Free footy tickets

The University of Ballarat has teamed up with GloBALL and invites UB Students to watch Western Bulldogs take on Essendon at Etihad Stadium in this round sixteen fixture.

Australian rules is the oldest football code in the country, being first played in 1859. Soccer was one of the last football codes to arrive in Australia, only being played by the 1880s.

So come and join in the fun and excitement of Aussie Rules!

Southern University Games

Monday 8th July - Thursday 11th July

Ballarat is hosting the Southern University Games. This event brings the best sports people from Universities together to compete in a qualifying event for the Australian University Games which is held later in the year.

The SUG requires a number of volunteers to assist with the running of the event roles include administration, marketing, media, registrations etc.

If you would like more information, or to register your interest please contact Cory Saitta on 5324 2894 or email SugCoordinator@unisport.com.au

FREE Aussie Rules Footy Tickets for ALL UB students!

We understand being a student can be tough, but it can’t be all work and no play...

So we have teamed up with GloBALL to plan a fun day out for all our UB students.

Sun 14th July

Essendon vs Western Bulldogs

@ Etihad Stadium 3.15 – 6.15pm

Transport to be confirmed but leaving approx. 1pm to be in Melbourne by 3pm (for the pre-game special GloBALL function)

To attend follow these 2 simple steps…

1. Register on the GloBALL website for your FREE footy ticket (Select Sun 14th July game) www.globall.com.au
2. E-mail Kate Toner to book your place international.ss@ballarat.edu.au

Everyone Welcome, so bring your friends!

www.ballarat.edu.au
international.ss@ballarat.edu.au

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Interview with Alex

What are you studying and why UB?
I'm studying Mining Engineering.

Whenever people have asked me, "Why Ballarat?" I'd always reply, "I googled it, it looked ok". They would instantly laugh it off assuming a mild joke was made, but I couldn't be more serious.

Mom wanted to move to Australia and I needed a Uni to go to. UB offered the course I wanted, coupled with Ballarat not being a large city (can't stand Melbourne) and certain freedoms that came with it, I couldn't imagine a better place to study.

What word would you use to describe yourself?
Charismatic maybe?

What do you miss most about Guyana?
What would you bring, of it, to Ballarat if you could?
There are so many things but the local food is what I really miss. The population of my leafy paradise is made up of 6 races, all of whom, centuries ago, brought different flavours together to make what consists of our local cuisine; The Caribbean flavour with that Latin American zest.

What are you enjoying most about UB / Res and life in Ballarat?
The colourful characters incorporated with every experience that has come my way.

The UB staff, the people of Ballarat, I haven’t been disappointed yet. Well, a few times, but with a career at Vic Roads, its forgivable.

If you could be any person for a day, who would that be and why?
I think I'd thoroughly enjoy being well known American stock car racer Dale Earnhardt Jr. I used to compete successfully in motor racing in Guyana, but have stopped since my move. But that's not the sole reason. I do love to race, I admit, but I also like the South. I like NASCAR.

I also like beer, florescent shirts, and hunting, (at the same time sometimes). I like women in denim shorts, large lake houses; I wouldn't mind a hummer. I like the right to bear arms, and thoroughly enjoy the idea of perpetual barbequing.

I'd like to try and make moonshine some day, and find the idea of big bear coats enticing. I'm amused by the thought process that led to dynamite fishing. Flannel is a good look on me, and I also one day dream of warding off my daughter's dates with intimidating guns, and all of this would be okay, because I'd be a driver from The South.

What piece of advice would you give to an international student wanting to make the most of their UB experience?
The most valuable piece of advice I have to offer is get out there, meet new people, and if ever in need, come and talk to the great international support team. If they were around when I first landed ashore, things would've been a lot smoother.

PS. By all means... no matter how logical the argument may seem, drop bears do not exist; unfortunately.

I wouldn't recommend being shy. I know, it’s a part of who you are, but you are here for a set time period. The day is yours to take, but it’s one of a limited number. Step out of your comfort zones and the experiences will be worth it.

Study Resources

UB College
Study resources that help you not only to pass, but to excel in your studies...
The following webpage called Study & Writing Skills have many resources are available to you:

• Writing assignments
• Exam techniques
• Presentations & group work
• Time management
• Avoiding plagiarism
• Tutorials

They’re well worth a visit...

New Members – International Student Committee

Kwaku Asiedu
Nadisha Wijesundera
Rufus George Johnson

The International Support office is delighted to announce the appointment of three new committee members joining the International Student Committee. Kwaku, Nadisha and Rufus will no doubt get to know all of you and look forward to making your time at UB an enjoyable experience.
Free campus sport

The University of Ballarat has been welcoming international students for many years and has become renowned for its study focused environment, inclusive campus life and quality of teaching. Once students are part of the UB community they are able to become involved in not only their studies.

Indoor Social Soccer

Brown Gym (P Building)
5-6PM Monday's

UB Ready

UBReady is a four day free course intended to help you get ahead in your student career and will be held 22nd – 26th July (not including 24th July).

UBReady will provide you with the tools to succeed at UB, no matter what degree you are enrolled in.

