

AIAS Newsletter

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- 20 May Semester 1 concludes
- 27 May Assessments finalised
- 30 May Semester 2 commences
- 5 Sep Semester 3 commences

Study tip

Text books represent one of the more significant expenses for most students. They are an essential part of most subjects.

While the prescribed text for each subject usually is adequate to meet the needs for studying that subject, it always is a good idea to look up information in another text that might present the same information from a different perspective, explain things better, or present something new about the topic.

Therefore, it is a good idea to research information in a number of different texts.

This is where the AIAS or any other suitable library comes in handy. Use the texts available there.

If you can afford them, buy other text books so that you can build up a professional library that will be very handy when you graduate.



Beauty therapy students can study now and pay later

VET FEE-HELP now for Diploma of Beauty Therapy



Following on from the announcement in December that VET FEE-HELP is available for certain Natural Medicine and Massage courses, AIAS is pleased to advise that VET FEE-HELP is also now available for students studying the Diploma of Beauty Therapy.

This is great news for those wishing to study now and pay later, and it applies to both on campus and distance education students.

VET FEEHELP is a government loan scheme that allows eligible students to study now and pay for their course later.

The Australian government pays all or part of the course fees directly to the Australian Institute of Applied Sciences before the start of the course. Repayments are made through the Australian taxation system after a student's income reaches a certain level, even if they are still studying.

Further information can be found by visiting the AIAS website at aiaas.com.au/feehelp.php, or by contacting one of our friendly Education Advisers on 07 3394 2344.





From The Chief Executive Officer

Welcome back to all of our students after the Easter break. This month sees our 'on campus' students preparing to undertake final assessments for semester 1, and our 'external' students finalising their assessment items for their current designated period of study.

The primary focus of the Institute is teaching and learning. While we offer a broad range of courses and subjects, we encourage our students and lecturers to think about desired education outcomes rather than individual subjects, as we believe the creation of links between subjects in a complete course is integral to successful learning.

Semester 1 at the Institute has been a very busy one and has presented us with opportunities and challenges.

VET FEE-HELP (VFH) has become available for a range of courses within our Natural Medicine faculty AND for the Diploma of Beauty Therapy within our Beauty Therapy faculty. VFH is a loan scheme that assists eligible students to undertake certain vocational education courses of study. In simple terms, eligible students can 'study now and pay later.' This is, of course, exciting news for students enrolling for the first time, and those continuing into Semester 2, whether 'on campus' or by 'external' study.

Internet technology is improving rapidly, and with it comes the desire to access more and more information at higher speeds, in more locations. Previously, access on campus to our high speed internet connection has been limited to our computer room facilities which required card access. This month we are increasing access to this internet service by adding a WiFi point on our 337 Logan Road campus. This will enable students to access the internet **free of charge** through their own mobile devices (iPads, laptops etc). Students will need only show a current ID card to reception staff to obtain a card with a user name and password to access the WiFi network. Students who wish to use the computers provided in the computer room will similarly be able to use these systems **free of charge** by collecting a user name and password from reception. The computers in the computer lab are designated for education purposes only. We do ask that when using the campus computer room, students give consideration to others and keep the area tidy, free of food and drinks, and share the facilities appropriately. Similarly, the WiFi connection is to be used for educational purposes to support your learning while on campus at the Institute. We will continue to develop solutions for further expanding

the wireless connectivity options across the campus as the year progresses.

Student Clinics are of course an integral component of the teaching and learning experience offered at the Institute. The various clinic units across all of our faculties provide for the practical application of knowledge, skills and techniques required for professional practice under the supervision of appropriately qualified and experienced lecturers. In these clinics students are able to consolidate their learning and gain confidence in all aspects of professional practice. We will be trialing a linen service for the Massage and Remedial Massage clinics in the coming weeks. This service will see students provided with necessary linen and oils for use on campus with clients of the clinics free of charge. Students will need to provide a nominal refundable deposit to access this service, to be withheld only in the event linen is not returned to the Institute. The details of this service will be provided to students in the Massage and Remedial Massage clinics over the coming weeks.

These initiatives are just a few of the current projects in the Institute, in keeping with our commitment to continuous improvement. News of other projects and opportunities will be made available as they arise. As always, we welcome **Student Feedback** and have established both a "Suggestion Box" and email address (feedback@aias.com.au) to facilitate this.

The Institute team wishes you every success in your upcoming assessments, and looks forward to seeing you around campus over the coming months.



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Exciting new initiatives

1. VET FEE-HELP on Beauty Therapy, on campus and external education
2. Free internet access for study purposes
3. Free linen and oils in natural therapies clinics
4. New student feedback suggestion box and email address

Special beauty treatments at discounted prices

This month the Beauty Therapy Clinic is focusing on body and nail treatments.

De-stress and relax with a 90-minute Body Wrap Detox treatment. Or brighten up those fingers with a gel or acrylic nail treatment (natural or French).

Phone 07 3847 5179 for a booking.

Appointments can be made on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am–11am, and on Thursdays and Fridays from 9am–2.30pm.



Student profile

What did you study and when did you start?

I graduated with an Advanced Diploma of Naturopathy, Nutritional Medicine and Western Herbal Medicine in 2010.

What made you choose AIAS?

The friendly staff (thanks Michele) and the ability to study via distance learning suited my lifestyle.

What was the best part about being a student?

Student discount at yoga classes.

What was the worst part about being a student?

Fees. Mind you, always having texts/research to read in my spare time over mindless novels comes a close second.

What was your favourite subject?

Clinical medicine as it was so relevant to practicing the art of Naturopathy.

What are you doing now that you have graduated?

I am working for a health company and am lucky enough to be providing technical support to other practitioners, seeing patients in clinic and presenting health seminars around Australia and NZ.

Have you any tips for AIAS students?

Tenacity, positivity and embrace the naturopathic diet and lifestyle.

If you were an animal, what would you be?

Mmm, I think a bird – the view's great.

What's your favourite pastime?

Pretty hard to pinpoint my favourite. Let's just say I love yoga, running, music, camping and reading.



Meet Belinda Smith, a former of AIAS.

PROMOTION

Refer friend and WIN a \$200 gift card!



AIAS Sport & Fitness

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AIAS students and AIAS Alumni who refer a friend to enrol in the Certificate IV in Fitness or the Certificate IV in Sport before the May 30th student intake will automatically receive a \$200 Westfield Gift Card.

Terms and conditions apply. Please contact one of our Education Co-ordinators for further details.

