BC QUARTERLY

CELEBRATING CHANGE IN 2013
The year 2013 will bring exciting changes to BC – starting with the release of the first issue of BC Quarterly.

Welcome to all new and returning students. We look forward to sharing a prosperous year with you all!

- BC Staff

This publication will be produced 4 times a year and will update readers on BC events, news and information. We will also be including more content on the issues and topics you want to read about!

Submit your requests/suggestions to study@bc.edu.au.
2012 was a great year for Brisbane College. We shared many success stories with past students who found employment and gained entry into university courses after studying with us.

Whilst we said farewell to a member of our staff -Katie Cameron mid-year, we gained a new member of the Administration Team – Joanna Frazer who has become a valued staff member and has played an integral part to the daily operations of Brisbane College!

Birthday Celebrations!

Brisbane College of Australia Celebrated their 11th Birthday in 2012 by offering Scholarships for new students studying Certificate and Diploma Courses. More than 40 people received Scholarships throughout the year. Continuing students also received scholarships.

Employment Assistance

We strengthened our employment assistance to students by developing Career and Employment packs as well as establishing connections with employment agencies to assist students with gaining employment.

What’s On

What’s On was a successful campaign to provide students and online community members (on Facebook) weekly event updates in Brisbane. BC Social will now replace What’s On which will be sent to subscribers.

The new BC look!

You may have noticed our fresh new design to BC publications and media. We have been developing new publications to enhance communication and send regular updates from the College.
English Studies and field trips

The English students throughout the year have been on many exciting and insightful field trips around Brisbane and beyond. The field trip and events have been interactive and practical. Many thanks are extended to our English Department for their hard work in organising the events for their classes.

Here are some highlights of what some of our students got up to.

Informative day out at the Roma Street Parklands with the students.

Queensland Museum and Science Centre field trip. Informative and challenging! Students finding the answers to a questionnaire - great reading and comprehension practice.

BBQ lunch at South Bank and Yuki’s last day before he is off to Japan to resume studies.
Christmas Holidays

Want to see how some of the staff spent their holidays? Here are some pictures!

Images to the right are by Laura from her holidays where she spent most of her time at Burleigh at the Gold Coast and Lennox Heads in NSW.

The images above were taken by Joanna during the school holidays while staying at Binna Burra Mountain Lodge and hiking through Lamington National Park.

The following page is of Carmelina’s post-Christmas hiking trip along the Great Ocean Walk to the Twelve Apostles.
“We had a great time exploring and 'eating' around the city of Melbourne during the Christmas holidays! Also, as part of the trip, we hiked along part of the Great Ocean Walk to the Twelve Apostles, a famous landmark about 2 hours’ drive away from Melbourne. These are some photos from our 3 day, 2 night hike!”

I was a bit worried about seeing snakes along the way. This was on the first day, not long after we had started walking - the first of five snakes we spotted over the three days!

Our camp site for the first night - New Year’s Eve!

Of course, there was a lot of beautiful scenery along the way. **Top Right**: Our first glimpse of the Twelve Apostles off in the distance.

**Top**: It was great to come across this echidna. It startled us, but was a welcome change to coming across snakes! **Bottom**: This was really great - we saw quite a few of these black swamp wallabies along the way early on our last morning of the hike.

At the end! With one of the Twelve Apostles in the background! Yey! We made it! **Far Right**: Down to the beach for more photos and a sense of the size and grandeur of these rocks sticking straight up out of the ocean!
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BC ANNOUNCEMENT

Academic Manager

Congratulations to Carmelina Lanza-Volpe on her appointment of Academic Manager. Carmelina has become an integral part of Brisbane College. We wish to recognise Carmelina’s continued dedication and commitment to delivering quality education and ongoing professional development.
COLLEGE NEWS

Our new graduates

BC has had the pleasure of teaching students from diverse cultural backgrounds over the past year. It is with pride that we say goodbye to our newest graduates that are now going on to achieve their goals. We have chosen a couple of our recent graduates to be featured in this Issue.

German student, Johanna Gienapp, studied part-time General English with us to improve her English language skills while au pairing for a Brisbane family. We have no doubt that our General English course will have equipped her with the necessary skills for advancing her English in her workplace.

Our Chinese student Yuan Chen recently graduated with her Certificate IV in TESOL and hopes to travel back to China to teach English before gaining entry into a post graduate course.

We wish both Yuan and Johanna every personal and professional success!

Above: General English graduate Johanna Gienapp receiving her certificate. Below: Yuan Chen with her Certificate IV in TESOL.

