Whether you are a resident of Australia, or an international student considering attending university there, obtaining your college education in Australia is an excellent choice. Australia has much to offer both in- and outside of the classroom, and students who choose to earn an Australian degree have chosen to obtain an education that is respected and revered around the world.

Selecting the type of diploma or degree you want to earn and the type of institution you wish to attend is an important step in planning your Australia study experience. The right educational institution for you will be one that you can afford, that is located in a setting you will enjoy, and that offers an educational atmosphere that suits your needs.

Here are several factors you should consider when making these decisions:

1. The amount of tuition you can afford

2. Whether you are a first-time or returning student

3. Whether you prefer lively urban living, a quiet suburban lifestyle, or a rustic, small town living
4. Which institutions offer your preferred course of study

5. Your academic history and your probability of acceptance

6. Your learning style

7. The type of student services you need or want

8. The age group you are most comfortable communing and studying with

9. Your current level of comfort with the English language
If you keep these things in mind while selecting the program that is right for you, you will be taking the first step down the road to a successful educational experience and future career. For example, if you are looking for affordable tuition and a shorter program solidly focused on your chosen profession, Australia's system of Technical and Further Education (TAFE) colleges offering vocational educational and training (VET) programs may be the right choice for you. TAFE campuses can be found throughout Australia and offer numerous certificate and diploma programs that range from a few weeks for a basic certificate to two years for an advanced diploma. There are a few TAFE campuses that also offer degrees up to the bachelor level, and credits earned through a TAFE program can be put towards a degree at other Australia institutions if graduates choose to continue their education after their certificate or diploma.

If you are looking for a more traditional student experience, complete with an active on-campus life, extensive student services for both international and domestic students and exceptional teachers from around the world, one of Australia's 39 universities is likely the right choice for you. Offering several degree levels, including undergraduate, graduate and post graduate studies resulting in bachelor, master, MBA or doctoral degrees, Australia's universities offer unmatched learning opportunities that receive worldwide recognition and unending possibilities for personal and professional growth.

Private programs and schools, which include English language programs, VET programs and other courses of study, are another popular option for studying in Australia, which allow for personalized attention and world-class, accredited learning.

Regardless of the type of school you select, choosing to study in Australia can be a life-changing experience that will result in a diploma or degree that is respected around the world. Studying in Australia also provides immense personal growth and increased career opportunities and earning potential.