

International recruitment activity

Swinburne staff attend a variety of events for students to discuss course options and get help with their application. The following staff will be travelling in the coming weeks.

Country	Staff member	Dates
India	Bala Ramalingam	30 July – 9 August
Pakistan	SI representative	3 – 9 August

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'The whole world is one family', India CG



The Consul-General of India in Melbourne, Ms Anita Nayar, took time out to attend Swinburne International's mid-year graduation ceremony earlier this month.

"It is an honour to be here at Swinburne, which is a shining example of high-quality education and upholds Australia's reputation as a high-quality education provider," she said.

Ms Nayar said it was great to see so many smiling faces in the audience – which was an indication of the students' positive experience here. She thanked Swinburne for its commitment to the wellbeing of our international students and was impressed with the response to recent safety concerns.

"[Swinburne is] not only looking at addressing short-term concerns but also long-term concerns and it is very heartening to know that they are fully aware of the situation and committed to taking the necessary steps."

"I find Swinburne inspirational. It started out 100-odd years ago as a technical school ... and has now reached a stage where it offers every variety of qualification. This is something that we in India also perhaps need to learn, the importance of training and vocational skills as opposed to pure academics."

As they embark on the next stage of their journey, Ms Nayar asked students to remember an old Sanskrit saying that translates to 'the whole world is one family'. "For me it is the essence of multiculturalism and something that all of us could do well to remember."

NEW! TAFE intake for 26 October 2009

Swinburne TAFE has announced a special intake for 26 October 2009. There are four courses available, each with a range of flexible exit points and/or pathways to further study. Students will study over the summer break (January–February) allowing them to continue with the standard intake in February 2010.

Advanced Diploma of Accounting

Students will be able to refine their skills in financial accounting, costing, taxation and financial management with the [Advanced Diploma of Accounting](#).

On successful completion, students may be eligible for up to 12 exemptions in the Bachelor of Business or 10 exemptions in the Bachelor of Business (Accounting), Bachelor of Commerce or Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting). Exit points are available after six months with a Certificate III in Financial Services (Accounts Clerical) or at 12 months with a Diploma of Accounting.

Campus:	Hawthorn
Duration:	18 months

Advanced Diploma of Computer Science

The [Advanced Diploma of Computer Science](#) introduces students to fundamental techniques used in multimedia, software development, scientific instrumentation and network analysis in computer science. Successful graduates will be eligible for exemptions in a range of ICT, multimedia and engineering degrees.

Campus:	Hawthorn
Duration:	Two years

Advanced Diploma of Hospitality

Students can specialise in commercial cookery and gain the skills for senior management roles with the [Advanced Diploma of Hospitality](#). They can exit after one year with a Certificate III in Hospitality (Commercial Cookery) or – after successful completion of the advanced diploma – students may be eligible for up to 12 exemptions in the Bachelor of Business (Tourism and Management).

Campus:	Prahran
Duration:	Two years

Diploma of Children's Services

The [Diploma of Children's Services](#) provides students with the skills to work as a fully qualified childcare professional. Graduates may be eligible for exemptions of up to eight units in the Bachelor of Social Science.

Campus:	Prahran
Duration:	Two years

Leaps and bounds for Kangaruni

Swinburne postgraduate students Bert Verhoeven and Tony Featherstone have launched Kangaruni, an online social network tool for international students studying in Australia. The idea was borne out of their [Master of Entrepreneurship and Innovation](#) (MEI) studies.



Kangaruni features news, blogs, tips and forums. Content ranges from advice on renting and homesickness, to where to spot Melbourne's hidden wildlife. According to Bert, its purpose is to ensure "students have a better study adventure

'Down Under'". Students can create their own blog entries and keep up-to-date with the latest news.

"It was a huge task to build a site like Kangaruni, but with Swinburne as a main sponsor and membership growing quickly we are very happy with the progress so far," says Bert.

The MEI program is designed for students who intend to start new, innovative businesses or play a leading role in an innovative unit of an established organisation. It provides professional capabilities not only to potential entrepreneurs, but also to 'entrepreneurial professionals' and managers with an entrepreneurial outlook.

"The MEI met all my expectations," says Bert. "I gained ... a better understanding of what is needed for an innovation to be successful in the market."

Good times for AusAID alumni

Good times, good food and lots of laughs were enjoyed at the annual Swinburne AusAID alumni dinners in Laos and Cambodia.



In Laos, over 30 alumni celebrated their achievements thanks to the Australian Government's AusAID program. The annual dinners are reunion and networking opportunities held in-country for our AusAID alumni.

The celebrations didn't stop there as onshore AusAID students wore their robes proudly at the recent Swinburne graduation ceremonies. Their newly acquired qualifications were as diverse as the students themselves, who will be returning to their respective homes in Laos, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Vietnam.

Check out photos from the Laos alumni dinner and graduation ceremonies on the [SI website](#).

Kick-starting careers with ICT internships

It's easy to 'talk the talk' when it comes to our students getting practical industry experience, but the results speak for themselves with the Faculty of Information and Communication Technologies' [Internship Project unit](#).

Students undertake a 12-week project with one of our industry partners for two days a week as part of the final semester unit in the [Master of Information Technology](#), [Master of Information Technology \(Professional Computing\)](#) and [Master of Technology \(Information Technology\)](#).

Our students have been placed with a range of ICT organisations – from World Vision to ANZ Banking Group – and have undertaken projects in IT business analysis, research and development, testing and user liaison, software and web development.

The internship unit gives students an opportunity to:

- Apply their practical skills and theoretical knowledge in an ICT industry context
- Develop their understanding of business processes and structures
- Establish contacts within the ICT industry.

What better testament to the success of the program than our students? Vizia Devarapalli and Ruchi Saraf have both kick-started their careers in ICT after being offered full-time work as a result of their internship.

Vizia Devarapalli, India Master of Technology (Information Technology)



"The opportunities I was given through my internship at CAPIX technologies were far beyond those of a 'typical' internship. A good internship experience ... can teach you things that years of studying simply cannot."

Ruchi Saraf, India Master of Information Technology

"It has been one of the most enriching experiences. Not only did it give me a good taste of working in an Australian organisation ... but it was an opportunity for me to apply my skills and knowledge in an industry context."



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