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INSTITUTE OF Koorie EDUCATION
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STAY IN THE LOOP WITH ALL THINGS IKE.

The first few weeks of uni can be confusing and stressful and sometimes it can all get a bit overwhelming. If you have any questions please call reception on:
TEL: (03) 52272538

MEET THE INSTITUTE TEAM

As an enrolled student, you have probably be keen to get to know the IKE team over time the faces below will become more familiar. We are here to help so if you have any questions don’t hesitate to call for help.

IKE’s Newest Staff Member

Kaley McGough
Promotions & Events Officer

Hello, my name is Kaley, I am originally from Swan Hill up in Wemba Wemba country on the Murray River and for the last 8 years I have been fortunate enough to live and work here in Geelong.

I’m a student here at the Institute so you will most likely see my face around the traps. I am very excited to join the team here at IKE and to use my skills to promote the Institute and all the exciting things we have going on.

Feel free to pop into the student support office and say hi.
Welcome to Kitjarra! My name is Jodie I am the new Residence Operations Coordinator at Kitjarra.

My background is in hotel management, where I have held various managerial roles in Front Office, Sales and Revenue Management over the past 13 years. My work in hotels has lead me to Sydney, Wollongong, Lord Howe Island, Melbourne before I settled in Geelong just over 3 years ago.

I would like to wish all of our new students and our returning students all the best with your studies and I look forward to welcoming you all to Kitjarra. students all the best with your studies and I look forward to welcoming you all to Kitjarra.

Scholarships

For all scholarship enquiries please contact Dusty either at the Kitjarra Student Residents on 03 522729325

DUSTY-LEE NICHOLSON
Reception & Program Support Officer at Kitjarra Residence.
Geelong Grammar is looking for tutors!

Yalari is a not-for-profit organisation who provides scholarships to Indigenous youth from regional, rural and remote communities throughout Australia to complete their secondary education at high ranking boarding schools. Yalari is looking for Biology tutors for our Grade 12 students and Geelong Grammar School.

These Yalari scholars started their journey at boarding school in year 7 and have now reached their final year. Volunteer tutoring is a fantastic way to assist these students in their last year of school. You would be required to commit to one night per week, usually for one hour during school semesters, at a location on the school premises. We are looking for tutors who may have previous tutoring or teaching experience. You will need to have the ability to fit in with the parameters of the school.

This would be a great opportunity to increase your teaching skills and experience, whilst adding valuable volunteering experience to your resume.

It is NOT a paid position but you will achieve far greater benefits for sparing your time to help others.
Please contact our Volunteer Co-ordinator Pam Boavida: Ph. 07 56658688 M +61 413238439.

National Union of Students ATSI Student Conference 2015

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Conference, facilitated by the NUS ATSI Department, will be held from the 22nd-25th of July 2015 in Sydney.

Conference will involve guest speakers, workshops on campaigning and policing building, discussion groups and networking. The main aim will be to build our national education campaign based around the idea of ‘equal access, equal representation = equal education’ as well as Save ITAS and Sisters Can Speak campaign.

Registration is $150
Currently looking for sponsorship for conference. If you have any ideas or would like to contribute to conference planning please contact Bridget on atsi@nus.asn.au

ASPIRE INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE

The Aurora Internship Program continues to place law, anthropology and other social science (namely archaeology, cultural heritage, environmental management, human geography, history and sociology) students and graduates at Native Title Representative Bodies (NTRBs), Prescribed Bodies Corporates (PBCs) and at other organisations involved in policy development, advocacy, research and social justice, all working to support the Indigenous sector Australia-wide. The Program introduces candidates to career opportunities in native title and Indigenous affairs more generally and at the same time provides assistance to under-resourced and over-worked organisations.

The on-line application period for the winter 2015 round of internships is from Monday 2nd March through Friday 27th March 2015. Application process and more information about the Program can be accessed via the Aurora website at http://www.auroraproject.com.au/aurorainternshipprogram.

For a full copy of the Aspire Internship flyer please contact Kaley on Email:k.mcgough@deakin.edu.au Phone: 03 5227 2445
Aboriginal Project Officer

Become part of Australia’s leading eye research institute the Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA) as a Project Officer.

Opportunity for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander to be involved in Australia’s first National Eye Health Survey Circa $63k package
Generous Salary Packaging Benefits that will increase your take home pay East Melbourne base with lots of travel

The Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA) is an inspiring place to work and we need more like-minds to join us. With researchers and students from all over the globe you’ll work with some of Australia’s highly motivated achievers and exceptional thinkers.

