Mall - cross the road and walk up). Dee Why also has good charity shops such as Lifeline, the Smith Family, and St Vincent de Paul.

#### **Shopping**

If you're in the mood to do some retail therapy and treat yourself, then Warringah Mall is the perfect place! Catch bus number 155, 156 or 139. At the Mall you will find clothes shops, gift shops, cafes, music shops etc, so there's something to do for everyone! <a href="https://www.westfield.com.au/warringahmall">https://www.westfield.com.au/warringahmall</a>

#### **Souvenirs**

There are a lot of shops along Manly's famous corso where you can pick up some great souvenirs to remember your time in Manly! For Sydney souvenirs, cheap clothing, fruit and vegetables and more, try Paddy's Markets at the Haymarket in Chinatown. Catch a ferry to Circular Quay, then any bus that goes down George Street.

# **Surfboard Hire and Surf Lessons\*\*\***

Learn to surf at the Manly Surf School (MSS) at the North Steyne Surf Club (2 minutes walk from the SEA). There are several surf shops in and around Manly where you can rent and buy boards, accessories and surf clothes. Check at reception for more details.

Check out the website here - https://manlysurfschool.com/

# <u>Surfing</u>

The Manly area has some of the best surf beaches in Sydney.

- Queenscliff, North Steyne and South Steyne are popular and close just walk along Manly Beach.
- Further north there are Curl Curl (Bus number 139 from the ferry wharf), Collaroy and Dee Why beaches.
- You must surf outside the flags (between the flags is for swimmers only).

#### **Swimming**

There is a heated swimming pool 'Andrew Boy Charlton', on Kenneth Road, Manly. There are also beautiful sea-pools at Queenscliff, Freshwater, Fairlight and near Shelly Beach.

At the beach, **BE CAREFUL -** always swim between the red and yellow flags and follow the rules!

https://www.manlyaustralia.com.au/info/thingstodo/ocean-swimming-pools/

The Manly Dam is also a beautiful place to enjoy some time off swimming and relaxing!

http://www.wildswimmingaustralia.com/locations/manly-dam-sydney-new-south-wales-australia/

#### **Tennis**

There are tennis courts very close to the SEA at the corner of Belgrave and Raglan Streets. Telephone the Manly Tennis Centre on 02 9977 3159 for details about booking a court. Tennis racquets can also be hired.

https://www.manlylawn.com.au/

# **Theatre**

Need some more drama in your life? There is a small theatre in French's Forest (about a 15 minute drive from Manly) - it's called the Glen Street Theatre. Check the Manly Daily newspaper to find out what plays are on this week. http://www.glenstreet.com.au/

# **Volleyball**

Keep fit and have great fun for free! Get a group of friends together (borrow a ball from the SEA) and use the volleyball nets on Manly Beach just near North Steyne Surf Club.

# **Walks**

Join local Manly people for an early morning or evening walk beside the beach. One of the most popular walks is from Manly heading South to Shelly Beach. Another popular walk is Manly to the Spit. It's a long walk - it takes between 2 and 3 hours, but there are great views and lots of wildlife to see on the way. Catch bus number 143 or 144 from the Spit Bridge to return to Manly.

There's a lot of amazing walks that you can do in the area so for a more detailed list, head over to: https://www.manlyaustralia.com.au/info/thingstodo/walks/

# **SYDNEY – Sightseeing & Things To Do**

#### **Art around Sydney**

Take a stride on the wild side with a Culture Scouts walking tour that takes in street art across the inner west, Chippendale, Redfern, Surry Hills and Darlinghurst and appreciates the talents of street and graffiti artists. Tours run several times a week throughout summer.

#### **Aboriginal Culture**

The ancestral stories of Aboriginal people form the Dreaming, creating a deep spiritual connection with the land, sea and sky for more than 60,000 years. There are many wonderful ways in Sydney to experience the world's oldest living culture, including fun and informative tours guided by Aboriginals themselves.

One of the largest public collections of <u>Aboriginal art</u> is in Sydney's galleries and <u>museums</u>. You can visit rock art and ceremonial sites in national parks, including Australia's two oldest national parks - the <u>Royal National Park</u> in <u>Sydney's south</u> and the <u>Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park</u> in <u>Sydney's north</u>.

