Two words describe this guy. DETERMINED. IMPRESSIVE.

Meet Isaac Raymond, our nominee for Queensland Student of the Year. He’s 22. While studying the Diploma of Business, he became a new Dad, AND, scored a job in one of Australia’s toughest job markets. Isaac’s Amazing Attitude got him over all obstacles.

Read how, page 8.
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STUDENT NEWS

Want $500?

RGIT offers an incentive of $500 per student when you refer a student to study a VET course, or $300 if you refer a student to study General English, EAP 1, EAP 2, or IELTS, for a minimum of 10 weeks.

The incentive program is open to RGIT students at both Melbourne campuses. Referred students must be new students who are not currently studying, and who have not studied English or VET courses at RGIT, or with any of its partner providers, six months prior to being referred.

For details, come visit Marketing in the Basement at 28-32 Elizabeth St campus.

Are you our next video star?

RGIT is looking for Business, IT and English students to do video testimonials that say “RGIT is great because...”. You receive a gift voucher as thanks for your time and effort. Here’s how:

- Email: karishma@rgit.edu.au
- Do a quick audition (15 minutes)
- Do the real thing (1-2 hours’ filming)

Are you a Yumi?

Yumi Nakae is one of our Video Testimonial Celebrities, and was a top student in her Certificate III Hospitality Commercial Cookery intake (pictured with Trainer, Shusil).

Says Hospitality Trainer, Dan: “Yumi was a great student. She always submitted her assessments on time, tried her hardest, was punctual and participated in class activities. She was engaged at all levels of her study and was very easy to teach. From the Team, thanks Yumi, we wish you the very best.”

GRADUATION

15 AUGUST

It’s Friday August 15th! Your graduation is a big deal to us. You deserve the recognition and a gala night. RGIT staff look forward to this special night to applaud your achievements.

We’re going to make it an occasion to be proud of. Reserve tickets now at reception, for you, friends and family. The venue will be close to the city. We’ll ensure it’s an affordable event for all. Stay tuned to our social media for updates.

We hope you’ll join our Alumni program too. We want to support you after you leave RGIT through useful activities and offers.
SCHOLARSHIPS - SAVE ON FEES

RGIT has scholarships for Business, Management, Accounting, Hospitality and IT courses for new international students, and those already enrolled with us. Our scholarship program offers great reductions on your tuition fees. To apply, show us your excellent academic record and tell us why you deserve one. For more info, visit www.rgit.edu.au.

VERONICA – 2014 Scholarship Winner

“My performance was not being overlooked and the Institute truly values the students who have good attendance and put an extra effort on the assessments,” says Veronica Del Carmen Hurtado Bastidas, a Diploma of Software Development student, who was awarded a scholarship for two Terms. IT Coordinator Soma Das nominated Veronica based on her hard work and dedication. “Veronica is a star student who had 100% attendance and submitted quality assessments on time,” says Soma. “As part of her assessment, Veronica developed an application that was of a high quality, extremely realistic and practical.”

Veronica says: “RGIT’s scholarship came at a time when I was in a financial difficulty and was mulling over giving up my studies and going back to my country, Venezuela. Coincidently, a phone call from the Institute changed my mind. I was being considered for a scholarship and I needed to attend an interview along with other candidates.”

“I could not only continue with my Diploma, but also focus more on studies and less on job-seeking.”

Cooks Eligible for PR

Yay! Cooks are back on the Skilled Occupation List, which means you can apply for Permanent Residency without requiring a sponsor. You’ll need: IELTS score of 6.0 in each band; 5 years’ work experience. Best news? RGIT can Fast Track your studies to complete Certificate III and IV in Hospitality Commercial Cookery in one year.

Supporting You

The Victorian Government is serious about its commitment to you and has great initiatives planned to make studying in Melbourne even easier, starting from 2015. Things like:

♦ More work experience opportunities through new internships
♦ New public transport ticketing trials with education providers
♦ Relocating International Student Care service to CBD location
♦ Awards for committed students – great for your resumé!

Stay tuned to our social media for updates.

Airport Welcome

Tell friends arriving in Melbourne to visit the Student Welcome Desk at Melbourne Airport (another Victorian Government initiative). It’s open 7am-3pm & 6pm-11pm 9/07/14 to 29/07/14. Outside those times, Welcome Packs are available from the Optus Store at T2 International Arrivals. Check out this video link: http://youtu.be/KMp2RJUS0t8
STUDENT VIEWS

Newbie on the Block

RGIT Student Administration Manager, Zeena Chettri, shares her experience as a new student in Melbourne.

10:35am Orientation Day, 2012

I have to run. Orientation is at 11am. I go to the first floor (as directed on the brochure) but that looks haunted. I go up another. Wrong. I reach the first floor again, then see the busy receptionist.

“No Orientation today,” she says.

She sends me to the library building where the desk attendant joins me in the confusion and sends me to another building. I take a ticket in the queue and, 45 minutes later, proceed to Desk No.1. Diana listens patiently and apologises about the miscommunication. She tells me to go back to the library building to meet “Alice”.

