short courses
SPECIAL OFFERS

Barista Course: $69  First Aid Course: $69

PACKAGE DEALS

Food Safety (Level 1) + Barista = $98  |  RSA + Barista = $110
Barista + Coffee Art = $124  |  Food Safety (Level 1) + Barista + RSA = $145
Barista + Coffee Art + RSA = $169

For Booking, call (03) 8639 9000 or 0424 950 106 (Pritisha)

INDIVIDUAL SHORT COURSE

✓ RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL (RSA)
  Duration: 4 hrs  Cost: $49
  (Normal price: $79)
✓ FOOD SAFETY LEVEL 1
  Duration: 4 hrs  Cost: $49
  (Normal price: $80)
✓ FOOD SAFETY LEVEL 2
  Duration: 4 hrs  Cost: $49
  (Normal price: $75)
✓ COFFEE ART COURSE
  Duration: 3 hrs  Cost: $59
  (Normal price: $120)

RGIT runs government-funded courses:
→ Commercial Cookery
→ Information Technology
→ Accounting
→ English as an Additional Language
→ & more.

Need Financial Help?
If you’re an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident, you may be eligible!

✓ Flexible learning options
✓ Nationally recognised qualification
✓ Small administration fee applies.
Student News

Graduation 5 December 2014

On Friday 5 December 2014, RGIT Australia held a grand celebration for more than 60 graduates of the Hospitality, Business, Management and Accounting VET courses.

The event was held at the very swish RACV Club in the CBD and was attended by executive management, trainers and your favourite faces from student administration. Refreshments were served before and after the event (free to students!) and a wonderful atmosphere of camaraderie prevailed.

Supportive friends and family filled half the auditorium. Students were clearly thrilled to don their caps and gowns, and proud to enjoy this recognition of their achievements.

Outstanding Student Awards were received by: Jade Gunn (Diploma of Management); Pietro Olivadoti (Diploma of Management), Yi-Chun Lia (Diploma of Business) and Kawita Wongsanit (Certificate III and IV in Hospitality).

RGIT welcomed guest speaker, Martin Powell, the Victorian Executive Officer of the Australian Council for Private Education and Training. Congratulatory speeches were also given by our CEO, Chandra Yonzon, and the Director of Studies, Lana Harasymiv. Representing the student body was outstanding student, Jade Gunn.

Well done graduates of 2014! We look forward to celebrating our graduands of 2015.

USI – Have You Got Yours?

Are you aware that the USI – Unique Student Identifier – came into effect on 1st January 2015?

All students need a USI to receive their qualifications for any Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses. This applies to apprenticeships, traineeships and certificate, diploma and advanced diploma studies.

The USI enables students to easily access a complete record of their enrolment and achievements from a single online source. This allows you to collate your VET achievements into a single transcript. It also ensures that none of your VET records are lost and they are accessible anytime from anywhere in the world.

If you do not have a USI yet, contact RGIT student administration for assistance, or visit www.usi.gov.au to create one. If you do create your own, please remember to login to RGIT’s Student Management System to update your student profile so that you get your qualifications on time.
Student News - International

Visa Processing at RGIT

RGIT Australia has been approved to participate in the Australian Government’s Streamlined Visa Processing (SVP) program.

International students enrolling to study the following courses at RGIT will now have the opportunity to have their applications assessed under the SVP arrangements:

♦ Advanced Diploma in Hospitality
♦ Advanced Diploma in Business

To find out more about SVP at RGIT, contact study@rgit.edu.au.

Scholarships - Save on Fees

RGIT Australia offers scholarships for Business, Management, Accounting, Hospitality and IT courses for new international students and those who are already enrolled with us. Students are recommended to apply by the last Friday of Term 1 (i.e. 12 April 2015). To apply, show us your excellent academic record and tell us why you deserve one. For more info visit www.rgit.edu.au

Myki Concessions

International students studying Diploma and Advanced Diploma level courses are eligible for 50 per cent discount on annual public transport tickets covering trains, trams and buses. The discounted tickets can be used in all metropolitan travel zones, including zone 1 only which covers inner Melbourne, as well as within regional centers. For details about applying for concession, please contact Reception on Level 2.

25% Tuition Fee Reduction for Two Terms!

To apply, you need:

配件 90% attendance
配件 Pass all units in the current term
配件 Excellent participation
Student News

NEW COURSES AT RGIT

Community Services Work

RGIT begins delivery of the Diploma of Community Services Work from 7th January 2015 at our London House domestic campus. This course is only available to students who are eligible for VET FEE-HELP. For more information, call 9662 8022.

EAL and EAP Courses

RGIT Australia has started delivering Certificates I-IV in English as an Additional Language. If you know any Australian permanent residents or citizens who want to improve their English, please ask them to contact the school. They may be eligible for government funding, so the course will be very, very reasonably priced.

