



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE

FFA Workshop 2026

Melbourne, Australia

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Melbourne



- Population 5.1M
- Australia's cultural (and sporting) capital
- September/October/November is SPRING

Melbourne VIC, Australia

Weather averages

[Overview](#) [Graphs](#)

| Month | High / Low (°C) | Rain |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| September | 18° / 9° | 9 days |
| October | 20° / 11° | 8 days |
| November | 23° / 13° | 7 days |



Practical Info – Potential Dates

Dates: Nb. September is in UniMelb Semester 2 (no rooms)

Possible dates are in ‘non-teaching periods:’

Option 1: 28th Sept to 4th October,

Option 2: after 26th October (e.g early November)

Option 3: ‘summer’ e.g. early December

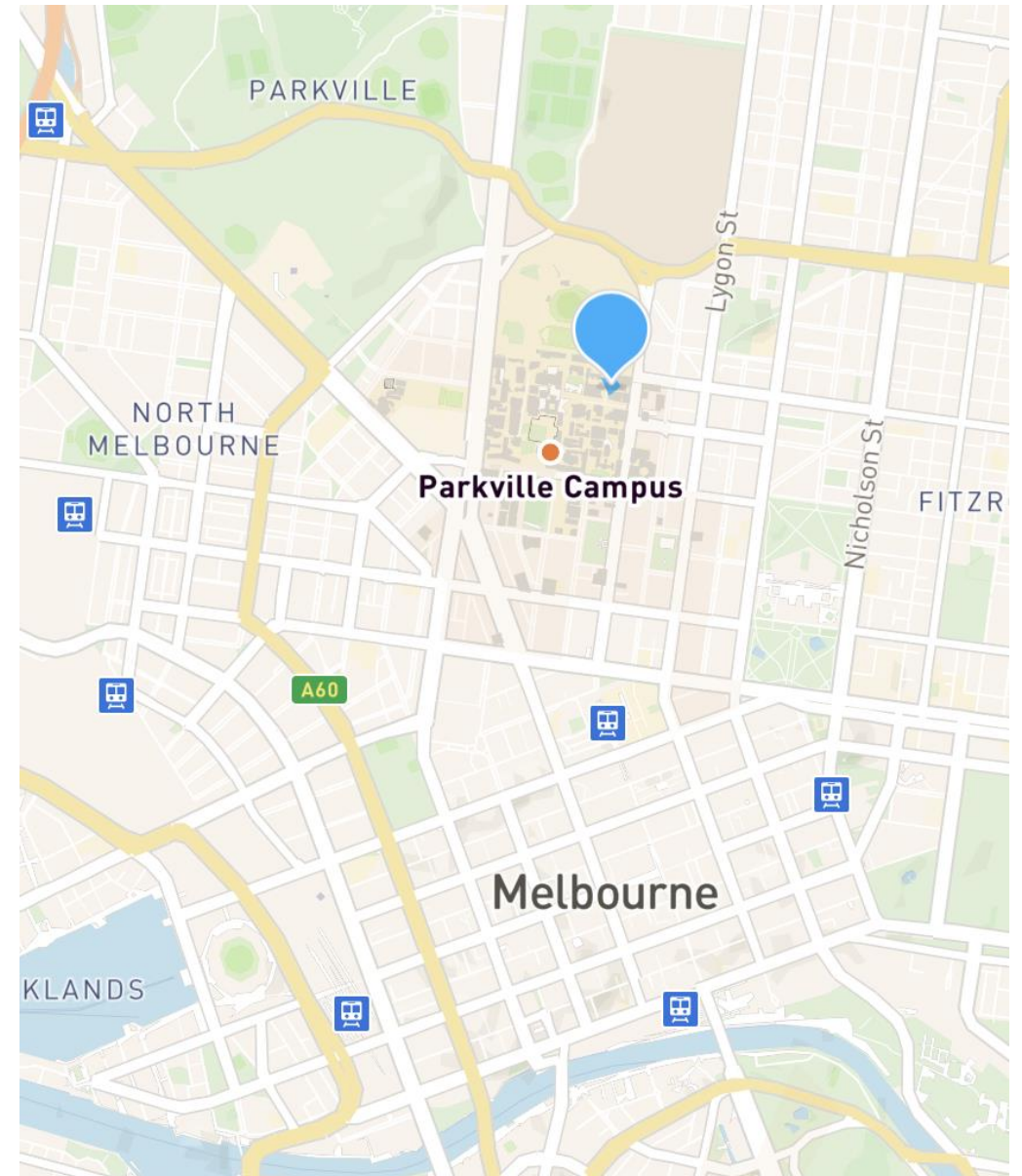
- Venue hire TBC (should be zero -- or low-cost)
- Low registration fee





Access to Venue

- Melb. Uni is just north of the city, walk or a short tram ride
- Lots of hotels nearby and in city centre (business district)
- Lygon Street ('little Italy') a few mins walk from Physics
- Great cafes, nightlife, restaurants, shopping nearby: Carlton, Fitzroy, Collingwood, City... and public transport.





