For staff & students… 
.....please distribute to all students in your program!

In this issue of SET SSCC News you will find information about:

NOTE: To promote your activity in the SET SSCC News or to give feedback email rick.ryan@rmit.edu.au

What is an SSCC you ask? Follow this link to find out http://www.rmit.edu.au/set/ad/sled/sscc

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1. About Student Staff Consultative Committees

The Student Staff Consultative Committee (SSCC) program is an interactive way for students to have their say about the day to day issues of student life, including program delivery and content.
SSCCs are an integral part of the RMIT Student Feedback Policy and are governed by robust RMIT procedures, guidelines and Terms of Reference.

Students are encouraged to participate in the SSCC process and take advantage of the many benefits including free training, skills development, official recognition of participation and the opportunity to help shape student life.

For more information about SSCC’s go to http://www.rmit.edu.au/set/ad/sled/sscc

2. SSCC training in semester 2, 2008

Training for students on Student Staff Consultative Committees (SSCC) is again available in second semester 2008. Register online at http://www.rmit.edu.au/lead/ssctrain for training in August at:
Bundoora on Tuesday 5th from 10:00am and in the City on Monday 4th from 2:00pm, Thursday 7th from 5:30pm or Wednesday 20th from 9:30am.
If you are unable to attend at one of these times, please email sscC@rmit.edu.au indicating the day/s of the week and the 3 hour time slot (AM or PM) when you could attend. It may be possible to include an additional session at a later stage if enough students are available for the same time slot.

3. **New international students**

Orientation - Semester 2, 2008

Where: Seminar Room 1 Storey Hall Swanston Street City Campus

When: Wednesday 16 July & Thursday 17 July from 10 am - 4 pm

ISIS is formally welcoming new international students from all areas to RMIT. We are providing information sessions on:

- student visa compliance,
- immigration,
- discovering Melbourne,
- safety,
- getting to know RMIT University,
- adjusting to Australian culture,
- connecting with the community,
- Medibank,
- study skills,
- RMIT library tour... and much more!

A light lunch will be provided. Students are welcome to attend all or some of the program - All international students are welcome!! Please contact isis.advisor@rmit.edu.au 9925 2963 for more information and to register interest.

4. **Women: Do you need some self-nurture?**

Join other women students and learn how to tune in and look after yourself – for FREE!

RMIT Pamper Project - Only for female students on Friday afternoons, 2.30 – 4.30pm

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Where: Queen Victoria Women’s Centre, 210 Lonsdale St, Melbourne 3001 (Exact location will be advised on confirmation of registration).

How to Book: Fill in a registration form at:

- City campus: SSG reception Building 14, Level 4
- Bundoora: SSG reception Building 202, level 1
- Brunswick: Building 514, The Hub ground level

Note: Waiting lists will be taken

Door prize each week to one lucky participant who brings their registration ticket! Number of participants strictly limited. Brought to you by the Health Service & RMIT Counselling Service
5. **Income support for Masters Students**

The Federal Government has approved seven RMIT University postgraduate programs for student income support payments from 1 January. This means that eligible students undertaking these programs may claim:

- Youth Allowance
- Austudy
- Pensioner Education Supplement

Students eligible for Youth Allowance and Austudy may also be eligible for rent assistance.

The approved programs in SET Portfolio are:

- Master of Clinical Chiropractic, Master of Osteopathy & Master of Psychology

To check your eligibility for student income support or rent assistance, contact Centrelink directly on 13 24 90. Payments can be made only from the date that an application is lodged with Centrelink.

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7. **Online - Student Services Group Evaluation**

We would like to know about the service you are NOW using. All information provided in this survey will be used for statistical purposes only and will assist us to evaluate and improve our services.

Complete the survey and go into the draw to win an iPod [http://www.rmit.edu.au/students/student-focus](http://www.rmit.edu.au/students/student-focus)

8. **Mid-year Orientation (MYO) 2008**

MYO events provide an opportunity for RMIT students to discover and connect with the RMIT community. Come along and discover important Orientation information, find out about student services and clubs and societies, get free food and meet new people on your campus.