Working on a landmark nationwide population-based study into major eye diseases, the National Eye Health Survey (NEHS) aims to determine, for the first time, the causes and prevalence of vision impairment and blindness in Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

The survey will involve significant planning, methodological and administrative tasks as well as travel to 30 remote sites in Australia to recruit and screen participants for clinical eye examinations (on the job training provided). Other ad hoc research administration tasks may also be a requirement including paper writing, preparation of reports and presentations.

Integral to this role is the ability to set and manage project goals, be highly organised and have well developed interpersonal skills. You will also have knowledge and understanding of Indigenous communities. Ideally the preferred candidate will be degree qualified in Public Health, Health Sciences or a related degree, although this is not essential. The preferred candidate will be provided with full on the job training.

This role will require significant interstate travel.

Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position. This action constitutes a special measure under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic).

This is a full-time position available for one year with the possibility of extension. Generous Salary Packaging benefits also apply. For a copy of the full position description, and to find out more about the exciting research we do please visit www.cera.org.au.

To apply, please send a cover letter, address of key selection criteria and CV to cera-hr@unimelb.edu.au. For a confidential discussion about the role, please contact the CERA HR team on (03) 9929 8201.

Applications for this role close at 5pm on Monday 9th March 2015.

ITAS  INDIGENOUS TUTOR ASSISTANCE SCHEME

An ITAS tutor is a vital resource for all students and is totally free of charge, they can help you to bring your work to university standard. ITAS tutors are available to all IKE students. If you are interested in getting a tutor please contact The ITAS Support Team.

Their email address is: ihts@deakin.edu.au or alternatively contact by telephone on: (03) 52279119 / 52272201 or 1800 063 383. We look forward to working with you.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Deborah Cheetham AO

Attention: Teachers and Indigenous secondary students in years 7 – 12 you are invited to hear renowned Yorta Yorta soprano, composer and educator Deborah Cheetham AO speak.

Date: Monday 16th March 2015

Time: 6.00pm-7.00pm

Location: the Institute of Koorie Education
Deakin University, Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus

Cost: Free

With over 30 years teaching experience, Deborah aims to inspire indigenous people to find their voice and realise their true potential.

Information & Bookings
Kelly Clifford - Youth and Education / GPAC
Ph - 03 5225 1207 / kelly@gpac.org.au

If you would like anything advertised in the BIHAR please contact Kaley on either Email: k.mcgough@deakin.edu.au or Phone: 03 52272445.
New Course for 2015
Associate Degree

The Deakin Associate Degree of Arts and Associate Degree of Education are two year, full time (or part-time equivalent), 16 credit point programs specifically designed for students who would benefit from a supported entry to tertiary study. The courses provide pathways into university and articulate into selected Deakin degrees. The Associate Degrees may also be taken as stand-alone qualifications.

The Associate Degree of Education articulates into the Bachelor of Education (Primary) and the Associate Degree of Arts articulates can be used as a qualifying pathway into a number of degrees including Arts, Nursing, Law and Social Work.

Further information on both courses can be found at:

deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course

or call 1800 063 383
BACHELOR OF NURSING

Becoming a nursing professional is very fulfilling and there are opportunities to specialize in many areas. For example, the Bachelor of Nursing course at the Institute equips you for medical and surgical nursing, aged care nursing, pediatric nursing, palliative care, emergency, nursing administration and health promotion. Nursing is a qualification that is portable and can take you around the world and back if you want. There is also a huge need for qualified nurses in most major urban and provincial centers, and remote areas are always looking for qualified nurses. It takes 3 years full-time and a lot of study and commitment. Imagine being the qualified nurse in your family? For further details contact: Gill on 52271354 or gillian.rea@deakin.edu.au

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

If you want to continue study to specialize even further, then the well-known Master of Public Health is also taking applications. This highly successful post-graduate course has a strong focus on Indigenous public health which incorporates Indigenous Knowledge and perspectives. Master of Public Health is taking applications now. It provides students with specific Indigenous perspectives and encourages students to use their own knowledge and experiences so that it is applicable and relevant to their community whilst also ensuring they have a national perspective. Career opportunities include working in Community-controlled Aboriginal health services and organisations or in government departments of all levels. To find out more, contact: Wendy Anders on 52272060 or wendy.anders@deakin.edu.au

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Do you want to be a social work professional? Social work is concerned with enhancing the wellbeing of people in their social environments. It is a broad profession with diverse practices that may include working with families, groups, communities and organizations. You will study the principles of non-discrimination, human rights, and social justice and could work with people in a cross-cultural setting. The Bachelor of Social Work at the Institute is a progressive course that can also lead you into policy development, human services or post-graduate research. A number of our graduates now work in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social and health organizations Australia wide.

