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A NEWSLETTER FOR TEACHERS AND CAREER ADVISORS

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Hello from Nicole

Welcome to our Term 4 issue of GO News. I hope you had a relaxing break and are ready for the busy few months before school ends in November.

We have a wide range of interesting articles in this issue including scholarships and the new School Liaison website. Please encourage your students to apply for scholarships, we have a wide range of new scholarships available with applications closing on 29 October 2010.

We have revamped the School Liaison website, with a new navigational structure (which hopefully makes things easier to find) and new online forms. Please have a look and let me know what you think.

Don't forget that we are happy to come out and visit your students (particularly Years 8 to 11).

If you would like to book in a school visit please email schoolliaison@usq.edu.au or book online

Kind Regards

Nicole Klein

Schools Relationship Manager

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QTAC Application Dates

There's still time to apply!!

For those students who are applying for tertiary study through QTAC:

applications on or before 31 October 2010 incur a fee of $30.

applications from 1 November to 28 February 2011 incur a fee of $80.

USQ's current Year 12 applicants need to apply by **5 January 2011** to be considered for the January Main Offer Round for entry into Semester 1 (with the exception of the Bachelor of Creative Arts program, where current Year 12 applicants need to apply by 8 December 2010 to be considered for the December Main Offer Round for entry into Semester 1).

The School Liaison Team at the University of Southern Queensland would like to wish the Year 12 students the best of luck for the rest of the year!

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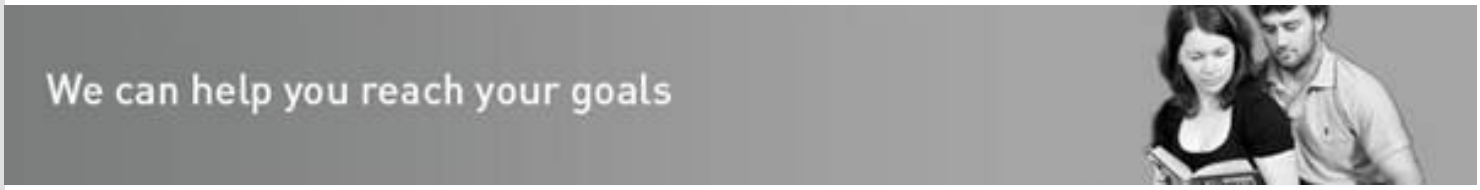
USQ Scholarships



Closing date for USQ Scholarships fast approaching

In the last issue of GO News, we referred to the different types of scholarships available to future students at USQ. There are a range of scholarships which your students may be interested in applying for, ranging from academic, indigenous, rural, and those students experiencing financial hardship. In 2011 the University of Southern Queensland will give away over $600,000 in scholarships, bursaries and prizes. For a full list of the available scholarships for future students, please refer to the scholarship section of the USQ website.

For additional information and enquiries, please email: Scholarships@usq.edu.au or phone 1800 269 500. Please note the application closing date is **Friday 29 October 2010**.

To encourage your students to apply for scholarships, please include the following text into the school's upcoming newsletter or school notices:

Scholarships are a great way to offset the cost of university. At USQ, we have scholarships, bursaries and prizes for everything from academic excellence to financial hardship. Applications close **Friday 29 October 2010**. For further information, please visit www.usq.edu.au/scholarships.

New Nursing Scholarships for Students commencing in Semester One, 2011

Felicity Purcell Nursing Bursary - $2,500

The Faculty of Sciences will offer one Felicity Purcell Nursing Bursary to an undergraduate student commencing or continuing full-time, on campus study.

Campus: Toowoomba, Fraser Coast.

Flexi School Nursing Bursary - $1,000

USQ will offer one Flexi School Nursing Bursary to a commencing undergraduate student studying full-time, on campus.

Campus: Toowoomba

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Go WEST ••• WOMEN in ENGINEERING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

GO WEST Scholarships

Go WEST Equity and Social Justice Scholarship - $2,500

Go WEST will offer one scholarship to a female commencing part-time off-campus student experiencing financial hardship and enrolled in any degree program majoring in the areas of Engineering (including Surveying), Science (excluding Nursing and Psychology), Mathematics or

Technology.

