



Principal's Message

Welcome to the winter edition of our very own newsletter - PCT Newsletter! I am extremely grateful and honored to say that PCT is now 17 years old institution and we have around 600 students from over 28 different countries and it's growing.

We are proud to share that we are once again voted as Finalist in 2019 Cumberland Local Business Awards as an Outstanding Education Service provider. All credit goes to our students and staff. Thank you once again for all the support.

At Pacific College, we endeavor to help you achieve your career and educational goals by providing top quality vocational training. I sincerely hope all our students have a rewarding and memorable experience at Pacific College of Technology and I look forward to celebrating all your future successes.

Enjoy reading this issue of PCT Newsletter!

Pradip Dhakal

Principal



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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT PCT

PCT Fun Day

As usual, students, trainers and staff of Pacific College of Technology gathered in the beautiful, green Auburn Park for the PCT Fun Day.

Attendees joined in playing a fantastic game of cricket, football and then enjoyed BBQ and drinks. Good game gentlemen! Congratulations to the winning team.



Trip to Snowy Mountains

On 26 July -27 July 2019, the College will be organizing an excursion to Snowy Mountains for students and staff. The Snowy Mountains, known informally as "The Snowies", are the highest Australian mountain range and contain the Australian mainland's highest mountain, Mount Kosciuszko, which reaches 2,228 metres, approximately 7310 feet.

The trip will be full of fun and excitement where students can explore snowy mountain range including other attractions such as the Ski and chairlift to the mountains. The students need to pay \$50 for the trip.



PCT Quiz Contest

As part of social and extracurricular activities, PCT organized Quiz Contest for students on 31 May 2019.

Total of 5 groups comprising of 3 students each group participated on the Quiz. The winners of the Quiz contest were given attractive prizes.

First Aid Training for staff

The College is committed to professional development of the staff and trainers. As part of this, the College organized a training session on First Aid at College for the staff and trainers in May 2019.



Awards and recognition for Pacific College

The College is proud to be nominated as Finalist in the prestigious local awards- 2019 Local Business Awards as Outstanding Education Service Provider.

This recognition is testimony to the outstanding service and excellence in education that we are proud to provide our students. On this occasion, we sincerely thank all our students, alumni, staff and well-wishers for their ongoing support. Details on Cumberland awards can be found at www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au.

Brekky day



We all deserve a littler break!! Pacific College of Technology organized again the brekky day for students and staff, the college offers a lot of food, juices, sweets, and fruits for everyone that join us for this delicious little break at the end of term.

International Food Festival

As part of ongoing tradition, PCT organizes International Food Festival and regular social events. The students and staff enjoy the evening with music, dance, food and refreshments. Here are some snaps from the latest International food festival at PCT.



Excursion trip to Bicentennial Park

PCT has a tradition of organizing social and cultural experience of Australia for overseas students and recently the College organized an excursion trip to Bicentennial Park.



The trip was full of fun and excitement. The students were very happy to explore this historic attraction near Bicentennial and Sydney Olympic Park. The students found the trip refreshing, informative and worth visiting.



ANZAC DAY



The public holiday is to remembrance the anniversary of the first military action fought by New Zealand and

Australian force that happened during the First World War.

What you could have done: Play the game of two-up!" After paying your respects at a solemn service, take part in another time-honored ANZAC tradition by taking a bet in a game of two-up. Two-up is a game in which coins are spun in the air and bets are laid on whether they fall on heads or tails. This game is only legally playable throughout NSW on ANZAC Day.

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS



Do not forget to download PCT APP!

Now you can download on your Smartphone the PCT APP, it's available on Google play and App Store. It is important that our student's make a maximum use of it,

If you need some assistant, please go to the reception and they can help you.

Why Choose PCT?



For your next course or if you have relatives wishing to Study in Sydney, Pacific College of technology is your college of choice.

Why choose PCT?

- Two times award Winning College of the Cumberland Local Business Awards
- Finalist in The Western Sydney Awards for Business Excellence
- Award winning principal as Businessperson of the year
- Conducive learning environment equipped with cutting edge technology
- Flexible Class timetables Evening including weekends
- Pacific College in response to market trends and demands has introduced New Subjects namely.

GENERAL NEWS

Congratulations

Big congratulations to our staff Louis Kim who was blessed with a baby boy recently, we wish Louis and his family a good health, good luck and success.

Queen's Birthday 2019

The Queen's Birthday is a public holiday celebrated in most states and territories on the second Monday in June (10 June 2019).

The Queen's Birthday long weekend is also the official start of the snow season in the high-country regions of New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, Victoria and Tasmania.

VIVID SYDNEY 2019

If there's one place in the world where inspiration shines bright, it's Vivid Sydney. Returning for its eleventh year from 24 May - 15 June 2019.

Vivid Sydney is Australia's most loved and awarded festival brings together light artists, music makers and brilliant minds to share their creativity with you. See the city transformed. Discover new artforms.

Ride soundwaves. Spark new ideas and ignite conversations. Let your imagination take flight.



Vivid Light transforms Sydney into a wonderland of 'light art' sculptures, innovative light installations and grand-scale projections for all to enjoy - for free. It is a magical celebration of light-design excellence and the world's largest outdoor 'art-gallery': a unique Vivid Sydney experience.

Vivid Light engages lighting artists, designers and manufacturers from around Australia and the world to illuminate, interpret and transform Sydney's urban spaces.