Muttering and forgetting that I am no longer in India, I cross the street at a red traffic light and am almost run down by angry cars.

At reception there isn’t any “Alice”. Frustrated, I call Diana who speaks to the receptionist, who then asks if I am looking for “Alice” or “Elise”. I choose “Elise”. Elise now very politely apologises for all the miscommunications. She gives me a list of courses to choose from. It is like asking me, “Do you want adkhnlknn” or “ausholkmasi”. I pick whichever comes first.

The next step is to register my course. Armed with my map, I look for building No.12. After going round and round in circles, it is actually the library building again! A professional now, I quickly take a ticket – number 247 – and look around to see students, on the phone or with friends. I give a ‘come talk to me smile’ but nobody bothers to try. The Help Desk offers me a free college water bottle, which keeps me happy for about 15 minutes.

I am hungry. All I can see is a beeping, glowing, pay fridge (or whatever you call it) [Evolve: a “vending machine”] I look closely, as if wondering what to buy, but I am trying to figure out how to operate the monster. I gather enough confidence to put in $5 and am rewarded with a bottle of orange juice and some change. Half an hour later, I put in $2 to buy exotic chicken chips. The machine gives me back 40 cents, no chips.

It is 2pm by the time my name, sorry, number is called. Desk No.3 tells me that the details I want are already in the folder that I am carrying. Stupid!

I am sent back to the library building to register my courses. Two hours later, I am sent back to Desk No. 3. This time I get ticket 252. The screen shows that ticket 220 is still at the counter.

I am tired, hungry, my back hurts and most of all, there is no one to share my anguish with. Around 5.30pm, I finally get an instant ID and diary – this whole process takes 7 minutes. I am free.

If we think India is slow in paperwork, welcome to Melbourne!
STUDENT WELFARE

Hi from Vernaz, your Welfare Officer

We get it, we promise. Being an international student is not easy with visa conditions and strict immigration rules. It’s pretty tough leaving home and coming to a new country for better education and lifestyle.

We know some of you experience major culture shock, cultural loneliness and isolation in those early days. Language barriers can lead to communication problems and students often feel shy to speak up in class and may lack confidence. Sometimes you are uncertain about courses and make wrong choices. Finding a job can be problematic, too, when you’re limited to working 40 hours per fortnight. We know.

All these challenges you face can cause a build-up of mental pressure, which, if not addressed, can create negative behavior like failing to attend class, poor academic performance or low attendance rates, which can all affect your student visa.

Talk to us

If you’re facing problems in your personal life, dealing with health issues, feeling lonely & isolated or having difficulties in coping up with your course or assignments, talk to us on Level 2. Speaking freely about your concerns can help us resolve some of your issues, and help you to feel more in control of your student life.

Remember to:

► Express your feelings & ideas
► Interact with classmates/teachers
► Engage with local community & learn the culture
► Be confident about your talents & qualities
► Ask questions when in doubt
► Deal with a situation rather than let it affect you

Tips

► Don’t wait until last minute; it makes it hard for us to support you in the best way.
► Read the Student Handbook & website to educate yourself about school policies & student visa requirements.
► Always provide & accept important information in writing to avoid further confusion or issues.
► Join student clubs/societies to build a support network.
► Visit “The Couch”, a great hang-out for International students, 69 Bourke St (between Spring & Elizabeth Sts). Open Monday to Thursday, 5pm–9pm.

Help is at hand: International Student Care Service, for legal, health and other specialist support services. 1800 056 449 (free call).
STUDENT WELFARE

NEED A DOCTOR?

This is a general guide for your convenience only and should not be taken as a recommendation of any particular doctor or clinic.

International students: Remember, if you’re absent from class because you’re sick, you must have a medical certificate from a GP (General Medical Practitioner).

Chinese (various dialects)
Melbourne City Medical Centre
68 Lonsdale St (Exhibition St)
GP: Dr Feng Yang
Ph: 9639 9600

Dr Irene Wong
Suite 28, 131 Lonsdale St
Ph: 9663 7222

Swanston Street Medical Centre
RMIT Building 36
393 Swanston St
Ph: 9654 2722

Medical One
QV, 3 Albert Coates La (Cnr Swanston & Lonsdale St)
Ph: 8663 7000

Burwood Healthcare
400 Burwood Hwy, Burwood
Ph: 9888 8177
www.burwoodhealthcare.com.au

H.M. Heritage Chinese Medical Centre
Dr Bruce Zhu
493 South Rd, Bentleigh
Ph: 9553 6801

Malaysian
Burwood Healthcare
400 Burwood Hwy, Burwood
Ph: 9888 8177
www.burwoodhealthcare.com.au

Japanese
Mid Town Medical Clinic
250 Collins Street
International Medical Services (IMS) is a Japanese Nihongo

Iryo Centre located at Midtown Medical Clinic. Japanese interpreters are available. Medication labelled in Japanese can also be prescribed.