RGIT Australia has also been approved to teach English for Academic Purposes 1, 2 and 3. If you are preparing for university entrance or perhaps to sit an IELTS test, RGIT's academic English courses can help you achieve your goals.

RGIT is planning to deliver more exciting new courses in 2015 including: patisserie (baking), nursing and IT courses to get you work-ready.

First Aid Course

First Aid Course at RGIT offers the skills and knowledge required to provide a first aid response in a range of situations, including community and workplace settings. No pre-requisites are required to attend The Apply First Aid (formerly known as Senior First Aid) course.

Total Duration: 1 day
Method of delivery: Face to Face
For more information visit www.rgit.edu.au

Microsoft IT Academy

RGIT Australia is now a Microsoft IT Academy partner. RGIT will provide digital curriculums and certifications for Microsoft courses that will up-skill students for work prospects. These courses provide recognised credits, leading to pathways for higher education and a technical career. If you are interested in our Microsoft IT Academy short courses, please contact our Short Course Coordinator at Level 2.
Ditch Homesickness

Explore: Familiarise yourself with Melbourne. Turn it into an adventure. Do the tourist-y things. Get a tour app, or ask trainers and RGIT staff to recommend things to do, places to visit. See Evolve’s back pages for tips.

Keep busy: Read inspiring books; watch your favourite movies; your local community centre runs cheap activities; do yoga in the park (it’s cheaper); join Newbies International – 5200 potential friends! (www.meetup.com/newbiesinternationalmelbourne/).

Regular hook-ups: Make time for regular phone calls or Skype dates with loved ones and keep up with friends on Facebook. A familiar voice or face works wonders.

Social events: Melbourne is the festival and event capital of Australia. There is something new on in the CBD every weekend. Invite classmates to join you. Definitely visit SMSC and The Couch (more info this page).

Reach out: Talk to someone new, whether it’s your classmate, trainer or housemate. Keeping your issues within will only make you feel worse.

And remember me, Vernaz! As your student counsellor, I’m here to help; just make an appointment if you need support.

Relax Here!

Here are Melbourne’s top two places for international students.

The Couch: is a safe and free lounge space where international students can socialise, relax and study, seek information and receive assistance. At The Couch, you can:
- Relieve homesickness :)
- Get involved in fun stuff like craft time, salsa classes, yoga lessons
- Enjoy conversations that improve English & interpersonal skills
- Get free food!
- Free movie nights, footie nights and other activities
- Volunteering opportunities that’ll look great in your resume ;)

Open: 5pm-9pm (Mon to Thurs)
Location: 69 Bourke St, Melbourne CBD
Website: salvationarmy.org.au/thecouch
Email: thecouch614@gmail.com

Study Melbourne Student Centre (SMSC): is a one-stop shop for all international student queries and concerns run by the Victorian Government. Connect with friends from around the world, share information and ideas.

STUDENT WELFARE

Don’t be shy. Speak up!
Message from Director of Studies (English Programmes), Lana Harasymiv

In Australian culture, it is important to speak up. If you do not understand something in class, you need to put your hand up and ask your teacher to explain. If you are too shy to do this, wait until after class and ask your teacher then. Teachers are here to help you. If the teacher sees you are interested in the subject, the teacher will be very happy. Remember, your teacher puts much work into preparing for the class, so they will always be happy to have interested students.

So speak up and ask questions if you do not understand.

How to Approach a Teacher

It’s easy. Be direct, don’t be shy. Simply ask: “Excuse me, I did not understand what you said about... Could you explain in more detail?” OR “What do you mean when you say that ... ?”

Remember, the more questions asked, the more you will understand. And, the greater will be your achievements! RGIT teachers are here for one reason and that is to help YOU.

Nostalgia for home
- Karma Phuntsho

Beautiful green hills, silent chants coming out of the monasteries, quietly flowing river, little children with red robes running around the street, is my Bhutan. It is a land where national economy is measured by Gross National Happiness.

When I came to Melbourne, I felt like I have arrived at a busy place, where time is everything. In Bhutan life is more relaxed. I miss my forests, 70% of the country is covered by trees and the air is fresh. In the constitution of Bhutan it is mandatory to maintain 60% of the forest cover.

I also find it amazing how after coming to Melbourne most of us have learnt dignity of labour, in Bhutan youths always seek white collar jobs where they can sit on a chair. In Bhutan we need to wear national dress to work or any formal occasion: “gho” for boys and “kira” for girls. In Melbourne at some places you can wear casuals to work that quite amazing to me.

