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Student “Messenger” Newsletter JUNE 2015
A MESSAGE FROM
THE DIRECTOR
Professor Liz Cameron

It has been my pleasure in meeting all the cohorts of students presently engaged with IKE. Over the past 6 weeks I have enjoyed listening to your many stories and challenges in studying. I personally acknowledge the difficulties in living within Community, maintaining cultural obligations, caring for kin and Country, work commitments and fitting in full time study. However, even in stressful times you can do it. What kept me focused was the deep desire to achieve, not for myself but for Community and kin. Whilst leadership responsibilities can be challenging at times, we need to step up as a united Nation of First People’s and make changes for all. Our voice is important, but to be heard we need to rely on the next generation to make a stance in gaining degree qualifications, because we can make a difference.

As the new Director of IKE listening and encouraging others is paramount to success but it also requires student commitment. This is a two way exchange. Commitment to studies means being actively engaged, supporting others and ensuring IKE remains another home away from home Community, even in the virtual world. Forming study groups, responding to Academics and Student Services in travel and Tutoring obligations will determine results.

From listening to student voice, the IKE management team are now developing various initiatives and changes that aims at student satisfaction. Whist these actions need to fall under our funding obligations we are determined to meet most expectations. Initiatives put immediately in place are the IKE individual and group Home Tutoring program that is available to students during intensive; the purchase of indoor seating for Elders and Respected People’s whilst waiting for the bus and a photographic display of staff (completed shortly) so that students will be able to identify roles and responsibilities of who is best to offer assistance. In the next few weeks we will be actively discussing accommodation, meals and travel as a way of responding to your needs.

Thank you so much for your warm welcomes. I look forward to getting to know you further.

Regards Liz

IKE Student achievements

One of our first year nursing students - Pip Warber received the 2015 School of Exercise Nutrition and Sciences award for academic distinction in Anatomy and Physiology. This is across all campuses and is a great achievement!

Also one of our A300 Bachelor of Arts students, Coral Reeve, who was awarded the inaugural Alison Murphy scholarship by the Geelong Community Foundation.

Congratulations to both Pip and Coral for their outstanding achievements, we wish you all the very best in your studies!!
NEWS FROM KITJARRA

This month we are excited to be hosting the Geelong Cats ‘gathering’ camp for local Indigenous kids to develop leadership skills and have some fun over the school holidays.

Kitjarra staff wish all the students the best of luck for exams.

WHAT’S NEWS AT IKE?

WE HAVE NEW STUDENT AMBASSADORS!

Congratulations and welcome to our first ever IKE Student Ambassadors!

- Kelsey Bonds
- Coen Brown
- Gerard Pol
- Maurice Shipp
- Janis Koolmatrie
- Jessica Gavin
- Josh Wanganeen
- Tailor Byrne
- Jacqueline Hobbs

Our IKE Ambassadors are student advocates, they will assist with developing and delivering student events with DUSA and are here to help you navigate through uni life!
IKE Does The Long Walk to Dream Time @ The G

IKE staff Kaley McGough and Ridley Livesey had some fun at the 2015 Long Walk celebrations before Dream Time at the G helping spread the word about the Institute and the programs we offer. Congratulations to the winner of the raffle Janine Brown who was absolutely stoked to claim tickets to Dream Time at The G and a Samsung Galaxy Tab.

IKE Staff Kaley McGough & Ridley Livesey

Winner of Dream Time @ The G tickets and Samsung Galaxy Tab Janine Brown

Kaley McGough with the Essendon Football Club mascot
Geelong Reconciliation Week 2015

The Geelong Community was treated to a spectacular sound and light show as the Geelong town hall was lit up to celebrate Reconciliation Week.

Rec in the Park 2015

This year’s Rec in the Park was a fantastic success! The event is organised by local community members in conjunction with Geelong One Fire Reconciliation group and is attended by Geelong community members and groups.

IKE staff members Jenny Murray-Jones and Kaley McGough were a part of the celebrations and had the pleasure of presenting winner of the raffle and local community member Sarah Gibbs with a brand new Samsung Galaxy Tab.

Congratulations to Sarah, we hope to see her studying at IKE soon!
Figment Arts Festival

IKE Visual Arts students Jessica Byrne, Zilah Ford and Benjamin Williams were invited to exhibit their work at the 2015 Figment Arts Festival. Their work entitled ‘The Something Something Project’ is ongoing and comprises of two parts the first is the display at Figment Arts Festival where the community contributed a sentence to the wall. For part two Jessica, Zilah and Benjamin are using the sentences provided by the community to make a script for a short story which will have its premier screening at IKE later this year.

If you want to follow this story go to www.thesomethingsomethingproject.com
This year The Institute of Koorie Education sponsored Student Ambassador Kelsey Bonds to attend the 2015 Koorie Youth Summit (KYS) in Melbourne. Here’s what she had to say about the experience:

Some of the highlights for me were meeting young passionate Kories who want to uplift our people, there were so many Kories there from all different backgrounds that it was easy to feel connected. There was a strong emphasis on language which I really enjoyed and because of my Anthropology studies I knew it was a big part of culture and it really motivated me to learn my language. Hearing everyone’s story was so inspirational and I really enjoyed the safe yarning circles, were everyone could be open and honest and there was nothing but support for each other. There was a huge variety of workshops we were able to attend and that meant there was something for everyone! I wish the summit was longer because there was so much more I wanted to explore.

To sum it up I felt that the koorie youth summit made me feel that ‘little ol me’ can make a difference in this world!

I recommend this summit to ALL Koorie youth NO MATTER if they are in school or not because it was not about who succeeded academically but who has passion for their culture, whether they grew up engulfed in it or if they are recently exploring it.

On behalf of the Institute we would like to thank Kelsey for representing IKE at this year’s summit.
IKE Community Notice Board

Did you know you can use the Deakin Job Shop?

Visit the Jobshop web-page for access to:
• My Course My Career - find out where your course can take you.
• Resume Builder - develop a professional job application.
• Interview GOLD - practice your interview techniques with this interactive tool.
• Career Guru – manage and develop your career.
• Login to Jobshop for access to:
  • Search for full-time, part-time, casual, graduate, internship and voluntary jobs.
  • Register for career events.
  • Get up-to-date job news, resources and information.
  • Make an appointment for a career consult.
  • Book your job application check.

Location: Find us on campus in Building JB, level 2.
Phone: 5227 1221
Email: careers@deakin.edu.au
Website: deakin.edu.au/jobshop

Have you heard about the WIL Support Bursary?

The 2015 WIL Support Bursaries aims to assist domestic undergraduate students from the following disadvantaged backgrounds to successfully complete their WIL placement:

• Students from low socio-economic status (SES) backgrounds
• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
• Students from rural and remote areas

To find out more visit: http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/study-options-and-pathways/work-experience/wil-support-bursaries
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