PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST AND REMINDERS

Before Leaving Home

- Check the validity of your passport. Make sure it is valid for the entire duration of your studies in Australia.
- Organize your student visa, including the mandatory medical examination by an appointed panel doctor (check website at http://www.immi.gov.au/Study/Pages/Study.aspx
- Organize all travel arrangements. Ensure that you will arrive at least one week before the start of classes so you can attend the Orientation session. This session will run over several days, and include important information on living and studying in Australia. This event is compulsory.
- Have a thorough medical and dental check-up.
- Upon accepting your offer letter, you will receive an ‘Arrival Form’ form the Admissions team. Please complete this form, advising the university of your arrival details and accommodation arrangements. You can then return this form via email to international@cdu.edu.au.
- Check the Australian Customs and Quarantine regulations and pack separately the items that you need to declare (check website at http://www.customs.gov.au/)
- Organize to bring at least AUD$500 in cash and AUD$1500 in travellers cheques. At International student orientation, you will be given information on how to open an Australian bank account.
- Make photocopies of your passport, visa and any other important documents.

What to Bring

- Ensure to bring some important documents with you, including the following:
  - Valid passport
  - Airline tickets
  - Letter of offer from Charles Darwin University
  - Letter of scholarship award (if applicable)
  - Copy of the Confirmation of Enrolment (COE)
  - Certified copies of your academic qualifications
  - Contact telephone number of the International Office (+61 8 8946 7215) and your country’s embassy in Australia
  - Clothing that should be suitable for the tropical climate in Darwin – more information available at http://www.cdu.edu.au/international/future-students/before-leaving-home
- Personal items such as special medications and copies of prescriptions, camera, calculator, dictionary, personal computer or laptop - keeping in mind the usual maximum check-in baggage allowance of 20 kgs.
- At least one set of bed sheets and pillowcase (this is particularly important if you are staying off-campus.)
- Enough funds to cover initial expenses, including food and accommodation.
Arriving in Darwin

- If you have returned your Arrival form more than 72 hours prior to your arrival and indicated that you would like CDU to organise airport collection, there will be a CDU driver ready to collect you from the arrivals hall. The driver will then take you to the destination which you have previously indicated on your form. If you are arriving overnight and going to International House Darwin, please use the phone in the reception area to call a Resident Leader, who will take you to your pre-arranged room.

- Upon your arrival, you can visit the Office of International Services in Orange 2, level 1 to ask any questions you may have and get all of the information on your upcoming orientation program.

- Attend the Orientation session. Orientation is a fun session, designed to give you all the information you will need to know as a new international student at CDU. You will be introduced to your fellow students and CDU staff, and will be given important information on the support services available at the university, and advice on your student visa regulations.