Life is wonderful and everyday is different in Melbourne. I miss my family and “Emadatshi” it’s a Bhutanese dish made out of chilli and special Bhutanese cheese eaten with rice.
Partner Campuses

Road to Success

At 73, Alan Waters is RGIT’s most experienced student. He is studying a Diploma of Management in Brisbane with our education partner, AITE. Alan has the kind of resilience we all need to thrive in life. This is his story.

In 1999, Alan fell terribly ill. He was diagnosed with multiple tumours and cancer, which led to a heart attack.

Alan began seeking treatments for his cancer. He researched natural medicine and began adopting natural remedies to heal himself.

Says Alan: "From my research, I found out how our body cells work, how we can improve our immune system by using all natural products. I think it's the chemicals that are killing us every day."

Back then, Alan was the coach at Enfield Hockey Club in Adelaide. He resigned from hockey coaching and started his own business, Waltglo, with a friend. Waltglo sells 100% naturally grown products designed to improve health.

Alan has now created the “Road to Success” program and is a motivational speaker at social clubs, schools and church groups. He sold Waltglo, but still acts as an advisor to the company.

“Helping others is my way of trying to make life easier for people. For many years I have struggled to make a living, but now I have found a road to success,” he says.

“No shortcuts to success”

“I don’t believe in taking short cuts,” says Shane Thomas, who is pursuing a double Diploma in Management and Business in Brisbane through our education partner, Queensford College.

“I am pursuing these courses to back my years of experience in office management, to climb the ladder and get a better wage.”

Shane is Office Manager at a transport company called Milk Flow. Before that, he worked as a tour guide in Australia and Europe. He has also worked in the Navy, is a qualified chef and has a heavy vehicle licence to drive big trucks!

Handy New Skills

He and his Russian wife, Anastasia, own a jewellery business called Tsarina, importing jewellery from Europe and Hong Kong to sell online. Shane’s new business skills have been handy for their understanding of financial and legal matters. He hopes Tsarina will become a stable source of income.

“For a small-scale business, e-commerce is a more reliable, less expensive and low risk option for potential return compared to a physical shop where you have to rent, pay utilities, build displays, buy stock items and so on,” says Shane.

Through the Diploma of Management, Shane has developed new business perspectives such as the importance of risk management, media planning, targeting customers, conducting research and pitching new products.

“Helping others is my way of trying to make life easier for people. For many years I have struggled to make a living, but now I have found a road to success.”
RGIT Career: IT Spotlight

An African Dream

“Nigeria is a growing IT hub in Africa. The IT market in Nigeria will be big very soon,” says young IT aspirant, Olamide, from Nigeria who is pursuing a Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology at RGIT.

Olamide was fortunate to have access to computers at an early age at his cousins’ house. Later, he joined computer courses to learn word processing.

“Nowadays, the Nigerian Government is giving access to computers in schools. Private companies such as MTN, one of the biggest in telecommunications companies, are donating computers.”

The Australian IT industry fascinates Olamide.

“Virtually everything they do here have the touch of IT. I work at VISY, it is a recycling factory. We have machines to sort papers, glass and plastics. While sorting, if there is something wrong with the machine you can just look in the computer and find out which part of the machine has the problem and the faults can be detected easily.”

The Nigerian information technology and communications (ICT) industry is in its infancy but has great potential to grow as there are many Nigerian ICT experts working and studying overseas.

Olamide is interested in networking. He believes that even if he learns a simple technique like setting up CCTV cameras, he will do well in Nigeria.

“If we could place CCTV cameras in every building and every road, no one can commit crime and go scot free... In Africa we are still struggling, but we will get there.”

Girls can do IT!

“At work, I can do a lot of things that others cannot and at times I feel like I have become very important,” says Thi Phuong Trang Luu who is studying a Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology at RGIT.

“At school, I used to get 10 out of 10 in computer exams,” says Trang, her best geeky smile.

“My friends told me that it will be difficult for a girl to become an IT professional as you need to be good in maths, but after joining the course I realised it was completely the opposite.”

Only two months ago, Trang couldn’t set up a computer or install printers or Microsoft Office Word on her PC. Now she conducts online research for her assignments and solves IT problems.

Trang works as an Administrator in a warehouse and creates lots of reports using Microsoft Excel spreadsheet software.

“Even my boss doesn’t know how to use Excel. Sometimes I stay till 10:00pm showing him how it works.”

Trang hopes to be an IT professional and to start her own software development or IT consultation company. First, she wants to design a user-friendly, error-free warehouse stock management system for her company.

“If we hire someone from outside, they won’t understand the process.”

Thi Phuong Trang Luu
Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology
Whether you work in hospital- ity, account- ing, medicine or as a gym instructor, you cannot get by without technology. In this millennium, your employability depends on having current technical skills.