Full details on these scholarships and all other scholarships available, including application forms may be viewed at www.usq.edu.au/scholarships

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Pizza Lunches for Uni bound students

PHOTO - Molly Dunn, from USQ Fraser Coast, talked to Hervey Bay High School captains Kate Acutt and Sebastien Beoutis about scholarships.

Year 12 students thinking about going to university next year are being given information about scholarships during a series of pizza luncheons at their schools. The University of Southern Queensland - Fraser Coast Campus is providing the pizza lunches at local high schools to give students the chance to learn more about the range of scholarships on offer.

Molly Dunn, from USQ Fraser Coast, said scholarships help with the cost of tertiary study. "We understand that times are tough so it's important to let students know about these scholarships so they have the opportunity to reach their potential," Molly said. "Having a pizza lunch provides a casual setting where they can have a chat and a bite to eat." This year USQ has a number of

different scholarships on offer for the region as well as the continuation of the Vice Chancellor's Principal's Recommendation Scholarship worth up to $24,500. With two local students awarded these scholarships last year from the Fraser Coast region, students are being informed of the benefits of scholarships and how the money can be put towards the cost of university courses and living expenses. These lunches allow students to not only think about their study plans for the future, but how they are going to fund their studies.

Other scholarships on offer include the $12,000 Chancellor's Scholarship, Indigenous Student Scholarships, Faculty of Business Year 12 High Achiever Scholarships and various others. Students needed to start thinking about applying for the scholarships because the closing date for applications is **October 29, 2010**.

USQ Scholarships brochures are available from all USQ campuses or can be found online at www.usq.edu.au/scholarships

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Income support and Commonwealth Scholarship changes

Recent Commonwealth legislative reforms to student income support (i.e. Youth Allowance, Austudy and ABSTUDY) and Commonwealth Scholarships are expected to benefit many students attending a tertiary institution in Australia. The changes will particularly benefit students from low socio economic backgrounds and students who have to move away from home to study, including rural and regional students. Key elements of the changes include:

Student Start-up Scholarship - All university students receiving student income support will

receive a Student Start-up Scholarship for each year of their course. In 2010 this will be valued at $1300 increasing to over $2128 in 2011.

Relocation Scholarship - Eligible university students receiving student income support who have to relocate to study will receive a Relocation Scholarship of $4000 in the first year and $1000 in subsequent years to assist with the costs of establishing accommodation.

Indigenous and low-income students are encouraged to also apply for USQ's Equity Scholarships which provides assistance in the form of scholarships, bursaries and laptop computers. USQ students also have access to a range of other financial support measures once enrolled.

For more information on USQ Equity Scholarships visit http://www.usq.edu.au/scholarships/equity

For further advice on entitlements or information about the Commonwealth Scholarships contact Centrelink on 13 24 90 or visit www.centrelink.gov.au

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School Liaison News

The Schools Liaison Team has recently redeveloped the Teachers and Career Advisors site, as part of an entire overhaul of the USQ website. The website now features an updated navigation bar to ensure popular information is more accessable. 'Buttons' have also been added on the right hand side of the main page which will be updated depending on the time of year such as 'scholarships for 2011', 'Head Start', 'GO Day', and 'Student Experience Day'. This development will ensure the correct and timely flow of information to you as a valued teacher or career advisor on upcoming events, throughout different stages of the year (see below).

The new Teachers and Career Advisors website will now feature online booking forms for: school visits and presentations, USQ campus tours and residential college tours, as well as requests for USQ publications. This will ensure a quick response from the School Liaison Team, so we can assist you in your role.

