**Important Dates**

- 14 March – Labour Day (Long weekend)
- 12 March – Ballarat Begonia Festival
- 20 March – Naw Ruz (New Year)
- 21 March – World Harmony Day
- 25 March - 8 April - Lecture Break for Higher Education
- 27 March – Easter Sunday
- 31 March – Census Date
- 25 April - ANZAC Day
- 11 April - 13 June - Second Lecture Period for Higher Education
- 6 June - 13 June - Swot Vac Period
- 13 June - Queen’s Birthday
- 14 June - 27 June - Semester 1 Examinations
- 28 June - 22 July - Mid-semester Break for Higher Education
- 30 Sept - Public Holiday - Friday before the AFL Grand Final

**Student Advisory Service**

**Course Descriptions**

Do you have yours?

Course descriptions give you vital information about course content and assignments, as well as contact information for course coordinators and key dates for assignment submission and exams. Faculties provide course descriptions for subjects in all programs.

MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR COURSE DESCRIPTION TODAY!

For further assistance from the Student Advisory Service:

Ballarat/Wimmera Campuses please contact us via studentadviser@federation.edu.au or 03 5327 6105.

Gippsland Campus please contact MUGSU on 03 5122 6248.
Labour Day and the 888 Movement

Australia has a rich history of labour, union and organised workforce movement tracing back to the Australian gold rush era. During this period, Australia had a shortage of skilled labour. On April 21, 1856, stonemasons that were working at the Melbourne University sites walked off their job to protest long work hours and to fight for eight hour work days. As a result of such demonstration the stonemasons won their rights to only work an eight hour day. This was an iconic moment in the 888 movement in Australia. Eight hours of work, eight hours of rest and eight hours of leisure.

The modern Australian Labour Day public holiday is now a commemoration and celebration in memory of the eight hour day movement. In Victoria and Tasmania, this is celebrated on the second Monday in March. In Australian Capital Territory, Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia, Labour Day falls on the first Monday of October, In Northern Territory is falls on the first Monday in May and is called May Day.

Today, the Victorian Trades Hall Council still proudly displays artifacts such as the 888 banner in their historical and National Trust listed property in Victoria Street, Melbourne.

Please note: Federation University Australia will be closed on Labour Day, Monday, 14 March 2016.

Ballarat Begonia Festival

12 - 14 March, 10am - 5pm

The Ballarat Begonia Festival is a much-loved free family event with a giant Mad Hatter’s Tea Party theme this year.

Labour Day Weekend
12-14 March 2016
10am – 5pm
Ballarat Botanical Gardens

Harmony Fest

Harmony Fest is a wonderfully diverse festival embracing Ballarat’s multicultural community on Sunday 20th March, 2016.

Would you like to carry the flag for your country?
11am street parade beginning at the Town Hall.
Festival 12 to 4pm. Alfred Deakin Place, Camp Street.
Register your interest in carrying your flag with international.ss@federation.edu.au
Full details can be found on the Ballarat City Council website: http://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/
Grampians Getaway Weekend  
Sat/Sun 19 -20 March , 9am start

Join us for 2 fun-/f_illed days in one of Victoria’s /f_inest tourist attractions – the Grampians. Discover grand and rugged mountain ranges, spectacular wildflower displays, and a wide range of outdoor recreational opportunities in the Grampians National Park.

* Full day sightseeing and bushwalking  
* Meet the native kangaroos  
* Experience the iconic Halls Gap  
* Breakfast and BBQ tea provided FREE

Bus will depart from the Mount Helen Campus flagpole at 9am on Saturday 19th March and return by 5pm, Sunday 20th.

Accommodation will be at the YHA and students will need to pay their own accommodation fee of $30 on arrival. Limited places available, so register early.

Duration: 2 full days

Melbourne Night Market  
Wednesday 23 March, 4pm - 10pm

Discover Melbourne’s famous Queen Victoria Market, eat and drink your way around the world one dish at a time with more than 50 street food traders cooking up a global feast. There will be live music and specialty shopping from artisan designers and vintage collectors.

Bus will depart from the Mount Helen Campus flagpole 4pm and return to campus at 10pm.

COST: FREE bus, evening vendors will be at own cost.

Duration: 6 hours

Check-In Week  
Monday 21 March, 10:30am

CHECK IN WITH US  
Check In Week at FedUni

Join us for morning tea in the Student Lounge on Monday 21st March at 10:30am as part of Check in Week.

We will be serving hot cross buns and Easter eggs to tie in with Easter! If you can’t join us on the Monday we invite you ‘check in’ with us by dropping into the International Student Support office throughout the week and collecting an Easter egg and sharing any concerns you may have.
**English Conversation Club**

Every Tuesday, 12-1pm

English Conversation Club is a free conversation group hosted by the International Student Support Office. The purpose of the group is for you to socialise and make friends with other FedUni students and to improve your language skills. Come and join us for some casual English conversation.

Student Lounge above the the cafe in the Albert Coates Building (U Building). Bring lunch!

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**Respect. Now. Always.**

Federation University Australia has joined the Universities Australia led campaign - Respect. Now. Always. - a national campaign to help raise awareness of sexual assault, harassment and discrimination.

Respect. Now. Always. focuses on providing a safe environment for staff and students on campus. Our aim is to educate our students and staff that FedUni is firmly against any forms of sexual assault, harassment or discrimination, and has policies in place to address any complaints. The University also strongly encourage our students to report any forms of sexual assault, sexual violence or sexual harassment to any of our internal support services, but also to the police.

At FedUni, we have a range of support services for students to get assistance in matters relating to sexual assault, sexual harassment, violence and/or discrimination. These include:
- Equity and Equal Opportunity Office (www.federation.edu.au/equity or 03 5327 9357)
- Campus Security (03 5327 6333 or www.federation.edu.au/current-students/essential-info/administration/emergency-and-security)
- Student Counselling (www.federation.edu.au/counselling or 03 5327 9470)
- Student Health Centre (www.federation.edu.au/health-centre or 03 5327 9477)
- Student Advisory Service (03 5327 6105 or www.federation.edu.au/current-students/assistance-support-and-services/student-support-services/student-advisory-service)

Students are also encouraged to call the National Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence Counselling Service on 1800RESPECT (1800 737 732) after hours or when they are not on campus.

For more information about the Respect. Now. Always. campaign, visit your Faculty Student Experience Office or the Student Connect Office for posters, flyers and brochures. These include an FAQ brochure to answer questions you may have about sexual assault.= and information on support services available. For more information on the Respect. Now. Always. initiative and to see the list of support services available to you please visit our website: www.federation.edu.au/respect-now-always
I FELT UNSAFE AROUND HIM.

SO I GOT SUPPORT.
Can’t remember all the information from O-week? Feeling confused or overwhelmed?

Visit federation.edu.au/starting-at-feduni to get back on track.

Part of the FedUni Student Retention and Success Initiative.
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