

# **Santa Clara Law Summer study abroad Sydney and Perth, Australia (2008)**

## **About UTS**

University of Technology, Sydney School of Law, is considered the Australian equivalent of MIT, but with a law faculty. It is located in the very heart of Sydney, on the monorail line, two blocks from the Central Station, and a hundred yards from Darling Harbor. The law school is housed in very modern facilities on the main campus of the University.

Because the broader university is a national center for research and scholarship in technology, the law school has focused upon intellectual property, high technology law, and biotechnology law. On the law faculty are internationally known experts in this area of the law. These experts serve as faculty for Santa Clara's program.

## **About Sydney**

Sydney is clearly one of the top cities in the world in terms of natural beauty and general livability. Its harbor is one of the world's wonders. It is one of the few cities with world class ocean beaches literally in the city itself. Sydney is also the center of Australian intellectual property law and a world center for the exploration of bio-technology law and ethics.

June and July are winter months in Australia. However, the weather is mild, similar to that in California. Often it is relatively dry, but June and July 2007 saw unusual amounts of rain.

## **About Murdoch**

<http://www.murdoch.edu.au>

Murdoch University is a relatively new, publicly funded university located in a new suburban campus about equidistant from Perth, Central Business District, and Fremantle, a delightful college town and yachting center.

Under the leadership of Dean Gabriel Moens the school of law has developed an international reputation for quality. It is an Australian leader in clinical legal education, with its SCALES law clinic and faculty student focus on international trade, advocacy, and dispute resolution. Our program in international commercial dispute resolution fits precisely with Murdoch's great strengths.

## **Perth**

Perth is the capital of the state of Western Australia. It is the political, legal, education, and economic center for an area nearly 1/2 the geographic size of the United States. The vast natural resource wealth of Western Australia makes Perth a dynamic trading partner for Southeast Asia, as well as a major financial and transportation hub.

The city itself has a population of about 2.0 million persons. Perth combines dynamic, modern skyline with interesting Victorian structures (including the City Hall). It sits astride the wide Swan River, and is graced with one of the best open spaces and park systems in the world.

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## Perth (continued)

About twenty-five miles away is the the delightful Victorian town of Fremantle (home of America's Cub yacht races). Fremantle is a college town, a port, a boating center that is filled with cafes, (many overlooking the harbours) book stores, craft shops and pubs. (Murdoch University is about twenty minutes by direct bus from Fremantle).

There is much to do in an around Perth. World class beaches are a short bus ride away. To the north and south are rugged shores, similar to those found along the Oregon coast. South is the Margaret River wine country. Inland, immediately past pastoral countryside, is Australia's true "outback."

Week end trips to Singapore (which is closer to Perth than is Sydney) as well as to other Southeast Asian nations can be easily arranged.

## More Information

The internet, the library, and your local bookstores are among the excellent sources of information for planning your trip. See also:

- [Fodor's Resource Center: Travel Tips](#)
- [The Universal Currency Converter™](#)
- [US Dept of State: Passport Services](#)
- [US Dept of State: Top 10 Tips for Travelers](#)
- [US Embassies/Consulates](#)

## Program Sites

- [University of Technology, Sydney](#)
- [UTS: Law](#)

## Other Sites of possible interest

- [Biotechnology Australia, official government site](#)
- [Biotech for Australian students](#)
- [AusBiotech Industry association website](#) (highlights free trade pact with US in biotech)