National statistics from the Department of Employment state that over the next five years to 2018, the number of job openings for ICT Support Technicians is expected to be between 25,000 and 50,000\(^1\). The job openings may arise from employment growth and people leaving the occupations.

### Job Market Snapshot

**ICT Support Technician**

Downloading/installing software, ensuring efficient use of applications & equipment, repairing terminals, printers and modems etc., implementing computer networks, designing and maintaining websites.

**Analyst/Developer Programmer**

Writing and maintaining program code in accordance with quality accredited standards, testing, debugging and diagnosing errors in an applications programming language, writing/updating end user documentation and operational procedures.

**Desktop Support Officer**

Desktop support officer assists customers and clients with issues arising from everyday computer use and can be responsible for repair as well as maintenance.

**System Administrator**

System Administrators duties include diagnosing hardware and software problems, and replacing defective components; performing data back-ups and disaster recovery operations; maintaining and administering computer networks including all configurations. Their role also includes performing routine network startup and shutdown procedures.

### Hourly Salaries:

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Source: RGIT IT Staff

**IT Contractors**

IT professionals are also hired on a contract basis and can earn $350-$750 a day depending on experience.
Network Specialist (Junior)
Their role includes designing and maintaining computer network; setting up internal and external networks and making sure they function properly. They are responsible for resolving basic help desk issues; installing equipment, upgrading equipment, assisting in the administration and maintenance of Internal Systems programs, creating network and email accounts for new users.

IT at RGIT
RGIT Australia is now a Microsoft IT Academy partner. Our IT Academy courses include all the popular desktop applications required for business, as well as technical courses for students interested in pursuing IT careers, such as database management, networking and desktop publishing. These courses help to bridge the skill gaps to move toward your chosen career. IT Academy approved certifications are eligible for college credits for diploma or degree programs, for instance if you have completed SQL course you may get credits exempted for Bachelors in Software development or similar programs.

IT Careers
Top 5 Microsoft IT Academy courses
◆ Windows Server 2012
◆ Windows Server 2008
◆ SQL Server 2012
◆ Microsoft SharePoint Server 2013
◆ Office 365

IT Trainer, Syed says: “If you are qualified in any one of these courses you can manage and support a 3000-user network. As far as the current market is concerned, these skills are in high demand, with around 20 -25 jobs daily being posted on different websites. If you have expertise in SQL Server for example, you can earn up to $500 per day.”

Syed adds: “Students will need to do some catch-up to stay in that race! But having fun learning these new skills makes the journey even better.”

Essential IT Skills

Microsoft IT Academy Courses at RGIT
APPLICATIONS
◆ MS Word, MS Excel, MS Powerpoint, MS Access, MS Outlook, MS Publisher, MS Office 2010 or 2013

DATABASE
◆ SQL Server Administration Essentials
◆ Administering Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Databases
◆ Developing Microsoft SQL Server Databases
◆ Implementing Data Models & Reports with Microsoft SQL Server 2012

DESKTOP
◆ Windows Operating System Fundamentals

Contact: shortcourses@rgit.edu.au, or call (03) 8639 9000, or visit Level 2

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RGIT Career – IT Spotlight

10 January 2015

Attention: Human Resources Manager
Accenture
180 Geek St, Itville 3000

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Application Specialist position

I am writing to inquire about the recently advertised position of Applications Specialist. I believe that my training, experience and proven ability will allow me to contribute positively to your company’s IT division.

I have a Diploma in Software Development and am applying to study a Bachelor in Computer Applications at RMIT University to upgrade my knowledge. In addition, I have professional certifications in MCSE: Server Infrastructure and MCSD: Web Applications. Currently I am working as an IT Support Officer at SupaTek. I recently completed a system de-installation/installation across 50 users in record time. I was also instrumental in management’s decision to roll-out customer billing software for a major client. During my summer holidays, I worked as an Application Developer at RandomWare, where I increased Help Desk productivity through the creation of knowledge base scripts.

I have always had a passion for maintaining servers and web application development. At college, I assisted in setting up a server lab and developed a Student Management System. My trainer also asked me to tutor other students.

Please find attached my resumé. I would be grateful to have the opportunity to meet and discuss future prospects with Accenture. Thank you for your time and consideration today.

Yours sincerely,

Furry Paddington
0409 000 000
E:furrypaddy@jmail.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

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
RGIT Career – IT Spotlight

Name: Furry Paddington
Email: furrypaddy@mail.com
Mobile: 0409 000 000

Career Objective
To work as a project leader implementing large-scale business applications solutions.

