Vice Chancellor’s welcome to international students

Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Date: Monday 19 February, 2018
Place: Plane Tree Drive, Botanic Park
### UniSA International Welcome Reception

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<td>Students Arrive</td>
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<td>Official Proceedings to begin</td>
<td>Facilities, Emergency Evacuation MC – Mr Ryley Smithson</td>
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<td>Welcome to Country &amp; Didgeridoo</td>
<td>Mr. Jack Buckskin, Tauondi Aboriginal college</td>
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<td>Official Address</td>
<td>Professor David Lloyd, Vice Chancellor &amp; President</td>
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<td>Brief Student Panel</td>
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<td>5 students explaining their experience as International students here at UniSA</td>
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<td>4.50pm</td>
<td>Serena: Why did you choose to come to Adelaide and study at UniSA?</td>
<td>MC &amp; Students</td>
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<td>Shub: Do you remember how you felt when you first arrived as a new international student? Was it an exciting adventure or were you nervous?</td>
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<td>Saif: Were there any challenges you faced when you first came here to study? How did you overcome them?</td>
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<td>Sri: What’s the highlight of your experience at UniSA and Adelaide so far?</td>
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<td>Thomas: What advice or top tips would you give for new international students who are here today?</td>
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<td>5.00pm</td>
<td>Formal proceedings conclude, and invite students to continue enjoying the BBQ, cool drinks and Music.</td>
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• Ngangkirna, Miyurna! Naa marni Ngai nari David

• Ngai yarta-nungku yaku, ngai kunturrrkinthi taakanthi ngaityu wardli

• Ngai pudlunthi naa-itya, ngai wangkanthi warra Kaurna meyurna, miipudlunthi ngaityu kuinyuntapinthi.

• What I just said, for those of you who lack the Kaurna language, is that my name is David and while I am not originally from this country, I am proud to call it my home and I do so in the language of the Kaurna people as a mark of my respect.

• Good afternoon.

• Let me say from the outset that I know exactly how you feel.
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- I too was a stranger in this city five years ago and I know how scary and exhilarating it can be to be in an environment that’s completely foreign to you.

- Let me assure you that that strangeness soon wears off as you become more familiar with your surroundings and more comfortable with your studies.

- You have taken an extraordinary first step in becoming global citizens,

- and with your education and international experience, the world will be a much bigger place once you graduate.

- Let me also tell you that the reason I welcomed you in the Kaurna language is to help introduce you with your relatively new cultures,

- to one of the world’s oldest living cultures

- to show you how much we value Aboriginal culture at UniSA.
• The performance earlier by our friend Jack Buckskin gives you a great sense of Aboriginal tradition.

• and I hope you get many more opportunities while you are in Australia to acquaint yourselves with the history of our nation’s first peoples.

• You’ll find it fascinating to learn more about people who can trace their history in Australia back more than 60,000 years.

• You have also made an inspired choice to choose to study at the University of South Australia.

• We’re considered one of the world’s best young universities by all the ratings agencies that matter.

• In fact, we’re rated Number 9 in Australia of universities of any age by Times Higher Education rankings.

• I’ll add to that that we are ranked as one of the world's best place to study:
  • Nursing – we’re ranked in the world's top 50.
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- Law - our Law School is rated #88 in the world (and the best in South Australia - and still only 10 years old);
- Architecture; and
- Art and Design.

- And if you’re planning to study for degrees not on that list

- QILT - the Australian government’s website that helps students find the right university for their needs -

- rates us as Number 1 in South Australia for graduate careers; and Number 1 in South Australia for student satisfaction.

- But today it all seems terribly strange and I understand that.

- But you will find that Australia is a culturally diverse country and our student and staff community come from more than 100 countries,
• so it will take you no time at all to find familiar faces.

• Start today.

• You are surrounded by hundreds of new students, all from different countries and different cultures, but who all feel exactly how you feel.

• Shared experience is a great start for friendship,

• a great opportunity to start building networks of friends who will help you settle into your new environment.

• And we’re here to help every step of the way.

• This week, make the most of Orientation as you get to know your campus and program, other students, and teachers.

• Some of you will have already attended program information session today,

• and the rest of you will attend one of the nine remaining Information sessions this week.
• Over the next few weeks you’ll settle into university life and study and we hope you’ll be confident and excited about what you are beginning.

• Your Campus Fair will be coming up in Week 2 and 3 – that’s the first two weeks in March – and it’s a great opportunity to sign up with a Student or sports club to help you strengthen your networks.

• Most importantly, if things get difficult, ask for help,

• and ask for it early so you don’t miss out on any of the opportunities available.

• We have all been in the situation you now are in and we know how important a helping hand can be.

• There is a lot of student support available:
  
  o whether it is to help you settle in and make you less homesick;

  o to help you choose your career path;
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- to support your health and wellbeing; and especially
- to support your study.

- There are a lot of fun on offer too, so make sure you find out more about UniSA’s student services and activities by visiting the expo stalls during the Campus Fairs.

- I wish you every success in your studies at UniSA and I look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

- Until then, enjoy your barbecue. It’s another great Australian tradition you’ll learn to love.

- Thank you.