The University of Melbourne

“Founded in 1853, it is Australia's second oldest university and the oldest in Victoria”



#1
university
in Australia
(Times Higher Education World
University Rankings 2021)



\$657M
HERCD research
income
(2019 estimate)



#33
university
in the world
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University Rankings 2021)



52,000+
student
population



41%
international
students
(From 150+ countries)



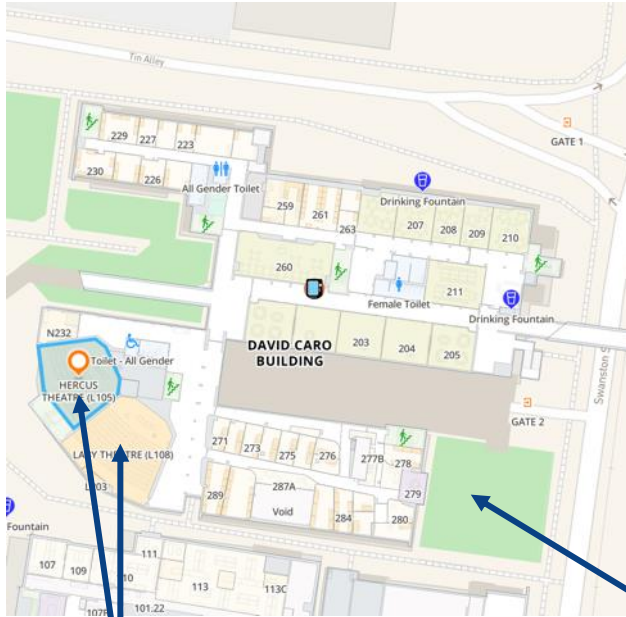
430,000
alumni
community
(Across 170 countries)



Physics Building

X-LAB

4 MeV 'Pelletron' lab



Accelerator labs in basement

- 2 lecture theatres with in-room lecture capture facilities
- Seminar and smaller rooms available



Possible day trips

The Mornington Peninsula:

- Beaches, hot springs, wineries

The Great Ocean Road:

- World heritage famous coastline (2hrs+ from Melbourne)

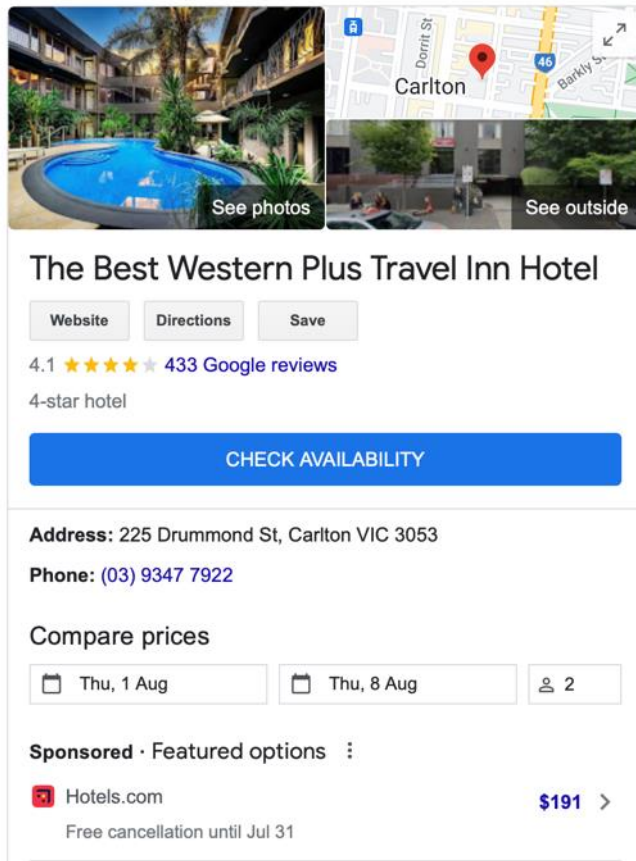
Yarra Valley:

- Healesville Sanctuary (Aussie animals), wineries, can include an indigenous cultural experience aspect.



Hotel Costs (approx.)

- 3-4 star hotel \$200-\$250AUD (\$130-165USD)/night
- Cheaper/budget options available including apartments from \$150AUD (\$100USD)/night