Hours: Monday to Friday 8.00 am to 5.00 pm
Ph: 1800 777 313 (free call) for a Japanese-speaking receptionist

Indonesian, Spanish, Bengali
Swanston Street Medical Centre
393 Swanston St
Ph: 9654 2722

Medical One (Spanish)
QV, 3 Albert Coates La (Cnr Swanston & Lonsdale St)
Ph: 8663 7000

Indian (various dialects)
Burwood Healthcare
400 Burwood Hwy, Burwood
Ph: 9888 8177
www.burwoodhealthcare.com.au

Nepalese
Northcote Medical Group
Dr Chandra Deepak Pokhrel
147 Westbourne Grove
Northcote
Ph: 9489 8668

Dental Clinic
No multilingual staff here, unfortunately

Melbourne Central Dental
Melbourne Central, 211 La Trobe St
Ph: 9654 5544

A BETTER LIFE

Dreams and hopes
And false promises,
Credit and loans
English skills tested
The journey begins.

The better life!
Degrees and experience
Are to be left behind
New pastures to be explored
As you wait for the gold.
Cleaning and cooking,
Waiting and standing,
Any job justified,
For a sponsor or citizen.

Days roll into seasons,
Business, Hospitality, Accounting
Diplomas and then advanced,
Books and work
Striving to strike the balance.

20 hours to work,
Another 20 to school
The week has more than 40
So much to waste.

Home is a memory
Families a blur
Friends are on Facebook
As memories fade away.
This year becomes next
As the sponsor awaits.
New courses, more jobs
PR, lawyers and money
The circle moves on.

A better life
Is this it?
Away from home,
Diplomas and certificates
Standing, sitting, waiting,
the dream is so close
Yet out of reach.

Rome is not paved with gold
Nor is it Down Under,
The grass is green here
But so is it there!
A broken dream is sometimes better
Than a better life.
Is Isaac Raymond the next Queensland Student of the Year? We really hope so. Here’s why.

At just 22, Isaac is an impressive guy. He was studying the Diploma of Business with RGIT education partner, AITE, in Cairns when he learned he was going to be a dad. Studying and becoming a father are big commitments, plus, Isaac was out of work. Most people would have dropped the course to find work, which is tough to find in northern Queensland. In fact, most did. Isaac was the only male out of 23 classmates to finish.

Isaac was nominated for the prestigious Queensland Student of the Year award by his trainer, Damian Zammit. If he wins the award (announced in July), it’s a huge boost to his resume. He would also be eligible to enter the Australian Training Awards, which offers $5000 prize money.

Isaac applied for a job at the Groote Eylandt manganese mining company in the Northern Territory and heard the extra happy news that he had succeeded the same day he brought his new son home from hospital.

“Immanuel is three months old now,” says Isaac.

With his Diploma of Business, Isaac sees himself working as a supervisor in the mines. “Once you get a foot in the door, it’s easier to step up to bigger opportunities”.

But that’s not all! Isaac wants to start a hiphop recording label with his brother and cousin.

According to Damian, Isaac has what it takes to do anything.

“Isaac is extremely intelligent. Despite having personal difficulties, the competing demands of family and friends and a newborn on the way, he was able to stick with it,” says Damian.

“I suggested to Isaac that if he actually started to believe in himself and his capabilities, that many more opportunities would follow. Particularly for young Indigenous men, there is a fear that they might be perceived as arrogant if they demonstrate confidence. I asked him to reflect on his capacity to be a valuable father, partner and member of the community. He just needed a little self-belief to get him going,” says Damian.

Hey Isaac, boy are you going! Thanks for the inspiration.
How to Land a Job

Every year, many students graduate from colleges and universities, increasing the competition for limited jobs. Companies are raising the bar on selection criteria, seeking students who are experienced as well as qualified. Ironically, some students end up becoming overqualified for jobs. Evolve approached RGIT Business trainers, John and Emily, for their tips on how to land a job.

Emily reckons:
Make use of technology. Create profiles in Linkedin, SEEK, MyCareer, GradConnection, Twitter and Facebook. Follow companies through their social networking sites; these are great places to build professional networks and accumulate information on jobs.

Diploma students are very attractive candidates because they cost companies less to hire compared to graduates with Bachelors and Masters degrees. Fact.

John reckons:
Skills and knowledge are gained at school, but performance is solely up to you. “Approach an employer and tell them you’d like to work for free and get the feel. A manager will not let you go if you show them what you can do. Everything depends upon your performance.”

Emily adds:
Even if you opt to work for free, choose the right organisation and be clear about your goal. She warns: “Working for free is great when you are new to the field, but make sure you gain relevant experience and knowledge. You need to know when you’ve had enough experience then you have to either move on or start getting paid for your labour. Be open to opportunities when they occur, embrace them, enjoy them and overcome them. They are the experiences that will make you unique, the milestones that define your life.”

