SETTLING INTO UB LIFE:

Well the semester is underway and hopefully most of you have been able to find your way around campus and meet fellow students. A new experience can be daunting and our New International students may have found a mix of emotions over the orientation period. We would hope home sickness is subsiding and each day is beginning to be a new and rewarding experience. Don’t forget to ask questions if you’re unsure and feel free to drop into the international student support service if needed.

Work experience

Hi my names Molly Okeke, I have had the privilege for 4 weeks to experience work experience within the university. Two of these weeks were within International Student Support with Kate Toner.

My work experience was an Aboriginal Indigenous Australian placement as I am an Aboriginal indigenous woman from the Gunditjmara people.

My people are from the Warrnambool area

Aboriginal people are the original inhabitants of Australia our culture is widely recognised across Australia consisting of all different tribes.

The University of Ballarat is on the land of the Wadawurrung people.

There are about 500 different Aboriginal tribes in Australia with their own language and territory. The university has a reconciliation action plan in place to build relationships to respect and produce opportunities for indigenous Australians.

I had the opportunity to put together this edition of the international student newsletter which was a great learning experience so I hope you enjoy it as much as I enjoyed putting it together. From my work experience I’ve learnt new skills and been able to look at my future options in employment.

I have very much enjoyed learning and spending time with the international students and wish you all the best in your future endeavours cheers Molly
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

PLAGIARISM: SHOULD YOU BE WORRIED?
The University of Ballarat’s Student Plagiarism Policy states that: Plagiarism is the presentation of the works of another person/other persons as though they are one’s own by failing to properly acknowledge that person/those persons. So it is using other people’s ideas or work and passing them off as your own work.
The University takes all cases of plagiarism very seriously - the penalties can be very severe, you risk losing all your marks for a whole course or being excluded from your program! As a student, it is your responsibility to understand and comply with the University’s legislation, policies and procedures concerning plagiarism. Be familiar with, and apply, the referencing practices acceptable for your subject of study.
Ask your lecturer/tutor before using ‘Turnitin’ – the software designed to assist with plagiarism detection. Or Call in to the Student Advisory Service Office for more information, U113 (next to bookshop) studentadviser@ballarat.edu.au

Mark these in your calendar
University workshops  Professional development workshops
Free sessions to improve your employability, increase your skills and build your social and professional network.
3rd Sept: 4:30-6pm, F315 Mt Helen
Know your rights and where to turn for support (Student advisory service)
7th Sept 4:30-6pm F315 Mt Helen
Self-awareness and self-reflection as a leadership tool (Julianne Eveleigh)
11th Sept 1-2pm, C301 Camp Street
Self-care- looking after yourself and others in your leadership role (counselling team)
12th Sept: 4:30-6pm T203a Mt Helen
Interview skills – ace the interview both as candidate and as an employer (careers service)
RSVP for all workshops to Luke in the Student experience office
Email l.lcely@ballarat.edu.au PH: 03 5327 6867

Plagiarism and Turnitin
- Date: Thursday 10 October 2013
- Time: 12:30pm - 1:30pm
- Location: Room T204, Mt Helen
- Session type: Presentation
- Audience: Staff and Students
- Trainer: Pam Woodward
About this presentation:
Overview of the guidelines around using Turnitin, how Turnitin works and the issues around detecting and preventing plagiarism.

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 is 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 my account” if you miss out on important information.

VLINE
V-Line’s new ‘My Line’ mobile app is the perfect solution for regular V/Line travelers. It provides the most up-to-date service information, timetables, a journey planner and push notifications.
Set up your travel profile and nominate your favorite services to receive only relevant notifications, and you’ll always know about changes and the next five departures.
Search your store for ‘vline my line’ and download it today! Available FREE for iPhone and Android

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International Driving Permits (IDP’s) are recommended when you intend driving overseas.

In Victoria, the RACV is authorised to issue IDP’s through its RACV shops (external website). An IDP is a widely recognised document and is useful for photo identification purposes.

Using an International Driving Permit in Victoria
An international driving permit represents a translation of an overseas driver licence. It has no validity on its own and must accompany a current overseas driver licence issued from your home licensing authority overseas.

An international driving permit is only valid if it:
• complies with the UN convention for International Driving Permits, and
• is issued by the country the overseas driver licence is issued in; and
• is accompanied by a current overseas driver licence from the same country the permit was issued in.

Get more information about applying for an International Driving Permit at the RACV website (external website).

Culture Card Victoria
Culture Card is FREE for international students studying in higher education institutions in Victoria.
Culture Card gives you
• Special offers on Victoria’s top tourist attractions, community, sporting and arts events
• Promotional offers on a range of fun activities
1. Your free card was in your welcome pack
2. Activate your card at www.culturecardvictoria.com.au
3. Keep your Culture Card ID number to obtain discounts and promotions on your next exciting events/activities in Victoria
4. Regular check the Culture Card website www.culturecardvictoria.com.au for the latest updates on promotional events and special offers.

Hi my name is Sufiyan Memon & I’m from India.

India is a unique country with its diverse cultural background which includes Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, etc. India is particularly renowned for 2 things; Bollywood movies & Spicy food. A visitor must try these 2 things when coming to India particularly because we will never get an authentic Indian food overseas. Apart from that, India is considered to be one of the best leading nations in the world in near future, not only economy wise but also population wise. Someday India will overtake China to become the most densely populated country in the world. Originally I was raised in Surat (Gujarat) which is well-known for its fabrics & diamonds but went on to live in Mumbai (Maharashtra) which is better known as a magnet of India, with my grandparents when I was 11, in order to gain better education. Since then I’ve been living in Mumbai till I moved to Ballarat. I’m pursuing Master of Commerce (Professional Accounting) at UB. The reason I chose UB is because the course structure of this university is designed in a way that suits me & is quite different from other universities across Australia. Secondly, this university has superior teacher to student ratio which allows me discussion/interaction based learning.

Thirdly, to understand Australian culture which I reckon is one of the best ways to start in Ballarat in UB, particularly if you are new in Australia. And lastly I chose this university, because of its regional environment which I prefer. Ballarat is a great place & I consider it as a stepping stone for people who want to build their career in Australia. By the way, I’m not complaining about the weather, just the way I like it. I like to hang around with friends. I’m a big fan of soccer & cricket. I’m also following the footy very closely (Geelong is the best). Sometimes I also like to play badminton with my friends at the club. When I’m at home I love to listen to music, watch movies & TV shows. My advice to new international students is to give their best shot. Never ever give up, keep trying & you’ll achieve your feat one day. Remember we all are on same track; we have already made a big move by coming to Australia which is a great achievement, so keep your hopes alive. Australia is a great country with great people; there are lots of opportunities available & I’m sure one is waiting for you. Last but not the least; enjoy studying & your stay in Ballarat. Good luck for your future. Cheers!
ASK

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT UNIVERSITY LIFE?

“How do I reference in APA Style?”

“How do I find time to fit everything into my schedule?”

“How do I get started on my essay?”

“Where is the tin shed?”

Student Academic Leaders are here to help!
Drop in to the top floor of the Albert Coates Building from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Monday to Thursday or email ask.sal@ballarat.edu.au

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