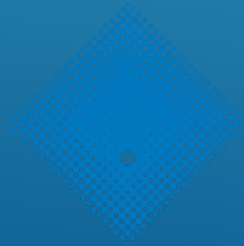


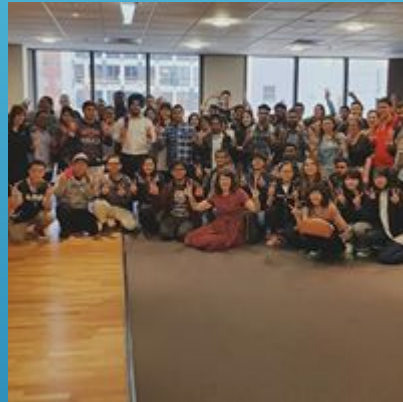
BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH LUNCHTIME ENGAGEMENT & MENTOR PROGRAMS



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- ▶ My role Independent Learning Centre Coordinator
- ▶ VU College includes VU English and VU Diploma



- ▶ ‘...many international students struggled with an expectation of in-class discussion in increasingly multicultural classrooms.’ (Maeda 2017, p.143)
- ▶ Students feel unable to contribute in communication-related activities for the following reasons:
 1. not accustomed to in class participation
 2. fear of making language mistakes
 3. fear of losing face

CONSTRAINTS OF THE CLASSROOM FOR ENGAGEMENT

► Engagement: Facebook, WhatsApp Orientation Scavenger Hunt

► Engagement events: Skills Class (3 times per week)

Cooking Class

Table Tennis

Cultural Day

Class photos Competition

LUNCHTIME ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

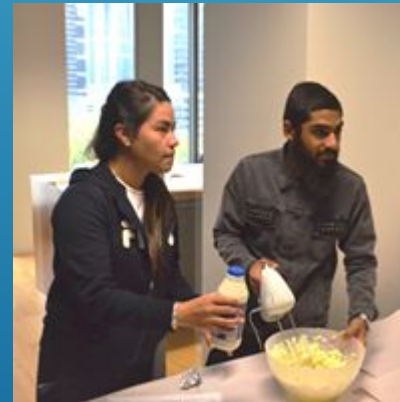
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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 19th Melbourne City Walkers	June 20th Skills Class Levels 2-3	June 21st Skills Class Levels 4-6	June 22nd Speaking Class
12:00-12:45 Meet in ILC	12:15-1:00pm Room 12.06	12:15-1:00pm Room 12.06	12:15-1:00pm Room 12.06
June 26th Speaking Class	June 27th Skills Class Levels 2-3	June 28th Skills Class Levels 4-6	June 29th COOKING CLASS
12:15-1:00pm Room 12.06	12:15-1:00pm Room 12.06	12:15-1:00pm Room 12.06	11:45 – 1:00PM ROOM 9.15 Cost: \$5
July 3rd Speaking Class	July 4th Skills Class Levels 2-3	July 5th Skills Class Levels 4-6	July 6th Ping Pong Tournament
12:15-1:00pm Room 12.06	12:15-1:00pm Room 12.06	12:15-1:00pm Room 12.06	11:45-1:15pm Student Lounge Flinders Lane
<small>*If it is raining on Tuesday there will be board games & chatting in the reception area (level 17).</small>			<small>Ping Pong teams are welcome to practice in the student lounge anytime.</small>

► VU Cooking Class



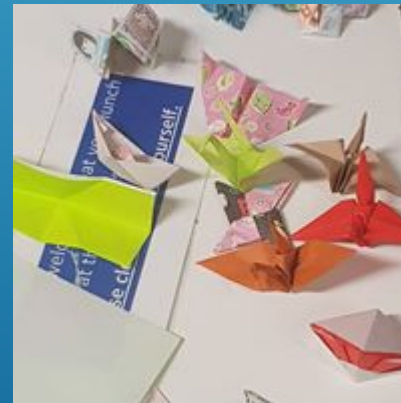
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CULTURAL DAY EVENT



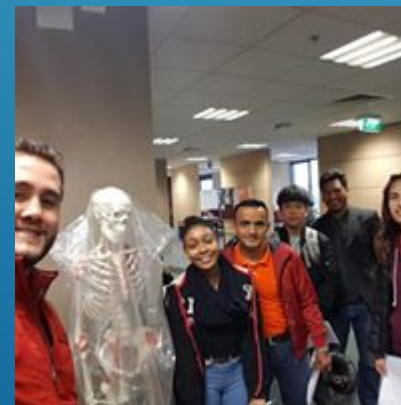
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- ▶ Most activities student funded
- ▶ \$10 or less
- ▶ Some funding for bigger events

COST OF ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

ENGAGEMENT: SOCIAL MEDIA



WINNING CLASS PHOTO FROM INTAKE 4





LUNCHTIME & STUDENT ENGAGEMENT DISCUSSION

1. What are some popular events at your center?
2. Who organizes these events?
3. How are they funded?
4. What types of events would you like to see at your center in the future?

STUDENT MENTORS





Victoria University English & VU Diploma Student Mentors Internship

We are looking for student mentors, who will:

- ***gain experience working with a multicultural team***
- ***work for 1.5 - 2 hours per week***
- ***receive a Letter of Reference upon successful completion***
- ***be based at City Flinders Campus***

Role details:

- ***Work with a team of Vu College students from different cultural backgrounds***
- ***Support new students at VU college programs with orientation to VU and to Melbourne***
- ***Work with the ILC coordinator (Shawna)***
- ***Attend weekly meetings to help plan events***

Successful applicants must have:

- ***a good level of spoken English***
- ***an outgoing, friendly personality***
- ***the time to attend some events outside of class time***
- ***strong organizational skills and attention to detail***

- ▶ Attend weekly meetings
- ▶ Assist with lunchtime programs (cooking, ping pong, city tour)
- ▶ Speak at meet and greet to entire student body
- ▶ Makes promotional videos for the meet and greet to advertise events and welcome videos for orientation day.
- ▶ VU College mentors speak with VU English students about their experiences starting their main course.