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT RGIT

DOMESTIC SALES OFFICER
Join our domestic sales team. RGIT has a policy of recruiting from its student body because we want to support you after your studies. We also know how well trained you are :-) 

Do you have these key qualities?

- Reliable
- Well spoken
- Enthusiastic
- Well groomed
- Sales skills
- Very persuasive

DAYS: 3-5
PAY: Award rates (they’re good!)
DUTIES:
We need a determined sales officer to recruit new students for our VET FEE-HELP courses. The position involves street sales and standing for long periods of time.

If this sounds like you, email deepa@rgit.edu.au.
RGIT CAREER: BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

COVER LETTER SAMPLE

How to approach a company that has not advertised a job. This is called “cold calling” or “reverse marketing”.

July 14, 2014
Attention: Human Resources Manager
Great Company Pty Ltd
Hiphop Avenue,
Coolsville, 3100

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Interest in Administrative/Customer Service Position

I am writing to inquire about any vacancies in the Administrative or Customer Service Departments as I am very keen to work with Great Company Pty Ltd. Given my relevant work experience and education, I believe that I am well qualified to make a strong contribution.

I am a recent Diploma graduate. During my last long vacation, I enjoyed a two month internship in Customer Service at Coolsville City Council, where I was responsible for front desk enquiries and was awarded “Intern of the Month” for positive customer feedback. I also worked for Hudsons Coffee as an Administrative Assistant where I contributed to setting up new work procedures for franchise staff and helped to process payroll in record time.

I am proficient in document processing with good knowledge of the Microsoft Office product suite and have solid database management skills. Two of my key qualities are that I take initiative and have a cheerful personality.

I am applying to study an MBA at Monash University to upgrade my business knowledge further. Please find attached my resume for your reference. I would be grateful for the opportunity to meet briefly to discuss future prospects with your firm. Thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully,

John Kong
024 000 000
E: JohnKong@zmail.com

HOW TO ACE AN INTERVIEW

RESEARCH:
- The company’s website
- What’s the company’s size (people, other offices etc)?
- What product / services does it provide?
- Who is its target market?
- What are its values? Give examples of how you demonstrate those in your work or social experience.

TAKE A PORTFOLIO:
- Samples of your work if possible
- Reference letters from former employers
- Statements of results
- Relevant certificates

WEAR:
- Dress to suit the company style
- If unsure, dress conservatively
- Be well groomed

PREPARE & PARTICIPATE:
- Reflect on your experience & have answers ready for questions like: “How do you handle difficult situations?” “How are you a team player?” ; “Give an example of your problem-solving skills”; “Why do you want to work for our company?”.
- Pause if you need to think about the question [don’t “um”, or “err”].
- Ask for clarification if you are unsure about the question.
- Make eye contact with the interviewer.

HELPFUL WEBSITES:
- My Career www.content.mycareer.com.au
RESUME

Name: John Kong
Email: JohnKong@zmail.com
Phone: 024 000 000

PERSONAL SKILLS
✓ Self-motivated
✓ Problem-solver
✓ Strong customer service orientation
✓ Organisation and planning
✓ Able to work independently & within team
✓ Computer literate (MS Office, PC, Mac, social media etc)

INTERNSHIPS / VACATION WORK EXPERIENCE
Dec 2012 – Feb 2013 Coolsville City Council – Customer Service Intern
Handled front desk queries, telephone enquiries, processed customer complaints, managed customer database, data entry.

Dec 2012 – Jan 2013 Hudsons Coffee – Administration Intern
Processed weekly sales reports, data entry, assisted Accounts Manager with payroll, assisted HR with new work procedure roll-out, photocopying, filing.

July 2011 – Sept 2012 Helium Tyres – Customer Service & Administration Officer
Developed customer database for the company, processed customer service orders, produced invoices, assisted with inventory management, flat tyre repairs.

ACHIEVEMENTS/RESPONSIBILITIES
✓ “Intern of the Month” for great customer feedback at Coolsville City Council (2013)
✓ Processed Hudson Coffee payroll in record time (2012)
✓ Upgraded Helium Tyres’ paper-based customer accounts system to database (2012)
✓ Volunteer Leader, Sacred Heart Mission (2012)
✓ President, Student Social Club, RGIT Australia (2014)
✓ Student of the Year, Excel Institute (2011)

EDUCATION
✓ Diploma of Business, RGIT Australia (2013-2014)
✓ Certificate IV in Project Management, Pro One College (2012)
✓ Certificate III in Accounts Administration, Excel Institute (2011)

REFEREES
Ms Oprah Winfrey: can attest to my organisational skills. Ph __________
Mr Kanye West: can attest to my customer service skills. Ph __________
Mr Tom Cruise: can attest to my team player skills and reliability. Ph __________
Barbara Guhl is like a bullet train with her Can-Do Attitude. She studied a Diploma of Business with AITE, our most excellent education partner in Cairns.