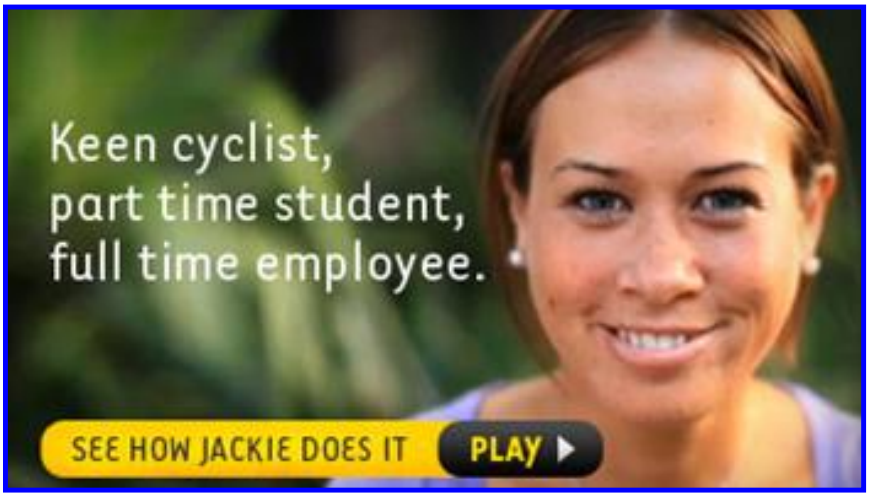
Furthermore, the site has links to:

- Upcoming Career Events and Activities
- Head Start Programs and Dates
- Guidance Officer Newsletter (GO News)
- USQ Student Services
- Professional Development
- 2011 Scholarships
- School Liaison Team contact details

Please feel free to visit our new website if you haven't already. The new web address is now -

www.usq.edu.au/school-liaison

USQ Heroes



Here at USQ we think all of our students are HEROES.

We encourage you and your students to visit

www.youtube.com/usqhero to hear some of our students stories.

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Head Start

Applications for this coming Head Start Summer are still open. Head Start Summer is free for all first time Head Start Students and gives them the opportunity to study a university course from November to February with intensive sessions in December and January at either our Toowoomba or Springfield campuses. A full course list and application form can be found on the Head Start website. Applications close **20 October 2010**. *Please note: not all benefits are not available to Year 12 students completing a Head Start Summer course.*

We will also be holding a few information sessions over the coming months for students who would like more information about the Head Start program for Summer and 2011. Please feel free to promote these sessions internally to students currently in Years 10 or 11:

Springfield - Wednesday 13th October

Fraser Coast - Wednesday 17th November

Toowoomba - Please contact us and we will be happy to visit you and your students at a time that suits you.

We also have the Semester 1 and Semester 2 course list ready for 2011 which includes a number of new courses. This list is available for viewing on the Head Start website and in the 2011 Head Start brochure which will be available shortly. Applications for Semester 1 close **2 February**

2011.

If you would like more information about the Head Start program, or additional copies of the Head Start Summer brochure for Toowoomba or Springfield, please contact John Grundy, Head Start Administrator, by email to headstart@usq.edu.au , phoning (07) 4631 1736 or visiting www.usq.edu.au/headstart.

Charli Dahanayake
Head Start

"I gained so much doing the Head Start program, particularly in terms of personal growth. When you're at school, it's your whole world. But at university, you have to stand on your own two feet. It's a new way to live, to act and socialise and you do have to try harder to make sure you get the most out of it. Doing the Head Start program also helped me at school and I feel a lot more confident in myself. I have to say I do feel ahead of other students in my class here, because I already know how things work."

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TAFE to Uni

At USQ we think TAFE graduates make great university students, as they've got practical knowledge in their field and are already in the study groove. TAFE to Uni is a great pathway for many students. At USQ you'll not only be welcomed directly into a wide variety of our degree programs that are listed under our formal articulation agreement, you may even get credit for the study you've completed. For further information and to view the database of qualifications that provide credit, please call 1800 811 380 or visit www.usq.edu.au/futurestudents/tafe.

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The Tertiary Preparation Program (TPP)

Our Tertiary Preparation Program has been designed to give students skills to succeed, regardless of the education they have received. This program is fee-free and upon successful completion we guarantee the students a place in an undergraduate program at USQ. TPP is available at our three campuses, as well as distance education. There are no formal entry requirements for TPP, a student just needs to be at least 18 years of age in the year of enrolment. This may be a suitable alternative option for some students planning on repeating Year 12 in 2011. For further information, please call 1800 269 500 or visit: http://www.usq.edu.au/future-students/am-i-eligible/tpp.

