Welcome Back

A very warm welcome to all our new international students here at the Gippsland Campus. It was great to meet you all at our orientation sessions over the last couple of weeks. We hope you are settling in well and finding your way around.

Remember if you have any concerns or questions please call into Student Connect (Room 3N102) to see me.

Our English Lounge Conversation classes will be happening again this semester on Mondays from Week 2 (9th March) from 1pm – 2pm in the iLounge (Room 1E108). If you would like to improve your English this is a great way in an informal setting to build on your English language skills.

All the best with your studies. Freda Webb – Student Engagement

March Important Dates

1st March – Clean Up Australia Day (www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au)
7th March – Beach trip to Inverloch
12th March – ISA Welcome Dinner (all international students welcome)
23rd – 27th March – Check in Week
31st March – Census Date
Sun, Swim, Safety @Inverloch Beach

FREE EVENT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Saturday 7th March, 2015

Enjoy a fun day of games at the beach; learn how to stay safe in and around the water with Life Saving Victoria.

Contact Student Connect to Register by
– Room 3N102 or call 51226425

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Student Connect | Federation UNIVERSITY • AUSTRALIA
Join us for global street food, vintage fashion, wine bars, live music and great atmosphere all in the heart of Melbourne.

Queen Victoria Night

**Date**
Wednesday 18th March, 2015

**Time**
4pm-10pm

**Where**
Queen Victoria Market - Melbourne

Buses will leave at 3pm from the Bus Loop at Gippsland Campus.

(book with us to secure a seat) Please register your interest and collect your ticket from Student Connect 3N102 (opposite Student Union Lounge).

Staff Profile – Dr. Martin Davies

Dr Martin Davies is a Senior Learning Skills Advisor based at the Gippsland Campus. He works for The Centre for Learning, Innovation and Professional Practice (CLIPP). He is the only learning advisor based at Gippsland, but he can also help students virtually on other campuses. He only works Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday, but can assist HDR students by arrangement.

What does a Learning Advisor do?
Learning advisors assist students in all matters related to their learning: writing skills (reports, essays), presentation skills, examination strategies, reading skills, problems with referencing, and so on. I am particularly useful for HDR students (and staff) when they are working on doctoral theses and writing for publication.

How do I make a time to see you?
Make an appointment via the Library, or via the ASK Desk. You can email me direct at w.davies@federation.edu.au. NOTE: I only work Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday, but I can assist HDR students by arrangement.

Should I send my work to you before coming to see you?
Yes, this is welcome. But make sure you bring a hard copy as well — double spaced, double-sided please. Please don’t bring your laptop and ask me to read your work on the screen. This slows me down, and I cannot read it closely for mistakes this way. I prefer seeing a hard copy.

Will you ‘correct’ my English?
I will correct a page or two, and will give advice on your problem areas, but I won’t proofread all your work for mistakes. Your work has to reflect your own skills as a writer. Typically I will point out your problem areas and suggest you rewrite sections of your work and show these to me again. In this way, you learn to correct your own mistakes. The ultimate aim of a good learning advisor is to cultivate independence.

When should I come and see you?
Whenever you have a study-related problem or question! I am very approachable, and I will give you honest and fair appraisal of your written work. However, don’t come and see me the day before an assignment is due! Try to allow a week before a submission deadline. That way, you can act on my advice and learn how to improve your study skills.
**Student visa: important information**

As an international student studying in Australia, it is very important that you are on the correct visa and visa subclass and that you are aware of the date that your visa expires. If your visa is going to expire and you are still studying, you must apply for a new student visa before it expires, not after it has already expired!

For most students, this can be done online through the Department of Immigration and Border Protection website.

For more information on visas and the conditions attached, please see the Department of Immigration and Border Protection website. www.immi.gov.

If you need assistance with applying for a new eCoE please contact Student Connect in Building 3N. For Monash teach out students go to WES (https://my.monash.edu.au/wes) and follow the link to apply for a new eCoE. Make sure you lodge the application well before your current visa expires. The DIBP office will be closed on Monday March 10.

**Overseas Student Health Insurance**

Monash teach out students, remember to logon to OSHC Allianz website to order your health insurance card. For more information, visit Student Connect or go directly to the website - www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au

**OSHC Allianz – Holiday Credit**

If you were out of Australia for more than 30 days, you may apply for Holiday Credit. For more information go to website https://www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au/skins/oshc2/pdf/f7_Holiday%20Credit%20Form.pdf contact OSHC Allianz - Phone 13 OSHC (13 6742) or visit them when they are on campus.

**Federation University students** can collect their Bupa OSHC card from Student Connect in Building 3N102 (opposite the Student

**Change of address**

As part of your student visa conditions, you MUST update your address if you have recently found new accommodation. You must also include emergency contact details. For Monash teach out students please do so via the Web Enrolment System (WES) or contact Student Connect in Building 3N. For Federation University students please do so via your My Student Centre.

