Welcome back to all the staff and students of CQUniversity Sydney Campus 2011 for a new and exciting year!!!

Santa dropped by Sydney Campus ..... take a look!

But sadly .. the devastation of what has been the natural disaster of the Queensland floods.

As the Queensland flood waters begin to recede and thousands of students, staff and alumni in parts of Australia turn to the task of clean-up and recovery, CQUniversity Sydney Campus offers our thoughts and prayers to the whole of the CQUniversity community, whose friends and neighbours have been directly affected by the force of mother nature.

With 75% of Queensland, much of northern New South Wales and most recently, in parts of Victoria affected by devastating floods, as bad as this has been, there is an extremely buoyant sense of goodwill, strength and resilience being witnessed amongst the affected residents.

CQUniversity Rockhampton and Emerald are currently housing hundreds of evacuees at shelters and already starting to research the affects of the flood on the social and mental well-being of Queenslanders, as well as its economic and environmental impact. CQUniversity is also providing grants of up to $1000 each to eligible students who have had their studies interrupted due to losses from the flood.

If you would like to show your support to those impacted by the floods, please do so by donating to the Queensland Premier’s Flood Relief Appeal.

Sydney campus would again like offer to the students and staff of all campuses affected, our deepest support and condolence during this very, very difficult time.

DVC Jennelle Kyd and Prime Minister Julia Gillard with Red Cross Personnel

Prime Minister Julia Gillard with DVC Jennelle Kyd at CQUniversity Rockhampton Campus

BE WHAT YOU WANT TO BE
“What is ...... ?”

Throughout 2011, the CQUnder University Sydney Campus newsletter will now include a “What is .... ?” section.

Is there something you would like to know about CQUnder University?

What does the Learning Skills Unit do?

What are the responsibilities of a student during graduation?

If there is anything you would like to know, or “what is ....?", please email a.hensley@syd.cqu.edu.au and you may see the answer in next months newsletter!!

What is the Student Mentor and Leadership Program?

The Student Mentor & Leadership Program assists new students in undergraduate and postgraduate programs to ensure students quickly feel at home with CQUnder University and to provide support during their studies. Student Mentors are students who have 'been there' and survived, as well as having acquired a great deal of information about the tertiary education environment and how the 'system' works.

Get connected with a Student Mentor

If you are a student, your Student Mentor is here to assist you.

Becoming a Student Mentor

Do you want to help new students? Want to gain valuable leadership skills? If so, become a Student Mentor with CQQnder University! It only takes a small part of your time and you will be well rewarded! No matter where you study, undergraduate or postgraduate, you can be a Student Mentor.

For more information, please email studentservices@syd.cqu.edu.au or call a member of the Student Services team on (02) 9324 5711.
For University......

**Monday, 14th February 2011**
Enrolment Commences (9.00am to 4.00pm)

**Thursday, 24th February 2011**
Orientation Day

**Friday, 25th February 2011**
Certification of grades (results)/ Last day to Enrol (Foundation & English Students)

**Monday, 28th February 2011**
Start of Term 1, 2011

**Friday, 11th March 2011**
Last day to Enrol / Swap courses

**Tuesday, 22nd March 2011**
Last day to drop courses without academic or financial penalty (subject to refund policy)

**Wednesday 26th January 2011**
Australia Day-Campus Closed

**Wednesday 11th May 2011**
GRADUATION DAY!!

For Fun ......

**January 8th– January 30th 2011**
Sydney Festival 2011

For three weeks each January, Sydney Festival offers a rich program of around 80 events involving upwards of 500 artists from Australia and abroad covering dance, theatre, music, visual arts, cross media and forums.

**Saturday, 5 February 2011 at 2:30pm to 4:30pm**
Chinese New Year Festival Event

Chinese New Year Festival Event in association with the Chinese Heritage Association of Australia at the Museum of Sydney

**Wednesday 26th January 2011**
National Australia Day!!!

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**January 2011 Competitions In the Spirit of Australia Day ...**

Would you like the chance to win an new MP3 player?

[facebook](http://www.facebook.com/cqu.sydney)

All you have to do, is go the CQUUniversity Facebook page, become my friend and tell me ...

“what is your number 1 favourite thing about living in Australia??”

An answer will be selected and the lucky friend will win a brand new MP3 player!!!

*Verification of prize winner will be requested following selection

**Sydney Campus Flood Fund Raiser**

“Guess How Many”

Sydney Campus on Friday 21st January 2011 will be gratefully accepting donations to contribute towards the Queensland Premier’s Flood Relief Appeal by sporting a ‘Guess How Many SUPRISE’. In turn, the correct answer wins the prize. Small things go a long way ....