WE WANT YOU!

IKE is now taking applications for our first ever Student Ambassadors.

Why should you apply?

Be the face of the Institute

- Attend promotional events with the Promotions & Events Officer helping to spread the word about IKE and all the opportunities available to communities.

Give back & help others

- By becoming an Ambassador you will become the go to person for new and returning students, helping them to navigate their way through uni life.

Have some fun

- Work with DUSA and IKE to set up and deliver entertainment events that students want. Be the voice of students and help us to strengthen the IKE community.

TO APPLY SEND A BRIEF STATEMENT OF NO MORE THAT 300 WORDS OUTLINING WHY YOU WANT TO BECOME AN AMBASSADOR AND WHAT YOU WOULD BRING TO THE ROLE.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 30/04/2015 FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL CONTACT KALEY ON: k.mcgough@deakin.edu.au or 03 5227 2445
NEWS FROM KITJARRA

Kitjarra has four new staff to make your stay comfortable. They include Jodie Hazell, our new coordinator, Scott Cavanagh who will be your new chef, Priscilla Ah-Chee, Dusty Nicholson and Keiren Kirby who will welcome you and answer any questions. They are our new student support staff.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS FROM DUSTY

DUSTY-LEE NICHOLSON

Hi All,
For Scholarships I encourage students to have a look on the Aspirations Initiative website for any further Scholarships that are being offered throughout Australia, I’ve included the link below:

Hope you all have a safe Easter!

KITJARRA PLAYS HOST TO THE CATS

Through our community partnership with the Geelong Football Club we accommodated local Aboriginal children and their families attending the annual Geelong Cats Gathering Camp, in total we had 39 children, 7 adults and 3 families stay overnight. They arrived at approx. 9pm after going to the movies, and had a continental breakfast in the Kitjarra kitchen this morning. One of the families that stayed overnight were related to Aunty Laura Bell that Block A is named after.
IKE joins Close the Gap 2015 festivities!

On Friday March 20th 2015 the Institute of Koorie Education in collaboration with Student Associations at Deakin University, Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative and Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre held our 2015 Close the Gap Day event. The aim of our event was to engage university students from all disciplines to generate and build their awareness about the inequalities that exist in Indigenous Health.

We heard from a panel of experts in Aboriginal health including IKE’s own Candice McKenzie and student Tanisha Torres Pettit. The audience was then treated to the musical stylings of Yirrimal & the Yolngu Boys.

The event was a great success and was attended by not only IKE students but also mainstream staff and students.
Look who’s graduating from IKE Law!

Find out how they overcame challenges and what the future holds.

Natalie Larsek

Having the unconditional support of my family throughout my law degree enabled me to overcome any challenge I was met with. Knowing that studying law not only educates us as individuals, but benefits our whole community fuelled my desire to study and go all the way through to graduation. I’m currently studying for a Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice, and my goal is to practice in legal areas in which I can help keep Aboriginal families strong. I love being a paralegal’s support worker, and I go home happy every day that we help keep an Aboriginal family together.

Studying law at IKE and learning with Aboriginal people from all over Australia was an awesome experience! And learning from the brilliant Aboriginal lecturers, and lecturers from many different backgrounds was a privilege. I can’t imagine studying any other way!

Karinda Delores Burns

Completing the Bachelor of Laws was a challenging and rewarding journey. As I completed each unit and as each trimester went by, I developed and strengthened my knowledge and understanding of law. The support from my family and friends was extremely important and helped keep me motivated throughout my studies. The opportunity to travel to study intensives at the Institute of Koorie Education was invaluable, I gained immensely from my lecturers and met many wonderful people working and studying at the University. I look forward to the future and a career in law.

Congratulations from everyone at the Institute, we wish Natalie and Karinda all the very best for the future.
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Cultural Immersion

This week IKE hosted the second annual Cultural Immersion Program in the Harold Mitchell performance space. The Cultural Immersion Program is a collegiate partnership between IKE and Deakin’s school of medicine and is delivered over two consecutive days.

The program aims to provide an opportunity for medical students to gain a deeper understanding of the many health issues faced by Aboriginal Australians. The program invites local elders, community members and Aboriginal staff from IKE to share their stories/experiences in order to challenge the current misconceptions that exist between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australian’s.

Some of the immersion experiences included; sharing of traditional foods, dancing, panel discussions and visiting traditional land.

Debora Cheetham Performs at IKE

Deborah Cheetham, Yorta Yorta Soprano, composer and educator paid a very inspirational visit to the institute, where she held a master class and gave a talk on her amazing career.

Ms Cheetham was visiting Geelong where she held a series of intensive workshops with young Aboriginal children at the Geelong performing Arts centre.

In April 2007 Ms Cheetham was awarded a prestigious two-year Fellowship from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Board of the Australia Council for the Arts. This fellowship has allowed Ms Cheetham to create Australia’s first Indigenous opera, Pecan Summer. In 2010, Ms Cheetham brought together Australia’s first classically trained Indigenous ensemble to present the world premier of Pecan Summer.

The success of Pecan Summer has supported Ms Cheetham to create the Short Black Opera Company, a national not-for-profit Opera Company devoted to the development of Indigenous Opera singers. Short Black Opera has now successfully produced three consecutive seasons of Pecan Summer across Australia.
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Dr Alfred Adrian John Bamblett

On March 26th IKE staff attended the state funeral of Dr Alfred Adrian John Bamblett. His contribution to the Koorie community and Indigenous education is acknowledged and highly respected by Deakin University. The Aboriginal community has lost a strong voice for Indigenous education. On behalf of the Institute of Koorie Education we offer our deepest condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

IKE Chior

If anyone is interested in participating in an IKE choir please contact Janis Koolmatrie. Janis is an MA (Research) student who can be found in the upstairs computer Lab or phone 0488115379.

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

We will be celebrating by looking at 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: K.mcgough@deakin.edu.au

If you have a story you think should be in BIHAR we want to hear from you! Contact Kaley McGough at k.mcgough@deakin.edu.au or (03) 5227 2445.
Career Opportunities

Calling all Aboriginal graduates who’d like an ongoing career in government

Are you an Aboriginal tertiary graduate or in your final year at university?

If you’d like an ongoing role in government where you can make a difference in the community, apply for the Aboriginal Pathway to the Victorian Public Service (VPS) Graduate Recruitment and Development Scheme (GRADS).

Aboriginal graduates and final year university students from all disciplines are eligible to apply for the Aboriginal Pathway.

“The Pathway is really supportive and is a great way to start your career in the VPS.”

Hannah, Pathway graduate

“My time in the GRADS has been great. There has been no shortage of personal and career development opportunities. I love the range of tasks and skills I get to engage with in my job.”

Kathryn, Pathway graduate

Visit www.graduates.vic.gov.au and follow the link to the Aboriginal Pathway or contact Lynne Witynski on (03) 9651 2618 or via email at: lynne.witynski@vpsc.vic.gov.au

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