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School Visits

Are your students considering their options for next year or even what to do over the summer holidays? At USQ, we have presentations that can assist your students with their decision making. Depending on the cohort that we are presenting to, we tailor each presentation to suit their needs.

We offer presentations for the Year 8 to 12 cohorts, with the lower levels more focused on building aspirations and starting the thought process on further education. With the Year 11 and 12 cohorts, we discuss more details such as our Head Start program, scholarships, support, pathways available to them after high school and student life at university.

If at any time during term four, you would like to book in a school visit for the Year 8 to 12 cohorts, please do not hesitate to contact us via schoolliaison@usq.edu.au or book online.

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USQ Arts - A Vision for Arts 2020

Arts programs at the University of Southern Queensland have undergone major changes in order to provide enhanced flexibility, extended program content and the ability to offer new areas of study including Archaeology, Australian Studies, Popular Culture, Contemporary International Studies and Creative Writing.

Areas of Study

- Anthropology
- Human Services
- Journalism
- Counselling
- Language and Culture

- Asian Studies
- Indigenous Studies
- Archaeology
- Indonesian
- Australian Studies
- International Relations and International Studies
- Communication and Media Studies
- Creative Writing
- Popular Culture
- Editing and Publishing
- Public Relations
- English Literature
- Social Science
- History

The USQ Bachelor of Arts also allows credit for up to a full major of courses taken in other Faculties and even other institutions! This makes the new USQ Bachelor of Arts the most flexible of its kind in terms of capacity to incorporate other generalised or specialist areas of study from across the tertiary sector. The new Bachelor of Arts = structural simplicity. The new BA rivals other institution's structure for clarity of patterning and sets USQ apart from other BA providers. A simple structure, optimum flexibility, and enrolment patterns that map easily into the 24 courses required to complete the program. The Bachelor of Arts is for students who want a flexible study pattern across several skill and knowledge-bases, while also gaining substantial progress toward career paths within specific disciplinary or professional fields.

Driven by a fascination with people and society and a thirst to learn, the intellectual challenge and

critical thinking skills developed by a study of arts has equipped our greatest thinkers, philosophers and policy makers for generations.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) students now have the option to change their area of specialisation right up until the 3rd year level course enrolment. In most cases this can be done without any loss of credit for studies already completed. Students who want to study a number of discipline areas in their BA can do so as the USQ BA gives students the choice to build their program with a focus in any of the following areas.

For more information call us on 1800 811 380 or visit the USQ Faculty of Arts Website

Journalism alumnus wins highest accolade

Award-winning ABC journalist Mark Willacy studied at USQ

An ABC North Asia correspondent and USQ alumnus was recently named Queensland Journalist of the Year at the annual state media awards.

Mark Willacy, who graduated from USQ with a Bachelor of Arts (Journalism and English Literature) in 1995, was also awarded for Best Television Feature.

It was Mr Willacy's report broadcast on ABC TV's Foreign Correspondent program about the massacre of 34 journalists in the Philippines that won him the highest accolade.

Mr Willacy, who regularly returns to Toowoomba to visit his parents, said studying at USQ was a good grounding for launching a career in journalism.

'The ABC certainly believed I'd been equipped with the right sort of skills needed for a young reporter,' he said.

Currently the ABC's North Asia correspondent, Mr Willacy has been based in Tokyo since early December 2008.

From 2002 to mid-2006 he was the ABC's Middle East correspondent based in Jerusalem and during his four year posting, covered the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the war in Iraq.

He won a Walkley Award - Australia's premier journalism award - for his reporting on the fall of Saddam. With cameraman Louie Eroglu, Mr Willacy broke the ABC record for the longest off-base assignment, spending 93 days on the road in and around Iraq covering the war. After the war, he also reported on Iraq's first democratic elections in half a century and the ongoing insurgency.