STUDENT MENTOR ROLE

- ▶ “I wanted a chance to socialise outside of class time.”
- ▶ “I wanted to make connections in VU.”
- ▶ “I wanted to improved my English.”
- ▶ “I wanted to help make lunchtime fun.”
- ▶ “I want to make the most of my experience in Melbourne.”
- ▶ “I want to feel like I am part of the VU community.”

STUDENTS REASONS FOR BECOMING A MENTOR

- ▶ Experience working with multicultural team
- ▶ Improve communication skills
- ▶ Gain confidence in public speaking
- ▶ Feel a sense of purpose and belonging to host centre
- ▶ Make connections with VU College students

OUTCOMES FOR STUDENT MENTOR PROGRAM

Student Ambassador Program

Victoria University's (VU) Student Ambassador Program provides opportunities to develop your communication and networking skills.

As a representative speaking on behalf of VU and our student body, you'll have the chance to meet with a variety of people, creating future opportunities for yourself and for our university.

Share your enthusiasm and experience with future VU students! Become a Student Ambassador.



On this page:

- ▾ [Benefits of being an ambassador](#)
- ▾ [Key requirements](#)
- ▾ [Student Leadership Model](#)
- ▾ [How to apply](#)

Benefits of being an ambassador

Being an ambassador is a rewarding job with many benefits. They include:

- having fun while earning money
- enhancing your public relations, communication and leadership skills
- gaining valuable work experience
- flexibility to choose your shifts each week based on a range of opportunities
- broadening your networks.



Student ambassadors at VU

In this diverse role, you will be required to represent the University and its course offerings at a range of events, including:

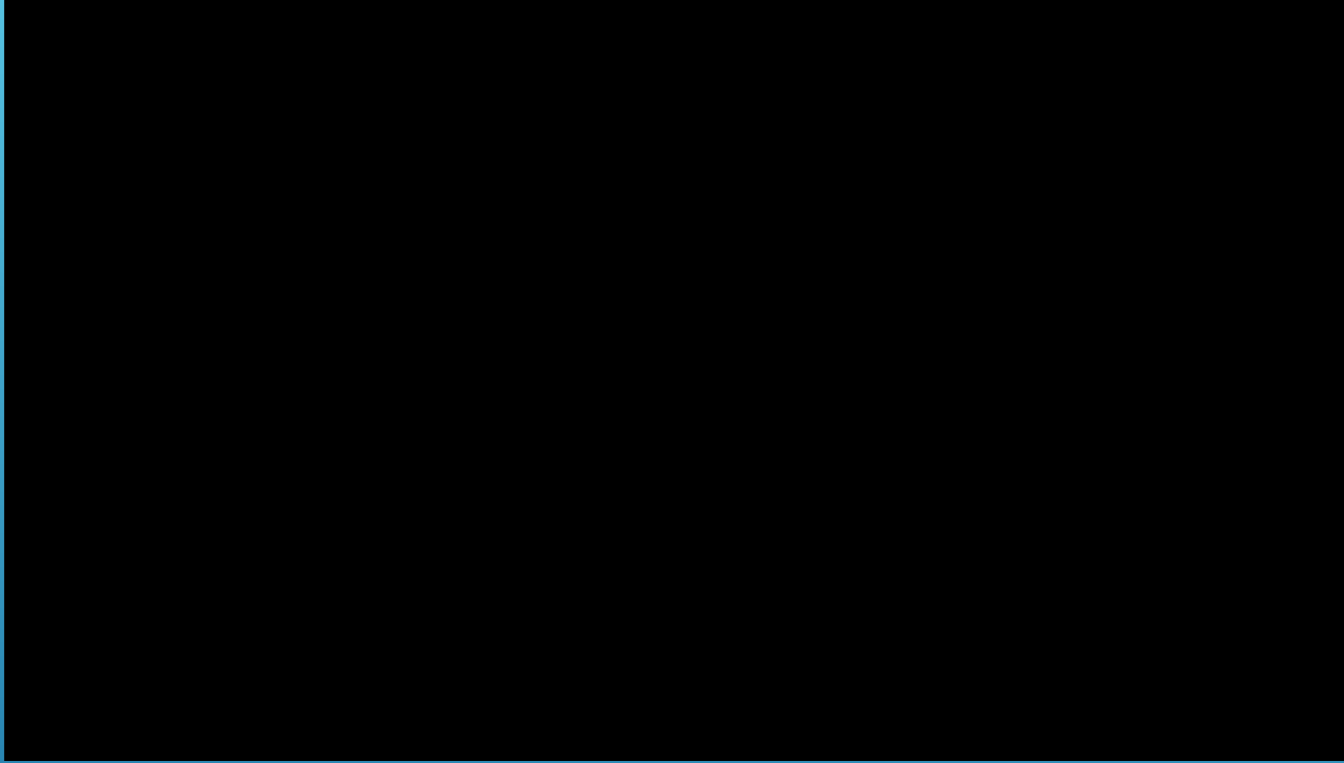
- school, community and major expos (for example, *The Age* VCE and Careers Expo)
- Open Day and other VU recruitment events
- school visits (both on campus and at the schools)
- information sessions.

In addition, you may also be required to make presentations, take part in student panels, attend events and conduct campus tours.

LEADING TO BIGGER THINGS

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ADVERTISING OUR SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT EVENTS







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