Snapshot Personal Qualities
♦ Excellent client communication skills
♦ Committed to continual professional development
♦ Quick learner

Technical Skills
♦ Platforms: MS Windows XP/7/8/2008, SeLinux
♦ DBMS: MS SQL Server
♦ Languages/Design: C#.net, UML, XML, HTML, Windows Scripting
♦ Servers/Framework: IIS, .Net Framework 4.0

Work Experience
March 2012 – Present
IT Support Officer   Supa Tek
SupaTek is an IT Solutions company that works with small to medium enterprises.
Responsibilities:
♦ Supported software release systems to assist software release activities
♦ Undertook routine package installations and de-installations
♦ Assisted in configuration and system testing of installations
♦ Ensured compliance with the ICT computing platforms (operating system, browser and database).

Dec 2011-Feb 2012:
Application Developer (Intern) RandomWare
RandomWare provides knowledge process solutions to corporate enterprises.
Responsibilities:
♦ Developed c# programs on 3 tier architecture.
♦ Supported billing system applications.
♦ Production support using Control M tool and Windows scripts.

Achievements
♦ Provided advice to stakeholders in regard to major client’s desktop operations that resulted in the customer billing software roll-out for client
♦ Project manager for application de-installation/installation, configuration and system testing across 50 users in record time.
♦ Created knowledge base scripts for IT helpdesk which increased productivity by 15%.

Education
♦ 2011 Diploma of Software Development, RGIT Australia

References
♦ Dr. ABC Beckham: can attest to my communication skills with clients. Ph:_______
♦ Mr. XYZ Parker: can attest to my team management skills. Ph:_______
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- Certificate IV in Accounting
- Diploma of Accounting

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- Diploma of Information Technology Networking

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- Certificate IV in Hospitality
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- Certificate IV in Commercial Cookery
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Apprenticeships
Open Doors to a Better Future

Bruce Denson worked as a qualified IT specialist for 20 years before deciding to pursue hospitality. To make the transition, he became an apprentice at Riverview Cafe and Wine Bar in Warburton on the outskirts of Melbourne. Apprenticeships provide the opportunity to train, study and gain a qualification, while earning an income.

Bruce is enjoying the apprenticeship pathway because he can ask lots of practical questions at work: “Whereas in the classroom, you are bombarded with information, followed by tests.”

“As my wife is the business owner, I do a lot of things like sourcing materials, meeting suppliers, assisting in the kitchen, administration and developing the wine menu,” says Bruce, who likes meeting new people.

As part of his apprenticeship/traineeship, Bruce is doing RGIT’s Certificate III in Hospitality Commercial Cookery and Certificate IV in Hospitality Operations.

“The apprenticeship has provided me with lots of practical, technical and compliance information.”

“In past two years I have met hundreds of people living in this small town. We buy locally, so I often meet the farmers, winemakers and bakers as well.”

An assessor must visit the workplace of the apprentice regularly to evaluate their progress. RGIT hospitality trainer, Pino Notaro, is Bruce’s assessor.

“Because Pino has a wide depth of experience, I have discussions with him on a lot of different topics,” says Bruce. Sometimes, when we’ve had a specific problem in our business, I have been able to draw on Pino’s experience.”

It will take Bruce about three years to complete his apprenticeship, after which he and his wife plan to move to the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, where they have family, to create another, larger business. “We’ll have an Australian menu, but with a more tropical approach.”

The Australian Apprenticeships program assists people to gain a qualification while working, earning an income and completing studies. Completing an apprenticeship/traineeship can take between one and four years.

These are available to Australian citizens, or those with permanent residency.

Apprenticeships are usually in the trades (chef, hairdresser, plumber). Traineeships are in the business world (office manager, human resources officer).

At RGIT, students can study a Certificate III in Hospitality Commercial Cookery as part of an apprenticeship, or a Certificate III or Certificate IV in Business as part of a traineeship.

If you are eligible for an apprenticeship/traineeship, your tuition fees are either fully or partially funded by the government. For more information, contact hesg@rgit.edu.au.

How to Find an Apprenticeship
- Choose a career path
- Update your résumé
- Find an employer who will take you on as an apprentice
- Your employer applies for the apprenticeship

Australian Apprenticeships Centre helps you find a Registered Training Organisation, for the study component, like RGIT!
RGIT Career - Inside Hospitality

Q & A with Mary Tamondon
Certificate III Hospitality Commercial Cookery

When did you first start cooking?
When I was 4 years old, I used to pick flowers and leaves to use as ‘ingredients’. Whenever my Mum and Aunts would cook, I always used to get in their way and observe what they put in and mix together.

First dish you ever made?
When I was eight, I poached an egg . . . although it was with my sister. Since then I have always cooked. I would usually help our maid in preparing foods like sausage, hotdogs, pancakes.

What have learned at RGIT?
A lot of things when it comes to rules and regulations, the proper ways and means to do things, how to observe proper food safety and handling.

