Peer Support Volunteers Needed

We are currently recruiting for students to assist with peer support for new international students in 2015. Peer supporters are an important part of the International Student Support office and can assist with:

- Pre arrival contact with new students
- Informal support on arriving in Gippsland
- Social support
- Orientation and Welcome events

All interested students must be available for compulsory training to be held on Friday October 10. If you are interested in becoming a part of the support team email Leanne.fairbrother@federation.edu.au by Wednesday October 8.

English Lounge - Conversational English Classes.
Designed to help with your everyday English.
Mondays until Week 10 from 1-2pm in the I-Lounge
Student consultations with Learning Skills Advisers

Gippsland undergraduate students are reminded that short consultations are available with Learning Skills Advisors, without appointment, in the Library. Help is available in a range of academic skills areas including essay, report and reflective writing; analysis and critical thinking skills; reading and note-taking strategies; and editing and proof reading strategies.

These sessions are held:
- Monday 12-1pm
- Tuesday 10-11am & 3-4pm
- Wednesday 12-1pm
- Thursday 12-1pm

On-line resources are also available at http://libguides.federation.edu.au/index.php

What’s on in September!

Cooking Demonstration

Want to learn how to make delicious, healthy, cheap and easy meals?

Noeline from MasterChef Australia will be on campus to show you how!

Come along and enjoy a sample plate of meals she has prepared and watch her in action making something delicious!

When: Monday 15th September
Time: 12:30pm
Where: Student Union Lounge
Cost: FREE!!!!!!
Leadership & Volunteering

The Student Senate is currently open for nominations for a number of student representative positions on the Student Senate for 2015. We are looking for dynamic student leaders to represent the wider student body and really drive change for an improved and better connected FedUni experience.

This is your chance to develop your own leadership skills and to be a driver of change and improvement.

The role

These Senate Rep position will run from 1 November 2014 until 31 October 2015 and will require you to attend up to 8 official meetings (transport, meals and video conferencing available) and undertake approximately 2 hours per week of student consultation and meeting with university staff to create change for the students you represent.

Eligibility

To be able to nominate for the Student Senate, student must be:

- Studying at a time fraction of 0.5 or more
- Not employed by the University at a time fraction of 0.5 or more
- 18 years or over (with the exception of FedCollege and VCAL students) and
- Not currently serving a custodial sentence

You have until 3pm Thursday 4 September to nominate for a Student Senate 2015 position. For more information on how to nominate or to find out more about the role of the Student Senate click here www.federation.edu.au/student-senate or email student.senate@federation.edu.au
**ISA News**

Feeling a bit bored with the same old environment in University?

Want to get a chance to feel like you are in different part of the world and not in Australia without going far away from home?

If you said yes for both, do not hesitate to come to the **2014 ISA Culture Surprise**, where you can escape from the usual and be exposed to multiple cultures in one night.

By only paying **$18**, you will get to enjoy variety of unique cuisines and feast your eye with variety of performances from different cultures. Wait... do you feel your Lady Luck nearby? Then here is your chance to win the main prize from our Lucky Draw. This event would be a really good opportunity for you to relax from University, hang out and get to know other local and international student and to expand a little knowledge through a series of games.

This event will be on **Monday evening, the 22nd September 2014** in the MUGSU lounge, so **Save The Date!!** However, seats are limited. Once places are gone, they're gone!! So hurry, reserve your seat by purchasing a 2014 Culture Surprise ticket from **MUGSU**! Bring your friends along to enjoy this fantastic night of the semester.

Check out our posters in the student lounge and notice boards. Stay tuned, as more info will be released on Facebook. Hoping to see **You** soon!

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**International Relations**

On the 2nd of September 2014, the ISA met with Latrobe City Council International Relations staff regarding sponsorship of the ISA Culture Surprise Dinner.