Thanks to her hard work and upbeat attitude, Barbara has secured a job as an Administrator and Document Controller with a mining company in Western Australia. She’s moving her family there (three lovely kids) to join her husband who has work transporting iron ore for another mining company.

Go get it!
Barbara researched loads of companies and compiled 35 pages of contacts to call. 35 pages People! She called each company to introduce herself: “Good Morning, My name is Barbara Guhl and I’m very keen to work for your company.” She would then ask: “Who would be the best person to send my resume to? Is it possible to speak with them briefly?”. Some companies referred her to the recruitment agency responsible for hiring their staff. She would then call the agency and ask: “May I speak with the Recruitment Manager who handles the [name of company] account?”.

Impress them
Employers are impressed when she says things like “I want to work for you” and “This is what I have to offer”. “If you ask the right questions, are polite, and really keen to get somewhere and have a goal [you will]. Don’t get discouraged,” says Barbara. “I know it’s hard for people who lack confidence,” says Barbara. “Surround yourself with positive people who support you.”

If Barbara is applying for an advertised job, she always tailors her skill set to match the job requirements. For example, Barbara has heaps of customer service experience, but if the job is for an Administration Officer, then she highlights all the administration tasks she did well when she worked in customer service.

“Volunteer work is also good if you have no experience at all. Even if it’s only 5 hours a week, it’s all something for your resume,” she says.

“Never give up your hopes and dreams, despite what happens to you. If you don’t know the answers, don’t be scared to ask questions, you won’t look silly. Just follow your dream, and when you get that dream, follow the next one!”

Barbara is already onto hers: she has applied to James Cook University to do her Bachelor of Accounting.
ELICOS

STORY CHALLENGE

We set our intermediate ELICOS students a Story Challenge to write a tale beginning with the phrase “It was dark ...”. We were so impressed with everyone’s work, we had to have two winners who will each receive a $50 gift voucher 😊 Well done Teoh and Mary.

Thanks also to Doris, Ben, Judy, Julia, Andy and Kenny for your terrific efforts.

“It Was Dark…”

By Teoh Kar Chun

It was dark and as usual I was waiting for my dad to come back in the living room. While I was waiting, I fell asleep. In a few moments, I woke up and realized that I was in my room. I bet it was my dad that took me to my room. I got out of my bed to find my dad. But I didn’t see my dad so I called out “Dad, where are you?” I walked to my living room and the television wasn’t turned off and it was broadcasting news. The news said that something happened in the city and told us to stay at home and there was an explosion sound. I was shocked but I didn’t care about it.

Then, my dad was back home. “Where were you, dad?” I asked. My dad looked frightened and said “Stay out of the window!” He took out his gun from his computer drawer. Suddenly a man came with an aggressive attitude to knock down the window. The man looks like one of my dad friends, Jimmy, and he looked sick. Jimmy broke down the window and he was going to attack my dad.

“Get away from me or I’m going to shoot you!” my dad commanded.

But Jimmy wasn’t listening to my dad so my dad shot him.

“You shot your friend,” I said.

“He is not Jimmy anymore. He is an ‘infector’ with some kind of fungi in his brain,” my dad explained.

I was scared and I didn’t know about anything. Tommy, my uncle came to my house to rescue us with a car. Along the way, I saw ‘infector’ chasing around to eat people. I was scared and terrified. There are many people running away to save their lives. As we are getting away from the city, suddenly a car crashed into us....

When I open up my eyes, I realized I was still the living room and my dad just came home. I was glad that it was just a horrible dream and I hugged my dad and said “I love you.”
BYE JACK

Hey Jack (pictured, tongue hanging out), class isn’t the same without you. We miss you cracking jokes all the time. We need a new class clown. Any takers? Jim, are you offering the role to Bruce?

Top, Left to Right: Queena, Eri, Ivan, Jim, Starr, Bani, Ryan, Youngshin, Katie.
Bottom, Left to Right: Yi Ning, Jack!, Anastasiia, Bruce, Bank

Fun Stuff

study
(verb)
The act of texting, eating and watching TV with an open textbook nearby.

“It Was Dark . . .”
A poem by Mary Tamondong

In the Dark
the stars begins to see,
the broken heart,
that’s inside of me.

I think of you every night,
weeping and crying,
as the moon,
shines so bright.

In the dark,
depth of my soul reveals,
the truth that
I could never unveil.

I miss you every day,
hoping to be
with you,
I always pray.

In the dark, my thoughts go off,
to a wonderful place,
wishing that there,
I feel your embrace.

In the dark, I am alone
because for now,
without you,
this will be my comfort zone.

For every tear I shed,
I miss you
because I know you’re
missing me too.

I have faith that
one day,
we will be together,
loving each other forever and ever.

In the dark,
I will carry on,
gain strength and endure,
because in the dark, I know this is my cure.

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FIELD TRIPS - ELICOS - NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA

GOING WALKABOUT

ELICOS Trainer Anne took her English students to visit the Indigenous art collection at the National Gallery of Victoria at Federation Square. They had an assignment to do that included choosing a piece of art they liked, noting the details and explaining why they enjoyed it.