How GREAT is yoga ?!!!!

3 x Tuesdays - March 10, 17, 24.

5.10pm — 6pm at the Hexagon

$5 per session

Reduce stress, improve health and have fun !

Book and pay at Student Connect.

Info - tegan.rosin@federation.edu.au

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ITS Service Desk extended hours

Information Technology Services (ITS) will be running a pilot over the next three months to measure the student demand for IT support after hours. From 25 February 2015, the ITS Service Desk operating hours will be extended during weekdays and will also include Saturdays.

ITS Service Desk hours (from 25/02/2015)
Monday to Friday - 8:30am to 12:00am.
Saturday - 10:00am to 3:00 pm.

ITS Service Desk can be contacted via
Email: servicedesk@federation.edu.au
Phone: (03) 5327 9999
Online: servicedesk.federation.edu.au

2015 International Student Senate Rep
SAAD SAUD

Meet your 2015 International Student Senate Representative
Saad Saud Almashouq!

Saad is now in his fourth year at FedUni and, having been a Res Advisor at the Mt Helen Campus, he has a great deal of experience and training to represent you on the Student Senate. He was nominated by FedUni students in the Senate nominations held in August last year stating “Having come from overseas as an international student I would like to now put my efforts towards helping other international students, as I know first-hand how hard it can be to assimilate to a new culture.”

International students are welcome to contact Saad anytime to ask for advice, to raise any issues that you might be having or to share your ideas for how the FedUni experience can be improved. You can email Saad at student.senate@federation.edu.au or keep up to date with Student Senate events and actions on our Facebook page www.facebook.edu.au/FedUniSenate
How can you make a change?

Volunteering is worth more annually to the Australian economy than the entire mining industry (Over $200bn), but the word can often conjure up images that really don’t appeal to everyone. Picking up litter and serving tea to the elderly are incredibly important contributions to society, but there is a lot more to volunteering and community impact than that.

What about:

- Organising (or performing at) a charity music festival?
- joining (or starting) a march or protest about something you feel is unfair?
- Teaching a friend to cook or change a tyre.

All these things make the world a better place and we want you to think about the ways in which you can have an impact on society during 2015. We’re asking all FedUni students and staff to pledge to do something new this year - to take action (big or small) that benefits others. If you’d like to take the pledge, grab a slip, fill it in, cut it out and drop it into the box outside the Student Experience Office (Above the Hub)

Or if just prefer to do it online: just take a photo/scan & e-mail to Licely@federation.edu.au or visit

We’ll then get in touch to let you know what support is available for you through the Leadership & Volunteer Program (With zero commitment/pressure to sign up!)
PART TIME / CASUAL WORK – GET EXPERIENCE & MAKE SOME MONEY!

Are you interested in finding part-time or casual employment? Then come in and have a chat with the Student Careers and Employment Team!

We can give you advice on how the Australian employment market works and how you can find employment, we can help you develop a resume, write a covering letter and address selection criteria to the standards that employers in Australia expect.

And don’t forget Careerhub is your online resource where you can find vacancies, employer information, events, a wide variety of resources and useful links. Find it at https://careerhub.federation.edu.au/students.

To make an appointment call 5122 6425 or email us at studentcareerhub@federation.edu.au.

DON’T FORGET TO GET YOUR GRADUATE YEAR APPLICATIONS IN FOR 2016!

Many organisations in various industries advertise in February / March 2015 for their Graduate opportunities that occur in 2016.

Graduate opportunities are the best way for many students to transition from Uni to the work place with lots of support and additional on the job training. So, start searching on employer websites, GraduateOpportunities.com.au, GradConnections.com, in newspapers etc. to see what’s available in your industry.

Be mindful that these positions are very competitive to secure. So don’t waste an opportunity, come in and talk to the Student Careers and Employment Team to ensure you include the right information, in an expected format and to ensure you really sell the skills you have. Give yourself the best chance to succeed in your industry! Contact us on 5122 6425 or email the Student Careers and Employment Team at studentcareerhub@federation.edu.au
Have you consider what type of organisation you would like to work for in the future? Do you know what employers want you to know when you complete your studies?

To increase your opportunity of success in gaining a position in your desired industry it is important that you understand what employers are looking for and expect of you and it is important that you have a network of people that can support you in your field. How do you get this I hear you ask; NETWORKING!!

75% of positions are filled by word of mouth and are never advertised! So who have you been networking with in your industry to ensure you gain a role on the completion of your studies?

Not sure how to network? Don’t stress we will be running sessions in Week 3 of Semester 1 to give you all the pointers you need and then you will be able to test your skills at the event relevant to your studies in Week 5.

