

CSU Family Newsletter May/June 2009

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CSU Dubbo Campus

Welcome to the May/June edition of the CSU Family Newsletter. We hope the newsletters have helped to keep you in touch with your son/daughter/partner's first session of study at CSU. This will be the last Family Newsletter for 2009.

Student News

Exams and Results

Many students will be in the midst of their final exams for the autumn session; some will be enjoying the relief of being finished. Grades for the autumn session will be released on 17 July. Note that all student charges need to be paid by Friday 26th June to ensure that exam results are not withheld. (Any student charges received after the 26th June will not have any impact on the results withheld process).

Academic Appeals

Students have the right to ask for their grades to be [reviewed](#) if they believe an error has been made or they have been graded unfairly. Assistance is available from [Student Support Officers](#).

Making the most of the break

At the end of their first session of study, students may experience any of the following thoughts or emotions: exhaustion, relief, jubilation, satisfaction, resolve to do things differently next session

Students may want to use the break to celebrate their achievements; reward themselves for their hard work; review the session – how it went, what went well, what they might want to do differently next session

Youth Allowance- Parental Income Test Changes

In the recent budget, the federal government announced changes to the criteria for students to be considered independent and to the parental income test. The income test determines students' eligibility to receive Youth Allowance.

Examples of Family Situations and Parental Income Test Cut-out Points

Family Situation: Number of children on Youth Allowance by Age	Parental Income Cut-out Points	
	Current Arrangements	New Arrangements
1 Child aged 18 at home	\$58,288	\$74,419
1 Child aged 18 away from home	\$71,532	\$90,974
2 Children aged 16 and 17 at home	\$57,794	\$95,564
2 Children aged 17 and 19 at home	\$59,936	\$100,920
2 Children aged 18 and 20 at home	\$62,080	\$106,279
2 Children aged 17 and 21 away from home	\$71,532	\$139,388
2 Children aged 19 and 23 away from home	\$75,324	\$139,388

Source: Australian Government, *Transforming Australia's Higher Education System, Fact Sheet 15 "Student Income Support, Parental Income Test", May 2009*

Source:

http://www.go8.edu.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=237&Itemid=180 Accessed 9 June 2009

Note: Please check with Centrelink regarding your individual circumstances and entitlements.



CSU Residences

Dates for Spring Session and 2010 Calendar

The Spring Session starts on 27 July.

The University has adopted a new session structure which will commence in 2010. The structure will mean slightly shorter breaks (mid-session and between sessions) for students next year and beyond, and an earlier finish to the academic year. Looking ahead, in future years, the new session structure will give students greater flexibility in terms of their rate and pattern of study.

The [CSU When](#) website is a handy resource for checking the dates for the commencement and finish of sessions (semesters or trimesters) and breaks.



CSU Interact

CSU Interact. A Scholarly Community

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CSU Interact is based on the Sakai framework. Sakai is developed cooperatively by a world wide collection of higher education institutions using the community source model.

Your Feedback Welcome

We hope you have enjoyed the CSU Family Newsletter. If you would like to provide feedback on the newsletter, you can do so by emailing Geoff Simmons: gsimmons@csu.edu.au or by mail
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