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**Warrnambool Campus**

Welcome to the 1st edition of the Warrnambool newsletter for 2008.

As we reach the ¼ mark of the academic year, life on residences is certainly at full speed. Below are some of the highlights that have occurred so far this year.

We are pleased to report on the success of our academic program. David Francis, the program co-ordinator, received positive feedback from the 1st year students who utilised their allocated student mentors. David has also run two academic workshops, covering topics such as assignment writing and time management.

We recently held our Annual Family Lunch. It was Sunday lunch on a grand scale with 280 family and friends of the student residents meeting at the Café. Held each year, this popular event is hosted by the Residences' staff and provides the ideal opportunity for students' families to meet with other residents and the residential staff.

The guests were welcomed to the Warrnambool Campus by John Temple, Deakin's Manager of Personal Support and Residences, before being served a lunch of either herb-crusted chicken or roast beef by Residential Supervisor Prue McKenzie and the team of Residential Assistants (RAs).

Ian Collins, Warrnambool's Residential Manager, said the waiting team made an outstanding effort, managing to serve all the meals in less than 30 minutes. He added that, 'thanks must also go to the Spotless staff who met the challenge of 280 Sunday lunches with ease.'

We are also in the process of conducting a blood donor drive and other community charity events. These are provided as a way to 'value add' to the university experience ... through a communal

approach they deliver a smooth transition to university life.

We have also hosted 2 "white table cloth" dinners. The first dinner was our annual Easter Dinner, which was held the week before the intra-semester break. Resi's were treated with the smooth sounds of singer Jon Peters and each went home with a chocolate Easter egg. The second and more recent dinner, was our ANZAC dinner. Students were entertained by a 3-piece Jazz band and each resi received a commemorative ANZAC Badge.

After the intra-semester break, we held a "Back 2 School" night, which was the first social event put on by the residents' social committee (WOLFS). The night proved to be a success with approximately 130 students attending the event dressed in their school attire.

Important Dates for your Diary:

- Lectures end Friday 6 June
- Study period Saturday 7 June to Sunday 15 June
- Examinations Monday 16 June to Friday 27 June
- Inter-semester break Saturday 28 June to Sunday 20 July

Upcoming Events for Student Residences:

- Annual Res Footy Match – 5th May
- Trivia Night – 14th May
- Dodge Ball – 26th May