• UBReady can help you with:
  • Preparing essays and assignments
  • Using and citing references
  • Understanding the UB Library
  • Using the UB computers
  • Participating in tutorials
  • Managing your study

More information can be found on our website, including a link to the registration page http://www.ballarat.edu.au/current-students/learning-and-study/resources/ubready

New Ballarat Antique and Collectables Fair

June 8th, 9th & 10th, Ballarat Mining Exchange, Lydiard Street North
Trading Hours: Saturday June 8th – 10am to 6pm, Sunday June 9th - 10am to 5pm, Monday June 10th - 10am to 4pm.
Entry fee – $5 per person  $2 concession.

IELTS Test Geelong

Deakin University will be conducting an IELTS test for both General Training and Academic candidates at its Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus on Saturday 22 June 2013.

The closing date for this test is Friday 14 June 2013 (unless places are filled earlier).

Payment of the test fee: $330

On a Student Visa?

Important things you need to know.

Your visa
As an international student studying in Australia, it is very important that you are on the correct visa and visa subclass, e.g. a student studying a Bachelor program at the University of Ballarat should be on a Temporary Student Visa, Subclass 573 (TU 573). Studying on the incorrect visa may hinder your chances of applying for another visa in the future and may mean that you will not be able to continue your studies. If you are unsure if you are on the correct visa and visa subclass, please speak to the staff in International Compliance, Ground Floor, D Building (located with Finance).

It is also very important that you are aware of your visa expiry date and apply for a new student visa before it expires. For most students, this can be done online through the Department of Immigration and Citizenship website.

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

Change and update your address
If you haven’t already done so, please change your Campus and Mailing address in My Student Centre to your address here in Australia. These addresses must be current and kept up to date and is a condition of your student visa.

Check your emails
All correspondence from the University of Ballarat will be sent to your UB student email account. You cannot use the excuse “I do not check that account” if you miss out on important information. Find out how to forward your emails from your student email account to your personal email account at the following link.

www.ballarat.edu.au/facilities-and-services/ict-services/students/student-email

Bicycles to give away

The Recranked Recycles program is an initiative of YMCA and City of Ballarat to give bikes back to the community. The Recranked Recycles Centre specialises in giving unwanted bikes NEW riders. They take old, unwanted, unused, broken and forgotten bicycles and revamp them into safe and serious street worthy modes of transport, for those without wheels.

10 Free Bicycles to give away.
Email us at International Student Support internationalss@ballarat.edu.au and tell us in 50 words or less how a free bicycle will benefit you. Hurry and get your emails in as there are only 10 FREE Bikes to give away.

The International Student Newsletter
www.ballarat.edu.au | international.ss@ballarat.edu.au
Auction Night – UB Charities

As part of our project through UB Projects, we are running an Auction night to fundraise for our African Charities. The event is being held on the **17th August 2013** at the Albert Coates Complex. Doors open at 6.00pm with the event beginning at 6.30pm. It is $40.00 per ticket for a two course meal, tea & coffee and some complementary beverages. To confirm your tickets access the event page at [http://www.facebook.com/events/179331358888579](http://www.facebook.com/events/179331358888579) or contact Alisa or Rebekah on the above contact details.

Exam Info for International Students

We are moving rapidly towards the end of Semester 1, and exams will be upon us very soon. I am not going to talk to you about how to prepare for exams, your lecturers and the student staff in the PASS office will be doing that, but I do want to make sure that you are well prepared for the organisation and codes of conduct for exams at UB so here are my **top tips**.

1. Vital exam information can be found at [www.ballarat.edu.au/exams](http://www.ballarat.edu.au/exams)
2. Students from a Non English Speaking Background can take a bi-lingual dictionary into exams. The dictionary must be clean (not marked or annotated in any way) and you will need a letter of permission from your School. You should arrange for the letter this week, or Swot Vac at the latest, by going to your School reception desk. The University guideline can be found at [www.ballarat.edu.au/current-students/managing-your-studies/examinations-and-resultsexams/?a=45193](http://www.ballarat.edu.au/current-students/managing-your-studies/examinations-and-resultsexams/?a=45193)
3. You should aim to arrive at the venue at least 10 minutes before the exam starts and you may need to walk some distance as parking at the venues can be limited (especially building Q – known as the ’Tin Shed’). Check the main exam timetable for start times.
4. Make sure you know where the venues are (check out the Exams web page for links to campus maps).
5. You must take your student ID to every exam.
6. Make sure you know which materials are allowed in the exam: you will not be able to take in spare paper, notes, and calculator etc. unless the lecturer has said you can *and they are listed on the front of your exam paper*; if in doubt, ask. Taking non-approved materials into an exam could mean losing all of your marks or worse.
7. Talking is not allowed; if you are found talking to anyone during the exam you could lose all of your marks or worse.
8. Students at UB do not have individual allocated seating but general seating areas for your exam subject will be on display outside the venue when you arrive.
9. Mobile phones must be turned off (including alarms) and placed under your desk in a zip lock bag (provided at the venue).
10. The Supervisor in Charge of the venue will tell you when you can start writing and when you must stop writing.
11. Students who want to ask a question should raise their hand and a supervisor will come to assist them.

If you have any questions about exams you can visit me in the Student Advisory Service office on the first floor of the Albert Coates building above the café.

Liz Luciani