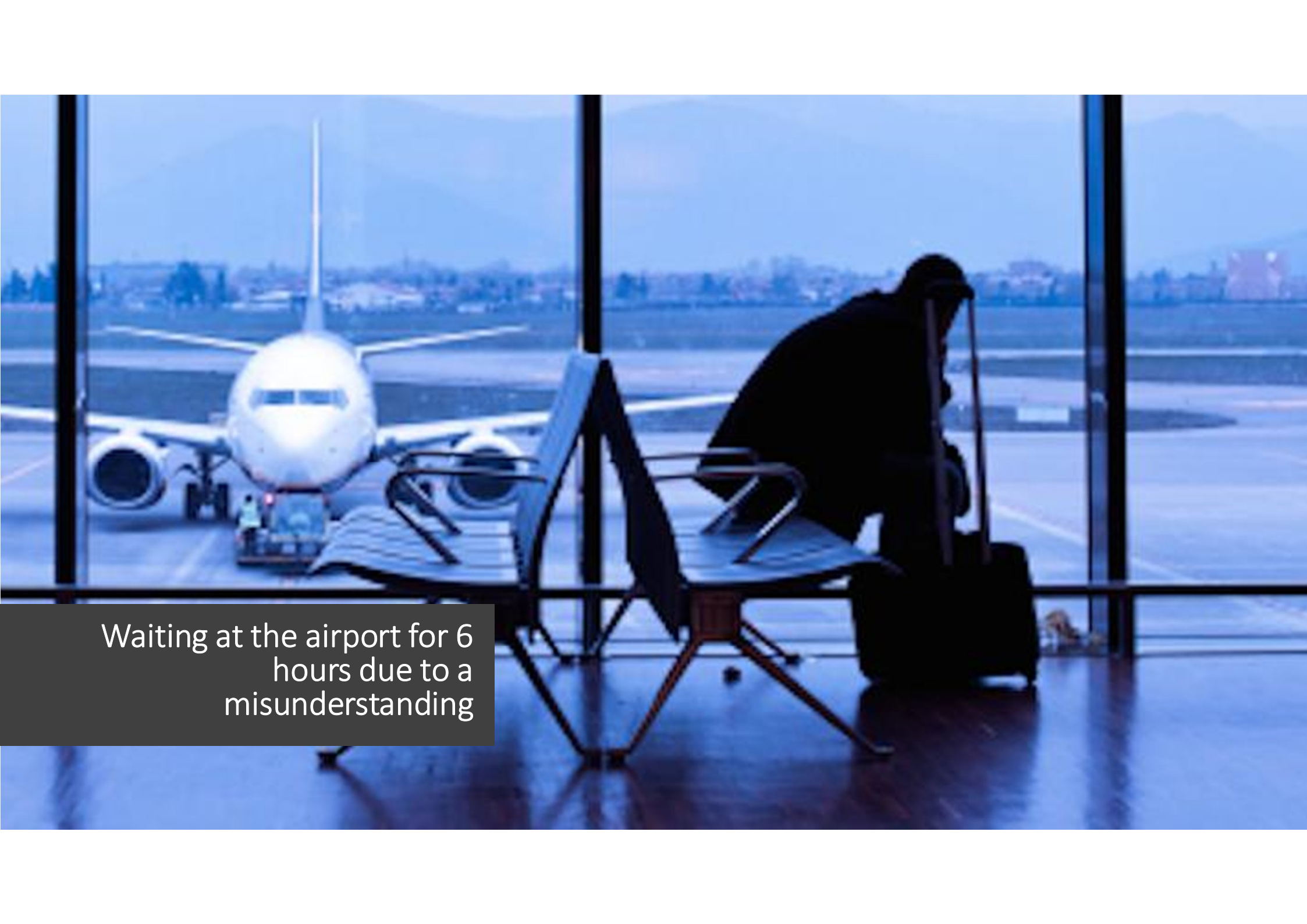


A hand is pointing at a glowing yellow person icon within a circular node. This node is part of a larger network of blue circular nodes, each containing a white person icon, connected by white lines. The background is a blurred image of a person in a blue shirt.

**Empowering
international students
to take ownership of
their experience by
making important
connections**

community graduates enhancing information
employment opportunities regarded strong
careers Australia work integrated feedback
market more critical need
Australia's address public education internationally institutions
cultural through families deliver destination
ensure employability particularly industry developing
new sources make improvement continually ensuring
studies during all graduate
including affecting Welfare students
labour housing issues Continue
success reputation in-depth levels self-directed premium
protect needs informed tertiary outstanding
provide teaching Offering measure learning key
parents internships accessible quality aim
accurate highly programs
support skills experience prepare analysis
improve professional partnership services global
investment advice encourage continued government
international relevant transport
enhance accommodation
component throughout

A person is sitting on a modern, dark-colored airport chair, leaning forward with their head down in a posture of exhaustion or despair. They are wearing dark clothing and have a dark bag or suitcase next to them. The scene is viewed through a large window, showing a white commercial airplane on the tarmac outside. The background includes a cityscape and mountains under a hazy sky. The floor is highly reflective, mirroring the person and the chair. The overall mood is one of frustration and waiting.

