



**Australian High Commission
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Department of Immigration and Border Protection

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**Australian Student Visa Information Session
15 November 2014, Kandy**

The Australian High Commission will be conducting a student visa information session in Kandy on **Saturday, 15 November 2014 from 10am to 12pm at the Suisse Hotel, Kandy.**

This information session will assist students to better understand the wide range of further study options available to them in Australia, and will provide guidance to them on how to access these opportunities and how to successfully navigate the student visa process.

Australia welcomes over 250,000 students every year from around the world, and is keen to attract the best students from Sri Lanka. Australia encourages and welcomes international students because their participation in society helps to create strong people to people links between Australia and the rest of the world.

Australia combines a world class education with a multicultural environment and provides students an opportunity to learn and live in a progressive and vibrant society. Australia continues to be at the forefront of research, development and innovation across many disciplines, from the sciences to sport. Australia continues to rank among the most popular education destinations for Sri Lankan students.

Substantial numbers of Sri Lankan graduates are now applying the skills and knowledge they acquired in Australia in fields of expertise across government, community and the private sector both at home in Sri Lanka as well as across the globe.

The opportunity to study abroad and to acquire an international perspective is a very valuable one, not only for the students themselves but also for the communities to which they return upon completion of their studies.

Australia has become one of the most popular international study destinations for Sri Lankan students and student visa grants to Sri Lankan nationals have been increasing in recent years.



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Australia offers:

- Access to some of the world's leading educational institutions
- Competitive education costs
- Streamlined visa processing for most applicants
- A well-established expatriate Sri Lankan community
- A safe and beautiful environment in which to study

Those interested in attending the Student Visa Information Session at the Hotel, Suisse, Kandy, should email their interest to Osanthi.Watawana@dfat.gov.au. Registration and entry is FREE.

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