For staff and students…  
*Please distribute to all students in your program!*

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1. **Are you completing your studies or returning home?**

RMIT International Student Information and Support (ISIS) invite you to attend an information session to guide you through the final stages of completing your studies.

This session will provide you with information about making arrangements for returning home, leaving your accommodation, how to receive your award, alumni, finding work and starting your career. The information session and leaving checklist will also be available online after the event and includes information session on General Skilled Migration.

**City Campus**
Date: 15th October 2009  
Time: 11.30am to 1.30 pm - Celebratory lunch provided on the City Campus.  
Venue: Storey Hall Lecture Theatre (downstairs) Building 16  

**Bundoora Campus**
Date: 13th October 2009  
Time: Midday to 2 pm  
Venue: Bundoora West Library, Function Room 1 (Building 210)

For more information:
Web: [www.rmit.edu.au/isis](http://www.rmit.edu.au/isis)  
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2. **Are you interested in helping new International students settle in?**

MATE is designed to assist the social and cultural transition of new international students to RMIT. The program has currently enrolled RMIT students emailing new international students (five for each Mentor) before they leave their home country. Then there are a range of activities that everyone can join.
Through participation in MATE you have the opportunity to:

- Understand the processes of transition and adjustment to new cultures
- Develop your leadership skills
- Utilise social support strategies
- Develop cross-cultural communication skills
- Build confidence in working with small groups of students
- Utilise different types of communication to promote e.g. email, face to face, online
- Gain a better understanding of support services and how to effectively refer to
- Student Services support

For information on how to get involved go to [http://www.rmit.edu.au/isis/mate](http://www.rmit.edu.au/isis/mate) or email mate@rmit.edu.au

To register your interest in becoming a MATE mentor go to [http://www.rmit.edu.au/isis/mate/mentor](http://www.rmit.edu.au/isis/mate/mentor)

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**3. Is Information Technology breeding shyness?**

RMIT researchers are calling for volunteers to take part in an online survey to examine the relationship between Internet use and social behaviour. The study aims to explore what impact the Internet has on social communication and to determine the motivations for spending time online.

The brief survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete, and is open to anyone over the age of 18. View the questionnaire here [http://www.rmit.edu.au/psychology/online-interactions-and-behaviour](http://www.rmit.edu.au/psychology/online-interactions-and-behaviour)

Contact Peter Saunders peter.saunders@rmit.edu.au for further information.

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**4. Study Overseas in 2010 (Scholarships & Travel Grants close 16th October)**

RMIT students do not wait until after graduation to engage with the world academically, culturally and professionally. The opportunity for international travel and learning is a part of many programs. Mobility options include:

- International exchange programs
- Study tours
- Overseas work placements

At any level, most RMIT students have the opportunity to build an international component into their program.

**Information session**

- **When:** Thursday 8 October, 12.30 - 1.30
- **Where:** Building 207, Level 2, Room 4. Bundoora West Campus

- Travel grants up to $2000 - for guidelines, eligibility criteria and how to apply go to [http://www.rmit.edu.au/globalpassport/travelgrants](http://www.rmit.edu.au/globalpassport/travelgrants)
- John Storey Junior Memorial Scholarships ($3000) - for guidelines, eligibility criteria and how to apply go to [http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=oyba5zw89npx1](http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=oyba5zw89npx1)

For more information go to [http://www.rmit.edu.au/globalpassport/educationabroad](http://www.rmit.edu.au/globalpassport/educationabroad)
5.  Get that job
Looking for a job demands clarity and focus to make a successful journey from applying to employment. It can be a challenge looking for work in a competitive marketplace. In fact, many jobs aren’t even advertised. A range of professional strategies is a must. So the following links are specially designed to give you that extra edge to becoming successfully employed.

- Job search strategies - [http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=7r7o31num8pbz](http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=7r7o31num8pbz)
- Interviews - [http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=4eghneuky7sbz](http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=4eghneuky7sbz)
- Selection testing - [http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=h15jipw4ch7n](http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=h15jipw4ch7n)
- Employment websites - [http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=imz3f2u4ljbz](http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=imz3f2u4ljbz)
- It’s also useful to know your rights in the Australian workplace [http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=jz3298v5yfbdz](http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=jz3298v5yfbdz)

For more information about careers and employment go to [http://www.rmit.edu.au/careers](http://www.rmit.edu.au/careers)

6.  Student Rights @ RMIT
There are lots of reasons why you might need to access the Student Union’s Student Rights service. If you…

- Have been accused of plagiarism
- Have received an email asking you to “show cause” why you should not be recommended for Exclusion
- Have been recommended for Exclusion
- Have experienced sexual assault or harassment
- Have been discriminated against at RMIT
- Have a hearing date
- Need a referral to a support service, such as RMIT Counselling
- Have a complaint which is being ignored or dismissed as ‘not important’
- Have received an email or letter from RMIT which you don’t understand
- Have been told you don’t have a right to appeal a decision which you disagree with
- Have had a complaint made against you
- Have been denied Special Consideration
- Have an enrolment or fees issue
- Have been invited to a Student Progress or ‘At Risk’ meeting
- Have VISA issues, or other issues relating to being an International Student

For information about these or more go to [http://www.su.rmit.edu.au/rights/index.html](http://www.su.rmit.edu.au/rights/index.html)

7.  RMIT Student Charter
The Student Charter’s principles and structure reflect RMIT’s core values as described in the University’s Strategic Plan, RMIT 2010: Designing the Future: to be Useful, Creative, Connected, Fair and Passionate. The Student Charter is a practical document that recognises and reflects the complex and diverse nature of the University and its community.

The RMIT Student Charter can be viewed at [http://www.rmit.edu.au/students/studentcharter](http://www.rmit.edu.au/students/studentcharter)