Editor’s welcome
Welcome to the first RMIT bulletin for 2011. You can expect to receive the Bulletin four times throughout the year. On alternate months you will receive an email update.

2011 VTAC first preferences showed RMIT performed well over a number of areas this year and continues to be the state’s second most popular university.

RMIT’s Change of Preference helpline proved a great success for students, parents and teachers. Thank you to the efforts of Career Advisers. Best wishes to all your students on creating their future in tertiary education.

This year’s activities and events are already fast approaching. Registrations are now open for the 2011 Career Advisers’ Seminar, on Friday 11 March at the City campus.

We are pleased to announce a new look RMIT Student Recruitment team for 2011. Brendan heads up the team as Student Recruitment Manager along with Student Recruitment Officers Mark Scherian and a new and welcomed addition to the team Carla Baker, with a fifth member to be announced soon. I am also back but will be working part time whilst I embark on full time study in myotherapy at RMIT.

We all look forward to working with you and your team in 2011.

Melissa Robinson
On behalf of the RMIT Student Recruitment Team

What’s on calendar 2011

February

Orientation festival dates
22 Big O Day – Bundoora campus
23 Big O Day – Brunswick campus
24 Big O Day – City campus

March

1–6 Australian International Airshow
11 Career Advisers’ Seminar. Secure your place now.
30 Education Abroad Fair at RMIT

April

21 Experience environmental science and engineering program

May

6–8 The Age, VCE and Careers expo
9–10 City TIS held at RMIT Storey Hall
12–13 WRICA Careers and Employment expo

June

18–19 Re-Invent Your Career expo

July

4–8 Medical laboratory visits
4–5 Experience electrical and computer engineering program (identical days)
7 Experience computing and information technology program
12 Experience health and medical sciences program
30–31 Herald Sun Melbourne career expo

Register now for the 2011 Career Advisers’ Seminar

RMIT invites you to attend the 2011 Career Advisers’ Seminar. Come along to hear about programs on offer at RMIT. You will receive updates on RMIT services and meet RMIT representatives. The 2011 seminar will also see the release of the 2012 Degree and Diploma Guide. Complimentary morning tea, lunch and notes will be included.

Register for the seminar online at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/advisers before 4 March. Seating at the venue is limited, so be quick to reserve your place.

Further information is available online, or from Student Recruitment on 9925 2555.

Friday 11 March 2011

Time
9 am – 1.30 pm followed by optional workshops

Location
Storey Hall, 336 Swanston St, Melbourne. Seating at the venue is limited, so please be quick to reserve your place.

Registrations
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/advisers

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RMIT in demand

Most popular degree programs by first preference:
1. Bachelor of Architectural Design
2. Bachelor of Arts (Photography)
3. Bachelor of Design (Fashion)
4. Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art)
5. Bachelor of Design (Communication Design)
6. Bachelor of Arts (Criminal Justice Administration)
7. Bachelor of Business (Professional Accounting)
8. Bachelor of Communication (Journalism)
9. Bachelor of Applied Science (Construction Management)
10. Associate Degree in Fashion Textile Merchandising

Most popular TAFE programs by first preference:
1. Diploma of Interior Design and Decoration
2. Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architecture)
3. Certificate IV in Sound Production
4. Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Technology
5. Advanced Diploma of Justice
6. Diploma of Building and Construction (Building)
7. Certificate IV in Photoimaging
8. Diploma of Graphic Design
9. Diploma of Visual Merchandising
10. Diploma of Screen and Media

National award for student exporters

RMIT students have taken home a national award with their plans to export consumables made from recycled materials.

The students, who are undertaking the Advanced Diploma of Business (International Business), entered the International Business Plan Competition — run by Austrade.

Coco Hamilton Wilson, Liam Moloney, Dylan Turnbull, Thomas Bosua-White and Damian Wasilewski won the Expanding Markets award.

The students were required to develop a business plan for an Australian company who are interested in exporting either for the first time, or in the case of North Fitzroy-based company Haul, exporting to a new market.

Haul is an Australian-owned company which manufactures consumables such as laptop sleeves and document satchels from recycled materials like truck tyre tubes and old billboards.

The winning students investigated the potential of Haul exporting to the USA, specifically New York.

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Life at RMIT Village — Lisa Coghill

“I found out about RMIT Village through the RMIT University website. The Village was highly recommended for student accommodation both for local and international students because of its social and supportive environment.

‘When I first arrived at RMIT Village I was amazed at how big and pretty the building was, and how good the facilities were. When I speak to my friends back home I always describe the Village to them — emphasising the pool of course!