Waiting at the airport for 6
hours due to a
misunderstanding

First day at University



Expectation

VS



Reality



I am a
vegetarian



First
impression of
Melbourne.

I was robbed
on my 20th
day in
Melbourne.



First Job.
Started working at \$12/hr.

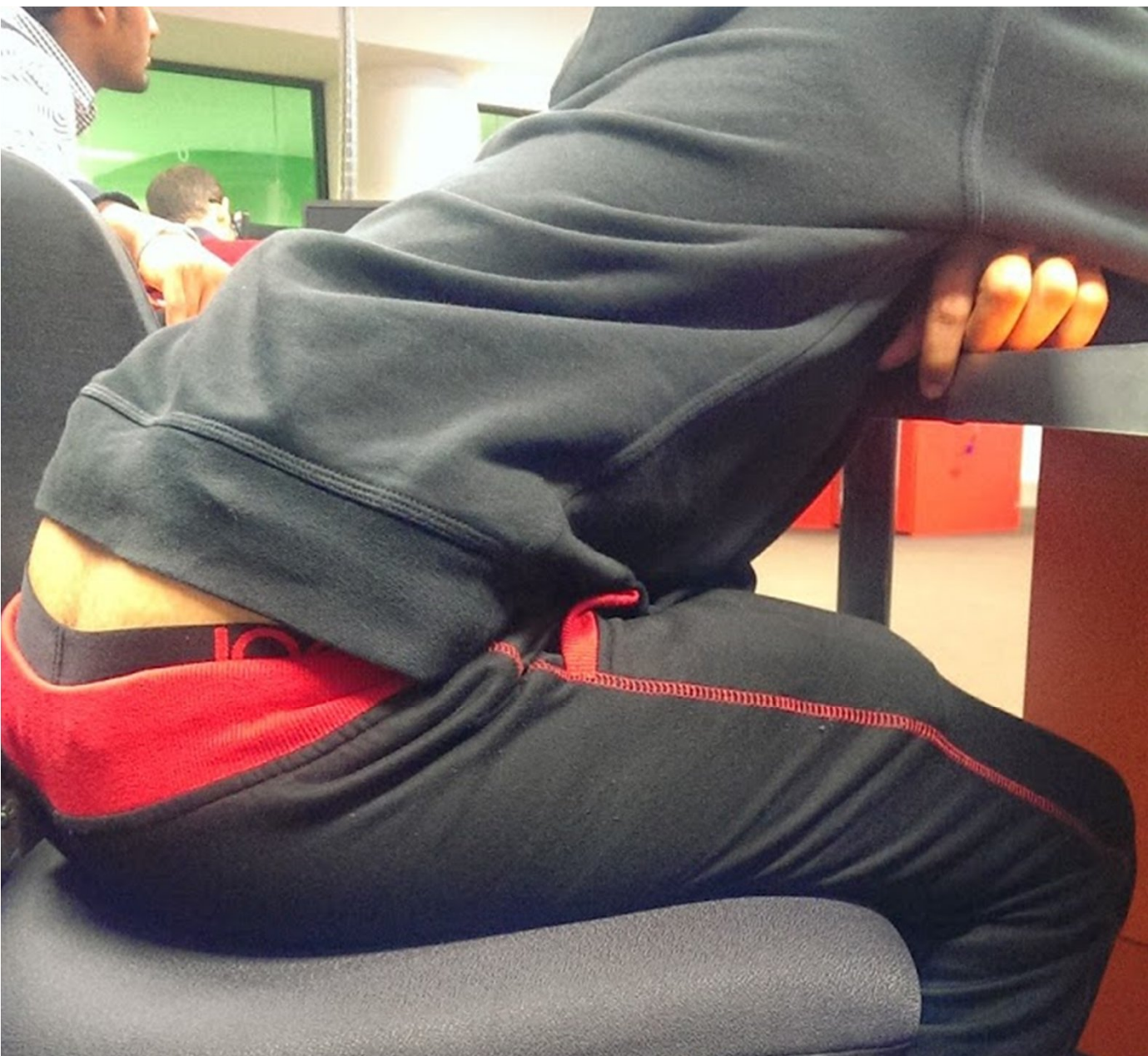




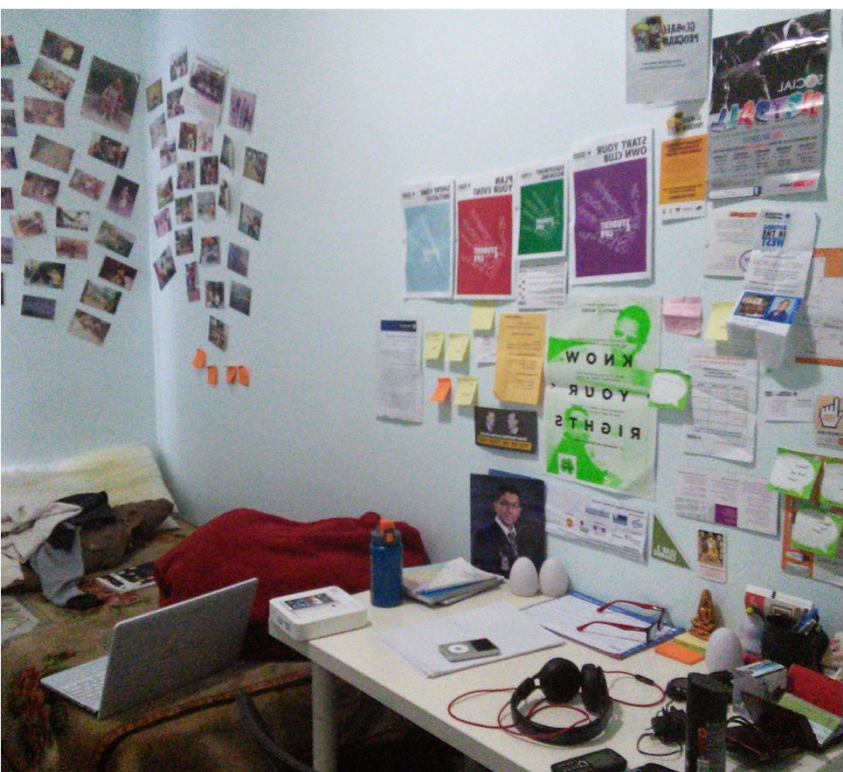
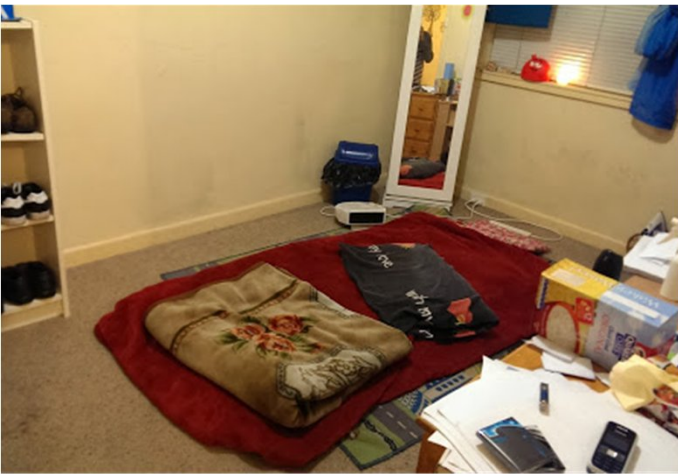
Started working graveyard shifts at McDonald's where I was bullied.



I am a HINDU but was working with chicken.



I was working at night which makes it hard to stay awake in class.



Moved
houses 8
times in
1.5 Years.



There was a time in Melbourne when I was homeless and sleeping at my work place and laundry stores.

In those days I had a burnt arm but never told my family back home about my situation



I just wanted to go home as
I was going nowhere in my
life and struggling at every
stage.

