Connecting Community

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**Bachelor of Nursing Program**

The 2009 academic year has begun. First year students have started the year and are settling in well. 20 new students have started which marks the 10th intake of students for RMIT University Hamilton. This is a very significant occasion and will be marked by various celebratory events throughout the year.

Year 3 students have just returned from their first clinical practicum with numerous words of praise from clinical teachers and managers. Comments like ‘RMIT students are the best prepared we have ever had’ and ‘RMIT students have a tremendous ability to integrate their theory and practice positioning them to provide holistic patient care and become part of our team immediately’ were encouraging to hear.

The Discipline of Nursing has introduced its new curriculum this year. This curriculum was 12 months in the making and was extremely well received by the Nurses Board of Victoria and was praised for its contemporary, innovative and industry linked focus. The curriculum is now being well received by the students.

**10MMM YOUR SAY**

An evening discussion forum will be held on 25 March 2009 at RMIT University in Hamilton from 5.30pm for young people aged 12-25 and parents of those young people in our region.

This is the next step in the 10MMM YOUR SAY research project which looks at how young people in the area use technology and the positive and negative impacts it has on their lives.

Any young person or parent who is interested in participating in the forum should contact RMIT University on 5572 0500.

**Certificate IV in Property Services (Real Estate)**

Unlock your Real Estate Career

The opportunity exists at RMIT University Hamilton for you to complete the necessary qualifications to apply for your Estate Agents’ Licence. The course is offered face to face at RMIT University Hamilton.

Delivery of the program will involve off-the-job training in a classroom situation and through self-paced learning. Teaching methods will vary, and may include lecture, discussion, role-play, practical demonstrations and independent assignment activities. The program will be assessed by tests, and/or assignments in each of the 21 units.

**Upcoming Modules:**

Maintain Business Records (evening classes 6.00pm – 9.00pm), 18, 21, 25 & 28 May and 1 & 4 June. Cost $232.00

All enquires are to be made directly to Marilyn Lyons. Tel: (03) 5572 0502 or email: marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au
Course in Property (Agents’ Representatives)

This seventy hour part-time program is designed to provide people with the knowledge and skill required by law to be eligible for employment in real estate as an agents’ representative.

This course was due to commence on 16 March 2009 but has been postponed for the short term. Enrolments are still being taken.

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Grammar and Punctuation

13 & 14 May 2009, 10.00am – 4.00pm $440.00.

This course revises the eight parts of speech and grammar of the sentence, as well as punctuation and capitalisation. You will be able to identify and fix common problems in writing and learn the principles of plain English.

Presenter: Penny Johnson, a writer, editor and lecturer in RMIT’s Professional Writing and Editing Course.

Writing for the Web

15 May 2009, 9.00am – 1.00pm $125.00

In this workshop you will determine the principles of successful web writing and learn how to convert print text for a web publication and how to write scannable content that serves your reader.

Presenter: Penny Johnson, a writer, editor and lecturer in RMIT’s Professional Writing and Editing Course.

Framework for Understanding Poverty

22 May 2009.

A full day workshop using Dr Ruby Payne’s Framework for Understanding Poverty to help teachers, administrators and support personnel in the health and welfare sectors to understand the specific needs and behaviours of students from backgrounds of poverty and socio-economic disadvantage...

Presenter: Nairn Walker is a lecturer at the University of Tasmania School of Education and is currently the Managing Director of Social Solutions: ‘educating for a positive now’.

For more information please contact Marilyn Lyons, Learning Centre Coordinator on 5572 0502 or email marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au

Standing Tall School Based Mentoring Program

A Local Global Handbury Fellowship Presentation

The Helen & Geoff Handbury Fellowship Program funds and supports community research. Since 2002, there have been eighteen research projects awarded to community members in the Western Victoria region, many in partnership with RMIT University researchers.

In 2007, Jeannette Pritchard, Co-ordinator of the Standing Tall School Based Mentoring Program at Baimbridge College in Hamilton was awarded a fellowship to document both the process of implementation and effectiveness of the Standing Tall model of school based mentoring. The program has trained over 100 community members to act as mentors and has set up 131 mentoring relationships with students from Year 3 to Year 12.

Jeannette’s presentation will be held on:
Date: Wednesday 1 April
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: Martin J Hynes Auditorium, 5 Market Place, Hamilton

Light refreshments will be served following the presentation. For catering purposes, could you please RSVP by Monday 23 March to Terrie Nicholson via email terrie.nicholson@rmit.edu.au or phone 5572 0513.

Other courses

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