In Muru Mittiga's shop, browse authentic Aboriginal souvenirs such as didgeridoos, boomerangs, jewellery, and native jams and spices. You can buy beautiful Aboriginal arts and crafts at Boomalli, the Coo-ee Gallery, the Artery and the Kate Owen Gallery.

For more information, visit: <a href="https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/learn/sydneys-history/aboriginal-history/aboriginal-cultural-attractions">https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/learn/sydneys-history/aboriginal-cultural-attractions</a>

# **Blue Mountains National Park**

Explore World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains National Park, home of the famous Three Sisters in Katoomba. Discover iconic lookouts and waterfalls, historic walking tracks, mountain biking, Aboriginal culture, adventure sports, and camping - right on Sydney's doorstep.

https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/visitor-centres/blue-mountains-heritage-centre

# **Bushwalking**

Bushwalking is very popular in Australia and a good way to experience 'the real Australia'. However you should never go bushwalking alone.

Ask reception about organised bushwalks or check out the list in the link below

https://www.bestsydneywalks.com/bush-walks/

### **Chinatown**

The best place to experience Asian culture and try authentic Asian food. Catch the ferry to the city then catch any bus going along George Street in the city and get off at Haymarket.

There is a great fruit and vegetable market here every Friday, Saturday and Sunday called Paddy's Market. http://sydney-chinatown.info/

#### **Discovery Museum at The Rocks**

You'll love The Rocks Discovery Museum; packed with thousands of years of history! The Rocks Discovery Museum is a free, family friendly museum which tells the story of The Rocks area of Sydney from pre-European days to the present. You'll find a lot of photos from the past, archaeological artefacts and exhibits which are fun and interactive!

https://www.therocks.com/things-to-do/the-rocks-discovery-museum/

# **Graveyards**

Sydney has some very quiet and beautiful cemeteries like the Camperdown Cemetery in Newtown or the beautiful Waverly Cemetery in Bronte for a quiet afternoon or evening.

https://www.waverleycemetery.com/

# **Harbour Bridge**

You can walk across the Harbour Bridge for free (from North Sydney to the Rocks), or you can pay approximately \$300 and walk over the top of the Harbour Bridge and have a fantastic view of the harbour!

http://www.bridgeclimb.com/

#### **Markets**

Sydney is famous for its popular street markets that are loved by locals and tourists alike! Bustling with chatter, music and lots of cool things to do, head to one of these markets for a fun day of eating, shopping and fun!

Glebe Markets
Manly Market Place
Paddy's Markets
Rozelle Collectors Markets
Chinatown Night Markets
Kings Cross Farmers Markets
Bondi Farmers Markets

https://www.sydney.com/things-to-do/fashion-and-shopping/sydney-markets http://www.glebemarkets.com.au/

#### <u>Museums</u>

Sydney's known for some of its interesting and spectacular museums and exhibits. For a day of history, art or education, check out one of Sydney's many beautiful and fascinating museums!

Powerhouse Museum, Australian National Maritime Museum Art Gallery of New South Wales Museum of Sydney Discovery Centre at The Rock

# Royal Botanic Gardens

Take a walk through the stunning Royal Botanic Gardens where you'll learn about the Indigenous history of the land for free or on a paid guided tour. You'll learn about how the Gadigal people lived and worked with the seasons before the area was colonised. Stingless bee colonies, climbing Moreton Bay fig trees and juicy Davidson plums are just a few of the natural wonders you'll see (and taste) on this tour of Sydney's harbourside horticultural oasis. You'll walk by some of Sydney's most famous landmarks as you trail around the fringe of the city looking back out to the Opera House, Mrs Macquarie's Chair and the Harbour Bridge.

https://www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/

It is worth going to the Sydney Opera house to look around - you can buy a cocktail and drink it outside overlooking the harbour just for the experience, although it is quite expensive! There are also some amazing shows held at the Opera House so if you're into the performing arts, then you're in the right place! <a href="https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/">https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/</a>

Telephone the Sydney Opera House Booking Office on 02 9250 7777 at 9:00 to get cheap tickets for the same evening's performance.

# **TreeTops Adventure Park**

Treetop Adventure Park is a recreation activity in the tree tops, where participants slide down flying foxes, move from tree to tree on suspension bridges and enjoy many other exciting activities up to 15 metres above the forest floor. There are 108 challenges including 20 flying foxes, the longest at 250 metres.