2019 Cricket World Cup State of Origin

The **2019 ICC Cricket World Cup** is the 12th edition of the Cricket World Cup, scheduled to be hosted by England and Wales, from 30 May to 14 July 2019.

The hosting rights were awarded in April 2006, after England and Wales withdrew from the bidding to host the 2015 ICC Cricket World Cup, which was held in Australia and New Zealand. The first match will be played at The Oval while the final will be played at Lord's. It is the fifth time that the Cricket World Cup will be held in England and Wales, The format for the tournament will be a single group of 10 teams, with each team playing the other nine once, and the top four at the end of the group phase progressing to the semi-finals. The 10-team tournament has gained criticism due to the lack of Associate teams in the tournament. Given the increase of the Test-playing nations from 10 to 12, with the admission of Ireland and Afghanistan in June 2017, it will be the first World Cup to be contested without all of the Test playing nations being present, and after the elimination of all the Associate teams at the qualifying tournament, this will also be the first World Cup to feature no Associate members.

Following the 2019 Pulwama attack, several former Indian players and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) called for the boycott of the group match fixture between India and Pakistan, wanting to ban the Pakistan team from playing in the tournament. However, after conducting a press meet in Dubai, the International Cricket Council (ICC) rejected the BCCI's statement regarding banning Pakistan from the World Cup and assured that the scheduled match will go ahead as planned despite the ongoing standoff between the two nations.



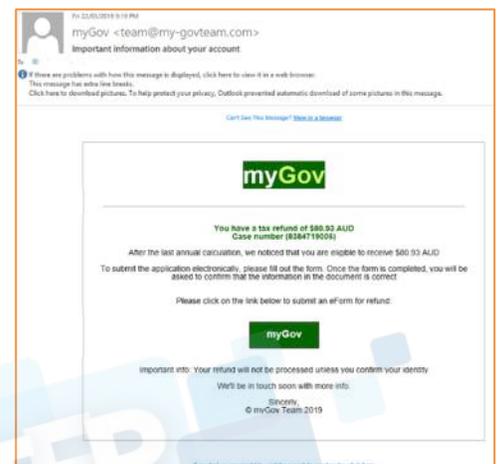
The 2019 State of Origin series will be the 38th annual best-of-three series between the Queensland and New South Wales rugby league teams. Before this series, Queensland had won 21 times, NSW 14 times, with two series drawn.

Dates: Wed, 5 Jun 2019 – Wed, 10 Jul 2019

SCAM ALERT

Scammers are emailing people from a fake myGov email address, asking them to fill out an application to receive a tax refund. The image below is one example format this scam can take. Do not click anywhere in the email as it contains a malicious link and will direct you to a fake 'Tax Refund' form in order to steal your personal information.

Remember to always exercise caution when clicking links or opening attachments in emails.



This scam email:

- misleadingly includes the myGov logo
- asks you to click a link that appears to be the myGov website but when hovering over the link it does not lead to a my.gov.au address
- does not include your name
- contains poor grammar and spelling
- is unexpected.

Letter from SCO

Dear Students,

I hope you have had a good time studying at Pacific College.

I would like to remind you that Term III will commence from Monday, 15 July 2019. By the first week of July you should already have checked your schedule, register for class and know which classes you should be attending. All students enrolled in Term III must pay fees according to the Tuition fee payment plan of PCT.

Students are to maintain their attendance and course progress during each term.



As always, it is our commitment to provide the best possible service, and we appreciate your co-operation in these matters. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us. Once again, welcome to Term III 2019, and best wishes for your studies.

Yours sincerely,
 Sujan Acharya
 Student Contact Officer

Staff Focus

Lena Nowak



Where are you from?

I'm from the capital of Poland – Warsaw

What can you share about your hometown?

It's the biggest central city in Poland by the river. It's an old but very vibrant place. People from all Poland move to Warsaw for studying, working and leaving as well as foreigners since every year Warsaw becomes more and more interesting direction. Every day you can enjoy here some cultural events like concerts, plays or exhibitions. The weather is changing every 3 months so you can admire new landscapes with a new period of the year.

What made you come to Australia?

The world is so big and so interesting that I want to get to know at least part of it. I always was wondering what's happening on the other side of the globe and I decided to check it by myself. I've heard a lot of positive opinions about this country about Aussie easy-going lifestyle and life motto - "no worries". Moreover, there is nature and wildlife, which we can't see in other places.

What is the best thing about working at Pacific College?

I think that the best is the multicultural environment. I can meet a lot of people from all over the world; get interesting information about their culture, countries, and traditions. Everyone is so nice here and helpful and they make you that you feel like at home.

Could you share your favorite PCT memory?

During my short career in PCT, I already had opportunities to take part in some events. I think that my favorite was the food competition when I had the possibility to try very different kitchens totally unknown for my European palate.

What message would like to share with others about PCT?

PCT is much more than only a place where you come to learn. It's a place where you can join a busy social life, meet a lot of interesting people and make friendships for life.

Which places have you been to in Sydney?

During my almost 2 years in Sydney, I probably visit almost every place here. I really like that every suburb here has some interesting and beautiful place and a lot of things to do. However one of my favorites is a Bondi beach and coastal walk Bondi to Coogee. During about 8 km you can admire beautiful ocean landscapes. I recommend it to every new visitor in Sydney!

Do you have any tips to share with someone coming to Australia this year?

Sometimes Sydney can be overwhelming but once you get to used to it, you will get into the swing of it. You just have to keep an open mind and be ready for a new experience and a lot of fun!



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