



Uni Games

UPDATE No.2 2009

Watch out Gold Coast – here we come!

With the countdown on in earnest, the University of Melbourne's team of 425+ student athletes and officials is all but assembled. And we're looking to defend our Uni Games Medal Table victory from 2008 where we won an amazing 10 Australian University Championships! Will your team capture the title in 2009?

Accommodation – our home in Surfers Paradise

Team Melbourne – all 425+ of us – will be staying at the Courtyard Surfers Paradise Resort (part of the Marriott Hotel chain) on the corner of Surfers Paradise Blvd and Hanlan St, Surfers Paradise QLD 4217; Ph: 07 5579 3499. Check out their website at <http://www.marriott.com.au/hotels/travel/oolcy-courtyard-surfers-paradise-resort/> for a taste of our home away from home.

Check-in for our stay will be available from 2.00pm on Sunday 27 September. If you arrive a little earlier, you can ask to store your luggage until your room is available. Team Managers nominate room lists to Melbourne University Sport. Check-out: Saturday 3 October.

Our rooms are mainly triple and quad-share rooms. Each room will be required to provide **credit card imprint as a security deposit**. Speak with your Team Manager to ensure that between you and your room-mates, someone can provide these details.

Remember - rooms are for sleeping in – they're not a place for team meetings or parties.



Games Transport Pass – do you need one?

Most teams will need this Pass to get to and from your competition venue.

Check with your Team Manager if you need one and if you do, hand over \$40. Passes will only be available until 11 September so get cracking!

Chartered Flight Details

For those team members who have purchased a return flight on the University's chartered service to the Gold Coast, details are as follows:

Flight Departs Melbourne (Tullamarine): Sunday 27 September @ 9.00am
Flight Number: DJ 733
Departure Terminal: Virgin Blue
Check-in Time: From 7.00 – 7.45am

Flight Departs Gold Coast (Coolangatta): Saturday 3 October @ 1.45pm
Flight Number: DJ 733
Departure Terminal: Virgin Blue
Check-in Time: From 11.45am – 12.30pm

Limited return seats for \$400 still available – but hurry, they won't last.

Purchase at Reception today before they're sold out!

If you haven't arranged travel to and from the Gold Coast as yet, some seats on this charter are still available at the time of print – but you better hurry! These flights cost \$400 return and payment can be made at Reception at the Sports Centre (until sold out).

IMPORTANT UPDATE for those that have already booked a seat on this chartered flight: MUS has arranged for **charter bus transfers** to and from Coolangatta Airport and the Courtyard Surfers Paradise Resort. This transfer will incur an additional cost of \$20 for the return transfer – which is substantially cheaper than taking a taxi. Please make this payment to Reception at the Sports Centre by Wednesday 16 September.

Uniforms – what to wear

If you haven't paid for and collected your uniforms as yet, you're too slow! All first-time representatives **MUST** purchase the Official University Sport Polo Shirt for \$32. Officials University Playing Uniforms at \$45 are also mandatory for most sports – again, check with your Team Manager if unsure.

Uniforms can be paid for at Reception at the Sports Centre and can be collected on a Tuesday from between 12.00 – 2.00pm and a Thursday between 3.30 – 5.30pm.



Official University Sport Polo Shirt
(non-playing)



Official University Playing Uniform
(Women's Volleyball style)

All team sports MUST also wear plain black shorts and club socks!

Payment Deadlines

A friendly reminder: all payments (for University of Melbourne accommodation and uniforms) are due by **Wednesday 16 September** and are payable at Reception at the Sports Centre.

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| Reg. Fee | \$40 | \$390 | \$32 | \$45 | \$400 | \$20 |
| Paid ✓ | + Transport Pass ? | + Accom. Package | + Polo Shirt ? | + Playing Uniform ? | + Return Airfare ? | + Bus Charter ? |

If you're having a cash-flow crisis, then why not apply for a Student Loan? The University's **Financial Aid Office** is happy to discuss an interest-free loan to help with the costs of Uni Games. Give them a call on 8344 6550 or visit them in the Baldwin Spencer Building.

University of Melbourne Cocktail Party

All University of Melbourne Uni Games' student-athletes and officials are invited to attend our Team Cocktail Party on Monday 28 September from 7.00pm at the Courtyard Surfers Paradise Resort Sunset Room.

Finger foods and a complimentary drink will be served upon arrival, while team captains will provide a quick summary of the Games' results to date.

Team Captains

Watch this space!

Team Captains to be announced in the next Uni Games Update No. 3.

The University of Melbourne is the reigning Australian University Sport Overall University Champion - we also claimed this title in 2005 and 2006 and want another in 2009!

Games Opening Ceremony at Sea World

The Uni Games Opening Ceremony is not part of the University of Melbourne's program, rather it is an optional event that teams/individuals are encouraged to decide whether or not to attend. If in doubt, speak with your Team Manager.

Who's representing the University of Melbourne this year?

While every student-athlete and official selected to represent the University of Melbourne is an important member of the team, we're also very lucky to have a number of Australia's elite sportsmen and women wear the University's colours at this year's Games.

Make sure you say hello to Marieke Guehrer (Swimming), the 2009 FINA World Champion in the 50m Butterfly. You also see Victoria Brown (Water Polo), current Australian goal-keeper at the pool. Other Australian representatives in the team include Angela Darby and Charlotte Curnow (Fencing); Dimitri Roumpos (Table Tennis); Erica Pong, Jeff Tho and Luke Chong (Badminton); Jason Hughes (Volleyball); Lachlan Norris (Cycling); and Tom Barnes (Athletics).

Need More Information?

Talk with your Team Manager, visit Melbourne University Sport's website at www.sports.unimelb.edu.au or contact **Rod Warnecke – Sport Development Manager** at Melbourne University Sport on 03 8344 8891 or rod.warnecke@unimelb.edu.au.