He was also nominated for Walkley awards in 2004 and 2006 for his coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and has reported from across the Middle East and Asia, covering stories in Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Jordan, Morocco, Lebanon, Turkey, Iran and the Persian Gulf (on board HMAS Melbourne and HMAS Kanimbla).

After returning from the Middle East Mr Willacy was a senior reporter with the ABC rural program Landline. Following that, he moved to The 7:30 Report, where in 2008 he won best TV current affairs at the Queensland Media Awards for breaking stories on dangerous lead levels in children in Mount Isa.

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USQ Places Preservice Educators

Ms. Lara Inskip, a budding young teacher, at the Christian Outreach College.Her internship is a part of her USQ degree.

Each semester the USQ Faculty of Education Professional Experience Office, across our Fraser Coast, Springfield and Toowoomba campuses, places many Preservice Educators into a variety of sites to undertake Professional Experience. The majority of these Preservice Educators undertake placements local to our campuses, in state and private schools, childcare centres, TAFE sites or other educational settings. The remainder of the Preservice Educators seek their own placements further afield, interstate and overseas.

Placing Preservice educators is an immense undertaking which would not be possible without the excellent co-operation received from hosting sites, their co-ordinators and mentors who host Preservice Educators, assisting them to progress along their professional development pathway.

The Bachelor of Education (BEDU) carries an internship as the final placement. Preservice Educators such as Lara Inskip complete their four-year degree with this internship, following at least five other professional experience placements, thanks to the myriad of mentors who generously offer their time and expertise.

Here at USQ we look forward to working with you again in 2011 to help fulfil the goals of our Preservice Educators.

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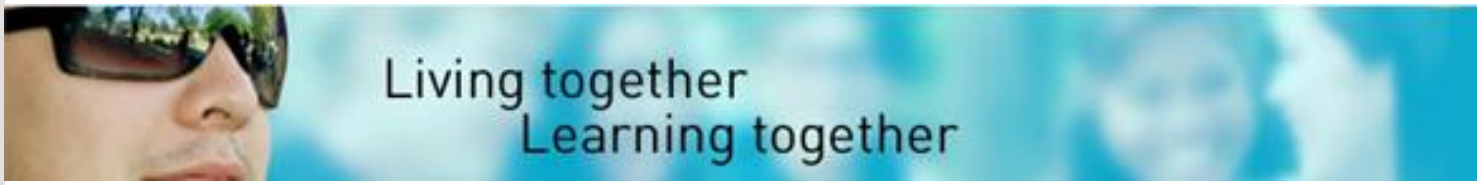

USQ Residential College Update - Self-Catering in 2011

In Semester one 2011, one of Toowoomba's Residential Colleges - Steele Rudd, will offer a self-catered option as well as a fully-catered lifestyle. This means students will have more choice in what, when and where they eat, and will provide a more affordable option for some USQ students.

To enable us to offer self-catered facilities, an extensive refurbishment of Steele Rudd A and B Blocks is currently underway. New kitchens will be installed and all areas of the buildings and bedrooms are also undergoing a significant face-lift.

For more information or enquiries relating to accommodation at the Residential Colleges please contact the Accommodation Officer by email, by phone: (07) 4631 2650 or by visiting the Residential College website.

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New USQ Engineering Program meets Skill Shortage

The Faculty of Engineering and Surveying recently joined with local industry in Toowoomba to launch their exciting new construction program. The Associate Degree of Construction and the Bachelor of Construction, with a major in Management, will prepare students to undertake important roles in the future development of Queensland and Australia's built environment.

Professor Ron Ayers said the new programs will help address the skills short in the construction

area and will be offered by the Faculty from semester 1, next year. 'The new programs are considered to go some way towards addressing looming skill shortages which will occur with the Surat Basin developments in the Toowoomba region, and the planned growth of the western corridor in the Springfield/Ipswich area,' he said. Professor Ayers said the launch ceremony in Toowoomba was extremely successful, with industry welcoming the new programs.

'A successful launch in Toowoomba saw representatives from most of Toowoomba's leading building consulting and construction firms join with representatives from state and local government departments, to consider how they might be involved in the new programs by way of scholarships, cadetships and the provision of industrial experience to students.'

