

5 Tips On How To Integrate Into The Australian Workplace Culture

First impressions often make or break our chances of employment and holding down a job. Whether in an interview, or in the first few weeks of your job, the way you present yourself and interact with your colleagues is vital to succeeding.

If you're new to Australia, there are many things you need to know. So, whilst you're searching for international student accommodation in Wollongong, it's a good idea to start swotting up on the etiquette of the Australian workplace.

So, to help you get started, here are 5 tips on how to integrate smoothly into the Australian workplace culture:

1) Have an easy-going attitude

Aussies are hard-working but never do they compromise on their casual laid-back attitude. Even when things go wrong, you'll still hear the term "no worries". So don't be surprised if their reactions to situations don't match what you're used to.

Of course, it's a challenging time if you're moving country and learning a language or culture. Fortunately, you're not alone, as you'll find a diverse community of people already living in UOW student accommodation who are in the same position as you. Or if you live in an off-campus student accommodation, you can take advantage of socializing with more locals, so you'll gradually synchronise with their easy-going attitude.

2) Learn Aussie slang

If you work hard enough, you may be described as a "Hard yakka".

Your Aussie co-workers will always appreciate your hard work, but knowing their slang terms will bring an even bigger smile to their face.

After you've settled in to your student accommodation in Wollongong, you'll have plenty of learn the common slang terms.

Sometimes your colleagues will want to "touch base" with you, meaning they want to catch up with something. Instead of saying thank you, they may say "ta". If something's obvious, it's a "no brainer". But try not to "chuck a sickie" - calling in sick when really, you're not!

3) Greet people and show an interest in their culture

Expect to hear the words "G'day" ('Good day') more often than not. Aussies are renowned for greeting each other with enthusiasm, but there's no obligation to use that term. A simple "Hello, how are you" is enough to start a conversation.

However, try taking things further by learning more about Aussie culture. For example, sport is very popular and if you support Australian Rules Football team, you'll be off to a great start.

Socialising with local Aussies will put you at ease and give you more confidence. If you're living in off-campus student accommodation in Wollongong, you'll have a great opportunity to mingle with locals more often and integrate into the Aussie culture.

4) Be punctual

Some cultures will have a more carefree pace when it comes to schedules, meeting times and deadlines. However, Aussies are punctual and prefer things to run on time. So, that means, never be late for work.

5) Have a good work ethic

Australians have strong work ethics and values. Team work is priority and sticking to guidelines and principles to reach company goals is essential. It may be strict at times, but the Aussie workplace never lacks the casual laid-back vibe with friendly chatter and light-hearted banter.

So, align yourself with the high-standards expected, stay motivated and sociable and you'll be off to a flying start.