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Geelong Campus

Following on from the excitement of OWeek, students have now settled down to a routine of study and social activities and most would say that the residences are beginning to feel like home.

The Semester to date:

Combined College Dinner

Both Deakin and Barton Colleges held a combined formal Welcome Dinner early in the semester and everyone enjoyed a special meal prepared by the catering staff. The dinner was a great success and designed to welcome the students to the residences, as well as being the first opportunity for the returning students to mix socially with the first years. Students have also had the opportunity to attend unit functions and dinners organised by Unit RA's. These social gatherings are designed to allow the smaller group of students who live together in the same house to really bond.



Resi Sport

Sport plays a big part in resi life and we have launched our mixed netball season with games being played between teams representing Deakin and Barton Colleges. College pride is at stake so both the girls and the boys put in their best efforts at these regular Tuesday night competitions.

Alcohol and Fire Education

As part of our orientation and education program, the first year students attended a session aimed at alerting young people to the dangers of excessive drinking, drug use, driving while under the influence and staying safe when out at night. Students viewed a presentation from two local Police Officers which served as a timely reminder to them to consider the effects and repercussions that excessive consumption of alcohol can have. The session concluded with a presentation from the Fire Brigade about the importance of fire equipment in the residences and the need to respect that equipment as well as to respond appropriately when an alarm does go off.

Academic Mentors and Academic Support

Keeping in mind that obtaining a degree is the main reason for being at university, we are continuing and expanding upon our innovative approach to academically supporting our residents. Having studied the research in this area, which pointed to the fact that students are more likely to seek help and advice from their peer group, we have once again appointed 19 leadership positions drawn from our student community, in the form of Academic Mentors.

Additionally we have continued to fully equip the Academic Centre – in the Barton Common Room which is manned three nights a week by the Academic Mentors for students to drop in and discuss any problems they may be experiencing. Our team of Academic Mentors has been trained to respond to students' academic concerns and are available for consultation on a 'drop in' basis, as well as organising more formal group sessions throughout the year at critical times. Once again this year, we have been most heartened to see the

number of students who are availing themselves of this excellent support service.

'Family' Day on Res

Family Day this year will be on Sunday, 29th May. We look forward to hosting the family members of our students for lunch, followed by a 'friendly' Deakin v Barton College sporting activity. Please keep this date free to come and see how well your son or daughter has settled in and meet some of the friends he/she has made.

Important Dates for the Diary

- 22nd April to 1st May – Easter Break, no classes this week.
- 29th May Family Day Lunch
- 8th – 17th June - Exam period
- Saturday 18th June – Sunday 10th July. Inter-Semester break for undergraduate students.

(MIBT and Medical Students follow a slightly different timetable)