Deakin Sings!

Choirs are up and running at the Burwood and Waterfront campuses, with a Waurn Ponds choir starting in late September.

Whether you are a classically trained soprano - or just like to sing in the shower, you are invited to join.

Everyone is welcome. No matter what age you are or what language you speak, singing offers opportunities to learn, grow, and express who you are. No singing experience is necessary.

To join the Burwood choir please email ased@deakin.edu.au

To join either of the Geelong choirs please email robyn.sheppard@deakin.edu.au

Poetry Competition

Are you a budding poet or just love creative writing? Then why not enter our poetry competition, helping celebrate the National Year of Reading? Students can jump on the Library home page and follow the link to the online entry form. Enter your poem and you could win the $300 first prize or $200 second prize.

Deakin students will get to enjoy reading some of the best poems - including the winning entries – which will be published on the Library website later this year.

deakin.edu.au/library/about/national-year-reading.php

Access e-readings in DSO

Has your lecturer given you the name of journal article or book chapter they would like you to read? Do you know where to look?

These documents are collectively called e-readings and in the past you may have searched the Library catalogue in order to find them, but now you can easily find them in DSO. Most of these readings can still be accessed from the Library, but if you prefer a list of all e-readings that your lecturer wants you to read in one place, you can now access them from the content area of unit DSO sites.

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- NewtoDeakin.blogspot.com
- Facebook.com/DeakinUniversity
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- Twitter.com/Deakin_ISS
- Twitter.com/Deakin_housing
- Twitter.com/e_deakin
LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO STUDY?

The Library at Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus now offers a learning space that is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can study at a time that suits you in wi-fi connected, comfortable and secure surroundings. The space is located just inside the Library and the entry is through the Library front door - just past café 641 near the stairs to level 3.

What you'll find:

- 45 Windows 7 computers
- 4 Intel iMac computers
- comfortable couches
- a multi-function device for printing, photocopying and scanning
- filtered hot and cold water
- food and drink vending machines
- a Deakin Card station
- security monitoring

What about other campuses?

We know how important it is to offer services that fit in with your study, work and other commitments. We will soon commence refurbishments to our Libraries at other campuses, including building updates in order to offer 24-hour study access.

deakin.edu.au/library/services/hourslocation/waurnponds.php

E-NEWS

iDeal helps students with English language skills. Did you know all new Deakin students must do this test before the first week of study? Give it a go today, by visiting:

deakin.edu.au/current-students/study-support/ideal/

Thanks to Deakin eSolutions, all students can now export their email. What a great service! Read up on PST email export online:

deakin.edu.au/its/pst-export

Don’t forget to follow Deakin eSolutions on Twitter, for all the latest news in information technology. Twitter.com/e_deakin

CONVERSATION CLASS

Are you nervous about speaking in your tutorial? Would you like to practice speaking in a relaxed and informal atmosphere with your peers?

Then drop into the conversation class at The Learning Space, Bld H, level 1, Burwood campus from 4 – 5 pm every Thursday. Call The Learning Space on 9246 8250 for more information.

You can chat to students from a range of disciplines on a variety of topics. Increase your confidence and meet new people!

No bookings required.

Exceed your expectations

Student Life’s services can help you get there:

- Accommodation (on + off campus)
- Career planning
- Counselling
- Childcare
- Deakin Card
- Food services on campus
- Deakin Medical Centre
- International student support
- Job Shop
- Multi-faith chaplaincy
- Sport and recreation
- Study Skills
- Transition

To make an appointment or for further information see:

dea kin.edu.au/life

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SORT IT! DEAKIN LEGAL SERVICE FOR STUDENTS

Deakin students can access FREE and confidential legal advice, information, referral and education on campus at Deakin University. Legal advice is provided to currently enrolled students, face-to-face by qualified lawyers.

Sort It! Deakin Legal Service for Students is a partnership between Deakin University Student Association (DUSA), Eastern Community Legal Centre (ECLC) and Barwon Community Legal Service (BCLS). The aim of the service is to empower Deakin students to resolve their legal problems.

Sort It! Deakin Legal Service for Students can provide legal advice on a range of problems including:

- Fines / Infringements
- Motor Vehicle Accident (not TAC)
- Debt / Bills / Consumer problems including Scams
- Tenancy / Housing
- Stalking & Family Violence
- Family Law
- Discrimination
- Minor Criminal matters
- Employment Law

Even if you are not sure if your problem is a legal problem - give the legal service a call or send an email. If they are unable to help, they will refer students to other appropriate services.