Favourite dishes to cook?
I love baking brownies! . . . I’m a pro in baking... the first goody I made was brazo de mercedes. It’s a delicacy made from egg white foam and egg yolk with thickening cream for filling.

What are your future plans?
If granted God’s favour, I’d love to put up my own restaurant in the Philippines.

Your top 5 tips for Hospitality students?
1. Follow rules when preparing food, put in mind safety.
2. Manage your time.
3. Have focus/presence of mind always.
4. Have patience.
5. Love what you are doing.

Double Trouble

Many at RGIT are left scratching their heads after meeting identical Thai twins, Sakonwit and Sasiwat, who were born 4 minutes apart. The brothers spin a web of confusion as they continue their studies in Hospitality Commercial Cookery: Sakonwit undertaking Certificate III and Sasiwat doing Certificate IV.

Their hospitality journey started with fried eggs. Today, the dynamic duo put up dishes for parties and get-togethers with friends and family.

“Sasiwat is bossier because he can cook well, whereas I have a good sense of taste. Whenever he makes food, it’s either too salty or too sweet!” says Sakonwit.

If you want to tell them apart, ask them about their favourite foods. Sakonwit loves Italian, Sasiwat favours Thai.

Who’s Confused?

Girls: In high school, Sasiwat saw a pretty girl and asked her phone number. “Why do you need my number twice?” she girl asked. Bugger! Sakonwit got to her first.

Work: The twins work at Chin Chin restaurant as cooks. Sasiwat does the morning shift, while Sakonwit works afternoons, but sometimes they are rostered on together. The head chef goes crazy when he gives an order, then has to keep checking which twin has it!

Friends: Even friends sometimes greet the wrong twin, then get upset if the twin is not happy to see them.

Trainers: Hospitality Trainer, Dan, used to get confused but he’s worked them out. “Sakonwit wears his hat and Sasiwat always forgets his hat!”
RGIT Career - Inside Hospitality

Field Trips
As part of their curriculum, Hospitality students go for walking tours, visiting various landmark hotels and cafés. Students share their experience.

"We visited Victoria Market early in the morning. I was excited to see big machines make good coffee; we got to smell and taste very, very smooth coffee."
- Atiporn Chanpen

"It's amazing to learn about different services being provided by different restaurants. We went to Pellegrini Espresso Bar, which is said to be the first coffee bar in Melbourne. Funny thing was that I always went to the wrong place, I should have used Google Maps :)
- Cheng Wei Hull

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Trainers' Funny Stories
Trainers share their funniest moments with students.

Dan
Students seem to open every sentence in our theory classes with "In my country...". So, I began telling a story naming food items and geographical facts. "This can only happen in MY country," I said. The students have started playing a guessing game (Where is trainer Dan from???). They're still guessing.

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Kohei
One day, I plated some demo food and walked away. When I returned to my workbench, the food had been "kidnapped". I studied each student's face. They looked guilty. They couldn't resist tasting! I told them they had better learn how to cook it, or learn how to make a better poker face.

"I had the most fun when I got a FREE bag of macaroons at Brunetti!"
- MUSE

"We visited Victoria Market early in the morning. I was excited to see big machines make good coffee; we got to smell and taste very, very smooth coffee."
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ELICOS students recently participated in a story writing competition. The story below is by an intermediate student and won a $25 gift voucher. The next two were group efforts by new students, winning a $50 voucher and box of chocolates. These are edited versions.

By Francesco Ruspone

In 2012 I went to WA with friends to look for farm work. After a couple of days we decided to get on a bus to Carnarvon, which is a small town about 1000 km from Perth. The winter was starting in Melbourne but in Carnarvon it is always summer. We escaped from crazy Melbourne weather to the desert temperature of WA, but I didn’t know what to expect from this experience.

First of all we rented a bungalow in a caravan park but it was very expensive so we had just a few days to find a job before using all the money on accommodation. Soon we realised that the farms were very far away from the town and also from our caravan park. The only way to get there without a car was to walk through the desert for kilometres.

It was 1.00 PM and 40° C when we started to walk seeking farm work; me and two girls with half a litre of water, in the middle of nowhere. The farms were very far away from each other and just get into the property could take about 10 mins from the main street to each farm.

After four hours without any result, we found a good spot in the shade to get a rest. When we finished the water we were about to give up but suddenly we saw a guy with a big hat riding a bicycle in front of us. We stopped him to ask advice about the farms around the area.

His name was Matteo and was very friendly and kind so we described to him our situation and he suggested to move from the caravan park because it was too expensive and far away from the working area. He said we could find economical accommodation closer to the plantation and he also informed us that there were two rooms available in his share house. We decided to follow him and, as soon as we arrived there, Matteo introduced me to the owner.