Available from Semester 1, 2011 these programs are offered on-campus at Toowoomba, Springfield, or via Distance Education. USQ is currently negotiating scholarships associated with this degree; please keep an eye on the scholarships website, for updates as they arise.

At present there are two Bachelor of Construction Scholarships offered for 2011 which have just been approved:

McNab Construction Scholarship

Value $5,000 for one year / or duration of degree (TBC)

Commencing students

Toowoomba Campus

Work experience may be available

National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) Bursary

Value $2,000 for one year

Commencing Female student

For more information on the new construction scholarships contact Stephanie Hicks on (07) 4631 1643 or via email at stephanie.hicks@usq.edu.au

If you have any questions about the construction programs at USQ, please visit USQ's construction website or if you would like copies of the program information for your students give us a call on 1800 811 380 or send us an email at schoolliaison@usq.edu.au.

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Disability support at USQ

The University of Southern Queensland provides support to students with disabilities and actively encourages them to register with the disability services area. http://www.usq.edu.au/studentservices/disabilityresources

The definition of disability is broad and you may be surprised by the range of disabilities and conditions covered.

In summary a person with a disability is anyone who has a physical, sensory, psychiatric, learning or intellectual impairment which impacts on daily living. The disability may arise from illness, injury, disease or may be present from birth and may be permanent (e.g. cerebral palsy), temporary (e.g. broken arm) or fluctuating (e.g. chronic fatigue syndrome).

Disabilities may include, but are not limited to: Chronic medical conditions (e.g diabetes, arthritis, cancer); Mental Health Conditions (e.g. depression, schizophrenia); Learning disability (e.g. dyslexia); Neurological conditions (e.g. acquired brain injury, Aspergers syndrome, adult ADHD); Visual impairments; Hearing impairment; and/or Physical impairment.

Not everyone with a disability will need support but if they feel that their disability or long term

medical condition is likely to impact on their studies, we would encourage them to contact us before they commence their studies. A wide range of supports are available to assist students participate in university study. We are always happy to talk to prospective students or those in the secondary education area.

If you would like more information about the supports we can provide to students, please contact the Disability Resource team located on each campus.

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USQ Events

Dhuuluu Yala Two Daya - Indigenous students on-campus for university experience

Almost 400 Indigenous students from throughout Southern Queensland will converge on USQ in October as part a two-day teaching and cultural activities program.

AFI award nominated actor, Luke Carroll will be a presenter at USQ's 'Dhuuluu Yala Two Daya' program

Organised specifically around the needs of Indigenous students by USQ Marketing and the Centre for Australian Indigenous Knowledges, the 'Dhuuluu Yala Two Daya' event which translated from the Wiradjuri language means 'straight talk for two days' will bring students together with Aboriginal Elders and motivational speakers to discuss all aspects of university life.

Mr Carl Rallings, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Management) said the activities being held at USQ's Toowoomba and Springfield campuses will introduce the students to workshops in creative arts, law, business, sciences, health, engineering and surveying along with communications, anthropology and Indigenous studies.

He said that students from as far away as St. George will hear inspirational stories from highly successful Indigenous people including Luke Carroll a two time Australian Film Industry (AFI) award nominated actor who has starred in a number of locally produced productions.

'By introducing students from all age levels to the University we hope to encourage them to stay on at school and consider higher education as a real option for themselves, ' Mr Rallings said.

The two days won't be all about study. The high school students will mingle with current USQ students, participate in a range of fun packed activities and spend time learning about health care issues at the mini health expo (hosted by Blue Care and Carbal Medical Centre) in Toowoomba. At USQ every student is a hero. That's why we have created an event especially designed to encourage Indigenous young people to see university as a real choice for them. We are committed to improving university retention and completion rates for indigenous people completing university studies.

For further information about the event visit the website or to register your school's interest please email dy2d@usq.edu.au or phone 07 4631 1717.

The Toowoomba program is on Wednesday 13 October and Thursday 14 October at the Clive Berghoffer Recreation Centre, Baker Street Toowoomba, and the Springfield program is on Friday the 15 October at the Springfield Campus.

