



Hi everyone,

Finally!

The semester is almost over and many of you will be going back home to enjoy a much needed holiday. Some of you might stay and enjoy a nice and warm Australian Christmas and if you do stay, I know you are going to have a fantastic time. Darwin is a very unique place around the holidays and the best part is that you will not be cold.

While most of you will be enjoying the long break, some of you may be feeling restless and homesick. It is only natural to feel anxious and sad during the holidays and if you do feel a bit upset, please feel free to come and see me any time for a chat. Also we have a wonderful counsellor on campus, Tony Cole. He is located in Support & Equity Services and can be contacted on 8946 6288.

As always – I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and remember that if you have any suggestions about what you would like to read about or even if you want to have a go at writing something yourself, email me and we will sort something out.

Vibeke

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WORKING DURING THE SEMESTER BREAK

As most of you are aware, you are allowed to work full-time during the break if you hold a Student Visa with Permission to Work.

Please bear in mind that if you decide to undertake any extra studies during the break, such as OLAs or intensive units you are NOT allowed to exceed your 20 hours pr. week while studying.

For example, if you do an intensive unit, then during the week or two weeks the units runs you can only work 20 hours. For those of you who do OLA, you cannot work more than 20 hours for the duration of the unit.

This is extremely important information as breaching this condition can result in your visa being cancelled.



SUPPORT

This is a reminder to all of you about the support services Charles Darwin University has available to you. All of these services are confidential and free of charge:

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

We are all located in building 22.1.111 and can be contacted on: 8946 6288.

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

NEWSLETTER ON WEB

If you wish to read earlier versions of the newsletter, it is now possible to access it 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>

WHERE TO FIND ME

Just a reminder to those of you who might need to come and see me:

I am in the Uni Info Shop every Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30-12.00. 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 Andrea James in Support and Equity Services on 8946 6288.

You are also more than welcome to email me on vibeke.foss@cdu.edu.au or ring the number above and ask to be put through to me.

TRANSFERRING OR APPLYING FOR A NEW COURSE

If you wish to apply for a new course after enrolling in or completing another course, you will need to contact the International Office. If you are applying for a new course please ensure it is available for international students. Check the International Office's website: www.cdu.edu.au/international

If you have queries about which courses are available to international students or if you wish to check the progress of your application for a new course or course transfer, please contact the International Office on 8946 7215 or via email international@cdu.edu.au

The International Office is located on level 2, Building 29



MEET & GREET

In every issue we are going to introduce you to one of you fellow international students or a staff-member.

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.

This month I would like to introduce you all to Andrea.



Andrea, who is the Receptionist in Support & Equity Services, is your first point of contact when you ring up to make an appointment with the counsellor or one of the Facilitators.

Andrea has worked for Support & Equity Services for over a year and is originally from Toowoomba in Queensland. Before moving to Darwin, she travelled around Australia with her fiancé Barry and their Great Dane Georgie for two years. They travelled in their trusted ute which took them all around the country; everywhere from Tasmania to Darwin, but they never made it to Western Australia as The Top End made such a great impression on them that they decided to stay.

This was now our luck, as Andrea is a very important part of our team.

CHANGE OF EXAM RULES

The examination rules, which have an impact on you as international students, have changed.

From now on, international students do not have to fill in an application form to be allowed to bring in a paper based dictionary for the exams.

Paper based dictionaries are now permitted at all centralised exams, both mid-semester and final exams.

Please note: *electronic dictionaries and thesauruses are not permitted!*

Furthermore, if you would like extra reading time during the exam, you still need to fill in an application form and submit it **at least 28 days prior to the commencement of the examination period.**

Please note: *it is not 28 days prior to your exam, but 28 days prior to the commencement of the examination period.*

Please familiarise yourself with the updated examination rules on:

<http://www.cdu.edu.au/governance/documents/ExaminationRules.pdf>

TUITION FEES FOR 2007

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.

For further information about tuition fees for 2007, please contact the International Office on 8946 7215.



AND THE WINNER IS.....

We received a lot of response to our 'Name the Newsletter' competition and I would like to thank those of you who sent in your suggestions: they were all excellent but unfortunately there can be only one winner.

All the staff at Support & Equity Services took a vote of the submitted suggestions and the winner is:

SHEILA KELLY

Congratulations - you have won a \$100 book voucher which you can pick up from Support & Equity Services.

ON HOLIDAY.....

Vibeke Foss will be going away on holiday from 12/12/06 to the 25/01/07 so she will not be able to have meetings with any of you during that period.

If you have any queries or problems, please contact:

Dr. Bill Wilson (Support & Equity)

Phone: 8946 6288

Email: bill.wilson@cdu.edu.au

Enrolment: Sue Davidson

Phone: 8946 7082

Email: sue.davidson@cdu.edu.au

Course transfer: International Office

Phone: 8946 7215

Email: international@cdu.edu.au

UNIVERSITY CLOSE-DOWN

Please note that the university will be closed from December 22 and will reopen on Monday January 8, 2007

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.

The Overseas Student Health Cover Worldcare representative is Shameemah Salahudeen who can be contacted on 0401 716 144 or you can email Shameemah on:

ssalahudeen@worldcare.com.au