Dear students,

welcome to Tübingen! Tübingen is a lovely university town in Southern Germany that offers a high quality of life, whether you come to study, work or just take a break. In addition to the many tourist attractions in the city itself, the region abounds with nearby sightseeing destinations such as Munich, Zurich, Strasbourg, the Black Forest, Lake Constance and the Alps.

The Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen is one of Europe’s oldest universities. Its history began in 1477, when Count Eberhard “the Bearded” of Württemberg founded the University. With this long tradition, the University of Tübingen is one of the most respected universities in Germany. Recently, it has been selected for funding in the Excellence Initiative sponsored by the German federal and state governments, making Tübingen one of eleven German universities distinguished with that title of excellence. Tübingen has also proven its status as a leading research university in many national and international competitions – in key rankings Tübingen is listed among Germany’s best universities for Science, Medicine, the Humanities and the Social Sciences. Today the University specializes in a number of innovative fields of research: Neuroscience, Clinical Imaging, Translational Immunology and Cancer Research, Microbiology and Infection Research, Molecular Biology of Plants, Environmental and Geoscience, Astro- and Elementary Particle Physics, Quantum Physics and Nanotechnology, Archaeology and Anthropology, Language and Cognition, Education and the Media.

The Medical Faculty is one of the four oldest faculties and it is world-famous in connection with DNA-decoding and neuroscience cluster of excellence.
How to get to Tübingen
The nearest airport is Stuttgart (STR) approximately 40 km from Tübingen. The flights from Brisbane to Tübingen are usually with an intermediate landing. It is very easy to get from the airport to Tübingen by an airport bus (bus number 828) however it takes approximately an hour. The travel to Tübingen costs about 8 Euro and can be paid to the bus driver directly in cash.

Buses leave from Stuttgart Airport from 7:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. every 30 minutes. After 6:15 pm every hour until 10:15 pm. On weekends buses run from 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 p.m. hourly.

Please note that there are no buses late at night or early in the morning on weekends. If you arrive after 9:30 p.m. or plan to leave before 10 a.m. you will probably have to take a taxi from or to the airport (56-75 Euro).

Another way to reach Tübingen is via Frankfurt. Frankfurt airport is about 2 hours away. You have to take an ICE from Frankfurt Airport to Stuttgart main station and then change to a local train bound for Tübingen. You can find the train connections on:

http://www.bahn.de/p_en/view/index.shtml

Where to stay
You need to arrange your accommodation on your own. There are several possibilities for a temporary stay in Tübingen. Rooms are very scarce at Tübingen so please be sure to book your accommodation in advance, better right now. As the semester starts in the middle of October even regular students are staying at the youth hostel or pensions until they have found a room.

Youth hostel, near the old town:
http://www.jugendherberge.de/en/youth-hostels/tuebingen113/Portrait

Hotel Meteora (single rooms from Euro 33 up to 58):
http://www.hotel-meteora.de/BuchungE.html

Viktor-Renner-Haus (hotel with single rooms from 38 Euro to 45 Euro, pretty close to the clinics, kitchen and washing machine available)
http://www.internationaler-bund.de/angebote/standort/209989

There is also the possibility to rent a private room:
http://www.tuebingen-info.de/uebernachten/privatzimmer-in-tuebingen.html

https://www.airbnb.de/s/T%C3%BCbingen--Deutschland?sublets=monthly&s_tag=_N_rMRhH

or rent an apartment or a room in a shared apartment for a month. The following websites may help you finding such a room.

www.wg-gesucht.de
www.studenten-wg.de/Tuebingen_wg-zimmer.html
www.wg-liste.de/tuebingen/
How to get around
Tübingen is rather small and it is possible to walk anywhere. The only public means of transport in Tübingen are buses. It is possible to buy a monthly pass. The price for a student ticket is 37,30 €. Please be sure to bring your international student card with you.

https://www.naldo.de/tickets-und-preise/alle-fahrscheine/monatskarte/

Where to eat
Tübingen offers a variety of international takeaways and restaurants. There are also several canteens and cafeterias in the clinics that offer lunch or sell small meals.

Sightseeing and free time
Tübingen offers a wide range of sightseeing spots and activities: Enjoy the historical downtown with its charming little stores and cafés, visit the Monastery of Bebenhausen which is close by or go for a day trip to the castle of Hohenzollern. From November 29th to December 4th Tübingen’s Chocolate Festival offers a high-value market where chocolate specialists from France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland and selected premises in Germany present and sell their delicate products.

Stuttgart is also very close. The Porsche-Museum and the Mercedes-Benz-Car Museum are recommended for a visit. The location of Tübingen offers you the opportunity to visit other attractive cities such as Munich, Zurich or Strasbourg. Lake Constance or the Alps can be reached within 2-3 hours by train.

Where to go out at night
Tübingen is a student town and therefore has many opportunities where you can spend your evening. You can also enjoy the night life in Stuttgart.

Finances
It is probably best if you have a small amount of cash on you at all times. Credit Cards will be accepted almost anywhere however small amounts of money usually must be paid cash. Do not exchange large sums of money at the airport or money change offices due to high fees and exchange rates! You are probably well advised if you take out money at ATMs with your Debit or Credit Card. Please ask your bank about fees before leaving Australia.

We are happy to welcome you to Tübingen and are looking forward to meeting you!