Download flyers for each event:

- Dhuuluu-Yala-Two-Daya Toowoomba flyer
- Dhuuluu-Yala-Two-Daya Springfield flyer

Further Information:

Donna Smith

Project Officer

USQ, Toowoomba Campus

07 46311717 or dy2d@usq.edu.au

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USQ Heroes wow onlookers at Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers

University of Southern Queensland - Corporate Floral Float Winner 2010

The University of Southern Queensland once again entered in Toowoomba's annual Carnival of Flowers Floral Parade which was held on Saturday 18th September. The float was inspired by

USQ's current Heroes campaign which describes a university that believes every student is a HERO. A university that understands students have other priorities and therefore is committed to supporting students throughout their studies. The float displayed USQ's distinctive colours of yellow and black, and it was surrounded by caped USQ Heroes. The float comprised of white and red petunias and orange marigolds, with a laptop, mouse, pencil and a large cup of coffee, essentials for most university students.

USQ Heroes (Left to Right) Head Start Administrator - John Grundy,

and School Liaison Officers - Codie Rowling and Josh Murphy

prepare to hit the streets of Toowoomba

Ms Marianne Theios, the Events Coordinator said that the USQ float received a great reaction from the crowd. 'Our float was definitely a good contender. The heroes were excellent in engaging with the crowd and fostering the carnival spirit,' Ms Theios said. 'The Carnival was a great opportunity to showcase USQ to the community and to present our enthusiastic team - a fun day was had by everyone involved! 'It was also wonderful to see so many of our local and

international supporters cheering us on many of our students were very proud to be associated with USQ and they took many photos to commemorate the occasion.'

The undoubted enthusiasm from the USQ heroes and the brightly adorned float caught the judge's attention, which was reflected in USQ winning the Corporate Floral Float category. With the great success this year, USQ looks ahead to 2011 as we prepare to defend our title.

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USQ hosts Queensand Minerals and Energy Academy Camp

The University of Southern Queensland recently held The Coal Seam Gas Engineering Camp at the Toowoomba campus in late September which provided regional students with a unique opportunity to experience both life on campus at USQ and a career as an engineer onsite with a Coal Seam Gas company. According to Ms. Kris Stead, the Project Implementation Field Officer for the Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy, 'Many students from the camp have now affirmed their choice of engineering as their future career path and are seriously considering the coal-seam gas industry as a future employer.'

The Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy Camp made the Toowoomba USQ campus their

home for a week as USQ hosted students from schools across South East Queensland as they learn and experience all there is to know about Coal Seam Gas Engineering. The QMEA camp introduced some fortunate Year 11 and 12 students to the exciting and rewarding careers available in the resources sector ensuring that Queensland's wealth and security continue into the future.

Along with USQ, the camp was supported by some of Australia's most successful mining companies Origin, QGC, and Santos. The camp involved workshops and activities and took part in site tours at Origin's 'Talinga' and QGC's 'Windibri' site in Chinchilla. Furthermore, USQ's engineers and engineering graduates worked with the students to solve problems and take part in activities at the Toowoomba campus during the week.

According to representatives from QMEA, the camp was a tremendous success with Ms. Kris Stead suggesting that she believes it is a possibility that the event will be held annually at the USQ Toowoomba Campus. This allows a brilliant opportunity for regional school students to form valuable connections in the Coal Seam Gas sector and promotes USQ's continued excellence in the field of Engineering, as well as USQ's ability to offer a worldclass education to regional students.

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USQ vs. Woodcrest State College Volleyball Match

USQ Springfield students before their match up against Woodcrest State College

Late last term, a group of fourteen ready and eager USQ students set off to Woodcrest State College for a friendly game of volleyball. The game was fast and the competition strong, and in a fair, exciting and thoroughly entertaining two sets, Woodcrest emerged two points ahead in the second set with a final score of 25-23, and were crowned victorious. Overall the game was a huge success.

Written by David Franz, Student Ambassador (Springfield)

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Young Fraser Coast minds challenged at USQ Day of Excellence

PHOTOS -Above Left - Pialba State School students Jarrod Rogers and Matthew Scott extracted DNA from a 'crime scene' during the USQ Day of Excellence forensic science class.