Students can access the Sort It! Deakin Legal Service for Students, located in DUSA offices by:

To request an appointment visit dusu.org.au/pages/support/legal-advice or call Eastern Community Legal Centre directly on 9285 4822 - for Burwood campus or Barwon Community Legal Service on 1300 430 599 - for Waurn Ponds and Warrnambool campuses. Off-campus students are advised to make contact with the location that is nearest to you.

For further information visit

www.eclc.org.au/deakin
www.barwonclfs.org.au
www.dusa.org.au

ARE YOU GOING TO PASS?

It’s never too late to join a PASS session at Waurn Ponds, Waterfront, Warrnambool, Burwood and Dandenong. Trained student leaders are facilitating Peer Assisted Study Sessions in the following units during trimester 2:

- MAA103 Accounting for Decision Making
- MAA261 Financial Accounting
- MAA262 Management Accounting
- MMM262 Understanding Organisations
- AIH108 World After the War
- AIRR20 Australia and the World
- ALC102 Contemporary Communication: Making Sense of New Media
- ALW117 Writing for Professional Practice
- ASC102 Introduction to Sociology
- ECE309 Childhood Safety and Protection
- HNN114 Health Assessment
- HNV215 Quality Use of Medicines
- HPS121 Introduction to Psychology B
- HSW111 Theories for Social Work Practice
- SIT153 Introduction to Game Programming
- SIT221 Classes, Libraries and Algorithms
- SIT281 Cryptography
- SLE152 Chemistry of Life
- SLE254 Genetics

Session times are available at deakin.edu.au/pass. PASS is for all students who want to achieve in their subject (not just high achievers). It’s not just about being successful but also about feeling more comfortable with your learning. You have a chance to engage with the unit content in a collaborative way, to develop effective study skills and to benefit from the handy hints suggested by the PASS leaders. They are model students who have achieved highly in the subject and they understand your needs. They can provide lots of study tips too!
WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

If you want to get involved on campus while helping out new students and adding to your experience, being an Orientation Host is a great opportunity. Student Life is currently recruiting Hosts for 2013 Orientation.

Orientation Hosts are volunteer senior students who lead a group of new Deakin students, conduct networking activities, talk about their own experiences and guide campus tours. In addition, they also complete a two-hour shift at a Welcome Area, answering queries and providing directions.

To excel at this role, you need to be enthusiastic, motivated, approachable and reliable. Of course, you also need to have excellent campus knowledge plus good communication and leadership skills.

If you are interested in this opportunity, you will need to be available for:

- two-hour training session prior to Orientation
- one-hour briefing the morning of the Host Program
- one-hour Host Program
- two-hour shift during Orientation or Week 1

Benefits:

Whilst this is a voluntary opportunity, students who participate in the full range of Orientation Host activities described in this brief will receive the following:

- $80 credit on their Deakin Card
- A certificate to include in their portfolio for graduate applications

How to apply:

Information on how to apply for this opportunity will soon be available on the Getting Started website:

deakin.edu.au/transition

Further Information:

If you would like further information regarding any aspect of becoming an Orientation Host, please contact:

Melbourne Burwood Campus:
Sugandha Mahajan
9251 7843
sugandha.mahajan@deakin.edu.au

Geelong and Warrnambool Campuses:
Daniel Ho
5227 2635
daniel.ho@deakin.edu.au

GETTING READY FOR EXAMS

Does the thought of sitting for an exam:

- make you feel excited or energised?
- encourage you to perform at your best?
- make you think of success?
- freak you out?

Most students can identify with at least some of these reactions. Research indicates that optimum performance in exams is obtained when students experience medium or manageable levels of anxiety. However, too much anxiety in relation to exams can inhibit concentration and memory and, in its most severe form, cause panic attacks.

Quick Tips:

- developing a good study routine and adequate preparation leading up to the exam
- ensuring a balanced lifestyle with leisure activities built into their timetable
- making sure they get adequate sleep and eat well
- thinking positively and challenging any negative thoughts they might have about their ability to perform in exams
- introducing relaxation exercises into their daily routine to enable them to easily draw on these techniques in the exam.

Exam confidence is healthy. It works for you and provides you with heightened awareness, which will enhance your ability to do well in exams. The key factors are to be prepared, to practise relaxation daily (so that your body can relax on demand) and to think positively.

