

Alice in **WA**nderland

A true story (well almost true!)



Alice in **W**Anderland



Alice landed in Perth
On a bright sunny day
"I'm in **W**Anderland" she squealed
An Uber whisked her away ...

Words of Wisdom

But the cat in the Uber
Smiled widely and said
"If you desire PR Alice
Then plan well ahead"



University Years

The years passed so quickly

In fact, they passed in a flash

She made friends and she partied

And she ...



... Burned lots of cash!



Alice Wants PR

Alice loved Aussie Chai Latte

She so wanted to stay

She visited Mad Hatter Migration

To work out the best way ...



Mad Hatter Migration

"It's all down to points"

The Mad Hatter said

"And you don't have enough points ...

Your PR hopes are DEAD!"



Plans in Ruins

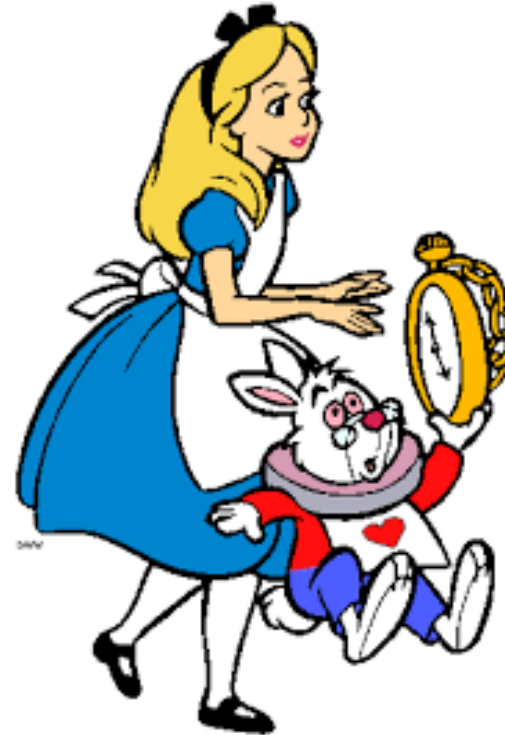


Alice had ignored Uber Cat
Who said plan well ahead
Alice had played her cards badly
The Mad Hatter said ...



She'll be right! Hahaha!

But Alice knew better
As young girls often do!
A quick IELTS Test
And she'd be out of the stew!



The Queen of H"IELTS"

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Filled young Alice with dread

"Your IELTS score sucks

Off with your head!"



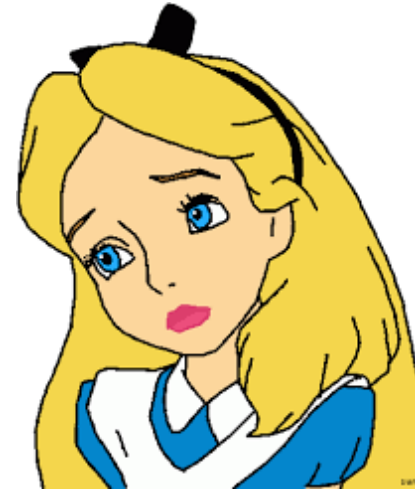
Down the **W**Abbit Hole

Alice disappeared down the **W**Abbit hole

And her biggest mistake?

There was no forward planning

She'd left it too late!



Looking After our International Students

- ▶ Wherever international students come from, they bring with them their hopes, their dreams, their rich cultural diversity and they entrust their future to us.
- ▶ Many students intend to get a top quality Diploma or Degree. They want to return home to their families and friends at the end of their studies with their heads held high.
- ▶ Many students want to spend their wild and wonderful years college/university years in a safe environment where they can grow personally, academically and far, far away from Mum and Dad!
- ▶ A percentage of international students arrive in Australia firmly believing that their course of studies will lead to PR. This cohort has been badly handled - both onshore and offshore.
- ▶ Whatever their objectives, our international students need to feel that Western Australia really cares for them and we need to provide the level of support they need.
- ▶ A large percentage of international students feel that WA only cares about their money and has no interest in them as individuals.

The Visa Conundrum

- ▶ Collectively, we provide high levels of academic support and pastoral care
- ▶ BUT when it comes to **that visa word**, we stick our heads in the sand!
- ▶ YES - the visa rules are complex
- ▶ YES - the law requires migration advice to be delivered by a Registered Migration Agent
- ▶ BUT - that's not an excuse for doing nothing!
- ▶ **WE MUST do something**



Looking After our International Students

- ▶ Visas are complicated
- ▶ Too many student visa applications, temporary graduate visa applications and other types of visa application are refused because international students simply don't understand the rules.
- ▶ A simple mistake can devastate.
- ▶ This causes great stress
- ▶ We need to make it easier
- ▶ CISWA aims to make it easier

CISWA Wants to Help

- ▶ We are re-designing our website
- ▶ We intend to include some practical visa tools and tips for your international students
- ▶ We will provide useful visa strategies (such as keep improving your English whilst in Australia!!!!), and
- ▶ We will bust some of the current migration myths
- ▶ Such as ...

Myth 1 - The visa fairy lives in Melbourne



- ▶ We all know that's not true
- ▶ But by the time an international student disappears down the **W**abbit hole and moves to another State, it's game over

Myth 2 - Western Australia is closed for business

- ▶ Well that's certainly the impression we give
- ▶ AND
- ▶ That's certainly the story many migration and education agents are peddling ... at our expense



Looking After our International Students

- ▶ International students are as important to our collective future as we are to theirs - we cannot abandon them once they get here!
- ▶ It's a symbiotic relationship that has gone terribly wrong
- ▶ We need to lift our game
- ▶ If we want to get back into the game



Looking After our International Students



Once an international student feels lost and abandoned
Other doors quickly open ...

Let's close that darn **W**abbit hole ...

... let's bring Alice back to **W**Anderland!



"A happy, smiling student is worth a thousand words!"

Thank You!

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