Unfortunately, most students couldn’t finish the task because gallery guards told them that they could not take in pens, only pencils. Major bummer. (See their favourite artwork below)

“We all figured, what the hec, we’ll just enjoy it,” laughs Anne. “We were tired from walking because we spent about 2 hours there and we were seriously over stimulated. We lost students everywhere, and one student in particular.”

about! “Walkabout” refers to a rite of passage for teenage male Australian Aborigines who journey into the wilderness alone for a long time to live in the traditional manner, off the land. It’s not for the faint-hearted.

“I explained to the guard that we had lost one of the ‘kids’ and he was surprised to find out that he was 24! He made it home okay, and turned up to class on Monday,” says Anne.

Good thing the assignment wasn’t on his “walkabout” skills 😊

“Walkabout” refers to a rite of passage for teenage male Australian Aborigines who journey into the wilderness alone for a long time to live in the traditional manner, off the land.

Art: Woven figures

Artist: Kantjupayi Benson

Art Story: At this place called Kuli Pirtin, a mother and her two children, a boy and a girl, used to stop, camp and eat the bush bananas from that area. One day the mother left the boy and girl at the camp while she went out to collect some bush bananas. Two men were hiding in the bushes and watched the mother as she was collecting the food for her children. One man threw his boomerang at the mother, hit her across the back of her neck and killed her. He then squeezed her breast, saw that she had some milk and realised she must have some children back in her camp. He followed her tracks back to camp and found the two children. He first of all threw his boomerang at the boy, hit him on the back of his legs and killed him. He then chased the young girl and killed her as well.

Indigenous artist, Kantjupayi Benson

Ian Potter Gallery, National Gallery of Victoria

National Gallery of Victoria
FIELD TRIPS - HOSPITALITY - LANGHAM HOTEL

What is the most interesting thing you learned?

“The fact that a lot of the staff at Langham have been working there over 20 years. I could see how they are well organized and respect each other.”
Boosoon Shin

“The most interesting thing was that the security manager guided all department with friendly and courteous manners so that every student enjoyed the tour and learned what sort of systems function and how we implement those when it comes to working in a hotel some day.”
Yeongseon Ham

“The machine in housekeeping for washing all the sheets and uniforms and so on [was great]. There was a big fridge room for food [with a temperature of] minus 16° Celsius. Staff have been very friendly.”
Yaojia Sun

GREAT PLACE TO WORK
Hospitality Trainer Eugenio says the Langham Hotel offers a great work environment. He knows a few of the staff.

“The Head of Security is an old friend of mine. He has looked after Tony Blair and is a friend of Michael Schumacher. His daughter and sister also work at the hotel.”

Hospitality students enjoyed a buffet breakfast at the end of the hotel tour. An entire room is lined with yummy food options from scrambled eggs to fresh pastries and beautiful fruits and cereals and any juice or hot beverage you can imagine. They even have a chocolate fountain. For breakfast? Yep.
**Entertainment**

**Festivals & Events**

**Event**: Gertrude St Projection Festival  
**When**: 17–27 July  
**Where**: Gertrude St, Fitzroy  
**Time**: nighttime  
**Getting there**: 2.2km walk from city or tram 86 from Bourke St  
**Free Event**  
Art is projected onto buildings and unusual surfaces, transforming Gertrude St into an illuminated outdoor art gallery with works from international projection artists, community groups and general entries.

**Event**: Acland Court Winter Music  
**When**: Sundays 01/07/2014 – 27/07/2014  
**Where**: Acland Court Shopping Centre, Acland St, St Kilda  
**Time**: 2pm–4pm  
**Getting there**: Tram 96, from Bourke St  
**Free Event**  
St Kilda’s Acland Court Shopping Centre is running Sunday afternoon old-style music so you can kick back somewhere warm and hear a classical music trio, wild gypsy tunes and tango rhythms. There’s a competition to win a bicycle too.

**Event**: Docklands’ Winter Fireworks  
**When**: Fridays, 04/07/2014 – 29/08/2014  
**Where**: The Piazza, Docklands Drive  
**Time**: 6pm–8pm  
**Free Event**  
A popular event that lights up winter night skies. Begins with free entertainment at 6pm, fireworks at 7pm and more entertainment until 8pm.

**Event**: Hip Hop Party*  
**When**: Wednesdays 16, 23 & 30 July  
**Where**: Boney, 68 Little Collins St, city.  
**Time**: from 8pm  
**Free if you RSVP to Boney’s Facebook events.**  
A solid dose of hip-hop to punch some attitude into your week; featuring respected local artists who spin hip-hop from 1979 until now.

