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Want a degree? Get on the Scholar Ship

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HERE'S a school you won't be able to get away from - not that you'd want to, of course.

The world's first luxury floating campus is set to sail in January next year and admissions open this month, reported Melbourne's The Age newspaper.

A Royal Caribbean Cruise vessel will be converted into a school - casinos will be turned into libraries and the ballrooms into lecture theatres.

Six institutions, led by Macquarie University, have teamed up to run the Scholar Ship, a five-star cruise liner that will sail the globe each semester to encourage 'inter-cultural learning'.

Some 700 students paying US\$19,500 (\$31,800) each will visit eight countries and four continents during their 16-week voyage.

The aim is to create a 'transnational learning community', said Macquarie's international provice-chancellor, Mr Tony Adams.

Universities from China, Morocco, Mexico and Ghana are part of the consortium, but Macquarie will be the only institution issuing credits towards degrees. Both undergraduate and postgraduate courses are on offer.

But students won't spend all their time in class.

The ship - provided during the European off-season, when it would otherwise be sitting idle - will have a swimming pool, theatre and sporting facilities.

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The Scholar Ship, a vessel from Royal Caribbean's line of luxury cruise ships similar to the one above, will set sail in January 2007.

It will start its voyage from Athens, Greece, and dock at Casablanca in Morocco, Buenos Aires in Argentina, Montevideo in Uruguay, Cape Town in South Africa, Fremantle in Australia, Singapore, Cochin in India and Limassol in Cyprus. It will then return to Greece.



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