a) Buddhism began in approximately 500 B.C. It was founded by Prince Gautama Siddhartha in North Eastern India. Under a Bodhi tree in Bodh Gaya, it was said he achieved enlightenment and became known as Buddha (Enlightened One). Buddhism is based on the teachings of Buddha.

b) Globalisation has had positive impact on Buddhism. Technology has allowed Buddhism to reach every corner of the world. With travelling from place to place made easier, planes and migration, Buddhism has become the world’s fastest growing religion. Many because of migration from Asian countries. It has also allowed Buddhist leaders like the Dalai Lama to travel to western countries and spread teachings. The internet and media provide further insight into the religion, its teachings, values, beliefs and way of life. With globalisation also comes the impacts of westernisation. Because Buddhism is able to adapt to different cultures it has become very popular in Western countries. One of the changes brought on by Western society is the lifestyle of monks. Traditionally monks do not
Each night, they use this time to walk around
their neighborhood with their alms bowls collecting
food from the laity. This in turn gives the laity good
karma. Because countries like Australia do not have
many large Buddhist communities, the monks
have found an alternative. Some Buddhist temples
hold talks, meditation, lectures for those who
are interested in learning about Buddhism. They
also sell homemade goods.