Public transport in Melbourne

Information about Melbourne’s public transport system for incoming Study Abroad and Exchange students.

TRAINS, BUSES, TRAMS
The same ticket (Myki) is used to travel on all three in the metropolitan area.

MYKI
A new ticketing system called ‘Myki’ was recently introduced in Melbourne and can be used instead of the old Metcard. This is a magnetic swipe card that you purchase and top up with credit, which will be automatically taken off every time you ride on the trains, trams or buses. You will be required to swipe the card on entry to the vehicle and again when you exit, which you will hear being called “touch on and touch off”. Read more about it at www.myki.com.au

CONCESSION FARES
Unfortunately, apart from undergraduate Exchange students, international students do not get concession fares in Melbourne. Undergraduate Exchange students will be able to purchase a concession card once they are enrolled and are issued with a University of Melbourne student card. They will then be able to request a form from their student centre which they fill in and present at a premium railway station (Melbourne Central, North Melbourne and Flinders Street are the closest premium railway stations to the University of Melbourne campus).

TRAVEL ZONES
There are two travel zones. Zone 1 includes the inner city and Parkville campus. Generally zone 1 is within a 10 km radius from the CBD. Zone 2 includes suburbs that are further away. Depending on where you plan to stay, you may need buy a Zone 1 + 2 ticket. Make sure you have a proper and validated ticket. Random inspections are conducted, and you can be fined if you travel without a ticket/incorrect ticket. Fines are $200.

BICYCLE
You do not need a license to ride a bicycle in Melbourne, but you MUST wear a bicycle helmet at all times and abide by traffic rules or risk getting fined $90. When cycling at night, make sure you have the necessary lights and safety gear. Cheap helmets can be purchased at 7 Eleven for approx $5. For more information on road safety and rules please see the VicRoads publication at this link: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/Home