‘Without a doubt the best thing about living at RMIT Village is the social aspect. I have made so many friends from all over the world who have made this whole experience unforgettable.

New facilities at RMIT Village!

RMIT Village has just opened up three brand new common areas for residents including a study, tutorial room, and gym — all fully equipped! A new student lounge featuring a wide screen TV with pay TV and a PlayStation 3 is also now available for students.

Residential Life Coordinator Sarah Bell says: ‘We aim to make living at the Village an indispensable part of the university experience. We focus on the social, academic and personal needs of our residents and these great new facilities are evidence of our commitment to a strong residential life program.’

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Graeme Clark—Free public lecture 2011

RMIT will be sponsoring the Graeme Clark Oration, one of Australia’s major public science events.

The Graeme Clark Oration was established to honour the significant achievements of Graeme Clark by holding an annual public science lecture.

The free public lecture titled ‘The Computational Brain’ will be presented by neuroscientist Professor Terrence Sejnowski and will provide a rare opportunity to learn about the complexities of the human brain and what the future has in store for it.

Professor Sejnowski works at the Salk Institute of Biological studies, is a Howard Hughes Medical Institutes Investigator, and Professor of Biological Studies at the University of California, San Diego.

Date: Wednesday 9 March
Time: 6:15 pm
Location: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

To register please visit www.graemeclarkoration.org.au
Pathways into RMIT's new Bachelor of Pharmacy

From 2012, students may apply for entry into the second year of the Bachelor of Pharmacy if they have successfully completed the first year of any of the following three RMIT degrees:

» Bachelor of Biomedical Science
» Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Pharmaceutical Sciences)
» Bachelor of Applied Science (Laboratory Medicine)

Places are limited and will be offered on a competitive basis for students who achieve a high GPA.

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New flexibility in biomedical science degrees

RMIT has introduced a new first-year degree structure in three related degrees:

» Bachelor of Biomedical Science (3 years)
» Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Pharmaceutical Sciences) (4 years)
» Bachelor of Applied Science (Laboratory Medicine) (4 years)

This enables high-performing students in any of these programs to apply to transfer between these three degrees and receive full credit for their first year of study.

This flexibility means that there are opportunities for students to refine their choice of degree once they have started studying.

After a year of study a student may decide on a more vocational degree such as Pharmaceutical Sciences or Laboratory Medicine, which contain significant professional experience. Alternatively, students may wish to have a more generic degree such as Biomedical Science and finish one year sooner.

Places are limited and only students with a distinction average or above will be considered.

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New Computer science and IT degrees starting in 2011

RMIT's School of Computer Science and Information Technology has launched two new undergraduate degrees for 2011: Bachelor of Computer Science (Database Systems) and Bachelor of Computer Science (Network Computing).

Designed with input from industry partners, these degrees explore two of the most important and rapidly expanding areas of the technological revolution:

» the management, development and implementation of data systems
» the creation, implementation and maintenance of network application software

These new four year industry-oriented degrees combine a solid theoretical and practical background with real world experience gained during a year long internship.

Students will graduate with the practical, analytical and programming skills to build and maintain advanced real-life ICT systems and software. Graduates will be highly skilled and adaptable to the rapidly changing technological world we live in.

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RMIT Hamilton – Cancellation of 2011 Nursing Intake

As many local teachers would have heard, RMIT University has cancelled the 2011 VTAC intake for its Hamilton-based Nursing degree (VTAC code 31011). This decision was only taken after the final number of eligible 2011 applicants was known.

The program has been offered since 2001 and, while interest was strong in the early years with the program including many mature age students, demand has declined unexpectedly to the point that class sizes would have been well below viable size. RMIT has met with Deakin University (Warrnambool campus) to discuss the transfer of students who had applied/enrolled for 2011 commencement. Current second and third year students will continue to be taught at RMIT Hamilton.

The Nursing degree at RMIT's Bundoora campus is unaffected by this change.

A decision on 2012 intake for the Nursing degree at Hamilton will be taken in time to coincide with the production of the 2012 VTAC Guide.
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Helpful websites

RMIT University
www.rmit.edu.au

List of departments
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What’s on @ RMIT
www.whatson.rmit.edu.au

List of study programs
www.rmit.edu.au/programs

Campus and site maps
www.rmit.edu.au/about/campuses

Student Recruitment—services for schools
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/advisers

Scholarship information
RMIT and external: www.rmit.edu.au/students/scholarships
Applied Science: www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/scholarships
Computer Science and IT: www.rmit.edu.au/compsci/scholarships
Science, Engineering and Health: www.rmit.edu.au/seh/scholarships

RMIT postgraduate options
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RMIT brochure request form
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/advisers/resources

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