Getting help: Make an appointment with Deakin University Counselling Service at deakin.edu.au/life
10 WAYS TO GET READY FOR GRADUATE JOBS

1. Access the Careers and Employment website: deakin.edu.au/careers, for tips on how to find jobs and how to access the hidden job market. Keep current with Job Shop, our online job board.

2. Start working on your resume now: A great resume takes time to develop. The resume you used to get part time jobs is not going to be enough for graduate roles. Make time to reflect on how you have used your employability skills in your part time job, assignments and club or sports activities. Add examples to your skills section. Develop your employment history to show the transferrable skills you have developed rather than just the ‘duties’ you had. Pick up a copy of ‘Create a successful resume’ for more ideas. Have a look at our online resume builder: deakin.edu.au/resumes

3. Prepare for job applications and interviews: Don’t wait until you find the ‘perfect’ job. Tailor each application you make, ensuring that your skills section matches each job’s requirements. Look at our on-line resource Interview GOLD and career videos at deakin.edu.au/careers. Come into Student Life to check your résumé and book an appointment for interview practice.

4. Develop a Professional on-line Profile: Join LinkedIn, a professional networking site at www.linkedin.com. Think of your LinkedIn profile as an interactive business card. It’s a summary of your experience, interests, and skills that is designed to attract the attention of recruiters and networking contacts.

5. Clean up your online record: Update your social networking profiles and your email address to reflect a professional and responsible individual. Employers are increasingly reviewing online profiles – keep yours private and/or delete inappropriate material.

6. Meet the Players: Attend Careers Fairs and Employer Information sessions. Network with industry recruiters and other insiders through careers events, alumni, joining professional associations, informational interviewing, internship placements, etc. Find out what employers are looking for and identify the ones you are most interested in. Research industries, graduate jobs, one-off jobs and contract or ‘flexible’ positions. Have a look at our Career Mentoring Program at deakin.edu.au/careers.

7. Do a skills audit on yourself: Identify some of the skills and experiences that keep coming up in job ads you’re interested in. Identify what the gaps are between what you can already do and what you need for the jobs you want. How can you start filling those gaps? You might consider volunteering, work experience or a short course.

8. It’s a numbers game: Apply for many jobs and do it well. Expand your job search resources – don’t rely on seek.com alone! If you are unsuccessful after an interview, ask for feedback. If you are not getting to interview, get someone in the industry or one of the above staff to check your application. Never give up.

9. Balance Your Life: Employers look for ‘all-rounders’ with interpersonal and social skills as well as technical/academic skills. Get involved in activities other than study: join a club, take up a sport or hobby, work in the community, tutor students, volunteer around campus, become involved in student radio or the student newspaper. Find something you’re interested in and do it!

10. Stay positive and focused through your final year. Find encouragement and suggestions from careers staff, fellow students, family and friends. There is a lot of support available to you; all you need to do is ask.

Get assistance from Careers & Employment: deakin.edu.au/current-students/services/careers/index.php

DEAP STUDENT AMBASSADORS 2012

In 2012, the Deakin Engagement & Access Program recruited 43 DEAP Student Ambassadors in total: 17 from the Geelong region and 26 from the Metro region.

Our DEAP Student Ambassadors participated in a few training sessions and many of them attended secondary schools working with the DEAP and have shared with students their diverse transition experiences from secondary school to university.

Student Ambassadors were also given the opportunity to create and develop their own faculty-specific workshops to be facilitated within Deakin Experience Days for Year 10 students. From this opportunity, several of our Ambassadors have created engaging and educational workshops that will be utilised within the program.

Our Student Ambassadors play a vital role in our program activities throughout the year. They are enthusiastic and reliable in their work and we highly value their contribution.

You can find out more information about the Deakin Engagement & Access Program at deakin.edu.au/equity-diversity/access-deap.php

Or if you are interested in becoming a part of our DEAP Student Ambassador team, contact:

Michelle Graham
Student Access & Equity Consultant
Equity & Diversity Unit, Deakin University

Phone: 5227 8846
Email: michelle.graham@deakin.edu.au
EXPRESS PLUS STUDENT IPHONE APP

The Express Plus student iPhone app offers students a simple way to do their Centrelink business on the go using their iPhone.

The Express Plus app is currently in development for a range of other platforms. We anticipate these will be ready later in the year.

