

## International Student Support News

### Important UTAS Dates

**February 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Orientation Week

**February 27<sup>th</sup>**  
First Semester Commences

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
HECS Census Date

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Easter Break

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**  
First Semester Classes  
Resume

**May 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Exam Timetables Released

**June 1<sup>st</sup>**  
First Semester Ends

### Happy Australia Day!

How will you be celebrating Australia Day this Thursday (26<sup>th</sup>)...? Listening to the JJJ hottest 100...? Having a BBQ with friends...?



If you don't have any plans then why not head to a Day on the Beach or the Sandy Bay Regatta!

#### DAY ON THE BEACH

**FREE**

**When:** Thu Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, 8am - 2pm  
**Where:** Kingston Beach

Celebrate Australia Day on the beautiful beach in Kingston with lots of water activities, a sandcastle competition and a BBQ!

#### SANDY BAY REGATTA

**FREE**

**When:** Thu Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, 8am – 4pm  
**Where:** Sandy Bay Long Point Beach

Watch the sailing, Surf Life Saving, enter the Tug o War, play cricket and watch the fashion parade!

### BEWARE of Rental Scams

Prospective tenants are being ripped off by fake rental property and shared accommodation listings on the internet posted by scammers. Be wary when responding to rental properties advertised on the net where the "owner" makes various excuses as to why you can't inspect the property but insists on an upfront payment for rent or deposit.

#### Warning Signs – What to Watch Out For

- Too good to be true offers
- Ongoing excuses as to why the property cannot be viewed, such as the owner is overseas.
- Securing the property requires an upfront fee via money transfer
- The prospective landlord lives overseas

#### How to Protect Yourself

- Insist on inspecting the property – a drive-by is not enough.
- If you are overseas, ask someone you can trust to make inquiries and look at the property.
- An internet search on the name of the person offering the property and their email address may provide useful information.
- Where possible, avoid paying via money transfer. It is rare to recover money sent this way.

Source: [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

## We've Moved!

The International Student Advisers have moved offices to the ground floor of the Student Centre building.

### To make an appointment:

**In person:** Student Centre Reception (ground floor of the Student Centre building)

**By phone:** 03 6226 2697

**Email:** [ISA.Hobart@utas.edu.au](mailto:ISA.Hobart@utas.edu.au)

### How to find us:

The Student Centre building is located on the main Sandy Bay campus opposite the Morris Miller library and next to the Uni Centre

## Local Events

### Tattooed Tim Tours - MONA

Now – 29<sup>th</sup> January

Tattoo Tim, Wim Delvoye's living artwork will be leading tours of Wim's exhibition. Wednesday to Monday, 11am and 3pm.

#### Where:

MONA Museum, Berriedale

<http://www.mona.net.au/>

**FREE**

### Festivale, Launceston

10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February

Festivale celebrates food, wine & entertainment in al fresco style at Launceston's historic city park.

#### Where:

Launceston City Park

<http://www.festivale.com.au/>

### Clarence Jazz Festival

21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> February

Held in beautiful outdoor, riverside & historic locations, the Clarence Jazz Festival is a perfect host for a variety of jazz styles

#### Where:

Various on Eastern Shore

<http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=933&c=386>

**FREE**

### MS Fest

3<sup>rd</sup> March

This music festival includes Amy Meredith, Bluejuice, Nina Las Vegas and Grafton Primary.

#### Where:

TCA Ground, hobart

<http://www.msfest.org.au>



UTAS Welcome and celebration of our international community and connections

## 2012 Lunar New Year of the Dragon

9:00am—12 noon Saturday 18 February 2012  
Derwent Sailing Squadron Marieville Esplanade Sandy Bay

### Free community event—please join us

Race a dragonboat\* Dragon Dance Cultural performances Facepainting  
BYO Picnic—all welcome



Festivale



Jazz Festival

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