



## Run for the Kids is back this March

The *Herald Sun* and Transurban Run for the Kids will return Sunday, March 17, taking over the streets of Melbourne to raise much-needed funds for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.



The iconic event, which has hosted more than 400,000 participants and raised more than \$21.7 million since its inception, is one of the largest fundraisers for the Good Friday Appeal which supports the lives of Victoria's sick and most vulnerable kids.

Event organisers are calling all runners, walkers, or volunteers to join the expected 30,000 participants in this year's event.

The event village build will start on Wednesday, March 13 from 7am in Docklands Park and surrounding areas and be completed by Tuesday, March 19.

The event will be live from 6am Sunday with PA announcements and music on the morning of the event. Sound checks will take place during build times.

According to event organisers, their "objective is to close roads for the shortest possible time, and we are focused on minimising disruption wherever possible."

"There will be a significant impact on traffic in and around the course during the event, with road closures in place to ensure the safety of participants," a Run for the Kids public notice said.

"There is no parking on the course itself during the road closure period. Temporary parking restrictions and tow-away zones around Docklands and the wider course will be in place, please obey signage. At all times emergency access and the movement of emergency vehicles takes priority."

For information on all road closures or to participate in the event, [runforthekids.com.au](http://runforthekids.com.au).



## Melbourne's celebration of international students

Committee for Melbourne is proud to see the return of the Melbourne International Student Week from March 1 to 8, 2024, which recognises and celebrates international students and all they bring to the city.

Joining forces with The Ascott Limited, Australia (Ascott Australia), the Committee will for the second year, put on a welcome celebration full of events, activities, giveaways, and live music at Fed Square from March 1 to 2. Performances from K-Pop band AO Dance Crew and international DJ Jodilly are among the acts to be enjoyed by everyone. This weekend will be followed by a weeklong series of activations and activities over multiple sites across Melbourne.

International students are a critical part of the social, cultural, and economic fabric of Melbourne. International education is the state's third largest export earner and there are more than 140,000 international students from 160 countries studying in Victoria, making Melbourne the most diverse student city in the world.

That's why our educational institutions such as Deakin University, RMIT, Latrobe University, The University of Melbourne, Monash University and Victoria University will be onsite at Federation Square on March 1 to 2 and offering a week of festivities to ensure that international students feel at home in Melbourne. It is important that we provide occasions such as MISW to

ensure that international students understand the culture and services our great city has to offer.

With international students contributing \$6.9 billion into the economy and supporting more than 40,000 jobs, the Committee and Ascott Australia recognise the value and importance of providing effective backing for international students.

To support the influx of students and families, Ascott Australia's multiple brands, including Quest Apartment Hotels, offer students, and visiting friends and families a range of accommodation options to make their stay in Melbourne comfortable and convenient.

Committee for Melbourne's CEO Mark Melvin said, "It is no wonder international students are attracted to studying at Melbourne's universities. With the recent announcement of Melbourne as the fourth-best international student city, I genuinely believe Melbourne International Student Week is important opportunity to welcome international students and help them get to know this incredible city".

For more information about the week-long activities please visit: [misw.org.au](http://misw.org.au)

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