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Your personal safety

Being a student is an exciting time where you will make new friends and experience different learning opportunities. It is important to enjoy your city and your campus; our tips will assist to protect you from unsafe situations.

Our campus is located in a well lit, busy location with easy access to public transport

**Trams:**

*Franklin St/Elizabeth St*, 100 m. Trams 19, 24, 30, 57 and 59

**Trains:**

*Melbourne Central Station*, 450 m, 6 min walk.

*Southern Cross Station*, 1.8 km, 25 min walk, also, can catch any tram down Elizabeth Street get off at Burke St, and then catch a tram up Burke street to Spencer St.

*Flinders St Station*, 1.5 km, 18 min walk, Can catch any tram down Elizabeth St to Flinders St.

Safety on campus

- Get to know the layout of your campus including safe paths and exits.
- Contact a staff member immediately if you observe anything suspicious occurring in or around the campus.
- Report any threatening behaviour immediately to a staff member.
- Move away any threatening behaviour where possible.
- Do not leave valuables such as wallets or mobile phones unattended.
- Avoid isolated areas and move around campus with other students where possible.
- Avoid leaving the campus alone.

Safety on transport

- Use a timetable to plan your travel and avoid unnecessary delays.
- Choose well lit busy areas rather than dark quiet spots.
- Travel close to the guard or driver.
- Where possible exit transport into well lit busy areas.
- Be aware of who is around including who gets off with you. Consider carrying a personal alarm.
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Safety on the street

• Stay alert as awareness is your best defense.
• Cross the street if you fell unsafe.
• Be confident and aware of your surroundings.
• Keep to well lit major roads and paths at night, do not take short cuts through parks.
• If approached by a stranger keep a safe distance.
• If approached for money advise you have no cash, avoid eye contact and move toward other people.
• If you are being followed change direction and seek a safe place.
• Keep personal items such as wallets and bags close to your body or out of sight.
• Have your keys ready to quickly enter your home or car.

Safety whilst driving and parking

• Make sure you have enough fuel to reach your location.
• Do not respond to aggressive behaviour and avoid eye contact with others.
• Drive your car with doors locked and windows closed at all times.
• Keep valuables out of view.
• Park in well lit areas. Car parks with an attendant are best.

Safety in the water

Remember to:
• Behave Safely - Obey all water safety signs, don’t drink alcohol, keep an eye on your friends when swimming
• Know Your Environment - Never run, jump or dive in shallow water
• Always Swim Between the Flags - Swim between red and yellow flags wherever possible
• always swim at a beach patrolled by lifesavers
• don’t swim at the beach if you are not a confident swimmer
• Be SunSmart Around the Water - Particular care should be taken from 10 am to 2 pm (11 am to 3 pm daylight saving time) when UV radiation levels are highest

General safety steps to take right now

• Take the time to consider where you might be at risk and what steps you can take to make it safe.
• Program the emergency number 000 into your mobile phone.
• Tell people where you are going and what time you will return.
• Avoid carrying non-essential items such as passport and too much money.
• Report any incident to police or campus staff.

For more information on Student Safety visit the following link; http://www.thinkbefore.com/Default.aspx