International Students at Flinders
Support for transition to university and living in Australia

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Commencing international students

2009 Cohort

• 543 commencing undergraduates
• From at least 43 countries
• 14 students the only person from their country commencing as an undergraduate
Commencing international students

2009 Cohort

• 241 here for full degree
• 302 have Credit for Prior Study, so experience as student either in their country or another Australian tertiary provider
## Top 10 2009

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* Home Language

English 6, Malay 11, Chinese variant 25
### Age Distribution

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ISSU Transition Support

Pre-Departure Guide

- Contains information on practicalities, such as bringing family, arranging accommodation
- Brief overview of differences to expect in study
  Information on pages 24 and 25 of Guide
- Download from
  http://www.flinders.edu.au/international-students/services/pre-departure-guide.cfm
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On Arrival - Introductory Information Session

• All commencing students expected to attend
• Information on processes
• Other orientation activities, including Start Smart
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Orientation

• Half day session including presentations provided by external services on accommodation and Australian law (including personal safety)

• Further half day session on adjustment, including cultural, social and academic aspects
Example from ISSU Orientation

Grade: FAIL.
Comments: Plagiarism!
You have copied everything from previous assignments and internet without proper referencing!

PLAGIARISM!?!?
But my friend said I can use his assignment and I do not have to cite it!?!
Example from ISSU Orientation

Basic Rules:

• Follow course guidelines and appropriate referencing
• Attend all classes
• Arrive at class on time
• Prepare for the class and do your homework
• Class participation – very important
• Talk to lecturer/tutor if unsure of the contents
• Group discussion/Form Study group – knowledge share (Not assignment Share)
• Cheating/Copying/Plagiarism not allowed
Example from ISSU Orientation

Need Help with
Writing/reading skills?
General assignment structure?

Student Learning Centre
Location: Student Centre, Level One
Phone: 82012518
Email: slc@flinders.edu.au
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First Six Weeks – Email series

• Getting Around—Public and Private Transport
• Personal Safety
• Student Support Services
• Banking in Australia
• Stress and Homesickness
• Personal and Cultural Adjustment
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Monthly morning / afternoon tea, OASIS
All international students invited

• Tuesday 4 August 10am -12 noon
• Wednesday 2 September 2:30 – 4:30 pm
• Thursday 8 October 10am -12 noon
• Tuesday 3 November 2:30 – 4:30 pm
ISSU Social Activities

Organise trips, for example

- Port Adelaide / Dolphin Explorer
- Mt Lofty, Cleland National Park, Victor Harbor
- Flinders Ranges
- Kangaroo Island
- Barossa Valley
- McLaren Vale
- AFL Matches
ISA-Mahin Mahjabeen

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• Health Sciences

• Education, Humanities, Law and Theology
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• Science & Engineering
• Social Sciences
AusAID Students

• Elaine Kane, ALO, call 15072
• Maxine Bald, call 15462
Letter Requests and Activities

• George Markopolous call 12717
• Klaus Koefer call 12989
Where to find us

• ISSU is in B10, Union Building
• You can find a map at http://www.flinders.edu.au/international-students/services/
Can we help you more?

• Happy to provide presentations to groups
• Anthony, Mahin, Elaine and Jane available to talk over concerns about individual students, accompany them to meetings
• If you identify a need that you think we can meet, call us and we’ll work hard to help you