Treetop Adventure Park aims for minimal environmental impact on the forest. This multiaward winning park caters for people from all walks of life and all fitness levels. What a fantastic way to discover the Great Australian Outdoors!

Western Sydney Parklands offers barbecues, covered picnic areas, children's playgrounds and toilet facilities. All free to use before or after your climb.

Come monkey around with them!

For more information: http://www.TreeTops.com.au

# **Vivid Festival**

<u>Vivid Festival</u> is a 23-day-long festival of lights and projections that occurs every winter from May to June in Sydney.

A big portion of this night-time festival is interactive — in past years, you could change the colour of the Harbor Bridge or make a chair light up according to the beat of your heart.

Watch the beautiful city of Sydney light up with lights, colours, art and sound everywhere!

https://www.vividsydney.com/

# Wildlife

Are you an animal lover? Want to hug a cuddly koala or feed a kangaroo? Then you're in the right city! Sydney has some of the best spots to meet animals especially Australian ones!

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Head to the Featherdale Wildlife Park near Blacktown or Koala Park in Pennant Hills for a day filled with furry cuddles and lots of animals!

If you love the ocean, then visit the Sydney SEA Life Aquarium to meet some of the ocean's most loved creatures.

https://www.featherdale.com.au

https://koalapark-sanctuary.com.au/

#### Zoo

If you love animals then you should definitely visit the Taronga Zoo! Home to a number of different species and of course our very special Australian animals like the Kangaroos, Koalas and Platypus, you can spend a whole day here walking around and observing the animals. If you're there in time, you'll even get to feed some! To get to the zoo you need to take a ferry to Circular Quay and then another ferry to the zoo. For more information, visit: <a href="https://taronga.org.au/taronga-zoo">https://taronga.org.au/taronga-zoo</a>

#### **Transport and travel**

#### **Ferries**

Ferries go to Circular Quay (city centre) every 30 minutes from the wharf at the end of the Corso. Check Google Maps or download the app TripView to check ferry times. Buy an Opal Card to use Sydney transport. https://transportnsw.info/travel-info/ways-to-get-around/ferry

The Fast Ferry is much quicker - only 20 minutes, but more expensive. <a href="http://www.manlyfastferry.com.au/">http://www.manlyfastferry.com.au/</a>

# <u>Taxis</u>

There is a taxi rank very close to the ferry wharf at the beginning of Belgrave Street.

# **Uber**

Uber is very popular in Sydney. Be careful of "surging" prices.

# Important to know

# **Doctor**

Manly Medical Centre - 15 South Steyne, Manly. Walk in and they will tell you how long to wait. Or ask Michelle in Student Services. <a href="https://www.ipn.com.au/gp/nsw-manly-medical-centre/">https://www.ipn.com.au/gp/nsw-manly-medical-centre/</a>

#### **Emergency**

If you are in danger, see an accident or fire, telephone **000** for police, fire station and ambulance.

If you have a very serious or personal problem that the police cannot help you with, you may contact the school emergency number **0423 522 936**.

#### Library

There is a very good library at the Market Place, Manly. \*\*

You will be shown the library on your first day orientation. This library has many books and audio materials for studying English. You can join the library and borrow books for free by showing your SEA student card and confirming that you are living in the local area. The library also has daily newspapers, video players, and computers which you must reserve to use.

https://www.aurorashore.com.au/Montage/MANLY/

# **Newspapers**

The local newspaper - the Manly Daily is delivered free to houses in the area. \*\* It is very useful for finding out what's on, what's happening locally etc. <a href="http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/manly-daily">http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/manly-daily</a>

The Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) is the most popular newspaper for the Sydney area (it also includes world news). On Monday the SMH includes a TV and radio guide. On Friday it has a section called 'Metro' which is the best guide for what's going on in Sydney - including music, clubs, theatre, films etc. <a href="http://www.smh.com.au/">http://www.smh.com.au/</a>

# **Police**

4 Belgrave Street, Manly (very close to the ferry wharf and the Town Hall). If you lose something or have something stolen go to the police station to make a report straight away. Police in Australia are very helpful.

# **Post Office**

22 Central Avenue.

# Sickness

If you are seriously ill, tell your homestay family or teacher or contact a doctor.

Manly Medical Centre - 15 South Steyne, Manly.

For emergencies or out of hours you can go to Manly Hospital.

#### Water

You never need to buy bottled water! There are fountains/bubblers along the Corso with filtered water available.\*\*



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