



*Hello everyone,*

*So yet another semester has started and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new students to Darwin, I hope you are going to have a fantastic time here.*

*To all the continuing students; if you see any new student arrivals around campus, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself, I am sure they will appreciate it.*

*If any of you have any queries, I am located in the Uni Info Shop every Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30 am-12.00 noon. At all other times you can find me in Support & Equity Services which is located in building 22, room 111.*

*If you need an appointment, please contact Kylie Ash in Support and Equity Services on 8946 6288. You are also more than welcome to email me on [vibeke.foss@cdu.edu.au](mailto:vibeke.foss@cdu.edu.au) or ring the number above and ask to be put through to me.*

*I look forward to catching up with all of you during the semester*

*Vibeke*

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## WORLD CARE

Remember that it is a visa requirement that your health cover is up to date, so if you need to extend your visa, you are also going to need to extend your health cover.

This year we will no longer have a Worldcare representative on campus, but instead students will have direct computer access to Worldcare facilities from building 24.1.43 Using the computer which will have direct link to the Worldcare website you will be able to process your claims. In addition, there will be a telephone which will have a 24 hr direct line to Worldcare.



## SUPPORT SERVICES

Charles Darwin University has a range of support services available to all students. All of these services are confidential and free of charge and are located in Support & Equity Services in building 22, room 111.

For appointments please contact Kylie Ash on 8946 6288.

The following services are available:

- **Academic Advisor and Complaints processes**  
Dr. Bill Wilson
- **Counselling Services**  
Tony Cole
- **Study Skills Support**  
Elizabeth Hofstede
- **Disability Support**  
Kerrie Munro
- **International Student Support**  
Vibeke Foss

Furthermore, you can contact the following people regarding career or English support:

- **Career Counselling Services**  
Adelia Mu-Prasad: 8946 7286
- **Academic English Support Program**  
Susana Lu-Dizon: 8946 6878

## TUITION FEES 2007/08

Please be advised that tuition fees may vary from year to year. Read your Letter of Offer carefully and make sure that you understand your rights and obligations before you sign your Terms of Agreement. All international students are **required** to pay their tuition fees based on the rates published for the current year before the census date which, for semester 1, is 31/03/07

*For further information about tuition fees for 2008, please contact the International Office on 8946 7215.*

## CDU SPORTS

As some of you may be aware, there is a fully equipped and air-conditioned gym, Fitness Unlimited, on Casuarina Campus.

The gym has an extensive range of machines, fitness equipment and free weights and offers assessments, personal training and group fitness. Membership is available to the general public but, more importantly is available to students at a discounted fee.

Furthermore CDU Sports also has a number of associated sporting clubs ranging from Badminton and Soccer to Karate and Cricket - just to mention a few.

Please visit CDU Sports website on [www.cdu.edu.au/sports](http://www.cdu.edu.au/sports) for full details and pricing.



## NEWSLETTER ON WEB

If you wish to read earlier versions of the newsletter, it is possible to access them all on the internet. Simply go to the following address and scroll down the page until you see Newsletters:

<http://www.cdu.edu.au/ses/international-std.html>

## DIMA; CHANGE OF NAME

In case some of you are unaware of this change, this is just to inform you that DIMA (Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs) has changed name and is now called Department of Immigration And Citizenship (DIAC).

They are still located at 40 Cavanagh Street, Darwin and can be contacted on 131 1881.

## VISA EXTENSIONS / WORK PERMIT

Some of you may need to apply for a visa extension to be able to complete your studies.

This can be done online, simply go to [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au) and follow the prompts. You will still need to provide DIAC with proof of your studies (eCoE) and also be aware that you may need to undertake another health check.

Others may need to apply for a work visa and this can also be done online on the above link.

However, you need to contact The Students Facilitator (International Support) **prior** to applying, so your study commencement can be confirmed.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LUNCH

Each semester the International Office invites all International Students to a BBQ lunch and this semester is no different.

The date has been set to April 5<sup>th</sup> from 12-1.30pm. The lunch will take place at the Student Square next to the basketball courts and is free for all International Students.