BC Events

We have been getting into the festive spirit at BC in 2013. Check out our display for Valentine’s Day which included balloons and fact sheets about the origins of the special day in the shape of love hearts! There were also delicious Valentine’s inspired cupcakes for staff and students to share.
SECOND CAMPUS

Brisbane College was originally a campus that specialised in English Courses known as Brisbane College of English (on Adelaide St) which grew significantly when it expanded to Brisbane College of Australia offering Vocational Education and Training Courses. Today, both Colleges are located at 160 Edward St in the heart of Brisbane City.

We are pleased to announce our second campus in Blackstone, Ipswich just off the Cunningham Highway which is expected to open mid-late 2013. This Campus will offer all our current courses. Establishing a second campus in Ipswich will make higher education more accessible to the Western Corridor.
WHAT’S NEW IN 2013?

BC Online Learning

BC’s new online learning site will be live in the next few months.

Some special features of this new site include:

- chat features which allows students to communicate directly with their trainer and peers
- message board – to post questions or discussions related to course information
- ability to access course information anywhere, anytime
- can be viewed both on PC and mobile devices

ACCELERATED courses

Accounting courses
   Cert IV & Diploma

Business courses
   Cert IV & Diploma

Children’s Services courses
   Cert III, Diploma, Adv Diploma

Community Services courses
   Diploma

TESOL courses
   Cert IV

A new range of Accelerated courses are being offered to International and Domestic Students this year. Our accelerated courses are shorter intensive courses that cover the same course content as our full length courses.

They have been designed for students wishing to obtain their qualification in shorter time frame. All courses are nationally accredited and recognised.
FEATURED STUDENTS

MANDEEP KAUR

STUDENT PROFILE

STATUS Past Student

COURSE Certificate III, Diploma and Advanced Diploma in Children’s Services

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN India

"Hi everyone,

My name is Mandeep Kaur. All staff in Brisbane college of Australia used to call me Mandeep “86” as we had 3 Mandeep Kaur in my class. I did my Advanced Diploma in Children Services in June 2012. Now I am working as a Director in Long Day Care Centre.

I still remembered, when I came in Australia in June 2009 from India. I was so nervous about study, work and lifestyle. But I got so much help from Joseph, Marie and my teacher Katie to settle down. They provided social reference for my first resume and I got a job as a nanny which was related to childcare. As soon as I finished my Certificate III, I got a job in childcare centre as an assistant.

When I finished my Diploma then College staff gave us help to extend our Visa. I promoted as a group leader after completion of my Diploma. Then I started my Advanced Diploma, it was totally different from my job and Diploma. But our teacher Sai gave us extra classes and examples from her experiences so I confidently finished my Advanced Diploma in June 2012. As soon as I finished my study, I got a job offer from WA as a Director with great package.

At last I would say that I am really thankful to Brisbane College of Australia to give me such a big support to settle in Australia. I love you my College and Miss those days.

Thanks a lot"
School is Cool

I chose Brisbane College to further my education because they were responsive to the things that all I need and gave their best service that they could offer. My experience at BC was one of the memorable moments in my life; I had the chance to meet new friends, experience new culture and discover new things. I know it was hard for me to understand the accents of my other classmates from different nationality but good thing I had a teacher who was too supportive and helpful for everything I must learn and I must know. She was not just my teacher but a teacher who could be your living diary. It was rare to have a lecturer that who will ask about what was going on in to your life but I was blessed to have Ms. Carmelina Lanza who was very patient and intelligent for assisting and tracking my progress until the end of my course.

In addition, I really enjoyed studying to this school because of the excellence of our faculty and the learning’s I gained which will help me broaden my mind about how business works.

It is not the period of being a short time or long time you have been there in my school but the happiness that I felt. I had fun meeting those different students from other country and some of them become my good friends. BC is just one way for me to stretch from my comfort zone and enjoy the good life.
“How do you feel if your English teachers in your classroom cannot speak any English?”

Hi, my name is Pornchai Banchasawan, you can also call me “Chai”, that is fine. I come from Thailand, the land of smiles and friendly forever. I have been living here in Brisbane, Australia for eleven months with my family, I have got two children, and they are a boy and a girl.

I would like to say thank you very much to our Brisbane College of Australia for having me in this Course and giving me an opportunity to study, it is much appreciated. I also really like this country, because, everything in this country is very clean and clear.

In my English life, I haven’t had a good English experience, when I was studying in year 5 and the following years, my English teachers in those classes couldn’t speak any English to us. I had never heard how real English and the pronunciation was, until I graduated my Bachelor’s degree and I had been working in many communities and in churches in Thailand for more than ten years, it’s still the same atmosphere and there is no change.

You and me are so blessed, because, we are surround with real English and real atmosphere in Brisbane, Australia. Please pay attention to what you are learning in your current TESOL Course. Bringing it into your bones, your blood, your heart and your life, and changing yourself to be successful and helping people and new young generation around you in your own country to hear that how real English’s pronunciation is in their lives and change their English lives forever.