We realised we had been very lucky because the new accommodation gave us the opportunity to stay in Carnarvon for longer and let us find a job easily. Thank God we met Matteo that particular hot day; he had been very helpful and also he became a good friend of mine.

After 3 days I found a job on the neighbour’s farm and in 4 months I collected 90 days of farm work that I needed to extend my visa.
Welcome to Thailand

Welcome to Thailand

We would like to invite you to Thailand is the most beautiful country. There are exuberant forest, beautiful beaches, splendid temples, delicious fresh food and people are friendly. On the top of that, there are a lot of amazing festival. The best time in Thailand is summer. Summer season is from March to June. The temperature is around 25-35°C. It is a very humid this time is the best time for travelling. Anyway you can travel whenever you want. It's a good weather everyday.

Chiang Mai is on Northern of Thailand. It's got a nice peoples and romantic places. Also, there is amazing festival. We called “Songkram Festival.” Songkran is the water festival. Everyone are splash water. Peoples are wearing Thai tradition clothes. Songkran festival is Thai New Year.

Phuket is a part of Southern of Thailand. It's got nice 24 beaches and 18 fantastic island. One of the most important place in Phuket is Phatong beach. Here you can see the sunshine in the morning and fantastic sunset in the evening. You can go travelling, snorkelling, swimming, sunbath, also enjoy aquatics there. We would like to mention about the capital of Thailand is Bangkok. There is splendid temple and famous “Wat Phra Kaew”. It is made up from marble. This temple is grand royal temple. It is gigantic and fantastic one.

Thai food in Thailand is a whole new experience. The hot and salty flavours. Such as in a typical seafood dishes. Otherwise known as Tom Yum Kung.

We are a land of smiles. We are waiting for you to come.

Welcome to Korea

Do you know Korea? Korea is between China and Japan. Korea has the sea on three sides. You can come to Korea any time. In Spring you can see to bloom beautiful flowers. In Summer you can enjoy to have fun in water and leisure sports. In Autumn you can feel to be dyed brown and red in every mountain. In winter you can touch to come down snows.

Seoul is the capital of Korea. Seoul is modern city and it have got beautiful night view. If you want to see night view you can go to Seoul tower.

Korean food is a symbol of Korean culture and the secret to long and healthy life. In Korea “Have you eaten” is as common a greeting as “Hello”. It is a culture that has always been deeply attached to food and food culture.

Chang Hyun Kim, Doo Seob Hwang (Daniel), Yoon
Trams, trains, crowds and stress... sometimes you need to get out of the city for a while, relax and see the sights. Hiring a car for an extended period of time can be expensive.

Here are some top tips for getting behind the wheel on the cheap.

Relocations
Visit www.transfercar.com.au and deliver a vehicle. They specialise in transporting cars and campervans to locations across Australia, so if you feel like a road trip to Alice Springs, Cairns, or anywhere else, all you have to do is arrive with the vehicle in one piece on a specified date. They have all the available cars and dates on their homepage so the website is very easy to use. Most are free and the rest cost as little as $5.

Get Together
Enlist three friends and have an adventure together. For $25 each, you can hire a car from Europcar for four days. Pack tents and drive along the Great Ocean Road, set up camp in a different spot each night and you’ve got yourself a cheap getaway!

Check Oodles
www.oodles.com.au is probably the best comparison site out there. It’s extremely easy to use and displays the prices of all the big car rental companies, even highlighting the cheapest for you. There are no booking fees and you simply pay for the car when you collect it.

Five Top Tips
1. Automatic cars are generally much cheaper to hire than manuals.
2. Make sure you return the car with a full fuel tank. Some companies will charge you excess fees if you do not.
3. If the person hiring the car is under 25 years old, you will need to find a company willing to rent to younger drivers, but be warned - it will be more expensive.
4. Book in advance. Most rental companies charge a bumped up rate if you’re booking a vehicle for the next day.
5. Use incognito mode if searching online. Often, comparison sites can tell if you’ve visited them before and they alter their prices.

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Beat the Heat

**Exciting Things to do in Melbourne this summer**

Visit a rooftop

Venues like Naked in the Sky in Fitzroy or the aptly named Rooftop Bar in the CBD boast spectacular views of Melbourne. Other examples include Bomba, Tuscan Bar and Jimmy Watsons. Enjoy a beer or glass of wine, kick back and soak up Australian summer in style.

Go to the beach

If bars aren’t your thing, take the train out to Frankston and admire the impressive sand sculptures. They can be seen all throughout the summer months, and there are even workshops where you can try your hand at creating your own. Get on the Frankston line at Flinders St station and the journey will take around an hour.

Challenge your friends

St Kilda Botanical Gardens has a free giant chess board. It is situated amongst lush greenery so it’s easy to get lost and forget about your studies. If you get too hot the beach is close by, so pack your swimmers in case you feel like taking a dip.