If you are interested in this area and want a career change and have any undergraduate degree with 2 units of study in human behavior and 2 in the study of society, then you can you apply to do a qualifying Master of Social Work. It is a 2 year, full-time or part time equivalent course that will enable you to enter this profession.

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Graduate opportunities besides being a social worker include policy officer, researcher, case manager and human rights advocate.

For further information on the 2 courses contact: Jamie Anderson on 52272060 or jamie.anderson@deakin.edu.au

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

Have you dreamed of being a teacher? The Bachelor of Education (Primary) is a 4 year course which will equip you to work anywhere in Australia and overseas. This degree places an emphasis on education studies, literacy, physical education and technology. The qualification is portable and can enable you to teach throughout Australia and overseas. It can also lead to work in the public service, policy development and management areas. This course will require a Working with Children Check. For further information contact: Candice McKenzie on 52271004 or candice.mckenzie@deakin.edu.au

MASTER OF EDUCATION BY COURSE WORK

The Master of Education is offered to professional educators and other professionals. Students undertake a mixture of coursework units and a research paper / thesis. The Master of Education builds upon the Graduate Certificate offered within the Faculty and may articulate to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

Graduates of this course will possess an understanding of contemporary education issues and discourses; have high-level critical and evaluative skills; will be able to translate into practice their experiences and understandings of the program; and will have demonstrated their ability to undertake educational research projects.

BACHELOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

What about working and teaching in early childhood environments? Then IKE offers you a chance to do this. We have a 4 year Bachelor of Early Childhood Education which will set you up with your career in this area. There are a number of pathways into this course, so contact the staff member listed below for all the details. You will study experiential learning in workplace settings such as Kindergartens and pre-schools. There are graduate opportunities to work as Childhood Education Center directors, coordinators, advisors and teach up to early primary teaching levels. This course requires a Working with Children Check. For further information on how you can apply for the course contact: Rosie Garner on 52272576 or rosemarie.garner@deakin.edu.au

BACHELOR OF LAWS

Have you thought about working in the legal area? The Bachelor of Laws is offered at the Institute. It is a 4 year full-time or part-time equivalent course with an emphasis on commercial law. The course covers contract, taxation, commercial law as well as electives that may include: Human Rights law, mining and energy law, International law, workplace law and intellectual property.

A graduate can also work as a solicitor for Legal Aid, Land Councils and represent communities in commercial law areas. Other opportunities include politics,
If you haven’t studied before, then why not apply for the Associate Degree of Arts? This 2 year full-time or equivalent part-time course enables you to study Digital Information skills, oral presentations, researching for your assignments, evaluating information and working in a team. Once you have completed 4 units, you can then enter into a course of your choice such as: B. Nursing, B. Arts, B. Laws or a B. Education. This is a great way to move into a bachelor and be well-prepared for any study you want to do. Anyone can apply, so make the move now and enroll for 2015! For further information contact: Kurt Sutton on 52272492 or email: kurt.sutton@deakin.edu.au

**HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH**

**MASTER & PHD**

A research degree at Deakin is your opportunity to begin a rewarding and meaningful research career in a multi-award winning university performing research that is of world standard. Master of Education from 2015 is offered to Indigenous professional educators and other indigenous professionals. It may articulate to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). (checked the handbook as there is only one Master of Education listed with nothing under the Postgraduate courses by research there is a Master of Arts-Education (E850)

Masters by Research is awarded for an original contribution to knowledge achieved in up to two years of full-time candidature (or two to four years of part-time candidature). Usually a written thesis of not more than 50,000 words is submitted, although the thesis may be presented in several formats. Doctoral degrees are awarded for a substantial original contribution to knowledge achieved in the expected completion time of 3 years, with a time limit of 4 years. The thesis may be presented in several formats and is usually limited to 100,000 words.

For example post-graduate students are currently researching:

- Past history through personal stories.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander literature through story.
- Re-claiming knowledge through natural and cultural resource management.

For further information please contact Professor Estelle Barrett on (03) 52273489 or e.barrett@deakin.edu.au

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**NEXT EDITION APRIL ISSUE**

Did you know, next year in 2016 will be the 30th Anniversary of the Institute of Koorie Education

So we will be celebrating and looking over the history and milestones with staff and students. If any of your relatives have graduated from IKE, let them know we are looking for their stories. They can be emailed to: jenny.murray-jones@deakin.edu.au

If you want a photo to be included in the newsletter, then send one as well. We know that there have been 3 generations of some families who have studied here at IKE.

If you would like anything in the next BIHAR email: k.mcgough@deakin.edu.au