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

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

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1. Students needed for RMIT Water Conservation Focus Groups

RMIT values the views of its students and is seeking your help to further our efforts to conserve water. This is an invitation to participate in a focus group designed to discuss your knowledge, attitudes and behaviour regarding water conservation. The feedback you provide will be used to help RMIT communicate and engage with the University community in order to reduce water use.

Declining water storage levels in Victoria and increasing global temperatures have prompted RMIT University to develop a strategy to counter these changes in our ecosystem. The University, which has already reduced Water consumption by 25 per cent since 2000, has implemented a Water Management Plan which outlines innovative water saving initiatives and major works to existing buildings and infrastructure. The Plan has been developed with the objective of reducing water consumption by a further 15,000 kilolitres a year by the end of 2010.

When: Monday 12th May from 2:00 to 3:00PM (afternoon tea will be served)
Where: City Campus, room to be advised.
To register: Contact Robyn Carland on robyn@ecomarketing.com.au or phone (03) 9863 9970

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2. WANTED: Student Representation on your Portfolios Governance Committees

We are seeking expressions of interest from TAFE, Undergraduate & Postgraduate students who would like to become a Science Engineering & Technology Portfolio, Governance Committee member.

Go to http://www.rmit.edu.au/set/ad/sled/committees for more information about:
- What is Governance?
- Role of a Governance Committee member
- Who is eligibility to be a member of a SET Portfolio Governance Committee?
- To be eligible for RMIT LEAD recognition
- About SET Portfolio Governance Committees
- About RMIT University Student Advisory Committee

To register your interest email rick.ryan@rmit.edu.au, free training (followed by lunch) will be provided.
3. **Hurry – only 2 SSCC training sessions left in semester 1.**

Students (who have not attended SSCC training before) should register online now [http://www.rmit.edu.au/lead/sscctrainmay/](http://www.rmit.edu.au/lead/sscctrainmay/) for one of the following training days.

- Friday May 2 from 3 to 6pm at Bundoora
- Tuesday May 6 from 9.30am to 12.30pm in the City
- Additional training will be offered in August [http://www.rmit.edu.au/lead/sscctrainaugust](http://www.rmit.edu.au/lead/sscctrainaugust)

You are encouraged to attend one of the scheduled training sessions. If this is not possible, 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.

4. **What Is Special Consideration?**

If your ability to study has been affected by factors outside of your control you have the right to apply for special consideration.

You should apply for Special Consideration (SC) if you believe that because of special circumstances you have;

- been prevented from meeting an assessment deadline or attending an exam.
- performed below standard during the assessment.

Apply for special consideration any time before an assessment is due or an exam is scheduled or within 48 hours after the due date or missed exam.

Special consideration exists because sometimes life gets in the way of your studies.

The following are **FREE** services are available at RMIT:


**But don’t forget to also seek assistance from your Program Coordinator……**

5. **New Graduate Certificate and Diploma in Applied Human Rights**

Since it was established in late 2007, the Australian Centre for Human Rights Education (ACHRE) at RMIT University has developed strong education and research partnerships with key government and non-government agencies, exploring what it means to build a culture and practice of human rights.

This important groundwork has informed the development of two exciting new RMIT-accredited postgraduate programs, beginning in the second semester of 2008. ACHRE is pleased to announce that applications for its Graduate Diploma in Applied Human Rights and Graduate Certificate in Applied Human Rights are now open.

The Graduate Diploma in Applied Human Rights can be completed over two semesters of full-time study, or four semesters of part-time study. It comprises four core courses which introduce applied human rights and explore the ethical and transformative aspects of human rights practice, an additional two core courses which explore human rights education and communication, and two elective courses.

The Graduate Certificate is a nested program which offers early exit from the Graduate Diploma after completion of three core courses and one elective course.

For more information contact the Australian Centre for Human Rights Education:

**Phone** 9925 2395  **Email** barbara.legg@rmit.edu.au  **Website** [http://www.rmit.edu.au/dsc/achre](http://www.rmit.edu.au/dsc/achre)

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