

International Student Support Unit News

Important UTAS Dates

April 21st
Easter Break Starts

April 28th
Classes Resume

May 6th
Exam Timetable Released

May 27th
Semester 1 Classes End

June 4th
Exams Commence

June 21st
Exams End

June 22nd
Semester Break Commences



Happy Easter!

International Services would like to wish all students a very happy Easter. We hope you have a safe and relaxing Easter break with family and friends.

The International Office will close at 5pm on Thursday 21st April and reopen at 9am on Wednesday 27th April.

If you have an EMERGENCY during this time, please contact UTAS Security at 6226 7600 (Hobart) or 6324 3336 (Launceston). All non-urgent matters should wait until the office reopens.

Tips to Stay Safe over Easter

Beach Safety – Never swim at night, directly after a meal or under the influence of alcohol. Get a friend to swim with you and check the surf conditions before entering the water.

Bush Walking – If you are going bushwalking or camping, never go alone! Travel with friends or with a tour group. Check the weather forecast, be prepared with water, food, sunscreen & comfortable clothing. Inform friends/family of your plans.

Driving on Unfamiliar Roads – Stick to the speed limit, take a map and plan your route, stay alert – have plenty of breaks & have a good night sleep beforehand, make sure your car is properly maintained with water & oil, be aware of other drivers, pedestrian and cyclists & never drink and drive or use your mobile phone.

What to do if you're involved in a minor incident?

There may be times when you are involved in an incident (motor vehicle or other) where you are unsure if you should call the Police. For example – you may be involved in a car accident where there are no personal injuries to yourself but damage to your vehicle, you may fall due to the negligence of a business or you may be physically or verbally abused.

How do you know when to call the Police?

- If someone is hurt or there is substantial property damage then you should call **000** for an ambulance and/or police.
- If you are not injured then phone the Police Assistance Line on **131 444** & report the incident to an International Student Adviser.
- In the case of a motor vehicle accident, if the accident is not serious and no one is hurt, you do not need to call the police but you do need to obtain the driver's name, address, telephone number, car registration number & type of insurance cover/name.

The other party involved in the accident may try to persuade you not to call the Police however if you are in doubt on what to do, then call the Police Assistance Line on **131 444** and they will be able to advise if you require Police assistance.

Things to do over the Easter break...

- **Pack a picnic**, some magazines, grab your friends and head to the local park for a relaxing afternoon in the sun.

- Buy some sausages and head to the **beach for a BBQ**. Most public BBQ's cost \$1 to run & do not need to be booked.

- Get up early on a Saturday, buy the paper & visit some **garage sales** in your local area. You never know what bargains you may find.

OCF Easter Camp

24th April – 26th April

Theme: Love is...
Campsite : Blue Lagoon
Transport will be provided.
Price: \$75
Deadline: 23rd April

Join OCF for a great time of mingling with other university students. Also they will delve into God's word and have refreshing times of worship.

Contact:

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Local Events

Agfest

5th May – 7th May

Tasmania's premier rural Event. The annual show features more than 700 exhibitors including clothing, home wares, food & livestock.

Where:

Quercus Rural Youth Park
www.agfest.com.au

Hobart Farmers Market

Every Sunday 9am – 1pm

Selling fruit & vegetables, artisan food products & beverages direct from the growers.

Where:

Melville St Outdoor Car Park
Hobart CBD

Uni Revue - Larageddon

Hobart: 13th May-28th May

Launceston: 31st May – 4th June

Amateur live theatre show with political satire, satirical songs, parody & private parts!

www.oldnick.org.au

Where:

Hobart – Theatre Royal
Launceston – Theatre North

MONAISM Exhibition

21st January – 19th July

Open daily 10am – 6pm

The opening exhibition of the Museum of Old & New Art (MONA).

Where:

Moorilla Vineyard
15 Min Drive - Hobart

Free Flu Shots (Hobart)

Free flu vaccine clinics will be run for international students in Hobart on April 19th.

Sandy Bay UTAS students – *When:* 19th April 8.30am - 4.30pm
Where: Robing Room (in the University Centre by the Stanley Burbury Theatre), Sandy Bay Campus.

To book please go to <https://portal.medibankhealth.com.au/flu> and enter code **57945**.

Please bring your Student ID & completed questionnaire and consent form.

Types of ID

Many students carry their passport as identification on a daily basis however this means you are more likely to lose this important document!

Did you know Service Tasmania issue Personal Information Cards (PIC) which can be used for general identification purposes. This means your passport can stay locked away in a safe place.

<http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/pic>

Promote Your Event In the Next Newsletter

The International Student Support Unit News is sent at the beginning of each month to all international students.

If you have an event to promote or a topic you want included in the next issue, please send the details to

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