Highly Recommended and Optional Activities

BALANCING LIFE AND UNIVERSITY
You’ve succeeded in getting to ECU but how will you balance a personal life with the new demands of study, adjust to the change and make it all work? Come along to this two hour workshop and find out how to manage it all as you begin this new and exciting journey. This workshop is designed to be fun, interactive and informative, focusing on topics such as personally adjusting to the transition, goal setting, as well as time and stress management. Bookings are required.

MANAGING YOUR FINANCES
Let Centrelink’s Financial Information Services show you how you can develop a working budget to manage your income and expenses as a student, and stick to it! Bookings are required.

TOUR ECU SPORT AND FITNESS FACILITIES
Looking after your health while you’re studying is important, and what better way to stay in shape and have fun than to take advantage of the great sport and fitness facilities available on campus at ECU. Come on this 30 minute tour of our facilities and find out about all the free and low cost activities offered by ECU Sports. Tours depart from ECU Sports and Fitness foyer. Bookings are required.

ADVANCED STANDING
Depending on your course or experience, you may be able to gain credit at ECU for on-course or on-your own completed studies. This means reducing the number of units or/and time required to complete your ECU qualification. If you are returning to study from the workforce or have studied at TAFE previously, come along to this one hour information session to find out if you’re eligible and how to apply for advanced standing. Bookings are required.

Orientation Doesn’t Stop Here...
If you missed any of the activities listed here or cannot get to campus, there will be some repeated activities offered during the first few weeks of semester and presentations from some of the Orientation activities will be provided online to ensure you still get that important head-start. Details can be accessed through the Orientation website.

WHERE TO FIND HELP DURING SEMESTER
Each semester the Learning Advisers offer free workshops that address specific aspects of your assessment tasks to help you improve your marks. Topics include Referencing, Assignment writing, Oral presentations and more. One-on-one appointments and drop-in sessions are also available to help you with your academic or information technology skills. Visit http://www.ecu.edu.au/student/student-learning for details.

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*Mandatory workshops - all students
**Recommended workshops - all students
***Optional workshops - all students

* Bookings required, visit http://www.ecu.edu.au/orientation/events.php
Welcome to ECU

Commencing University can be a little daunting and there may be some things which you are not aware of, that you will need to know in order to be successful at University. ECU runs a comprehensive two-week Orientation program for new and transitioning students to help you familiarise yourself with the University and discover important information about what to expect in your course. WAAFA students please note: you will have a specialised separate Orientation program, please visit http://www.ecu.edu.au/orientation instead for details of your Orientation.

Mount Lawley Orientation activities run between Wednesday 10 and Saturday 20 February 2010. Various activities are available, many in repeat sessions, throughout this period. Some activities require bookings so you will need to check the Orientation website for availability.

WELCOME DAY & THE LAUNCH EVENT

It is important for you to attend the Welcome Day on Thursday 18 February as this will be your official welcome to ECU, and a number of important activities are available. These include:

- A free BBQ lunch.
- Information stalls and giveaways; and
- Information about your course;
- Where you will find out important transitional information about your Visa; and
- Overseas Health Cover. Information on using public transport, personal safety, and security, as well as the support services available at ECU is also provided.

CULTURAL TRANSITION: RELOCATING AND LIFE AT ECU (essential for all relocating students)

Find out what to expect when moving to a new town, a new country, a new culture, a new learning environment, and how to make this transition smoothly. One of our friendly ECU Counsellors will walk you through the main stages of transition and offer some key strategies to help you work through this change. This interactive workshop isn’t just for students arriving overseas, it is a must for all students about to settle into a new home town and/or University, and will help you get the most out of your time in Perth, and at ECU.

STUDENT SUPPORT AT ECU (essential for all students, except those attending Unistart 1 or 2)

This 45-minute information session will introduce you to the many support services available to ECU students. From academic skills and personal counselling, to sports and social activities; find out what’s available to support you throughout your studies.

Boon dumplings.

On Wednesday 17 February 2010, the Welcome Day will run 10.00am – 1.30pm between Buildings 10, 16 and 17.

UNISTART

Unistart is a free academic transition program that is essential for all students about to commence their first year of study at ECU. Unistart exists to prepare you for your first term at ECU by offering an introduction to the University culture, a new learning environment, and how to make this transition smoothly.

Welcome to ECU offers two important activities to help you get acquainted with the library services on your campus.

- Library Tour and Information – Where to go and how to find it. Discover your campus library service. (Duration: 40 minutes; Tours depart from the Library foyer, Building 8).
- Using Library Resources – A more in-depth look at locating books, journals and electronic resources in the ECU library collection. (Duration: 50 minutes).

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I want to attend as many Orientation activities as I can, as these will give you an important head-start for your studies!

Ask Us!

During Orientation assistants will be available at our Information Points to answer your questions and offer advice on everything, from how to arrange your Student ID Card or activate your computer account, to getting around campus and registering for your Orientation activities, or even just having a chat about life at ECU! If you need help, simply drop into the Library on either campus. There are plenty of signs around campus to help you out, but if you do get lost, just ask around - we’ll do our best to point you in the right direction.

Librarians recommend:

- Attend as many Orientation activities as you can, as these will give you an important head-start for your studies!

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Dear Mr. Smith,

I am writing to express my concern about the quality of your recent lecture. As a student in your class, I must say that I was disappointed with the way the material was presented. The pace was too fast and the concepts were not explained clearly. I believe that these issues can be improved with better planning and preparation.

I am concerned that this situation could affect my understanding of the subject matter and my performance in the course. I would appreciate it if you could take these concerns into consideration and make any necessary adjustments to your teaching style.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]