This event is for all year levels so put this in your diary and stay tuned for registration or contact the Student Careers and Employment Team located in Student Connect 3N.

www.facebook.com/FedUnistudentcareerhub
Dear Student,

The Big Meet Team invites you to:

The Big Meet Melbourne

Thursday 26th March 2015

We encourage you to forward this invitation to your friends, classmates and anyone else you think would be interested.

You are invited to join many of Australia’s leading organisations at the year’s most important free careers event – The Big Meet.

Every year Australia’s leading employers travel the country looking for high quality graduates and undergraduates. The Big Meet is your opportunity to meet many of these organisations in one day, in one location.

Date: Thursday 26th March 2015
Time: 11:00am – 3:00pm
Place: Palladium at Crown, 8 Whiteman Street, Southbank
Entry: Free
Register for Melbourne: Click here
For more info, visit: www.thebigmeet.com.au
The Big Meet is the ultimate careers fair for undergraduates, graduates and postgraduates from all disciplines. Whether you’re looking for graduate employment, a new job, vacation work, an international internship, a gap-year experience, voluntary work, travel, overseas opportunities, a teaching job or postgraduate education, The Big Meet can get you started.

Entry is **FREE**. Don’t miss out!

Stay up to date with the latest news on social media:

Click here for Facebook

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**Exhibitors for The Big Meet Melbourne 2015**

The organisations exhibiting at The Big Meet 2015 in Melbourne include:

L-Fresh The Lion at Fed Uni Gippsland for Orientation Celebrations.

L-FRESH The LION, renowned for his powerful presence, inspiring live shows and thought-provoking hip hop lyrics will be heading up orientation entertainment with MGMC for the Back to School Party in the MUGSU student lounge on Wednesday March 4. In a short space of time, this Western Sydney artist identified by the MUGSU talent scouts ;) near 18months ago as an artist to watch has gone from underground community events and ciphers to national tours and major festivals. It speaks of an MC with a sense of purpose and self-belief. His debut album ‘One’ announced L-FRESH The LION as part of the new generation of hip hop artists currently making waves in the music industry. It’s a time of change and there’s excitement in the air watching young people magnetised by the uplifting narrative of L-FRESH The LION’s triple J hit Survive. He took on the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air theme song and reworked it in such an original fashion, incorporating Punjabi MC; that it was spoken of as one of the best Like a Versions of 2014. Inspired by the soulful movement in U.S. hip hop of the late 1990s / early 2000s, and the love and respect for his own cultural and ancestral roots of the Sikhs from Panjab, India, L-FRESH is an artist like no other.

Aligning himself with many social justice issues, L-FRESH The LION has dedicated himself to working tirelessly in the community. At present, he is an ambassador for All Together Now, Australia’s only national charity that exists solely to address racism. Having signed to legendary Australian hip-hop label Elefant Traks in the beginning of 2015, L-FRESH The LION has big plans for the near future.

MARKET DAY IS THE BEST DAY FOR STUDENTS.

There ain’t no market day like a MUGSU market day or so the song goes :) Market Day at Gippsland is held in the MUGSU Student Lounge on the Tuesday of Week One (3-03) from 10am till whatever time it finishes (about 2.15pm) Cram packed with services, organisations, groups & businesses from in & around the University its the best place to head for intel & info on what is happening. Student Experience is MUGSU's speciality and guess what? MUGSU has discovered through some very clever targeted research that those students attending Market Day do a whole lot better than those students who don’t. Believe us? Come and find out!

MUGSU does lots of stuff.

Yup we love students. Yeah, we do! Lets just put it out there...without students we don't have work or near as much satisfaction in our lives so we do all this to keep you happy and us entertained. Student Rights & independent advice. Free breakfast, coffee & tea daily in the student lounge. Free food Tuesdays & pancakes are our specialty #justsayin’. MUGSU Info Terminal has info/snacks/drinks/stationary/student supplies. Come and see us for info on clubs & associations. Child Care @ MUGSU's Pooh Corner Child Care Centre. Bus/Lounge Hire.
OSHC CAMPUS VISITS 2015

Monash University Gippsland
Students
When: Monday, 12pm to 2pm
Where: Outside MUGSU – Building 3N

- Week 1, Sem 1 - Monday 2nd March 2015
- Week 5, Sem 1 - Monday 30th March 2015
- Week 9, Sem 1 - Monday 4th May 2015
- Swot Vac, Sem 1 - Monday 1st June 2015
- Mid Semester Break - Monday 6th July 2015
- Week 2, Sem 2 - Monday 3rd August 2015
- Week 7, Sem 2 - Monday 7th September 2015
- Week 10, Sem 2 - Monday 5th October 2015
- Exams Week 1 - Monday 2nd November 2015

On 1 Jan 2015 Federation University Australia became a completely smoke-free environment.