International students enjoying their lunch in semester 2, 2006

## WORK PERMITS

Most of you will, at some point during your stay, want to apply for a work visa. This visa costs \$60 and if you are intending on paying with a credit card you have to apply online; simply go to [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au) and follow the prompts. If you would like to pay with money order you will need to go in to the DIAC office which is located on 40 Cavanagh Street, Darwin.

Regardless of how you choose to apply, you **NEED** to contact the International Student Facilitator prior to applying in order to have your study commencement confirmed.

Contact [Vibeke.foss@cdu.edu.au](mailto:Vibeke.foss@cdu.edu.au)



## MEET & GREET

In every issue we introduce you to one of your fellow international students or a staff-member who you are likely to be in contact with during your stay.

If you would like to introduce yourself to the rest of the international students or if there is a staff member you would like to get to know better, please email [Vibeke.foss@cdu.edu.au](mailto:Vibeke.foss@cdu.edu.au).



This month I would like to introduce you to Sue Davidson.

Sue is our International Enrolment Officer for VTE and HE and most of you have already met her.

Sue has been with CDU since June 1997 and has worked in a variety of roles within the University before being appointed as International Enrolments Officer.

Sue is located in the Uni Info Shop next to where I sit and she deals with all issues regarding enrolments.

If you have any queries about your enrolment or fees, please contact Sue on [sue.davidson@cdu.edu.au](mailto:sue.davidson@cdu.edu.au)

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR FOCUS GROUP

If anyone is interested in participating in an International Student Focus Group, please contact me as soon as possible.

The main objective of this group is to identify some of the particular issues and problems International Students face whilst studying here at CDU.

The group will meet approximately twice during the semester for a two hour lunch meeting (lunch will be provided) and will be conducted in an informal and relaxed atmosphere.

I am looking for up to 10 people, so if you are interested, please contact me on [Vibeke.foss@cdu.edu.au](mailto:Vibeke.foss@cdu.edu.au) or by phone on 8946 6288.

## FREE IQ-EQ BALANCING SEMINAR

This semester we are offering all International Students the opportunity to attend a seminar in IQ-EQ Balancing. The seminar which will be presented by Anila Sadananda (Manager, Student Operations at CDU) will concentrate on the intelligent use of your emotions. Anila who is widely travelled has delivered lectures on Emotional Literacy in several universities, both in Europe and Asia and we are delighted to be able to offer this at CDU.

The seminar will be held on **April 20<sup>th</sup>** (location to be advised) so if you would like to attend please contact me on [Vibeke.foss@cdu.edu.au](mailto:Vibeke.foss@cdu.edu.au) to register.



## CAREER WORKSHOPS

Each semester a variety of workshops are offered to students who study at CDU. Below are some upcoming workshops which have been arranged by CDU's Career & Student Recruitment.

For further information and to register, please visit:

<http://www.cdu.edu.au/careers/events/>

### DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS EMPLOYER VISIT

22/03/07 12-1pm, room 22.01

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade aims to recruit a diverse group of Graduates each year, representing and reflecting the best of the Australian community.

This seminar is aimed at students who will graduate at the end of 2007, but all students welcome.

### RESUME WRITING

Employment workshop 1

26/03/07 12-1, room C24.04

Bring in a current resume and get handy tips on how to improve it!

### JOB SEEKING AND JOB

#### APPLICATIONS

Employment workshop 2

27/03/07 12-1PM, ROOM C24.04

Get tips on finding a job as well as learning how to write effective cover letters and answer selection criteria.

### JOB INTERVIEWS AND ASSESSMENT CENTRES

Employment workshop 3

28/03/07 12-1pm, room C24.04

Develop skills to assist with successfully managing in job interviews and assessment centres.

### 2007 GRADUATE RECRUITMENT FAIR

03/04/07 11-5pm at the Basketball Courts, Casuarina Campus

This Fair is for all domestic and international CDU students, upcoming and penultimate year, in Higher Education and Vocational and Technical Education studies, including apprentices or those seeking an apprenticeship. This is your chance to meet potential employers face to face and find out what work and career opportunities may be available for you.

*Check your student emails closer to the date for an invitation to attend and a full program.*