

CSU Family Newsletter April/May 2009

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Welcome to the April/May edition of the CSU Family Newsletter. This newsletter is presented in a new format that we hope you will enjoy.

Student News

Social Activities

Students have been enjoying a variety of social activities at the various CSU campuses, including performances by major Australian band, 'Faker' at the Albury/Thurgoona and Wagga Wagga campuses recently. Despite cold conditions, hundreds of students enjoyed the open air concert at Thurgoona.

To support students' safe enjoyment of social activities, the [Health Promotion Service](#) recently conducted awareness raising activities for Drug Action Week. These included BBQs and (alcohol-free) Boys' and Girls' Nights In.

Sports

Many students are involved in student club and sporting events. See [Student Support](#) website for club and sports details. Students are currently being encouraged to consider representing CSU at the [Australian University Games](#), to be held in September on the Gold Coast.

On the Academic Front

Students are now into week 11 of the Autumn Session of study. It is time to be thinking about the final exams for the session (15 – 28 June). The CSU Learning Skills Service is an excellent source of support for students preparing for exams – the [Exam Success website](#). This may be particularly relevant for first year students, who are entering their first examination period at university level.



It is important that students look after their wellbeing during this busy time, by ensuring they maintain a healthy balance of activity. The [Student Counselling Service](#) can help students who are feeling anxious or stressed. For students who have part time work, it is a good idea to flag to employers that they may need to reduce their working hours for several weeks.

Financial Support

Students who are required to undertake placements in the Spring Session of study can apply for Professional Placement Equity Grants (PPEG) to assist with the costs associated with their placement. For information, go to the [Student Equity](#) website for information about PPEGs and all other scholarships and grants.

Travel

Undergraduate students at CSU are encouraged to take advantage of a range of programs designed to provide exposure to international experience through travel and overseas study. The Australian Government and the University provide generous financial assistance to students wishing to undertake an international study program. Visit [CSU Global](#) for more information.



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Graduation

April/May is graduation season at CSU. Graduation ceremonies were held at a number of CSU campuses. Graduates and their families celebrated their achievements – something to look forward to in a few years' time!



A new national University in regional Australia?

A Feasibility Study is currently underway to explore the feasibility of forming a new national University in regional Australia to ensure sustainable high quality education and research outcomes for and in regional Australia. The partners in the feasibility study are CSU and [Southern Cross University](#).

Sustainability

CSU is committed to sustainability and has established the [CSU Green](#) office. CSU Green will be a hub of communication and coordination for the University's sustainability efforts. It will assist in monitoring what has been achieved and promote and initiate activities. It will focus in particular on the University's energy and water use reduction targets, and the moves towards carbon neutrality.

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Don't forget the [CSU News](#) Website for the latest information on all CSU happenings.



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