

the couch
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CENTRE



the lounge
international student centre

Modelling Student Activities And Support



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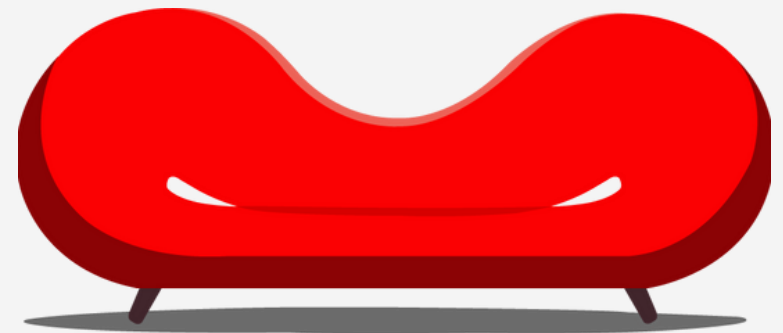
Outline

- Our Foundation and Purpose
- How we operate
- Connecting different services
- Biggest takeaways
- Sample events
- Testimonials





What Started it all?



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Supporting Geelong





HOW WE OPERATE

Use student feedback and

Recruit volunteers

Build partnerships with different teams

Run different events and workshops

Utilize Social Media

Receive donations that can be given to the community

Integrate community

Engage with education





CONNECTING DIFFERENT SERVICES

- **Employment Support**

One-on-One sessions. CV review, Interview preparation, Jobs search

- **Material Aid**

Raw ingredients to help students make food at home and save money on groceries.

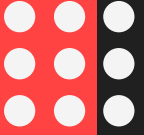
- **Housing & Financial Aid**

Connecting students to local housing assistance and food relief programs

- **Mental Health Support**

Improving access to mental health support services

Biggest Takeaways



12000+

Number of Students
Reached

150+

Number of Events
Held

**THESE
PROGRAMS ARE
NEEDED!**

100%

of students recommend our
programs to friends



WE ARE HERE TO...

Create opportunities to build soft skills

Provide a Safe space to international students

Encourage interaction & avoid isolation

Offer free support services

Open up Volunteering opportunities

Provide Free meals, snacks, and beverages



SAMPLE EVENTS



Student-led Events



Informative workshops
catered to international
students



Celebrating Cultural
Diversity

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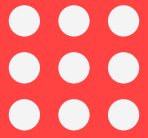
Christmas away from home



Learning The Aussie Culture



Connecting Students with service providers



Testimonials

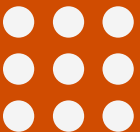


“The thing I love best about the couch is that I can be myself comfortably knowing that people at the couch will always try to help and support me. That’s what the couch meant to me”

Dao Minh Hieu, Vietnamese

I wanted to take a moment to express my utmost gratitude for the wonderful meditation session I attended at the lounge. It was truly an absolute pleasure to be a part of such a serene and enriching experience. Thanks for making me feel so at home!

Sachreet Kaur Nijjar, Indian



Ask away!

**WE'RE HERE FOR
YOUR QUESTIONS!**

