“Making Connections”

FOUNDATION STUDIES MENTORING PROGRAM

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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.
MENTORS

Mentors are outgoing, friendly, caring and are able to develop relationships with people easily. The main benefits that mentors could gain from the mentoring program are developing leadership skills, developing communication skills, learning about other cultures, meeting new people and having opportunities to develop friendships. Many friendships have begun in the mentoring program and have continued even after the participants have left the program.

Mentors are required to complete 5 hours of Mentor Training to prepare them for their roles.

Mentors also have the opportunity to receive an RMIT accredited LEAD certificate, which is awarded at the end of participation in the mentoring program if all requirements are completed.
MENTEES

Mentees are the Foundation Studies students that are being mentored. Mentees are predominantly from the Asian and Middle Eastern countries, however, there are sometimes students from the European, South American or African countries, although these are only a few, if any.

Most mentees are aged between 17 and 21 at time of enrolment.
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
ACTIVITIES

The mentoring program staff organise occasional activities for all participants. Activities are free of charge, cost is covered by the mentoring program. The types of activities organised range from lunches, bowling, ice skating, to trips outside of Melbourne and more.
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