The Best Western Plus Travel Inn Hotel

Website Directions Save

4.1 ★★★★★ 433 Google reviews

4-star hotel

CHECK AVAILABILITY

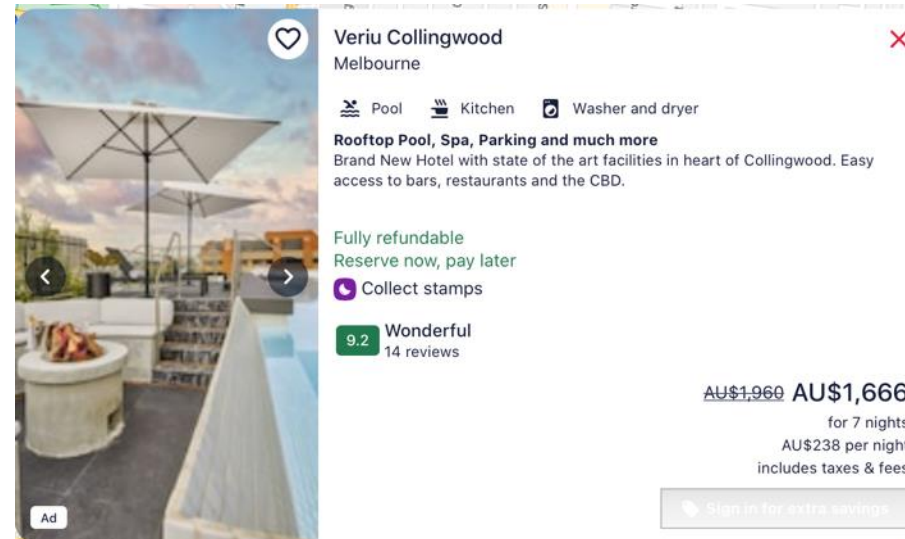
Address: 225 Drummond St, Carlton VIC 3053
Phone: (03) 9347 7922

Compare prices

Thu, 1 Aug Thu, 8 Aug 2

Sponsored · Featured options

Hotels.com **\$191** >
 Free cancellation until Jul 31



Veriu Collingwood
Melbourne

Pool Kitchen Washer and dryer

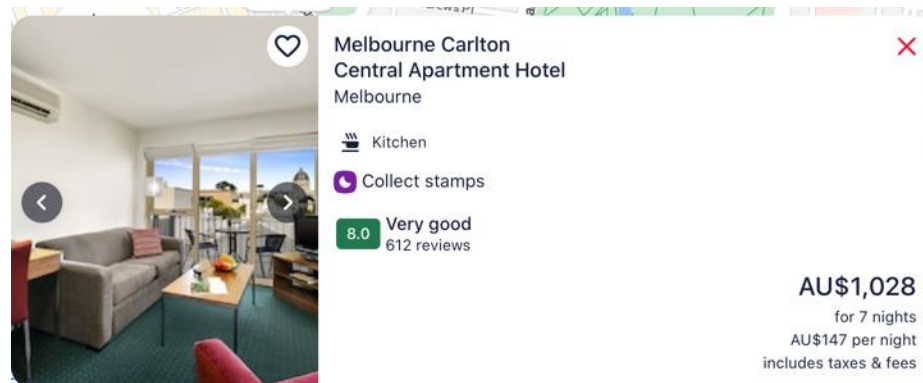
Rooftop Pool, Spa, Parking and much more
 Brand New Hotel with state of the art facilities in heart of Collingwood. Easy access to bars, restaurants and the CBD.

Fully refundable
 Reserve now, pay later
 Collect stamps

9.2 Wonderful
 14 reviews

~~AU\$1,960~~ **AU\$1,666**
 for 7 nights
 AU\$238 per night
 includes taxes & fees

Sign in for extra savings



Melbourne Carlton
Central Apartment Hotel
Melbourne

Kitchen
 Collect stamps

8.0 Very good
 612 reviews

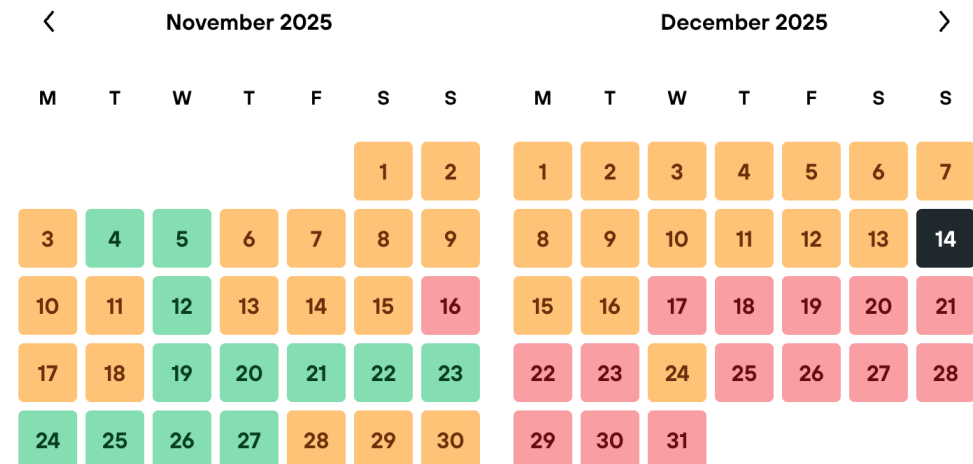
AU\$1,028
 for 7 nights
 AU\$147 per night
 includes taxes & fees



Est. flight times and costs

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Tokyo → MEL | 10hrs 25min (direct) From \$500 USD |
| Beijing → MEL | 11hrs 30 mins (direct) From \$450 USD |
| Los Angeles → MEL | 15hrs 50min (direct) From \$900 USD |
| New York → MEL | 22hrs 30min (one stop) From \$1200 USD |
| London → MEL | 21hrs 30mins (one stop) From \$900 USD |

Example fares for return in Nov '25 – should be similar in first 2 weeks of December.





We're looking forward to hosting FFA in 2026!



UniMelb and ANSTO & CERN staff and students celebrate the X-LAB commissioning Feb'23

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