We recognise the adverse effects of smoking, including passive smoking, and the rights of staff and students to work and study in a safe and healthy environment which is smoke-free.

No smoking is permitted on our campuses, or within buildings and facilities. This includes all outdoor areas such as gardens, sporting grounds and car parks.

Please help to keep our campuses smoke-free:

- Refrain from smoking on our campuses. Campus boundaries are outlined on these maps - Camp Street, Gippsland, Mt Helen, SMB and Wimmera.
- Inform visitors that our campuses are smoke-free and seek their co-operation.
- If you see someone smoking on campus, inform them (politely) that our campuses are smoke-free.

CHECK IN WEEK –
MONDAY 23RD MARCH – FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

Look out for events and activities happening around campus during Week 4 of semester. More information will be up on the website soon.

www.federation.edu.au/check-in-week
Carlton Football Club – New Blues Football Match

The Carlton Football Club New Blues program aims to enrich the educational and cultural experience of international and newly arrived students. The club is currently offering all international and newly arrived students FREE tickets to experience Australian Football in a fun, inclusive and social environment.

**Event:** Carlton Football Club (Blues) vs. Port Adelaide Football Club (Power)

**When:** Sunday 16 March, 7.40pm

**Where:** Etihad Stadium – 740 Bourke St, Docklands, 3008.

**Cost:** Free

Essendon vs. St Kilda at Morwell!

Morwell will come alive with two high-powered AFL teams – St Kilda and Essendon clashing in NAB Challenge in Latrobe City.

This is sure to be a high energy match as it is the last chance for teams to compete before the opening match of the 2015 Toyota AFL Premiership Season.

Gates open at 3.00 pm with the match starting at 4.40 pm.

Fully catered, no BYO.

Limited parking via Maryvale Crescent and CBD parking.

Welcome Dinner – All International Students

The International Student Association will be holding a FREE dinner for all international students on Thursday 12th March with special guests from the Morwell Rotary Club attending.

For more information please contact ISA
– email mugsu.isa@monash.edu
Sport & Rec Facilities
All Gippsland campus students and staff can access the following facilities for FREE in the times listed below. A valid student or staff card is required upon entry.

Latrobe Leisure Churchill
Stadium & change room facilities
Monday - Friday
9am - 4pm
Sports Available:
Badminton, Basketball & Netball

Synthetic Sports Field
Monday - Friday
9am - 4pm
Sports Available:
Soccer, Hockey, Running, AFL & Cricket

Please note: All space is subject to availability as long as no prior bookings exist.
For more information contact FedUni Sport Gippsland - 5122 6221,
t_rosin@federation.edu.au or visit the sports office - 3N 121/122
Equipment to use at the above facilities can be borrowed from the sports office.

6 on 6 Soccer
Monday Nights 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Season starts Monday 16 March 2015.

Six a side social soccer competition played on the synthetic sports field. Registrations close Thursday 12 March 2015.

For more information on how to get involved contact:
Tegan Rosin - Sport & Rec Officer, Office - 3N 121/122,
E: t_rosin@federation.edu.au Ph: 5122 6221

Social Badminton

Thursdays
7:30pm - 9pm
&

Sundays
1pm – 4pm

FREE weekly social badminton for FedUni/Monash students at Latrobe Leisure Centre. Racquets and shuttles provided.

For more information on dates & how to get involved:
Join our facebook group – FedUni Badminton
or visit the Sport & Recreation office – 3N 121/122

FedUni Walking Group

Get Active! Get Involved!

Every Monday & Wednesday

Meet at 12:30pm in the Knuckle level one for a 30min walk.

*Complete 4 walks & receive a free coffee*
Sister Cities Festival
CELEBRATING CHINESE AND JAPANESE CULTURE
SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2015
KERNOT HALL, MORWELL
11AM – 3PM

• Japanese Drumming
• Chinese Lion Dancing
• Authentic Japanese & Chinese Food
• Ribbon Dance and Workshop
• Children’s Activities
• Japanese Movies & Cartoons
• Cosplay Dress Up Competition
• Japanese Arcade Dance Game
• Beijing Opera
• Koto Performance
• Chinese Erhu Performance
• and Much More!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
Phone: 1300 367 700 • Email: events@latrobe.vic.gov.au • Website: www.latrobe.vic.gov.au

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Gippsland Ethnic Communities’ Council

(GECC) Multicultural Festival

Friday 13th and Sunday 15th March 2015

For more information and updates, visit:
www.gippslandethniccommunitiescouncil.websyte.com.au

Friday 13th March 2015 – 5th Annual GECC Youth Festival: “Bridging the Multicultural Generation Gap” - Gippsland Schools’ Performances and Displays – FREE Event (in Kernot Hall, Morwell). 11am to 1pm approx.


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