From right to left: Nicholas-ECO, Jie-International Relations Officer Latrobe City Council, Julietta-Public Relations Officer, Keshav-President

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**Welcoming our new members.**

We would like to welcome our two new executive members, Louise Chan & Nicholas Munro, who will help bring us closer to the local community.
**News**

**Improved Security Services**
Have you noticed the recent changes to security at the Gippsland campus? Oliver Ramsay Security are the new approved supplier of Security Guard Patrols and Crowd Control services at FedUni. Security guards now wear Federation University uniforms, and carry FedUni ID cards.

If you study out of hours on campus...
Please phone Security on 51226662 to advise them you have come into study and how long you plan to stay. This will ensure your safety in the event of an after-hours emergency.
For information about the services Security Guards provide, and phone numbers for security and emergency situations, please refer to the [Emergency and Security web page](http://federation.edu.au/staff/working-at-feduni/risk,-health-and-safety/emergency-and-security)

**On-the-spot penalty fares introduced for fare evaders in Melbourne.**

If you travel without a valid ticket on a tram, train, or bus, you could be issued an on-the-spot penalty fare of $75 or pay a heftier fine later.
Fare evaders on public transport now have the option of paying an on-the-spot penalty fare of $75 or pay a $217 penalty later under a 12-month trial which began on August 10.

Commuters caught by authorised officers travelling without a valid ticket or failing to produce a valid ticket on request, travelling on a concession ticket without evidence of concession eligibility, or failing to produce evidence of concession eligibility could pay an on-the-spot penalty fare of $75, or have their names and addresses taken down and pay $217 later.

An offender waives the right to appeal, and to a refund in paying the on-the-spot penalty. Those with a valid legal defence should instead provide their names and address, and lodge an appeal upon receiving an infringement notice.

The Public Transport Victoria (PTV) website states, “The current process of taking a fare evader’s name and address and documenting the circumstances of the alleged offence is time consuming. The option to pay an On-the-spot Penalty Fare allows the matter to be dealt with and finalised quickly and efficiently. This means Authorised Officers can check more tickets, and this is expected to reduce fare evasion.”

This initiative will only be offered in the metropolitan area. Passengers may pay for the penalties on the spot through Visa, Mastercard or EFTPOS. No other forms of payment would be accepted, according to the PTV website. The PTV has however advised commuters to “ensure they always travel with a valid Myki”. For more details about this initiative, visit the PTV website.

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**Beware of Email and Internet banking scams**

Often these emails look like they are from legitimate businesses, normally banks or other financial institutions.

The scammers are generally trying to get information like your bank account numbers, passwords or credit card numbers, which they will then use to steal your money.

These emails often look genuine and use what look to be genuine logos and internet addresses – in fact, they often copy an institutions logo and message format, which is very easy to do.

If you receive these emails

- **Never** send money or give credit card or online account details to anyone you do not know or trust.
- Do not open suspicious emails. You can report them to the ACCC. More info see the ACCC website.

**Meld Magazine…**

Find out what is happening for international students in Victoria.

**Social Badminton**

**Thursday Nights**
5pm – 7pm
Dates: 31/7, 7/8, 14/8, 21/8, 28/8, 4/9, 11/9, 18/9, 9/10, 16/10 & 23/10.

**Sunday Afternoon**
1pm – 4pm
Dates: 3/8, 10/8, 17/8, 24/8, 31/8, 7/9, 14/9, 12/10, 19/10 & 26/10.

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

For more information on how to get involved contact: E.t.rosin@federation.edu.au Ph: 5122 6221 or visit the Leadership, Sport & Recreation office – 3N 121/122

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**Zumba**

Have fun while working out!
Join our 6 week ZUMBA program
and get your body moving to hypnotic Latin and
International dance beats.
Students $4 & Staff $5 per class.

