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Introduction
Welcome to Semester 2, 2017 for new students, and welcome back for continuing students. Just a reminder that if you need to come and see us, office hours at Joondalup or Mt Lawley are Mondays to Fridays 8.30am – 5.00pm (Perth time). South West and off-campus students can telephone 9370 6960 during those hours. You can also email us at studentequity@ecu.edu.au

Learning and Assessment Plans – arranging your requirements
For those of you who have a Learning and Assessment Plan documenting the adjustments you require to facilitate your studies, assessments and exams, these are in the process of being passed on to your lecturers and tutors to ensure that they can be prepared to meet your needs if you have given us your permission to do so. If you have not given us permission, you will need to give your Plan to your lecturers and tutors yourself and discuss your requirements with them at the beginning of the Semester to ensure they have time to make any necessary arrangements.

Extensions for assignments: Please note that if your Plan indicates that you may need extensions for assignments, you still need to follow standard ECU procedures for applying for extensions by requesting an extension in advance “as outlined on my Learning and Assessment Plan”; failure to apply for an extension as required by ECU policy is likely to result in loss of marks for that assignment.
Mid-semester or in-class tests: If your Plan outlines alternative conditions for tests and exams held in class, you will need to negotiate these with your lecturers/tutors well in advance so that they have time to make the necessary arrangements.

Note: if you have changed course or changed your name, your LAP is no longer current and therefore has not been passed on so please contact us to update it to ensure you receive the support you require.

Important dates for Semester 2
Students are reminded to check important calendar dates such as semester dates, examinations and withdrawal dates at. Keep in mind that alternative exam conditions need to be finalised by Friday 22 September 2017 for end-of-semester exams barring any unforeseen circumstances.

Scholarships
Students are reminded to regularly check the Scholarships link on the ECU website for details of any scholarships on offer.

The ECU Inspiring Minds Equity Scholarship is currently open to full-time domestic students, either on campus or off-campus, with applications closing 28 August 2017. Refer to the link for more information.

The Co-op Bookshop is offering The Co-Op Scholarship to outstanding second year undergraduate students who are experiencing financial hardship. Applications close on 14 August 2017. Refer to the link for more information.

Redkite is offering education support grants to assist young people (up to age 24) who have experienced cancer reach their study and work goals. Siblings whose education is disrupted during the cancer journey may also be eligible to receive Redkite's education assistance. Further information about these grants can be found at http://www.redkite.org.au/education-assistance

The Louisa Alessandri Memorial Fund (LAMF) Scholarship is once again open for applications, closing 27 September 2017. This Scholarship is intended to assist a student with a physical, visual or hearing disability to achieve his or her career aspirations. Applications will be acknowledged as they are received, and applicants will be notified as to whether or not they have been shortlisted as a finalist by early December 2017.

Applicants must:
1. Have a physical disability, or a visual or hearing impairment, and provide a statement describing how the disability impacts on his/her ability to undertake study.
2. Be able to demonstrate a strong commitment to an area of study that can lead to a possible career path in the future.
3. Be currently enrolled in study with a recognised institution (please attach evidence of enrolment).
4. Have successfully completed at least one semester of related tertiary or postsecondary study (please attach copies of academic results).
5. Have demonstrated leadership qualities and community involvement.
6. Be under 40 years of age at the close of applications on 27 September 2017.
7. Be an Australian citizen and reside in Western Australia.
8. Provide two references, and referees cannot be family relatives.

An email with information about this scholarship was sent to students on 2 August 2017 so please refer to that; any enquiries to Linda.Watson@telethonkids.org.au or Tasnim.Abdalla@telethonkids.org.au

**RU OK Day**

**RU OK Day** on 14 September 2017 is a day to remind us all to look out for our mates and those we care about, that just a simple conversation and a few minutes of your time can make a huge difference to someone else. You don’t need to have any answers, just to take an interest. If you’re unsure how to start that conversation or what to do next, there are some useful tips at the link.

**Nursing and Midwife Support**

Nursing and Midwifery students may be interested in the [Nursing and Midwife Support](#) website offering round the clock self-care advice and support for those in the sometimes very stressful profession as well as tips for supporting colleagues you may be concerned about.

**Equity, Diversity and Disability Service Blackboard site**

The Equity, Diversity and Disability Service has its own Blackboard site listed on all students’ Blackboard pages. Here you will find information about our services as well as resources and links relating to strategies for successful study for students with a range of disabilities and medical conditions including dyslexia, ADHD, mental health conditions, autism and Asperger’s syndrome, acquired brain injury, etc. There is also information to assist you to plan for and make the transition from university to employment. If there is any other information you would like to see added to the Blackboard site, please contact us at [studentequity@ecu.edu.au](mailto:studentequity@ecu.edu.au) to discuss further.