

## FROM GLOBAL CLASSROOMS TO LOCAL FUTURES

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Many Bangladeshi families view the decision to send their child overseas for higher education as both an act of hope and a step into the unknown. According to Bangladesh Bank, Bangladeshi students spent USD 533.2 million in FY 2023-2024 and USD 662.2 million in FY 2024-2025 on education-related services abroad. In 2023, UNESCO recorded 52,799 Bangladeshi students enrolled outside the country. Further statistics also indicate that the number of students going outside has surged to 2.19 times higher, which is a dramatic rise from a decade ago and a sign that global classrooms are increasingly seen as pathways to opportunity. For Bangladeshi students, this number reflects rising demand for world-class training, stronger career prospects, and the promise of broader horizons.

### ■ EARLY CHALLENGES

Though the opening weeks can be tough, many Bangladeshi students find they brighten quickly. Newcomers often face practical challenges such as managing money, learning to cook, loneliness due to leaving loved ones all of a sudden, and building a support network. However, assistance is readily available from universities, classmates, employers, and local communities. "In the first month I had no idea what to spend money on. It took me around three to four months to learn how to manage my finances," recalled Kazi Niloy, a fresh graduate student from Melbourne. Various statistics also show policy shifts are steering students toward more affordable, student-friendly programmes across Europe and Asia, creating new, welcoming options. With patience and a willingness to ask for help, students regularly discover that work environments and local cultures, even when unfamiliar, are supportive and full of learning opportunities.

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**Sarah Hana**  
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"I feel at home at Western Sydney University International College. The staff and teachers are so friendly - I never expected this experience to be as great! I will really miss this place when I move onto Western Sydney University."



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"I really like the diversity at Western Sydney University International College and I am in the process of making friends from so many different cultures. There are lots of activities on campus too which gives me a break from my studies!"

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**01.** Western Sydney University International College offers a wide range of courses at just 24 students.

**02.** Many of our expert lecturers are former international students themselves.

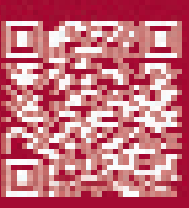
**03.** The International College provides free academic support sessions, English and Maths tuition throughout the week.

**04.** The campus is only 20 minutes walk from the Penrith train and bus terminal, making it accessible to most where you live.

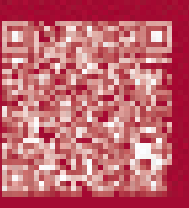
**05.** Local attractions such as the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Opera House are only 25 minutes away by train.

**06.** The International College is located in a multicultural area where students from over 100 countries and cultures meet.


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