

Culture shock





Teachers in Australia

- While the majority of Asian countries and the US tend to call their professors by their surnames, in Australia (and the UK) it is much more common to call your lecturer by their first name.
- “Hey Steve,” definitely doesn’t sound like the most formal way to start an email but your tutors will be expecting it so if they introduce themselves as Steve, that’s what you should call them. In many cultures, calling your superior by their first name can be seen as a lack of respect, but Aussies will find it totally normal. Aussie culture is pretty laid back so don’t stress about being extra casual.




Shortening words

Shortening is....

A type of word-building which concerns the change of a word by means of its contraction or abbreviation

EG

- *Phone* (from telephor)
- *flu* (influenza)



btw - by the way
brb - be right back
ttyl - talk to you later
lol - laugh out loud
2day - today



SPORTS



Eating early and Coffee

- Most restaurants shut before 9pm in Australia leaving you stranded and foodless if you had hoped to grab a bite to eat in the late evening.
- Australia has a serious coffee culture – look around any campus and you will find the majority of students cradling coffee cups.

