Library Student Newsletter for Shellharbour Campus Library

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Welcome back to all those students continuing their studies from last year. To all the new students starting at TAFE in 2013 welcome also. We hope you take the time to come to the Library and have a look around. The library has a range of facilities and resources that can really help you complete your course work successfully, and enjoy your time at TAFE.

Thus the library has a great range of books and DVDS for loan so why not come in and take a look. We are adding to the collection all the time so you might be surprised what you find. Page 4 shows you some of the most recent recreational DVD additions.

This term the library has a new service available from its website called ‘Ask us’. This service allows students to search for answers to questions, or ask a new question. You may also want to provide feedback about the Library’s services and resources. We will respond to your question ASAP. Find out more on page 3.

On page 5 we look at the Library’s Information Skills Program and how you can improve your study skills and be successful in your course. Study skills is also the theme of our library display in February so make sure you visit the library to check it out. On page 6 we look some of the support services available to TAFE students including the Children’s Centre, the Canteen, the Gym and the Counselling Unit. We hope you enjoy your time at Shellharbour TAFE and look forward to seeing you in the library soon.

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Email the library: shellharbourlibrary@tafensw.edu.au
Welcome to TAFE

Come to the library and check our ‘Welcome to TAFE’ display. You will find books displayed on exam techniques and how to study effectively. The display also features information about the many support services available to students at TAFE, including: Counselling, the Child Care Centre and Learner Support. All of the books in the display are also available for loan, just ask one of the friendly library staff.

International Women’s Day 2013

Each year throughout the world on March 8, International Women’s Day (IWD) is celebrated. Worldwide, many thousands of events are organised throughout the month of March to highlight the economic, political and social achievements of women.

In different regions the focus of the celebrations vary from a general celebration of respect and appreciation and love for women: to a focus on specific female economic, political and social achievements.

International Women’s Day originated in the socialist countries of eastern Europe as a specifically political event. In many regions today, the day has become less a political expression and more an occasion for men to express their gratitude and love for the women in their life. Something like a mixture of Mothers Day and Valentines Day.

In other regions, however, the original political and human rights motivation of the day remains strong. In these areas, IWD celebrates the ongoing social and political struggles of women to achieve respect and equality.

Come into the library in early March and check out the display for International Women’s Day.

Please note that your questions and our answers may be made public to assist other users of the Library’s services. All personal information will be removed from questions to retain privacy.

Welcome to TAFE

You have questions, we have answers!

Look out for the new ‘Ask us’ button on the library website. This is a new service where students can search for answers to previous questions, or ask a new question. You may also want to provide feedback about the Library’s services and resources. We will respond to your question ASAP.
New DVDs

Come to the library and check out some of our new DVD’s for loan.

You can borrow 2 DVD’s at a time, you just need to present your TAFEcard, which is your library card.
Learner Support

Library Skills Sessions @ the library

The Shellharbour Campus Library offers workshops which have been developed to aid students and staff in locating, evaluating and effectively using information.

A wide range of sessions are available, from an introductory library orientation to sessions on how to research a particular assignment topic, using the Internet effectively, finding Statistics, referencing and bibliographies, the DET Portal and Careers Connect.

Sessions are designed for class groups and are tailored to meet the requirements of TAFE students. We generally find that sessions are most useful when based on a current assignment topic.

All sessions are hands-on, so that students gain valuable practical experience in using a range of research tools.

So if you’d like to put your students on the right information path, book them in for a Library class today.

For more information, or to make a booking, contact the library on x78201.

Computer skills course

Do you need to develop or improve:
- Your general computer skills for work or study
- Your use of Microsoft Office 2010 – Word, Publisher, PowerPoint, Excel, emails
- Internet & research skills

Individual programs are designed to meet your computer needs. Classes are suitable for beginner to intermediate computer users.

Cost
The courses are free.

Duration
One semester, two hours a week, day and evening class times available.

Interested?
Contact 4295 2252
OR 4295 2105

Learner Support

Do you need to improve your skills for success in your course?

This service is available for students from Certificate to Diploma courses.

Would you like help with:
- Using a computer – Microsoft 2010
- Assessment tasks
- Mathematics
- Note taking
- Exam techniques
- Understanding course notes or textbooks
- Research
- Study strategies
- Presentation skills – PowerPoint, Publisher

Programs are designed to meet your individual study needs

Cost
Learner Support is free.

Classes
Day and evening times available
Attendance is flexible, based on your needs.

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OR 4295 2253

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Support Services

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Child Care Centre

As a TAFE Illawarra student, you are entitled to access our Children's Centres, where you will find qualified educators who can look after your child while you study.
The staff at the centre provide positive learning environments for young children, fostering self-esteem and self-worth.

Staff at our Children's Centres develop appropriate educational programs for all children based on the National Early Years Learning Framework. Child care is available for children aged over 2 years however there are a limited number of places available.

The Child Care Centre operates from Monday—Friday 8:15am - 4:15pm.
Telephone: 4295 2269

Career and Counselling Services

This is a free and confidential service for TAFE students and staff. The aim of this counselling service is to help you make informed course and enrolment decisions. Counsellors can also help you manage any problems that might arise during your studies and suggest ways of dealing with them so they don't prevent you from completing your TAFE course.

Bookings are essential. Phone 4295 2234 or see Rhonda in C Block to arrange a free appointment.

Canteen

The canteen is located in C Block.
Opening hours are 8am-8pm Monday to Thursday
8am-3pm Fridays
You can also purchase textbooks and stationary at the canteen.

Gym

The campus gym is located on the ground floor of G block. The joining fee is $70.00 per semester and includes gym visits, fitness classes and also personal training.

The gym is open 8am-11am Mon to Friday
4pm-7pm Monday to Thursday

Phone 4295 2151