“Making Connections”

FOUNDATION STUDIES MENTORING PROGRAM
BIG CHANGES IN YOUR LIFE

- Living far from home, away from family & friends
- Adjusting to different study expectations (different styles of learning)
- Coping with new living arrangements
- Adjusting to a different culture
- Finding their way around the university & Melbourne
WHAT IS ‘MAKING CONNECTIONS’ MENTORING PROGRAM?

- SUPPORTS new Foundation Studies students in their new surroundings
- HELPS new students to ADJUST to the Australian culture
- Offers FRIENDLY CONNECTIONS for new students, which hopefully will ENRICH their university life experience.
WHO ARE THE MENTORS?

The mentors are:

• more senior RMIT students who are trained to guide and support new Foundation Studies students. They can offer advise about accommodation, places to eat, markets, RMIT services etc. The mentors will also organise to meet their mentees (new Foundation Studies students) for lunch, dinner, bowling, playing billiards or similar activities, in order to get to know them;

• good listeners and can assist with any personal issues as well. Many mentors have developed good friendships with their mentees that lasted well beyond the mentoring program;

• predominantly international students and some of them have studied Foundation Studies in the past, however there are also a number of local students.
BENEFITS FROM JOINING

Make new friends
Develop self-confidence

Develop communication skills

Enjoy fun & free activities

Have a friendly network of people available to help with difficulties
COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

• The program has provided me a lot of great friends and that the best thing I got in Melbourne and also my English has improved rapidly. The activities are something special that we get in the program and we always enjoy it (Abdulla A, February 2012)

• The program and my fun & loving mentors made me feel like home. During times like this, it is hard not to miss home and think about home, but because of the program and my mentors I am starting to feel that Melbourne is as warm as my home. The best comfort anyone could ever give me (Amanda Ng, June 2012)

• What are the most valuable things the program has provided? Free activities and food (Stanley S, September 2012)
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