Head to the pool

Fitzroy pool and Carlton baths are both cool places to chill this summer. A pass is under $5. Grab a sun lounger, cold drink and a book and relax there for hours, or do a few laps and get some exercise. Remember your sunscreen, hat and t-shirt for sun protection. Australia’s sun burns skin fast.

Keep cool

Summer will turn Melbourne into an oven, so keep cool and constantly drink water, especially if you’re doing something active or enjoying a cold beer. At night, if you don’t have aircon, sleep with a fan and damp sarong over your body, or direct the fan to blow air through a damp sarong.
Cycle along the coast

St Kilda Beach to Half Moon Bay

This scenic 13k cycling track follows the beach from St Kilda via Sandringham and Brighton to Half Moon Bay. Admire the beautiful coastal views and stunning homes, and if you get too hot, jump into the ocean for a swim! If you don’t have your own bike, you can rent one from Rentabike in Federation Square. It costs $35 for the whole day.

Enjoy a movie under the stars

Moonlight cinema, central lawn @ Royal Botanical Gardens

Events and screenings will be held here until 29th March, including live music and red carpet appearances! Bring a blanket and chill on the grass, enjoy a snack from one of the gourmet food trucks and take in the night’s entertainment. Tickets and programs are available from www.moonlight.com.au/melbourne. On Thursdays, all tickets are only $12.

Take in some art

Blender lane artists market

Here until 15th February, the artists market is a chance to find some unique locally made knick knacks. There will be jewellery, textiles, illustrations, food and even a performing arts stage! Entry is free. The market is a not for profit event which focuses on showcasing local talent, and takes place against the stunning street art backdrop of Blender Lane in the CBD.

Have a picnic

Supper market @ Abbotsford Convent

On Friday nights during summer, the gardens of Abbotsford Convent are transformed into a hive of activity. Amongst numerous food trucks serving up everything from fish and chips to traditional French cuisine, there are licensed bars offering local microbrews and musicians providing a soundtrack to the evening. Entry is free and the event is from 6pm – 10pm.

Enjoy the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

Sidney Myer Music Bowl

Free shows at “the Bowl” have become a famous part of Melbourne’s summer. On the 15th, 18th, 22nd and 25th of February, at 7pm, the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra will take to the stage in the stunning Sidney Myer Music Bowl to play a free show. It is recommended that you get down an hour or two early if you want to get a good spot!

Party on the beach

St Kilda Festival

St Kilda festival runs from Sunday 31st January until Sunday 8th February, with the main event on the last day – a joyful community celebration with music, performance, street food and much more. The evening sees the main stage light up with the festival atmosphere. It’s a party not to be missed, and entry is free!
Eating Out

Middle Fish – Carlton

"I like their fishcake and Thai noodles with soft shell crab. The flavour is delicious and spicy." - Suwapich Worrakijthamronechateau, Certificate III in Business

Paparich – QV Mall

"It's a Malaysian restaurant, I have eaten 3 or five times there and have never been disappointed." - Tatsuya Ito, Certificate III in Hospitality

China Bar – Box Hill

"They open till late and good value for money; price is good and quantity large." - Yang Baosen, Diploma of Hospitality, RPL

Sichuan Restaurant – Box Hill

"I order Hot pot it's spicy, and you can choose the meat and vegetables." - Amy Wang, Certificate III in Commercial Cookery

Amano – North Brighton

"My favourite is Capriccios. The restaurant is small and nice like Italian Trattoria (a friendly small cafe)." - Pietro Olivadoti, Diploma of Business

Blue Train – North Melbourne

"It has an awesome romantic view, I love their Chili Prawn Pizza." - Donghun An, Diploma of Business

Wat Da Pho – South Melbourne

"I normally order classic Pho and Skewers set. It has three different kind of well cooked meat." - Jacob, Certificate II in Business

Lentil as Anything - Abbotsford Convent

"It's vegan buffet, we sit in the grass and chill out." - Monica, Barista Course Student

Dessert House – Swanston Street

"It has all kinds of sweet, I prefer Mango pudding in summer :)" - Daimeng Liu, Cert III in Commercial Cookery

Jinda Thai Restaurant – North Melbourne

"I love soft shell crab with yellow curry sauce and spicy dry egg noodles. Good price, authentic Thai taste and not far from the city." - Kawita Wongsanit – Diploma in Hospitality
LOL!!

"No, you weren't downloaded. You were born."

All he does all day is write on our walls!

One hour later

"Oh man, it's three in the morning. I should really get off the computer and to bed..."

I changed all my passwords to "incorrect."

So whenever I forgot, it will tell me "Your password is incorrect."

Evolution of Software Engineer

UNIX C, C++, JAVA, .Net, MS Excel...