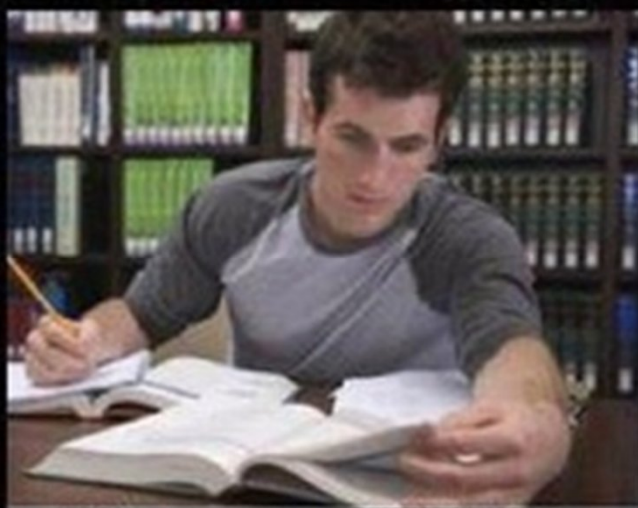
**“CREATIVITY IS
THE POWER
TO CONNECT THE
SEEMINGLY
UNCONNECTED.”**

- WILLIAM PLOMER





What my friends think I do



What my mom thinks I do



What my dad thinks I do



What my relatives think I do



What I think I do



What I really do



Since coming to Melbourne was against my parents WILL, I decided to work hard and prove myself.

I started to volunteer.





I made important connections and extended my networks. Became the face of many media campaign





Life hasn't changed as a student , I am still working hard , I still have issues .

But I learned to educate myself with Australian culture , educate myself with diversity , educate myself with team work , educate myself with friendships, educate myself with networks, educate myself with events

“Don't Go To University to Study , Go To University To Educate Yourself “