**Event**: Open Mic Comedy  
**When**: Wednesdays 16, 23 & 30 July  
**Where**: Imperial Hotel, 2-8 Bourke St, city.  
**Time**: 9pm show starts  
**Free Event**  
Feeling brave? Or funny? Either sit back and enjoy the laughs, or sign up (from 8pm) to try your luck as a comedian. “Open Mic” is for amateurs who want to try their comedy skills on a real audience instead of just their friends.

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*Be smart: Go with friends, look-out for each other. Beware drink spiking (strangers putting drugs into drinks), which is an issue with some venues around Melbourne.
ENTERTAINMENT

Places To Chill On The Cheap

Melbourne Museum, Nicholson St, Melbourne.
“I went with a group from RGIT by tram from the city. There’s lots of history. It’s free for students – just show your student card.”
- Jiachong Zhang, Cert IV Hospitality Commercial Cookery

Melbourne Zoo, Parkville
For amazing native and exotic fauna. The Butterfly House is a beautiful experience.

Alexandra Gardens, CBD
Super close to the CBD. Cross the bridge just after Federation Square, turn left when you get to the other side, go down the path and walk 600m. Good place to relax, watch people and Yarra river.
- Xiaodan Yu, Diploma of Business

Royal Botanical Gardens
Catch Tram 8 from Fed Square to Domain Rd, South Yarra. “You can walk around and have a picnic. I love the surroundings and you can see lots of different birds. Also people dance there.”
- Yeqing Huang, Cert IV Hospitality Commercial Cookery

Werribee Zoo, Werribee
It’s an “open range” zoo, so the animals don’t have cages, and you can get closer.
- Parwinder Kumar, Cert IV Hospitality Commercial Cookery

The Shrine of Remembrance
Take any south bound tram (except Number 1) or you can walk south from the city along St Kilda Rd – it’s 10 minutes. “We went there to celebrate the New Year – it was quiet, restful and green.”
- Karma Phuntsho, Advanced Diploma of Business
AFL Grand Final 2014

All the footy fans go crazy during AFL Grand Final week. Here are a few free options for joining the fun.

Highlights

- **Sunday - VFL Cup**
  21st September 2014
  2:10PM – Victorian Football League Grand Final at Ethiad Stadium

- **Monday - Brownlow Live**
  22nd September 2014
  10am – The Brownlow Medal panel (for the best and fairest footy player during the football season) and fashion parade at Federation Square.

- **Tuesday - Kicks for Kids**
  23rd September 2014
  10am – Auskick, a football program for kids, has activities at Federation Square and introduces fans to some of footy’s rising young stars.

- **Wednesday - Federation Square**
  24th September 2014
  12 noon – live music.

- **Thursday – AFL Cup on display**
  25th September 2014
  12.30pm – AFL Premiership Cup on display at Federation Square

- **Friday - Footy on Parade**
  26th September 2014
  12 noon – Players and coaches parade their way through the city from the Victorian Arts Centre (St Kilda Road) along Swanston and Collins Streets finishing at the Old Treasury Building (Spring and Collins). This is HUGE. Swanston St will be packed.

- **Saturday - GRAND FINAL!**
  27th September 2014
  2.30pm – Grand Final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)
  2.30pm – Join in the excitement of the 2014 AFL Grand Final live on the big screen at Federation Square

Price: FREE
For more info: www.afl.com.au

Cheap Tickets to Top Shows!

If you’re culturally inclined, Melbourne has an excellent range of theatre, music and dance events at venues in the Central Business District (CBD). Half-Tix is a ticketing agency that sells tickets to a whole bunch of shows for half price on the day of the event. Try your luck one night.

You can check which shows are available online at www.halftixmelbourne.com, or call the recorded message on 9650 9420, but you must go to Half Tix to buy them. It’s located in the Melbourne Town Hall Administration building on Swanston Street, next door to the Town Hall, on the corner of Collins and Swanston Sts.

Opening hours:
- Mon 10am – 2pm
- Tues 11am – 6pm
- Wed 11am – 6pm
- Thurs 11am – 6pm
- Fri 11am – 6.30
- Sat 10am – 4pm
TRAVEL

Weekend at Phillip Island

Where: 90km, south-east of Melbourne, about 2 hours’ transport time.

Consider taking a long weekend to visit beautiful Phillip Island. You deserve time-out to soak up its natural wonders. Are you a big fan of Happy Feet and Madagascar? Thought you had to travel to Antarctica to see penguins?

The nightly penguin parades allow you to watch these comical birds flap and stumble up the sands, heading towards their burrows. They look like little soldiers marching in a parade.

Nearby, at wild and rugged Nobbies coastal walk is also the Fur Seal Observatory where you can view a rookery of fur seals through telescopes, or take a ferry to venture closer and enjoy their acrobatic antics.

The Koala Conservation Centre is another BIG attraction. You get to walk through bushland to see cute Koalas in their natural habitat, munching away on eucalyptus leaves.

Getting there


Bus: Catch the daily V/Line Bus from Southern Cross Station and get off at Cowes (the main town). 1800 800 007.