- Bundoora West campus Tuesday 22 July Library Plaza – outside Building 202 11.30 am to 1.30 pm
- City - Carlton campus Thursday 24 July Building 57 Café 11.30 am to 1.30 pm
- City campus (Swanston) Wednesday 30 July Bowen St – outside Building 10 11.30 am to 1.30 pm

Date: Friday, 25 July 2008 from 12:30pm - 1:20pm
Venue: Kaleide Theatre, Building 8, Level 2

Mary Sheargold (flute) and Leigh Harrold (pianoforte) will perform the Prokofiev flute/piano sonata, a Copland Duo and a Bach sonata. For more information e-mail k.marion@rmit.edu.au

10. The 3C's (Cross Cultural Communication) Program – Coming to Bundoora in semester 2, 2008.

International Students …
• Want to improve your skills in socialising with others?
• Want to learn more about Australian culture and way of life?
• Want to develop conversational skills so that you know how to approach employers and what to say in a job interview?

Local Students …
• Want to enhance your employability by developing your communication, leadership and teamwork skills?
• Want to assist RMIT Students from all over the world in developing cross-cultural knowledge and conversational skills?

To find out more including how to register go to http://www.rmit.edu.au/careers/3csprogram

11. RMIT Survey – Overseas study and industry experience opportunities

Fill in this survey for your chance to win an iPod http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=aojmfjrup59h

We are interested in your views and understanding about overseas study or industry experience opportunities as part of your studies at RMIT. Following are a few questions to help us develop and promote a better service to current and future students.

Your responses are confidential and staff are not able to identify you. We welcome your frank and honest responses to these questions

12. Overarching Assessment Principles

The purpose of RMIT assessment in the university is to
1.1. provide a meaningful learning experience
1.2. measure and report students’ achievement of capability
1.3. determine students’ capabilities against learning outcomes
1.4. identify learning needs
1.5. provide students with feedback on their learning
1.6. increase students’ ability to assess and reflect on their own learning
1.7. report on students’ progress and achievements
1.8. assist in the evaluation of the learning experience, including the assessment design

Students of RMIT engage in assessment activity that
2. encourages student learning and participation
3. provides feedback
4. is flexible
5. is manageable
6. is fair and considerate of diverse needs
7. is reliable
8. is valid and meaningful
9. encourages student integration of learning

Go to [http://mams.rmit.edu.au/lbw2i2mlfinz.pdf](http://mams.rmit.edu.au/lbw2i2mlfinz.pdf) to view full 2 page document from which this information is extracted.

13. **Appeals Against Assessment**

All Higher Education and TAFE students can appeal against assessment where they have “Grounds for Review”

2.1 Students are entitled to seek a review of their final results where the following grounds exist:
- The student believes an error has occurred in the calculation of the grade; or,
- The student believes the assessment did not comply with criteria published in the Course Guide; or,
- The student believes the criteria published in the course guide does not meet the requirements of the relevant training package or accredited course (TAFE only); or,
- The student believes the assessment did not comply with University Policies on Assessment (i.e. an error in process has occurred).


Stage 1  Student seeks review with Course/Program Coordinator and if Course/Program Coordinator not available with Head of School.

Stage 2  Where outcome of review has not addressed issue and grounds exist the student can lodge Appeal with Portfolio Appeals Committee completing the following form [http://mams.rmit.edu.au/r72uvcrx7nx5z.pdf](http://mams.rmit.edu.au/r72uvcrx7nx5z.pdf)

Final date for lodging appeals against assessment
- TAFE -5 August (20 working days after publication of results date – 7 July)
- Higher Education -12 August (20 working days after publication of results date – 14 July)


14. **Maximising Academic & Personal Potential (MAPP)**

Have you ever thought to yourself “I do not know who to talk to if I have problems at RMIT …” Well now you can find all the answers in one place by going to the MAPP website [http://www.rmit.edu.au/ssg/mapp](http://www.rmit.edu.au/ssg/mapp)

MAPP links you to FREE Student Services support that is available to help you to identify what you can do to improve your academic performance at RMIT. The information on these web pages may help you to pinpoint specific workshops or services that might best fit with your needs and learning styles.

MAPP offers many different forms of support: email, group programs and workshops, one-on-one appointments, drop-in services, online Learning Lab, podcasts and many tip-sheets. Remember to be proactive, learn from the past, don’t give up, and that you are not alone at RMIT.

Still not sure who to talk to then contact The Hub at Your Campus to point you to services that can best help you at RMIT. [http://www.rmit.edu.au/students/aboutthehub/locations](http://www.rmit.edu.au/students/aboutthehub/locations)