Above Right - USQ Fraser Coast Sciences lecturer Dr Jamie Shield taught Pialba State School students, Shetaya Davis and Kaci Roser, how to make a lie detector.

It looked like a scene from a Harry Potter movie - a group of 12-year-olds mixing up purple potion in chemistry beakers which bubbled out white clouds.

The children were part of the first USQ Day of Excellence held in Hervey Bay recently.

More than 60 top-achieving grade 7 students from primary schools in Hervey Bay and Bundaberg took part in the day. It was jointly organised by the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) Fraser Coast and the Fraser Coast Anglican College (FCAC) as a means of giving the children university-style classes aimed at challenging the mind.

The students were able to choose from classes in maths, forensic science, chemistry, creative

thinking and information and communication technology (ICT).

But it wasn't all theory. The students in the forensic science class, led by USQ Professor Grant Daggard, extracted DNA from a 'crime scene' to identify a murder weapon.

The chemistry students worked with Roz Nicholls, from FCAC, to extract pigment from red cabbage. USQ lecturer Dr Jamie Shield taught the students to build a lie detector.

Meanwhile, the mathematical principles of 'house of cards' building were taught by USQ Fraser Coast education faculty lecturer Trevor Black. The students were able to practise their skills, with some students managing five-storey-high towers.

USQ Fraser Coast campus Provost Professor Ken Stott said the students were curious and deeply engaged by the classes.

He said the classes had taken them to a new intellectual level.

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Artsworx

USQ Artsworx

October and November bring with them some excellent events in USQ Artsworx which showcase School of Creative Arts students and staff:

29 Oct - Theatre Showcase - 7.30pm, USQ Arts Theatre, Toowoomba

The annual showcase of the graduating class of Actors from USQ's School of Creative Arts will feature a selection of scenes from the very best of contemporary and classic theatre. Theatre Showcase also tours to Brisbane for performances at the Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts at 11am and 7.30pm on 26 October.

Theatre Showcase

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5 Nov - Music Showcase - 7.30pm, USQ Arts Theatre, Toowoomba

The graduating musicians from USQ's School of Creative Arts will present an evening of the very best of musical snapshots in the inaugural music showcase.

Music Showcase

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11 Nov-17 Dec - Graduart Exhibition - 9am-5pm, USQ Arts Gallery, Toowoomba

The annual showcase exhibition for third-year and Honours USQ Visual Arts students featuring work from the studios of ceramics, painting, printmaking, spatial construction and mixed media. This is a two-part exhibition which will also be on-show at the Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery from 11 November until 5 November.

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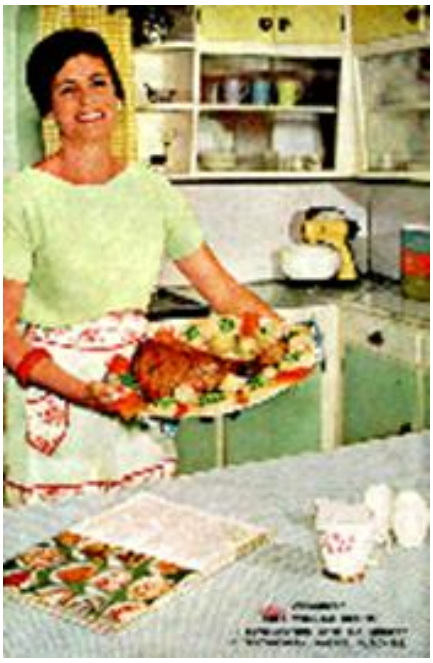
15 Nov - Twilight History Talk - 6pm, USQ Arts Theatre, Toowoomba



A reflection on the cultural history of Toowoomba in the 1950s presented by Dr Brian Musgrove exploring the texture of ordinary daily life of the people who shaped the city and society as we know it today. How did people experience school and the transition to work; where did they work; how did they spend their leisure time; what was their awareness of the world beyond the city and its region; what organisations or community groups did they participate in; and how did they view life here?

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