This information applies to

Students receiving Youth Allowance, Austudy, ABSTUDY, ABSTUDY Pensioner Education Supplement or Pensioner Education Supplement who:

- are registered for Centrelink Online Services (access level 3) and
- own an iPhone

Services available via Express Plus student mobile app

Students can use Express Plus to:

- log on with a four digit Personal Identification Number (PIN)
- report their income and changes in circumstances
- view and apply for advance payments
- view their payment history
- view their receipts for payments
- view their profile
- find their nearest Service Centre
- view and update their study details
- receive reminders for reporting their income
- use a reporting timesheet to record their daily earnings

How to download Express Plus

The Express Plus mobile app can be downloaded from the App Store.

DEAKIN MULTI FAITH CHAPLAINCY

Chaplaincy at Deakin is Multi Faith, with current Chaplains representing Christian, Islamic and Jewish faiths but supporting all Faiths. Chaplains are available on all campuses.

Chaplains are on campus for a limited time during the week but can be contacted by email or mobile phone at any time.

The new Multi Faith Centre at Burwood is in Building EC, a beautifully refurbished, large red brick building around the lawn from Building LB. It has a large meeting room that can be booked and also a small meeting room. There are also Islamic Prayer Rooms and washing facilities for men and women. There are Islamic Prayer Rooms on all campuses.

Waurn Ponds Campus, Geelong has a delightful Chapel by the lake which is used for worship and is also popular for weddings.

Community friendship group

Helen Edmonds is the Catholic Chaplain at Burwood Campus and keen to meet or hear from Catholic students who attend any Deakin Campus with a view to forming a group or groups which could meet for community gatherings. The idea of a Community Friendship Group is not limited to Catholic Students. It is open to Students of all Faiths and to Students with no Faith who would like to meet other students from Deakin and form a Community Friendship group.

Helen can be contacted at hedmonds@deakin.edu.au

To find a chaplain on a particular Campus check the chaplains’ webpage deakin.edu.au/chaplains

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LIBRARY NEWS

How to start a literature review

So, you’ve been asked to write a literature review, but you’re not sure where to start?

A literature review is a broad overview of the scholarly literature on a particular topic. It can be used to increase your knowledge of the area, to tell the story of research in a particular field, to find out what has or hasn’t been done, or to justify a research project.

We have numerous books on writing literature reviews and they’re an excellent place to start. Visit the Library at deakin.edu.au/library and key in ‘literature review’ then click Search to find items in the Library. You can narrow your search to books or e-books using the selection on the left of the results screen. There are more searching tips available via the Research Methods and Literature Review guide: deakin.libguides.com/research-methods.

To understand the background of your topic, make sure that you’ve read all of your unit readings. Check with your lecturer and make sure that you establish the purpose of your review, and how comprehensive it needs to be. You can also use the same Search box to help find more sources to develop your background knowledge. This will make searching for articles much easier, because you’ll pick up the relevant words and phrases that you can use to search for journal articles.

And finally, you can start your search for articles. Depending on how comprehensive your review needs to be, you might like to begin with Discover More search box located at deakin.edu.au/library, or move straight into a discipline-specific database – so check out Library Resource Guide at deakin.libguides.com in your discipline for suggestions. You can ask your Liaison Librarian for help at any stage: deakin.edu.au/library/services/contacts/ liaison.

Getting published – presentations now available online

Did you miss our Inside Guide to Getting Published seminar in June? Catch up now by accessing all of this year’s presentations and iLectures on the Library website. Check out last year’s presentations in the one location.

You can discover insights into how to get published in the scholarly arena, how to respond to reviewers, and learn about what editors are looking for.

This year’s seminars were attended by more than 170 higher degree students, researchers, academics and general staff who were stimulated by informative and engaging presentations from Deakin researchers and experts. Speaker’s provided insights into scholarly publishing, sharing valuable advice and tips about developing strategies for getting published: deakin.edu.au/library/research/showcasing-research/pub-seminar-jun-2012.php.

The Curriculum Resource Centre (CRC) for education students

The CRC materials support courses in Education and Children’s Literature. The collection contains an extensive range of children’s literature including prize-winning picture books, fiction and information books to enrich course content or to use on school placements. It includes kits, teaching aids and DVDs relevant to the current school curriculum which can be borrowed before or during placement or requested for loan through the off campus system. A guide to using the CRC is available from the Education Library Resource Guide at deakin.libguides.com/education.

During the refurbishment at the Melbourne Burwood Campus Library some material from the CRC collection will be housed off site and identified with the location code ZZZ. You can still borrow this material by requesting it via the library catalogue in the usual way.