Car: Go with your buddies! Chip in to hire an economy car which costs around $50 a day, plus fuel (about $40-$50). By road, it’s 139 kms; that takes about 1 hour, 45 mins. With a car you can explore the island and go beach hopping - it’s not too complicated to drive around.

To get an idea of fuel consumption, visit www.petrolcostcalculator.com.au.

Plan ahead

It’s impossible to see everything in 1 day; plan sight-seeing around 2 days.

♦ The Penguin Parade requires advance online booking; get there at least 1 hour before the parade begins to get a good spot and to hear the rangers talk.


♦ If you’re super fit, hire bikes to cycle around the island (www.visitphillipisland.com/listing/island-e-bike-hire/). It’s a big island!

Accommodation

Budget hotel and backpacker hostels begin at $35 per person, per night, or you can book cottages beginning from $94 per night if you are going in a group of 4-5. Check out www.visitphillipisland.com/category/accommodation/.
TRAVEL

Discount Snow Trips to Mt Buller!

Directly opposite RGIT (28 Elizabeth St campus), Happy Travels is offering a special deal to get RGIT students into the powder this winter. Just flash your RGIT student card and their friendly staff will get you sorted.

You pay:
Mt Buller Day Trip $98.10
Mt Buller 2-Day Trip* $161.10

*Organise own accommodation.

Departs: CBD 4:25am (so you get heaps of snow time)
When: Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays
Returns: 8pm, Federation Square.

Extra Costs
◆ Snow Jacket & Pants $30
◆ Snow Jacket OR Pants $20
◆ Walking boots $13
◆ Tourist Chairlift $16

Nb: Prices vary according to suppliers on the mountain. Grimus Ski Centre is pretty good.
◆ 1 Day Lift Pass & Ski/Snowboard Rental $150
◆ 2-Day Lift Pass & Ski/Snowboard Rental $273

Nb: Tuesday special! Full time students get 50% off lift pass!

Snow Bound: The Essentials

If you’re a “first-timer” to the snow fields, here’s the quick guide on how to not look like one. You’ll be soaking up the chill, especially if the sun is hiding and it’s windy. Wool clothing is warmer than most synthetic fabrics, and wear layers of clothes to keep toasty. No jeans! Jeans get heavy when wet and won’t dry quickly.

Must Haves:
◆ “Beanie” (woolly hat)
◆ Wool tights or leggings
◆ Warm tops
◆ Socks, double-layered
◆ Waterproof footwear for slippery conditions
◆ Waterproof gloves
◆ Scarf
◆ Sunglasses
◆ Sunscreen
◆ Lip balm
◆ Water bottle
◆ Snacks

35 Elizabeth St, Melbourne VIC 3000 (in front of RGIT Main Campus)
EATING OUT

These places have passed the taste test by your student buddies.

- **Chin Chin, 125 Flinders Lane, 8663 2000**
  “Great for a quick lunch during the day at RGIT. Love the rice noodles.”

- **Squires Loft, 818 Bourke St, Docklands 9670 9968**
  “Great steaks and fabulous pork ribs.”

- **Curry Capers, 46 Johnson St, Reservoir 9460 4101**
  “Great Indian and vegetarian food and take-away.”

- **Hobba, 428 Malvern Rd, Prahran 9510 8336**
  “Good breakfasts and meat burgers.”
  - Parwinder Kumar

- **Bun House, Swanston St, 9639 9258**
  “Have lovely Asian style food – Red Bean and BBQ Pork – I love to take my visitors there, especially in cold weather – lovely hot food.”
  - Thichakarn Anantasophon

- **Dumpling Noodle House, 210 Lonsdale St, 9654 7388**
  “Cheap, delicious and spicy.”

- **Hong Tu Hong Kong Restaurant, Oxford St, Box Hill**
  “Lovely wonton noodles and roast pork.”
  - MingYang Liu

- **Chinatown, Little Bourke St, city.**
  "For its great selection of regional Chinese cuisines.”
  - Anonymous, who forgot to sign a Media Consent Form!

These were recommended by random students chatting to Margaret, our friendly librarian, in the library.
Top 10 Excuses For Being Late

No disrespect, but we laughed out loud when trainers revealed these totally excellent and outrageous excuses given by students for being late.

1. “Sorry Chef, actually my fish isn’t well.”
(Does this look like RGIT? Wrong colours...)

2. “I went to the wrong college.”
3. “It was too cold this morning.”
4. “I lost my phone in a bucket of water.”
5. “My computer deleted everything.”
(Including your alarm clock and train ticket?)

6. “A new game came out over the weekend.” (Oh well, that’s okay then.)

7. “In China we don’t have daylight saving.”
(Tip: This only works on Monday 6th October when daylight savings begins.)

8. “I had to work late.....”
(Tip: This excuse only works if you’ve been working all night.)

9. “My wife is pregnant.”
(This student didn’t have a wife apparently, but thought it was a good excuse. Cunning!)

10. “The train did not stop at my stop.”
(Naughty train!)
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