A Message from the CEO
Easter is fast approaching. Please note that the Office will be closed between the dates 3rd – 6th of April. Wishing you and your families a Happy Easter.

Just a heads up that we are preparing for a re-registration audit with ASQA that will take place before the end of current registration.

Please keep in touch with us; we are always looking forward to hearing from you so we can support you.

Kind Regards,
Garry Ghattas
Chief Executive Officer

Courses Available in 2015

ACE is currently accepting enrolments for:
Hospitality
- Certificate III in Commercial Cookery (SIT30813)
- Certificate IV in Commercial Cookery (SIT40413)
- Diploma of Hospitality (SIT50313)
Business
- Certificate IV in Business (BSB40212)
- Diploma of Business (BBSBS0207)
Automotive
- Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology (AUR30612)

Upcoming Intake Dates
ACE is now taking enrolments for all qualifications in 2015 on a quarterly basis as follows:
April 2015 | July 2015 | October 2015
New Standards come into effect in 1st April 2015
For full details please visit: http://www.asqa.gov.au/
Some key highlights for students and agents:

*Learner transition* will a general direction made under section 28(1) of the Act. The reason behind general direction given is to guide RTOs in managing the transition from superseded training packages and accredited courses. It also sets out guidelines for RTOs in managing the transition from deleted training package qualifications and units of competency and expired accredited courses.

The new Standards have strengthened the student protection area. “The requirements for RTOs to individually assess each prospective student to ensure that they have the capability, existing skills and competencies to be able to complete the training program, Mr Robinson said.”

“Any RTO using a third party to recruit prospective learners must have a written agreement with that third party and the regulator must be informed of any such agreements. Each RTO must also have a documented plan and have developed resources that will allow it to systematically monitor the recruitment services.”

“There are also clear requirements in the Standards relating to information about fees and government funding. If a third party is recruiting a learner into a qualification paid by VET FEE-HELP, the RTO is responsible for ensuring the information provided to a learner explains they will incur a debt. The prospective learner must understand how they will need to repay that debt, and they must also understand other implications of entering into a VET FEE-HELP arrangement.”

“While brokers can play an important role in referring students to RTOs, it is essential that a proper assessment of each learner’s needs and capabilities is undertaken. RTOs are ultimately responsible for meeting the requirements of the Standards—including by making sure that this part of the enrolment process is being properly carried out.”


What’s on in Melbourne in 2015?

**May**

**Sports and Recreation Expo**
16 May 2015

“Come along, have fun and get involved!” says the City of Melbourne who is hosting Sports and Recreation Expo for students living and studying in Melbourne which caters to – all sports, all ages, all skills and interests!

It will be at Drill Hall, 26 Therry Street, Melbourne (behind the Multicultural Hub)

The event includes stalls, demonstrations and trial sessions, featuring sports and recreations activities throughout the City of Melbourne for students.

**September**

**Melbourne Global Careers 2015**
7th September to 10 September 2015

New pilot an online virtual career fair for university students in Melbourne.

The fair will provide students with career development information, global labour market updates and further study or business investment opportunities.

For more information and updates on participating employers and organisations, visit Melbourne Global Careers. [Melbourne Global Careers](http://www.asqa.gov.au/)

**Melbourne International Student Conference (MISC) 27th/28th September 2015**

Proudly hosted by the City of Melbourne and Meld Magazine, last year’s conference which saw 100 students partake focused on entrepreneurship, collaboration and innovation – helping students develop skills and build the right connections to excel as leaders in their communities and fields of interest.

A Message from the Student Support Services Team

Please feel free to make an appointment at reception to speak with one of our friendly officers who will be able to provide students with any assistance they require. Our Student Support Services team are available Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

Dates for the upcoming newsletters in 2015

July 2015 | October 2015