Starts Wednesday 10th September

10/9, 17/9, 24/9, (1/10 - No Class), 8/10, 15/10 & 22/10.
(please note the class on 8/10 will be FREE as part of mental health week)

5:10pm – 6:10pm @ The Hexagon
Bookings at Student Connect – 3N
Enquiries to:
Vonnie.Boreham@federation.edu.au 51226425
& Tegan – t.rosin@federation.edu.au 5122 6221

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**Sing for Fun!**

Come along to the FREE classes
at the Hexagon

Starts Wednesday 6th August 12.30pm
2 x 30 min classes, so you can come at 12.30, 1pm or stay for both

No experience necessary
Sing in a group
No solo singing required
Teacher: Jane Coker
Enquiries: Vonnie Boreham – Campus Nurse 51 226425.

Many health benefits and lots of fun!

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**ENGLISH LOUNGE**

Conversational English Classes

The Centre for Multicultural Youth and Federation University would like to invite you to come along to 6 weeks of on-campus conversational English classes for international students and refugee and migrant students.

Conversational English classes are a great way to improve your spoken, every day English in an informal environment.

Every Monday: 1pm – 2pm
Week 2 – Week 10
@ The I-lounge, 1E 108

Contact: T. Stratford
T. 5136 9168
E. tstratford@cmu.net.au
UPCOMING EVENTS!

Cupcake Decorating
Come along and be creative; decorating cup cakes with icing and sweet treats!

Where  Outside Student Connect  3N102
When  Thursday 11th September from 11:30am
**Gippsland Events**

**Fathers Day Car show at old Gippstown, Moe**

**When**
- Sunday 7 Sep 2014 at 09:00AM
- Sunday 7 Sep 2014 at 02:00PM

**Where**
Old Gippstown, 211 Lloyd Street Moe VIC Australia

**How Much**
$5 per adult / Gold Coin children u16

**Contact Details**
- 5127 3082
- 0499 028 008
- enquiries@gippslandheritagepark.com.au

**Website**

**About**
Gates open at 7.00 am for Car Entry ($15 Entry includes 2 Adults)
Categories to be judged include: Best American, Best Aussie, Best Commercial, Best Sedan, Best Coupe, Toughest Car, Best Custom, Best Engine Bay, Best Hot Rod, Best Interior, Best Modified, Best Muscle Car, Best Paint & Panel, Best Vintage/Classic, Encouragement Award, Lowest Car, Most Authentic, Best Club Display, Custom & Classic Choice, Old Gippstown’s Choice and Best BMX.

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**Lakes Oil Cycling Tour**

The 2014 Lakes Oil Tour of Gippsland will feature seven exciting stages across the greater Gippsland region including the addition of two new stages. Port Albert will make an appearance for the first time in 2014, with Warragul returning to the schedule for the first time since 2011.

Leongatha, Yinnar, Sale, Paynesville, Metung will all test riders along the way, with Traralgon once again hosting the final stage.

Along with the overall Lakes Oil Tour honours, riders will have the opportunity to battle for the classification jerseys:

News, News News!!!!!!

Study Melbourne Student Centre Opens its Doors

The Victorian Coalition Government formally launched the new Study Melbourne Student Centre on 31 July 2014. The centre will enhance international students’ access to a broad suite of support and information services.

Minister for Employment and Trade Louise Asher said the centre, located at 599 Little Bourke Street, provided a ‘one-stop-shop’ for international students living and studying in Melbourne.

The centre provides information on health, legal, accommodation, financial management and safety matters, and practical support for international students dealing with personal crises, as well as offering a range of referral and advocacy services.

International students have access to information on Victorian Government programs such as the Study Melbourne Internship Program, Study Melbourne Sports including the successful GLoBALL program, and information on the Public Transport Discount Scheme for international students.

Visiting

Conveniently located near Southern Cross station, the Centre is easy to access, so please feel free to come along if you require advice or support. You can drop-in to the Centre without an appointment, however you are encouraged to call first to ensure a staff member is available.

Office hours are Monday – Friday from 9am-5pm.

Contact information
Phone: 1800 056 449 (free call from landline phones)
E-mail: info@studymelbourne.vic.gov.au


Drop-in to the office: 599 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne 3000