As the 2013 academic year draws to a close it is timely to look back on events and student activities that have shaped our year.

Thank you to every international student who participated and contributed to the life of UB.

Enjoy, relax and stay safe on your break.

2014 will bring in new era in education as we continue as Federation University Australia.....
Exam Tips for International Students

For most students this will be the second lot of exams for this year but we would still like to remind you of a few important tips:

1. All 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 hard copy bi-lingual dictionary into exams. The dictionary must be clean (not marked or annotated in any way; it will be inspected by exam supervisors) and you will need a letter of permission from your School. You should arrange for the letter in Swot Vac by going to your School reception desk. The University Guideline can be found at: [http://www.ballarat.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/119476/nesb-special-provisions.pdf](http://www.ballarat.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/119476/nesb-special-provisions.pdf)
3. You must take your official student ID card to every exam.
4. Make sure you know where the exam venues are and allow extra time for parking and walking to the venue – it might be very busy if it’s a large exam.
5. Make sure you know exactly what materials are allowed in the exam – if it’s not listed on the front cover of the exam paper you are not allowed to have it (e.g. spare paper, books, notes, calculator). If in doubt ask your lecturer next week before exams start. Taking non-approved materials into exams could result in a disciplinary offence – e.g. losing all of your marks for the exam or a charge of cheating.
6. Students at UB do not have allocated seating but general seating areas for your exam subject will be displayed outside the venue when you arrive.
7. Mobile phones must be turned off (including alarms) and placed under your desk in a zip lock bag (provided at the venue). If your phone rings or you are found using your phone it is a disciplinary offence and the outcome could be very serious for you.
8. The Supervisor in Charge of the exam will tell you when you can start writing and when you must stop.
9. Students who want to ask a question should raise their hand and a supervisor will come to assist them.
10. Talking to each other is not allowed; it is a disciplinary offence and the outcome will be very serious for you.

If you have any questions or need some help please visit us in the Student Advisory Service office on the first floor of the Albert Coates building above the café.
Good luck with those exams!
Liz and Amanda

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**BUPA CARD**

DON’T FORGET THAT YOU CAN COLLECT YOUR BUPA CARD FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ENROLMENT OFFICE (NEXT TO FINANCE) IN D BUILDING

**NEED SUPPORT DURING THE HOLIDAY BREAK?**

International Student Support is available during the summer break and can be reached by;

Ph: 03 5327 9446
Mob: 0409 948 811
International.ss@ballarat.edu.au
FB – UB International Student

Or call by our office
1st Floor, Albert Coates Building

**CHRISTMAS CLOSURES**


**Bus timetables for Ballarat**

Why not stay connected over the break on Facebook?
UB International Students & UB StudentConnect

December

2nd ~ Independence Day (United Arab Emirates)
3rd ~ Culture Day (Japan)
8th ~ Bodi Day - Rohatsu (Buddhist)
9th ~ ** Id al Adha (Islam)
25th ~ Christmas Day (Christian)
26th ~ Boxing Day (Australia)

Bounty of Hearts in Ballarat
(by Majida Mehana, Lecturer Early Childhood Education, School of Education & Arts)

I was accepted to teach at UB in the School of Education and Arts. I completed my graduate studies in the US although originally I am from Lebanon.

Now that I am starting to settle down, I would like to say that this would not have been possible without the help of many people. I asked when I needed to and can happily say that people answered me with a lot of grace.

Thank you to Annette, Deputy Dean Education, and Catherine, Human Resources, for assisting me with the application process prior to my arrival and for answering tens of emails with so much patience.

Thank you to Karen and Julie, colleagues, for greeting me with flowers on the first day of my arrival.

Thank you Shiraz, resident at short-term accommodation, for buying me medicine when I was sick, for lending me a smart phone, and for offering important tips to settle down.

Thank you to Dawn, resident at short-term accommodation, for taking me to buy a warm coat for the day and for giving me as a gift an electric blanket for the night.

Thank you to Kate, International Student Support Worker, for giving me the welcome package, calling real estate agencies on my behalf, inspecting properties with me, and providing continuous support. You even helped me find the direction of the Qibla so I could pray.

Thank you Erin, UB living, for offering to help me move out and for being so pleasant about it.

Thank you to Sue, program coordinator, for giving me the time to settle in.

Thank you to Fiona, operations officer, for helping me in filling out the forms, for advising me on numerous things, and for going out with me to buy necessary items.

The bus drivers were the guides to the whereabouts of properties for rent.

People in the street would give me extensive directions and would apologize when they did not know the answer.

These are just a few of the people who helped me. I asked questions and recorded the answers. With so much new information, writing down the answers made a significant difference in remembering names and locations and in making efficient use of the information.

All those experiences changed my outlook. When I wake up in the morning not knowing what to do about a heap of things, I know that solutions would come naturally once I start asking. I have learned to have a positive outlook for the days ahead.

In the other places where I worked, I would be surrounded by a Human Resources Welcoming committee. At UB, I was surrounded by hearts not just people who helped me every step of the way.

The spirit of giving available in the holidays has been present in my life since I arrived; and in this spirit, I would like to wish the people who helped me and all readers a Merry Christmas and a successful New Year.

“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.”
~William James
BALLARAT COMES TO LIFE DURING THE SUMMER BREAK.

Ballarat Show
Fri, Nov 8, 2013 12:00 AM - Sun, Nov 10, 2013 11:59 PM


2013 City of Ballarat Christmas Street Party
Camp Street, Ballarat Fri, Dec 6, 2013 05:30 PM - Fri, Dec 6, 2013 08:30 PM

HO HO HO!d the Traffic as Camp Street comes alive with the magic of Christmas in the CBD! An evening full of FREE family activities and stage entertainment; tasty food options plus of course plenty of Christmas atmosphere!

Or grab a spot on the grassy knoll of Alfred Deakin Place and get your jingle bell rock on while enjoying Live Music. Start counting the sleeps, as Ballarat’s Street Christmas Party will be sure to entertain both the young and the young at heart!

Lakeside Twilight Concert
Lake Wendouree Fairyland Reserve
Sat, Dec 7, 2013 02:00 PM - Thu, Feb 7, 2013 11:00 PM
Tickets from: Ticketmaster 136 100 www.ticketmaster.com.au

Learn to Sail and Sailing Race
Ballarat Yacht Club Lake Wendouree
Sat, Dec 7, 2013 09:00 AM - Sat, Dec 7, 2013 05:00 PM


Christmas Fest by the Lake
Pleasant St Primary School Wendouree Parade
Fri, Dec 6, 2013 05:00 PM - Fri, Dec 6, 2013 09:00 PM

Pleasant St Primary School presents Christmas Fest by the Lake 2013 on Friday 6th December between 5-9pm. The grounds of Pleasant Street Primary School will come alive with boutique market stalls, live music and entertainment, quality food, wine and boutique beer vendors, games and fun activities for the whole family. Come along and enjoy the fun atmosphere and do some Christmas shopping!